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Follow us on Facebook: ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Twitter: @ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Instagram: @ParkwoodHSNC

PWHS Calendar

Monday 02/16	Tuesday 02/17	Wednesday 02/18	Thursday 02/19	Friday 02/20	Saturday 02/21
Opt. Tchr Wkday Women's Bball Conf Tourney @ FHHS 7:30 PM	College and Career Fair Spring Sports Parent Mtg 6:30 Main Gym Men's BBall Conf Tourney @ FHHS @ 4:30 PM	Indoor Track State @ Winston Salem 4:00 PM BBall Conf 5:30/6:00 TBD	Wrestling State Tourn Women's Soccer Scrimm @ Lancaster 5:30 PM	Wrestling State Tourn BBall Conf 6:00/8:00 TBD	Wrestling State Tourn Women's Soccer Scrimm @ WCab 9:00 AM Baseball Scrimm @ Lake Norman 1:00/3:00

New to the News

Registration Information

Registration for next year has begun. Students in 9th-11th grade received information in homeroom. Please ask your student to see the information received, which includes a registration form, graduation requirements and elective opportunities.

Here is the timeline for registration.

- February 9 – March 6 – Counselors will meet with students to review requests and enter them into Infinite Campus.
- March 16 – Parent can review final requests in Infinite Campus and approve online.

Registration Website: https://bit.ly/PWRegistration26-27

SPCC Career & College Promise

Interested in taking SPCC community college classes next year through the Career & College Promise Classes fill out the interest link: https://bit.ly/PWCCP26-27 (students must be logged into their school google account to access the form)

New to the News

HEART OF A CHAMPION DAY

Atrium Health

Free high school sports physicals for student-athletes entering grades 9 through 12.

Students must be enrolled at an Atrium Health partner high school to participate.

Saturday, May 2, 2026 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schools will be assigned a specific time slot. Physical should take approximately one hour to complete

Atrium Health Union West
1000 Healing Way Matthews, NC 28104

Each student-athlete will receive the following free services from our team of expert providers:

- Review of medical history
- General wellness sports screening for North and South Carolina
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a heart screening for sudden cardiac death to detect health risks before they become issues
- Echocardiogram (ECHO) to be scheduled if needed
- Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal exam)
- Vision exam
- Registered Dietitian
- Hands-Only CPR training

Please register using the link or QR code between February 2nd and April 10th:

REGISTER HERE

For registration questions, please email hocday@atriumhealth.org

Please note:
The exam is a screening for school sports—not a complete physical—and does not replace the need for an annual physical with your doctor

Click here to **LEARN MORE**
or visit **atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion**

* Photo and video will be taken at each event and used for marketing purposes.

Atrium Health

OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE CAROLINA PANTHERS

New to the News

Schedule Your Appointment Now!
WAXHAW ELEMENTARY
Blood Drive
Gym
Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 2:30-7pm
1101 Old Providence Road
Waxhaw, NC 28173
Proudly presented by your friends in the House of Amistad

To register:
Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)
Or
Go to RedCrossBlood.org
Look for Upcoming Events by entering "28173", find Waxhaw Elementary, and schedule your appointment time

Use this link to nominate for the Teacher of the Month!
(Sponsored by PWHS Superintendent's Student Advisory Council)

2025-2026
College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep ucpscollegeprep

SAT Blitz

Saturday, March 7, 2026
9 AM - 11 AM
Weddington High School

To register visit: https://bit.ly/SATblitz26

Learn tips and strategies for success on the SAT. UCPS will be joined by our partners from Huntington Learning Center Weddington.

This event is for students only.

Huntington Learning Center

2025-2026
College Readiness Series

@UCPSCollegePrep ucpscollegeprep

SAT Blitz

Sábado, 7 de marzo, 2026
9 AM - 11 AM
Weddington High School

Para inscribirse ingrese: https://bit.ly/SATblitz26

Aprender estratégias para tener éxito en el SAT. Nuestros asociados de Huntington Learning Center Weddington ayudarán con la presentación.

Este evento es solamente para estudiantes.

Huntington Learning Center

New to the News

PWHS 2nd Semester Parking Application

While spaces last ...

Parking is first come-first served.
Fill out entire application.
Must be logged on to student's UCPS Google account to access.
Click submit.
All fees (school & Cafeteria) must be paid to purchase a pass.
Paying the $50 does **NOT** ensure that you will get a pass.
VERY limited spaces available.

Please be very careful driving to school - especially when there is the possibility of poor driving conditions due to weather.

Prestigious Pearls Foundation Incorporated, in partnership with Alpha Alpha Chi Omega, is pleased to announce 2026 scholarship opportunities!

Scholarship Value $2000

Application Window
January 15, 2026-March 15, 2026

Eligibility Requirements

- Possess minimum GPA 2.5 or higher [non-weighted] or minimum GPA 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2026
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC

2026 AAXO Scholarship Application

Click here to download application

or

Scan QR Code below

$1000 Book Scholarship Available

Email Questions to
ppaucscholarship@gmail.com

Wolf Pack Athletics

WINTER SPORTS COACHES

Athletic Director	Rocky Richar	rocky.richar@ucps.k12.nc.us
Assistant AD	Catie Helms	catie.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us
Athletic Trainer	Zoe Gholson	zoe.gholson@atriumhealth.org
Cheer	Heather McWhorter	heather.mcwhorter@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball	Chance Williams	chance.williams@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming/Diving	Susan Rhoads	susan.rhoads@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball	Jesse Boyce	jesse.boyce@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling	Chris Linthicum	chris.linthicum@ucps.k12.nc.us
Winter/Indoor track	Deacon Harris	deacont.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us
	Astrid Weddle	astrid.weddle@ucps.k12.nc.us

GO FAN
the TICKET TO HIGH SCHOOL

Click here for Athletics Registration

PARKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
WOLF PACK

For athletic event tickets click here or on the Go FAN Icon

WE ARE WOLF PACK

Parkwood PTSO

The PWHS PTSO uses our monthly newsletter and social media as our primary sources of communication. **Please make sure you are following us on Facebook at Parkwood HS PTSO and on Instagram at Parkwood PTSO to stay up to date on all the latest events and information.**

- Sign up here to stay up to date with all PTSO news!

- Next Senior Event, Feb. 13th, sign up to help now!!
- Clear the supply list for our teachers! Order supplies off the list, ship to the school, and help a teacher!! You can view the list here!!
- Thank you to all who came out to our Wayback Burger Spirit night!
- PTSO helped with the Parkwood Souper Bowl of Caring event! Thank you to our sponsors who helped make that possible. You can see pictures in the newsletter!
- We were able to celebrate our school counseling team with a new microwave for their offices! We are so grateful for all the work they do for our students!

GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

PTSO

Parent Teacher Student Organization

PWHS Counseling

Who is your counselor?

Troy Harris-9th grade
troy.harris@ucps.k12.nc.us

Adrian Atkinson -last names O - Z
adrian.atkinson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Stacey Sebastian -last names A - G
stacey.sebastian@ucps.k12.nc.us

Ashlee Reynolds -Student Support
ashlee.reynolds@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison (lead counselor) -last names H - N
shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the meeting request form, stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.

Additional Support

Mrs. Robyn Mobley – School Social Worker
robyn.mobley@ucps.k12.nc.us

Nakita Brisbon - Behavioral Health Therapist
nakita.brisbon@ucps.k12.nc.us

Now is the time to start applying to college. Check out the links below based on your goals after high school.

Senior College Planning Timeline

Steps for Apply to Four-Year Colleges

Applying to Community College

PWHS Counseling

Experience CAROLINA

with the Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs (CHEOP) Office at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.

PROJECT UPLIFT

2026 Dates : May 30, June 6, and June 13

Project Uplift (PU) is a one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina

- Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.
- Engage in an essay writing workshop.
- Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!
- Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.

UPLIFT PLUS

2026 Dates : June 27 - July 11

Uplift PLUS (UP) is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.

- Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.
- Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.
- Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.
- Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at *go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS*. *Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.*
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

DEADLINES

Application Opens: January 7, 2026
Application Deadline: March 1, 2026
Decision Notification: April 2026

We encourage you to start your application early!

LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS

PROJECT UPLIFT | UNC OFFICE OF THE PROVOST Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs | UPLIFT PLUS

Descubre CAROLINA

con la Oficina de Programas de Oportunidades de Educación Superior de Carolina (CHEOP, por sus siglas en inglés) en UNC-Chapel Hill

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo es un día típico en el campus? Project Uplift y Uplift PLUS te ofrecen la oportunidad de experimentar la vida en el campus de la UNC-Chapel Hill. Dirigidos por estudiantes actuales de la UNC, te ofrecemos un espacio cálido y acogedor para que disfrutes de Carolina.

PROJECT UPLIFT

Fechas de 2026 : 30 de mayo, 6 de junio, y 13 de junio

Project Uplift (PU) es un programa de enriquecimiento que se centra en el acceso a la universidad. El programa ofrece a los estudiantes la oportunidad de conocer la vida en Carolina.

- Disfruta de una experiencia inmersiva de un día en Carolina.
- Participa en un taller de escritura de ensayos.
- ¡Descubre cómo es ser estudiante en Carolina directamente de estudiantes actuales!
- Aprende sobre admisiones, becas, y ayuda financiera para estudiantes.

UPLIFT PLUS

Fechas de 2026 : 27 de junio - 11 de julio

Uplift PLUS (UP) es un programa residencial intensivo de dos semanas que ofrece una experiencia inmersiva para preparar a la próxima generación de líderes.

- Participar en actividades académicas, sociales, culturales, y de aprendizaje experiencial.
- Toma un curso de escritura para escribir tu ensayo para admisión a la universidad.
- Recibe orientación y consejos personalizados de estudiantes actuales de Carolina.
- Aprenda sobre los recursos del campus y las diferentes escolas y unidades de UNC-Chapel Hill.

¿CÓMO APLICAR?

1. Aplica en línea en *go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPLUS*. Indica en tu formulario si queres ser considerado para Uplift PLUS.
2. Sube una copia PDF de tus calificaciones de la escuela secundaria.

FECHAS LÍMITE

La Aplicación Se Abre: 7 de enero de 2026
La Aplicación Se Cierra: 1 de marzo de 2026
La Notificación de la Decisión: abril de 2026

¡Le recomendamos que comience su aplicación con prontitud!

APRENDE MÁS EN GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS

PROJECT UPLIFT | UNC OFFICE OF THE PROVOST Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs | UPLIFT PLUS

Seniors share your scholarship offers with us using the following link:

https://bit.ly/PWHSScholarships26

Share all offers received even if you are not going to accept the scholarship.

Seniors that share their offers will be rewarded with a Sweet Treat Celebration in May!

PWHS Counseling

Financial Aid for College

When to Apply - www.FAFSA.gov

- Seniors may begin applying using the **2026-2027 FAFSA**
- You and your parent/guardian can also prepare by applying by creating your studentaid.gov account or FSA ID at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. Your FSA ID enables both you and your parent/guardian to sign your FAFSA electronically.

Financial Aid Websites:

- www.fafsa.gov
- www.cfnc.org
- www.studentaid.gov
- https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/

ACT Information

National ACT Dates -
https://www.act.org/

- Registration fee $68 for English, Math and reading sections. Add on fee $4 for each Science and Writing
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- For more information and to register click here.

Next test dates:

04/11/2026
Regular registration- 03/06/2026
Late registration- 03/24/2026 (fee applies)

06/13/2026
Regular registration- 05/08/2026
Late registration- 05/29/2026 (fee applies)

SAT Information

National SAT Dates -
https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

- Registration fee $68.
- Students who receive or qualify for free or reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- For more information and to register go to: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat

. **Next test dates:**

03/14/2026
Regular registration- 02/27/2026
Late registration- 03/03/2026 (fee applies)

05/02/2026
Regular registration- 04/17/2026
Late registration- 04/21/2026 (fee applies)

Scholarships!

Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities – This list is in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

From previous issues …
School Nutrition/ Cafeteria Updates

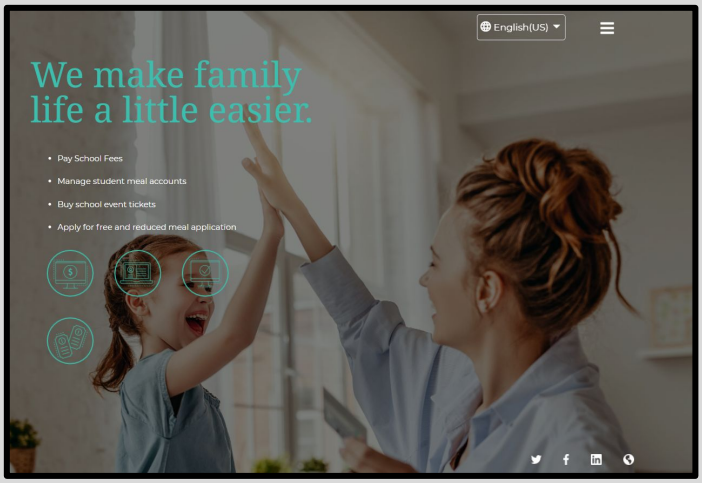
Applications for Free and Reduced Meals must be renewed annually. School Nutrition Services provides a 30-day grace period at the beginning of each school year to those who were approved the previous year.

The grace period ended October 8, 2025. If applications are not renewed, meals will no longer be free starting October 9, 2025. (https://www.payschoolscentral.com/)

PaySchools Central is the new source to pay for student meals as well as to complete the Free/Reduced meal application. PaySchool Central is also available as an app on iphones and android cellphones.

All families need to download this app and register for this service in order to have access to their student's lunch account.

Please note: UCPS no longer allows high school students to charge in excess of $19.20.



Please note: Student cafeteria fees from 2024-2025 rolled into Infinite Campus. Student cafeteria fees from 2023-2024 are not included in Infinite Campus; however, students are still obligated to pay these fees. Students who have remaining balances will not be able to buy a parking pass or attend events that require payment (example: Homecoming Dance, Prom) until these fees are paid.

From previous issues

Wireless Devices

The Law

SESSION LAW 2025-38
HB 959

All **public school districts** in North Carolina are now **required to prohibit students from using, displaying, or having wireless communication devices turned on during instructional time.**

Definitions

Instructional Time: Any TIME classes are in session. Does not include lunch or transitions

Using, Having or Displaying: Devices CANNOT BE ON or OUT

Wireless Device: Phones, wireless earbuds/headphones, smart watches, smart glasses and the like.

Failure to meet this expectation will result in consequences based on UCPS Code of Student Conduct.

We will be exclusively using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index.php?val=high

Infinite Campus – Student Access

Link to tutorial HERE.

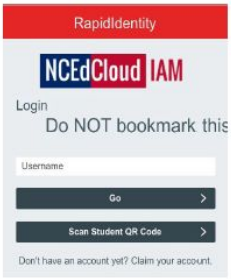
From previous issues
Infinite Campus - student fees

Accessing Your Student Account with Infinite Campus

- Download the Campus Student App (iOS and Android)
  - -OR-
- Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/ICstudentUCPS if using a web browser (works on computer or phone)

- ***If using the smartphone app*** type in: *Union County Public Schools* for **District Name** and select *North Carolina* for **State. Click "Search District"**

- **Click the "NCEdCloud" button to get to the RapidIdentity login screen.**

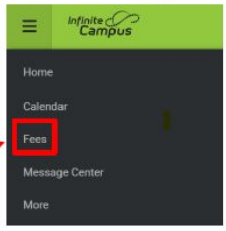


Type in your student number and password. This is the same information as you would have used for PowerSchool. After logging in, click the "NCSIS – PSU 900" link. (this is the replacement for PowerSchool).

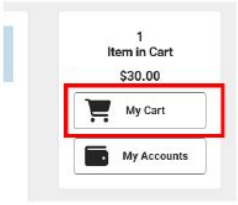
NCSIS - PSU 900
North Carolina Student Information System – PSU 900

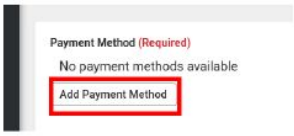
- You will be prompted after successful login if you want to "stay logged in". Choose "Yes" or "No".
- The Infinite Campus homepage has a quick link to your fees

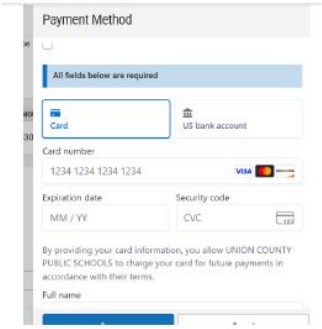
- There is also a "fees" menu on the left of the screen.



- In the fees menu, click **"add to cart"** on the $30.00 technology fee. Click **"My Cart,"** then **"add payment method."** You will have two choices – pay by card or pay by E-check. Click your choice of payment method and complete payment details.
- The system will ask for a valid email. Please use your **personal email** to receive receipt. Bring this email to show as **proof of payment** to our staff at Chromebook distribution.
- *Remember to look over the schedule and instructions for Chromebook distribution, come at the correct day and time, and to bring your completed Chromebook Agreement Form!







In every issue …
Major Clarity Career Plans

Career Plans

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, NC Senate Bill 193 requires that all students in grades 6 - 12 have a career plan. A student's initial career plan will be created by the end of their 6th grade year and then revised annually through 12th grade. UCPS will utilize Major Clarity as the platform for students to create their career plan. This can be accessed by students through Clever. Parents are encouraged to review their student's career plan with them each year.

Required components of a Career Development Plan (CDP):
Update to date Career Assessment
Update to date Learning Assessment
Pathway Selection
Academic Course Planning
Other items that may be included:
Resume, FAFSA Completion,
Post Secondary Plans,
Add activities, awards, credentials and test scores

In every issue …

Student Parking

Parking Passes are restricted to students who, in PowerSchool, are identified as being in grades 11 and 12 at the beginning of the school year. 10th graders may be able to purchase a parking space later in the year **if space is available**. Students must have a valid driver's license, not a learner's permit.

Parking on the Parkwood High School Campus is considered a privilege for students. Each student who drives to school must purchase his/her own parking tag and may not share a tag with another student or sibling. PWHS and UCPS will assume no responsibility for damage to private vehicles driven and parked on campus. Student drivers must have appropriate and **current automobile registration and have a valid drivers license.**

Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they park around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

Eligibility for PWHS Student Parking

-**Valid Driver's License.** Driver's Permits are not allowed.

-Completed and Digitally Signed 2025-2026 Parking Pass Application, digitally signed by the student and one parent or guardian.

-Applicants **MUST** pay any outstanding student financial obligations. See Infinite Campus for any previous year's cafeteria fees and all technology and other school related fees. You must also verify with the cafeteria that you do not have any current balance. **Your parking pass will not be issued if you have any outstanding balance.**

-Please fill out the Student Parking Application Form: **Click HERE.**

Parking passes may be purchased through the School Store on Infinite Campus.

After completing your application and ensuring all fees are paid, you may see Mr. Moore for your parking pass.

In every issue ...

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM

Create your account:
Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email account. PWHS will review accounts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in Infinite Campus.

Report Absences
Parent or gaurdian will submit all absences digitallyh via the absent form.

Please Note:
- Must submit one day absence at a time.
- you cannot submit an absence before it occurs.
- you must upload documentation necessary to excuse absences.
- PWHS may only accept a max. of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent not. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.

Report Absences
Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.

Are there any questions:
For quesiotns regarding attenance, please call the school.

Submit an Absence Form

GUÍA PASO A PASO PARA EL FORMULARIO DE AUSENCIA

Crea tu cuenta.
La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o tutor del estudiante. La escuela de PWHS va a revisar y verificar que la cuenta corresponde al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.

Reporta la razón por la ausencia.
Los padres o tutor del estudiante debe documentar la razón por la ausencia. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por medio de este formulario en Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creó su cuenta.

Tenga en cuenta.
Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia a la vez.
No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
Debe adjuntar la documentación para la excusa.
Parkwood High solo acepta el equivalente a 5 días escolares por medio de una excusa escrita por un padre o tutor del estudiante. Después de esos 5 días, solo se aceptarán notas de personal médico.

Reporte la razón por la que se faltó:
Después de crear su cuenta, use este link usando este código de QR para reportar la ausencia

Si todavía tiene preguntas.
Por favor comuníquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que está aquí abajo.

Presentar un formulario de ausencia

In every issue ...

PWHS Student Handbook
UCPS BOE Student Handbook (includes attendance and dress code information)

Parents' Bill of Rights

Edulog for Bus Transportation Zone

See Something/Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Boyes between 12:00 - 2:00