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Chromebook Collection

For students who do not have final exams, plan to turn in your Chromebook & charger to the Media Center during lunches on Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29.

Students will turn in their Chromebook/charger after their last exam.

After June 5th, students will be billed for unreturned technology:
Charger - $35
Chromebook - $340.25

CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

- **Students who do not have any final exams should plan to turn in their Chromebook/charger to the Media Center before leaving this week.**
- **ALL students must go through the Chromebook collection process before June 5. Chromebooks that are not scanned will be locked and unusable.**
- **Students who need their Chromebook for a verified reason (SPCC, NCVPS, SAT/ACT) must still go through the collection process this week or after exams. All Chromebooks need to be checked in and then checked back out to the student so the date is current , which will avoid the Chromebook being locked.**
- **There will be a tech from UCPS at Porter Ridge for the SAT on June 6. Students taking the SAT should plan to turn in their Chromebook and charger to the tech when they finish the exam.**
- **Seniors who have lost their charger should come to the Media Center ASAP so a fee can be placed in Infinite Campus for payment. Graduation tickets will not be released until all fees are paid and Chromebook/charger is returned.**

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Graduation Tickets

Each graduate will be given 8 tickets.
If more than 8 tickets are needed, you can scan the QR code or use the link below to request additional tickets.

https://tinyurl.com/bae87y7a

Extra tickets are not guaranteed but we will evaluate after all seniors have picked up their tickets June 3rd-June 5th. You will receive a phone call from a counselor the afternoon of Friday, June 5th.

Spring Exam Schedule

Time	DATE	EXAMS	BLOCK
8:10-12:30	6/1-Monday	Math 1 EOC, Biology EOC, Teacher Made Exams, CTE Exams	1st Block Exams except for EOC Students
1:00-3:05	6/1-Monday	Teacher Made Exams for students that missed due to EOC Exams	1st Block Teacher Made Exams for EOC Students
8:10-12:30	6/2-Tuesday	English 2 EOC, Math 3 EOC, Teacher Made Exams, CTE Exams	2nd Block All Exams except for EOC Students
1:00-3:05	6/2-Tuesday	Teacher Made Exams for students that missed due to EOC Exams	2nd Block Teacher Made Exams for EOC Students
8:10-12:30	6/3-Wednesday	Math 1 EOC/Biology EOC Retesting, Teacher Made Exams CTE Exams	3rd Block All Exams except for EOC Retest Students
1:00-3:05	6/3-Wednesday	Teacher Made Exams for students that missed due to EOC Retest Exams	3rd Block Teacher Made Exams for EOC Retest Students
8:10-12:30	6/4-Thursday	Math 3 EOC Retesting, Teacher Made Exams CTE Exams	4th Block All Exams except for EOC Retest Students
1:00-3:05	6/4-Thursday	Teacher Made Exams for students that missed due to EOC Retest Exams	4th Block Teacher Made Exams for EOC Retest Students
8:10-12:30	6/5-Friday	Retesting All EOC Exams, Make Ups All(EOC, Teacher Made, CTE)	
1:00-3:05	6/5-Friday	Retesting All EOC Exams, Make Ups All(EOC, Teacher Made, CTE)	

- English II retesting may occur during the week of June 8, 2026, and if we get the scores back before 6/5/2026, we will communicate to the students that need to retest.
- Math 1, Math 3, and Biology EOC exams and retests must be administered during the 5-day testing window.
- English 2 exam must be administered during the 5-day testing window but since scores will be delayed, retesting can happen 5 days after receiving scores which will be during the 1st week of the new semester and students will be notified/pulled accordingly.
- Teacher made exams are offered twice to accommodate for EOC testing and retesting.
- Some students have more than one EOC exam or an EOC and CTE state exam. EOC teachers will communicate with students to let them know and Ms. Starnes, our CDC will communicate with students if overlapping EOC and CTE state exam.
- EOC exams and retesting have priority over any test if a student is taking an EOC exam.
- All EOC exams and EOC retesting will always take place during the morning sessions.
- **PRHS will run 2 bus routes home (1:00 and 3:05 on 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5**
- EOC students will be informed the day before retesting if they need to retest and some may already be aware before we call.
- Retesting opt in letters were sent home and most students have turned the letter back to their EOC teachers. PRHS will make calls to parents of students that did not return the opt in letter.
- Students who have checked out a Media Center calculator for math this semester are reminded to return it after your final exam. If you are taking a math class second semester, you do not need to return the calculator. The fee for a lost or unreturned calculator is $100.

Class of 2026 Senior Letter

Seniors,

We are so proud of your many accomplishments and cannot wait to celebrate the start of a new phase of your life! As the Class of 2026 you have impacted your school and your community in a positive way. We know that May will be full of memories and emotion as you move forward in your life.

We have included information that you may need about Senior activities. Please remember to keep graduation in your sight - focus on finishing strong and in a way that makes you, your family, and your school proud of your accomplishments. Please read important information about Graduation below.

Graduation: Monday, June 8, 2026 8:00 pm at Porter Ridge High School Stadium

Arrival: Please arrive in the PRHS gym at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 8th. Please Park in the Porter Ridge Middle school parking lot and walk in through the bus lot doors. If you are being dropped off, your parents should drop you off at the middle school parking lot and then they should proceed to the student/staff lot for guest parking. You will check in to receive your name card and if you are graduating with honors, you will receive your cord. If you successfully presented your portfolio, then you will receive your medal. Hold on to this name card and do not lose it. This is how the presenter will read your name. You will then be directed where to join your advisory class. **Gates open for parents and guests at 7:00 pm. Parking for guests may be directed by staff and the Sheriff's dept. All guests should be parked by 7:30 pm to have time to walk to the stadium and find seating. Guests arriving after 7:30 may not make it through the ticket line and into the stadium until after the graduates process in. Graduation will begin promptly at 8:00 pm.**

Dress Code: Shirt, tie and slacks, or a school appropriate dress. **Heels must not be worn: We have a new track and heels will not be allowed on the track, you will be walking on the grass, and climbing a steep set of stairs**; however, wedges are acceptable. Remember, this is a formal event, and your picture will be taken. Caps and Gowns must not be altered in any manner. Caps may not be decorated in any way. Gowns must be zipped up the full length. All cords & stoles are worn over the gown. ONLY PRHS issued cords and stoles are acceptable to wear. Tassels start on the right side.

Processional/ Recessional: We will have a formal processional and you will line up in two lines. Please follow the directions of staff and the Junior Marshals at all times. They will also be the ones to tell you where to sit and when and where to get up during the ceremony. Due to capacity issues, all graduates must exit the stadium to meet up with their families after the ceremony. Students can meet their parents in the parking lot area or at the rear of the school. We recommend you decide this location in advance. Students can take pictures before the graduation ceremony and the following day on the exterior of the PRHS Campus.

Guests: 8 tickets per graduate are available and **can be picked Wednesday, June 4th and Thursday, June 5th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm and on Friday, June 6th from 9-12, seniors may pick up tickets in the counseling office.** You will be asked to sign indicating that you received them. Please put them in a safe place as replacements will not be given. Tickets will ONLY be given to the senior themselves - no friend or relative may pick them up. **No noise makers, posters, or balloons are permitted at the ceremony. The UCPS Bag Policy is in effect, please tell your relatives so they do not have to return to their cars.** We ask that guests ride together as much as possible as we will have limited parking. Accessible parking is available through the student lot (stadium). If you have family/guests that need accessible seating, complete the form available here and in the Pirate Press newsletter. You will receive a special seating field pass for these seats and must show it to staff as you enter. If your family has an elderly member who does not need accessible seating, but cannot walk from a distant lot, you may

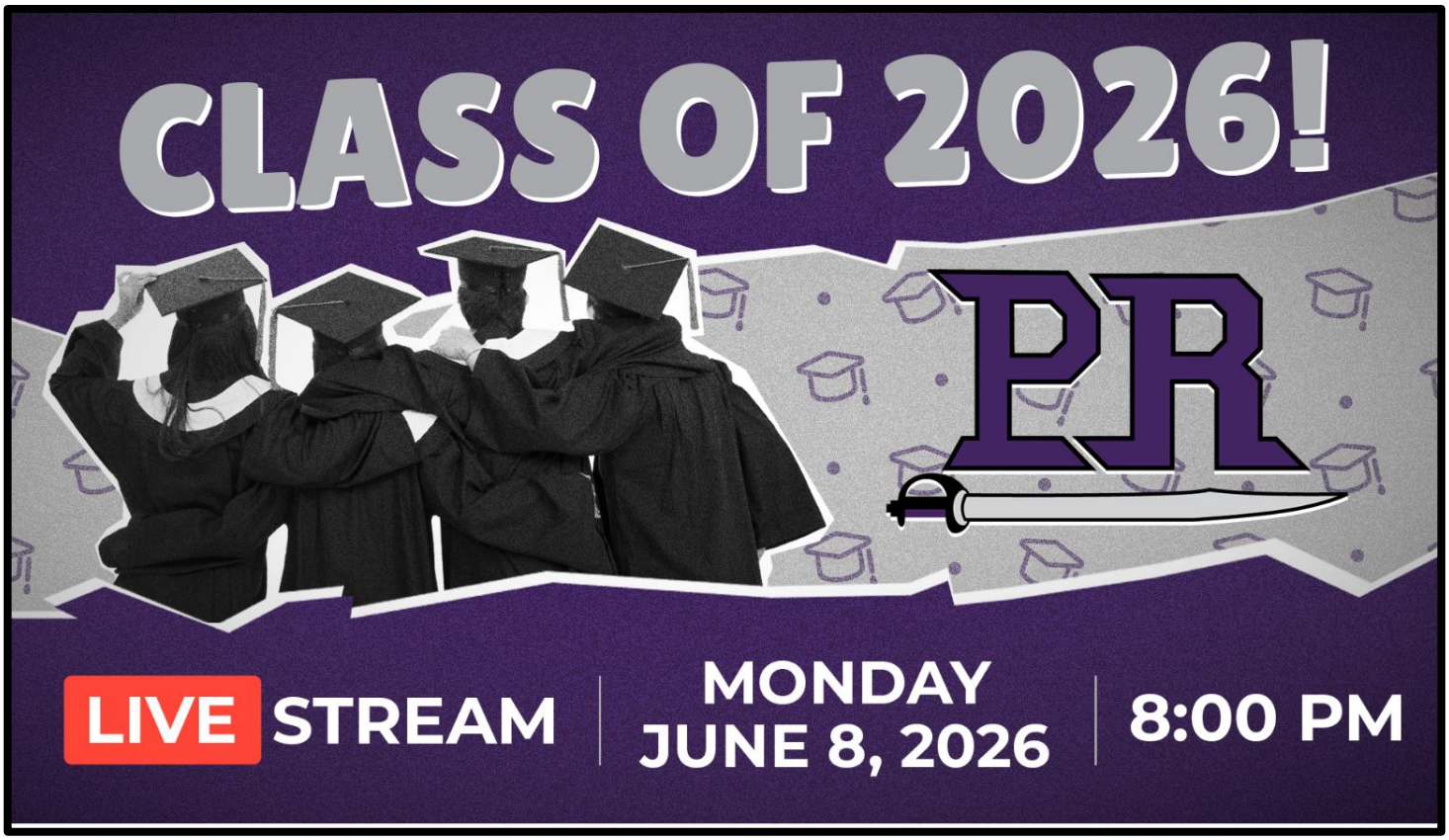
drive up to the stadium to drop the family member off, park, and then meet them back at the stadium to enter. **Students who owe fees (or Chromebook/books) cannot get tickets until all school/cafeteria fees are paid.**

Diploma Packets: Students will receive their Diploma packets after walking across the stage. The Diploma packet will contain the graduate's Diploma, senior picture information, a keepsake Graduation Program, and an unofficial and official sealed transcript. **DO NOT OPEN** the sealed transcript; it is the responsibility of the graduate to mail the official transcript to the college/university they will be attending. Parents will be given 4 Graduation Programs WITH their tickets to share with all family attending, and an accessible seating pass if requested

Weather: In the event of inclement weather, our first priority would be to delay the ceremony until weather passes. If this is not possible, we will move the ceremony to another date based on weather predictions. Please make sure that you are following all PRHS Social Media the day of graduation for weather.

Please email ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions.
Be sure to continue to watch the Canvas Student Announcements for Senior Information!!

Click here or on the Ad for the live graduation link



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Seniors 2026 and Leader In Me

Official PRHS Senior Plans Page!

Go Follow: @prhs_seniorplans

Any other account mentioning Senior Plans is not the Official Page!!

We will NOT start posting until Spring of 2026

SENIORS

Access to your UCPS Google Drive will be removed after graduation. Scan for directions on how to back up your files!

Here is the first-ever group of students to earn microcredentials through Leader in Me! These students are not only leading themselves toward success, but they are also making a meaningful impact throughout our school and through their community service. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments, dedication, and the positive example they are setting for many more students to come!

A Leader in Me microcredential is a focused certification that validates specific leadership and personal development skills through practical learning and demonstrated application.

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2025–2026

Rising Class of 2027 Senior Portraits

Dear Porter Ridge High Families,

We are excited to announce that Upstate Images has been chosen as the official senior photographer for the Class of 2027.

Senior portraits will be taken at **the high school on August 3,4,5,6,7,10 and 11th**. Scheduling a portrait session with Upstate Images is essential to ensure your child's inclusion in the yearbook.

To book a portrait session, scan the QR code or visit the Upstate Images website: https://www.upstate-images.com/seniors. Select the **Carolinas** when booking your appointment.

Yearbook Portrait Requirements:

- Formal head and shoulder photo on the traditional blue background
- Tux or drape attire (provided by the studio)

Sitting Options and Fees: *(Sitting fees are prepaid online when the session is booked.)*

- **Platinum:** $55 sitting fee includes 25-30 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, three casual outfits, multiple backgrounds)
- **Gold:** $40 sitting fee includes up to 20 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, two casual outfits, multiple backgrounds)
- **Silver:** $25 sitting fee includes up to 15 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, one casual outfit, multiple backgrounds)
- **Yearbook Only:** Free session for those who need it. This includes four images in yearbook attire only. Call 1-855-773-3321 to book this session.

Rising Class of 2027 Senior Portraits

CALL TODAY OR BOOK ONLINE

What to bring:
Showcase your style! Bring props, instruments, sports gear, or outfits that reflect who you are.

After your session:
Gallery access within **24 hours!** Select your yearbook image, order packages, graduation announcements, and more!

Questions?
Our dedicated support team is here to ensure a seamless process for you. Please call **855-773-3321** with any questions.

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PRHS Events

Registration is now open for Porter Ridge High School's 2026 Theatre Summer Camp! Join us for a weeklong camp featuring: acting, singing, dancing, and technical theatre workshops— all centered around our theme of "Good vs. Evil"! The week culminates in a showcase performance highlighting what students have worked on throughout camp. Camp has been expanded this year and is now open to all rising 1st-8th graders!

For more information and to register, visit https://our.stage/prhscamp26

Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

For any questions, please contact theatre director, Bailey Boryczewski, at bailey.boryczewski@ucps.k12.nc.us

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
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Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
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Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
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Alexandra Green– last names Sap-Z
alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

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Major Clarity

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

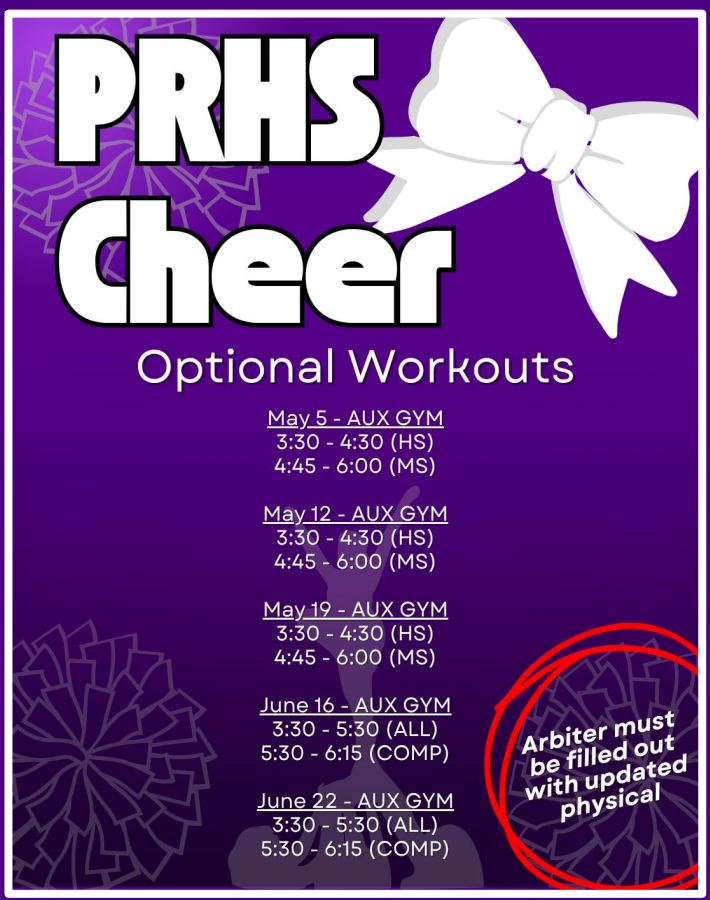
Through assessments, academic planning, and exploration of careers and postsecondary options, students will develop a deeper understanding of their interests, skills, and strengths.

Porter Ridge High School is committed to guiding students through this process and will collaborate with them during Advisory and other meetings to ensure every student achieves full completion.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES- CLICK HERE

PIRATE ATHLETICS

PRHS Cheer is EXCITED to host **Little Pirate Cheer Camp** this summer!!! Please sign up by Friday, June 12th by clicking HERE. The cost is $100. The Little Pirates will learn cheers, chants, dances, and participate in stunting! On the last day there will be a Cheer Showcase to show off all their new moves! Anyone ages 5 to 13 is eligible to attend Little Pirate Cheer Camp. Please contact Coach Lawson (ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us) with any questions.



THANK YOU to the Porter Ridge community for the success of our Pirate Trail draiser!

Thanks to the generous donations received, development of the Pirate Trial will begin soon. Over the course of the summer, there will be numerous projects to help bring the trail to life. These opportunities will range from more labor-intensive work to leaf raking and litter cleanup.

Many members of the community have already expressed interest in helping with the development of the trail, and we encourage parents and families to get involved as we work together to create something special for Porter Ridge students and the community.

Anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities — including students needing volunteer hours and parents who having been looking for an opportunity to get involved — is encouraged to join the SportsYou App group "PRHS Pirate Trail" using code YQX2-2HSQ.

We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

PIRATE ATHLETICS

If you have any questions or would like to sponsor please email
prabcsponsorships@gmail.com

Don't forget Pirate Gear is on sale at some of our athletic events. Contact the Booster Club for Details

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When Coming to Athletic Events

-Only clear bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" are allowed in events/games.
-Students and children 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult when attending events/games.
-All ticket sales will end at the mid-point of an event or at the beginning of halftime at games.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

Fall Sports Coaches

Fall Sports

Sport	Coach	Email Address
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country		
Flag Football		
Football	Michael Hertz	michael.hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf		
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Volleyball	Sarah Webb	sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

Click here for Athletics Registration

Click here for the PRHS Pirate Athletics Website

Watch sports in our main stadium and in our gym on these websites- Subscriber Sites- CLICK THE ICONS

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For athletic event tickets click here or on the GO FAN Icon ↓

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Click here for the Porter Ridge Athletic Boosters Website

Click here for a list of all PR sports teams and a link to their schedules

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