Pirate Press

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Homecoming Queen and King
Nahor Welday and Ajna Muratovic

Students involved in clubs that may be in need of volunteer hours; are more than welcome to join Pirate Cove Classic Band Competition on Saturday, October 24th, to earn volunteer hours. Please see your student life adviser for the link and details.

SENIOR GEAR

Porter Ridge Senior

CLASS OF 2027

Click Here

or on the ad to Order or us the QR Code

PorterRidgeBand.org/Senior-Gear

SAVE THE DATE!

PRHS PROM

May 1, 2027

PERFORMING ARTS FUNDRAISER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're trying to raise **$15,000** to replace and upgrade our sound system, equiptment, and microphones!

We're asking for **YOU** to help us provide **>>ALL<<** Porter Ridge students with the equipment the need and deserve

To donate, visit:

https://app.schoolfundr.org/fund/porterridgeperformingarts2026

SENIOR ADS

available now!

HOW TO:

Head to yearbookforever.com and upload your photos and message you would like included.

Yearbook staff will design a beautiful ad to celebrate your senior!

ADS DUE

By October 31st

Cambria,
It has been a joy watching you pursue your goals and put your all into everything you do. We hope you continue to make the most of life and push to make all of your dreams come true! We couldn't be more proud!
Love Mom and Dad

purchase at

yearbookforever.com

SENIORS!!

SIGN UP NOW FOR

SENIOR PORTRAITS

October 20th and 21st

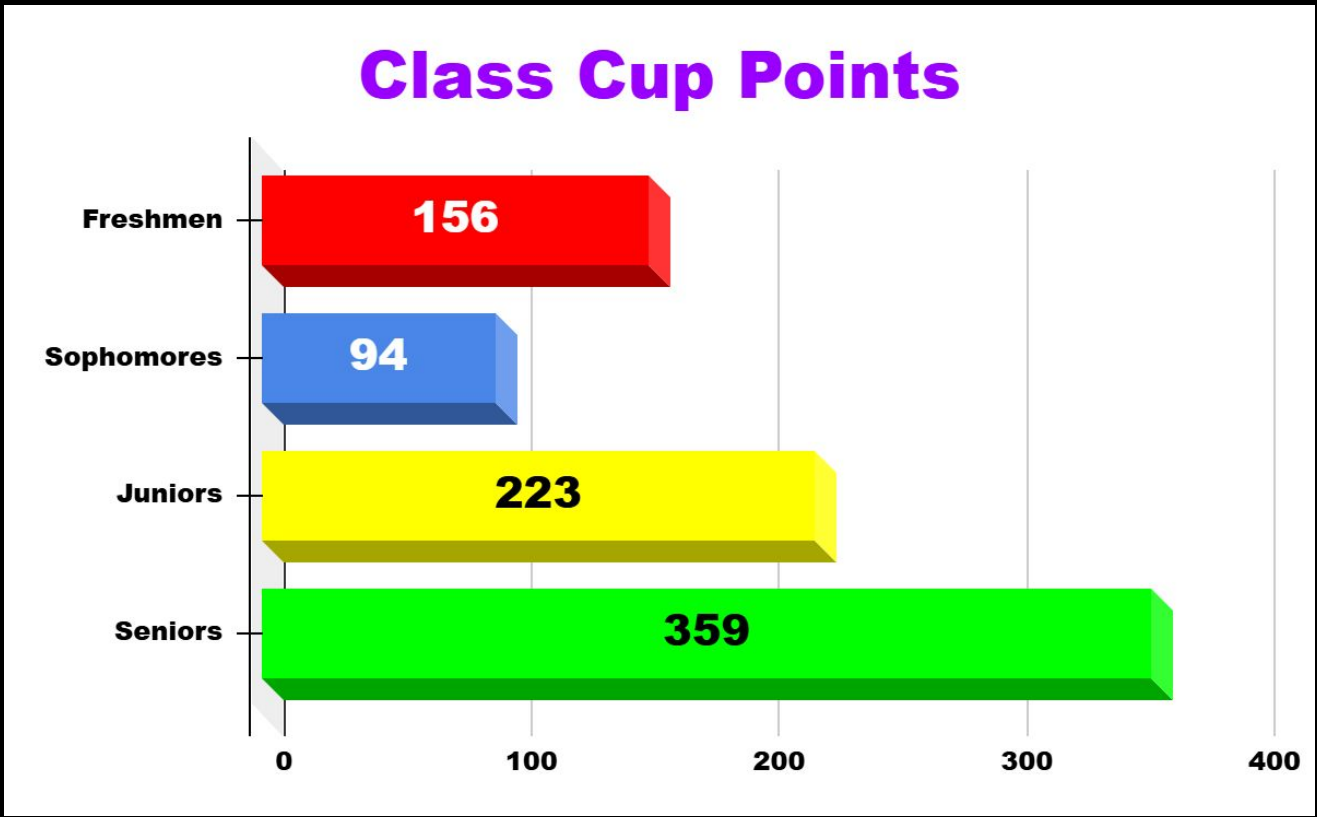
sign up now by scanning the QR code!

The Sewing and Upcycling Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 14th from 3:10-4:00 in Mrs. Erb's room, F205B. You can pay dues online through Infinite Campus.

The Key Club will be meeting again on Monday, October 12th from 3:10-4:00 pm in Room G102. We look forward to seeing you there!

Umoja meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

The Science National Honor Society will be meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 3:15 in E207D.


Class Cup Points
Freshmen
156
Sophomores
94
Juniors
223
Seniors
359
0
100
200
300
400

PRHS MULTIPLIERS
PRESENTS
WINTER
CLOTHING
drive
STARTING : SEPTEMBER 15TH
ENDING : OCTOBER 30TH
donate new or lightly used coats, gloves, socks, hats, scarfs, long sleeves, and blankets!!
Each grade level will have donation boxes throughout the school
Blankets = 3 points
Each item = 1 spirit point

ATTENTION SENIORS
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING OUR SCHOOL NOMINEE FOR THE UNION COUNTY PARADE PRINCESS?
IF SO, EMAIL MS. GREEN YOUR INTEREST AND A COPY OF YOUR RESUME BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Any ninth or tenth grade student interested in joining The Pirate Prom Committee should scan the QR code on the poster outside of Dr. Tarlton's door (G111), Ms. Rad's Door (G109f), or any poster around the building. Applications are due October 23 by 3:05 pm.

Are you interested in

Ridge Rowdies?

Join now!!!

Ridge Rowdies is a student representative group that works closely with Student Council to plan and execute events at PR!

Open to 9-10 graders!

SportsYou code:

44JQ-JKRM

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

MRS. JARRETT IS OUT ON MATERNITY LEAVE

NEW COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Mears to Nalley - Bryan.James@ucps.k12.nc.us

Nardi Gonalez to Penki - Tanisha.Anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Pequeno Guerrero to Revels - Ashley.Lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Reyes to Santos - Alexandra.Green@ucps.k12.nc.us

SENIOR NIGHT PRESENTATION

SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

We are offering an opportunity for seniors to attend the CACRAO College Fair at Sun Valley High School. Only 40 spots are available, and they will be given to the first 40 seniors who turn in their completed application to Ms. Anderson.
If you would like to attend, please pick up an application from Ms. Anderson in Guidance. Permission slips must be returned by October 5.

PR Major Clarity

Career Development 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
Creation of a Career Portfolio/Plan
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.

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Scan the QR code or use this link to register now for college presentations !
https://signup.com/go/yQZEuLt

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

NC COLLEGE CONNECT UPDATE

If you recieved direct admission to Appalachian State University through NC College Connect, you still need to complete a Common Application for this school!

This is the ONLY school on NC College Connect that requires a Common App once you accept your offer

SPCC FALL TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENTS ARE OPEN!

YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR STUDENT PARENT AGREEMENT TO BE ELGIBLE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THIS BEFORE NOVEMBER 2ND

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Attention, 10th and 11th grade students! Are you interested in an exciting opportunity to learn, grow, and explore your interests this summer? Governor's School is a summer program for academically motivated high school students from across North Carolina. Students have the opportunity to take part in challenging classes, explore their interests, and meet other students from around the state. If you are interested or would like more information about the available disciplines, please see Ms. Anderson in Guidance.

CTE NEWS
October 2026

October is National Manufacturing Awareness Month!

Did you know?

North Carolina celebrates Manufacturing Month every October alongside national Manufacturing Day, highlighting the Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways that connect students to the state's leading industrial sectors.

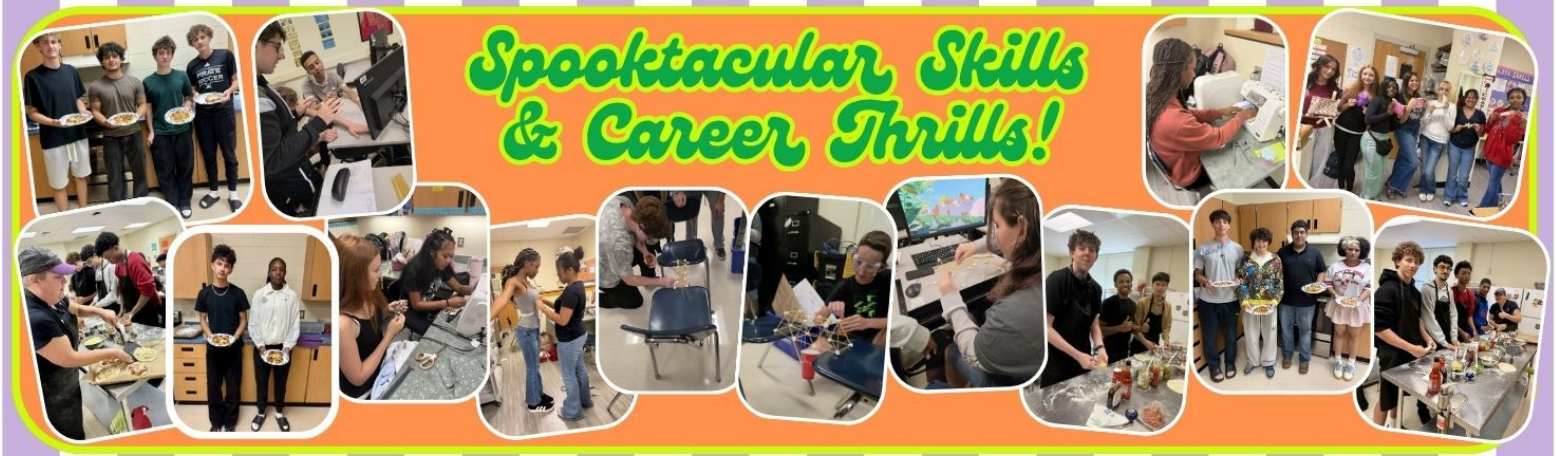
- Manufacturing is the highest-paying CTE career cluster in North Carolina
- North Carolina boasts the largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast and the 8th largest in the United States
- Students in North Carolina earned 382,964 industry-recognized credentials during the 2024–2025 school

News & Events

- October is Manufacturing Awareness Month!
- Career Development Plan Leaders Kickball Tournament: October 15
- Deadline for Healthcare Explorers Program: October 16th
- National FFA Convention: October 21 - 24
- WorkKeys Testing begins Monday, November 2
- Fall Robotics Classic: November 21

Take a Look!

Spooktacular Skills & Career Thrills!



Your Future Starts NOW with CTE!
Got questions?
Contact Mrs. Starnes, Career Development Coordinator
amanda.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us or stop by the front office

NAVY ROTC
$200,000
Pre-Med Scholarship Opportunity

Are you a High School Senior or Junior interested in becoming a doctor?

If so, the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Pre-Med Scholarship could be an opportunity for you!!

NROTC SCHOOLS + 160 MORE!

- ✓ NC STATE UNIVERSITY
- ✓ DUKE UNIVERSITY
- ✓ UNC CHAPEL HILL
- ✓ EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY
- ✓ MASSACHEUSETTS INSTITUE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)
- ✓ HARVARD
- ✓ YALE
- ✓ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (USC)
- ✓ THE CITADEL
- ✓ VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (VMI)
- ✓ UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
- ✓ VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
- ✓ FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY
- ✓ UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA
- ✓ JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

- ✓ Available to students pursuing a Pre-Med program who will apply to Medical School.
- ✓ The scholarship pays FULL tuition fees, and provides an allowance for books,
- ✓ Monthly stipend of $250-$400 for 4 years of college.

The NROTC Website is now open for new application submissions!

SCAN ME TO APPLY!

- ✓ You choose 5 College options on your Scholarship application!
- ✓ You choose from over 160 colleges & universities nationwide!
- ✓ Earn a Commission as a Navy Officer!
- ✓ Fastrack to Medical School and applying for Medical Corps Scholarship!
- ✓ No obligation to accept the scholarship if selected!
- ✓ No Obligation after completion of freshman year of college!

The question is, why not?

2025-2026 77% OF APPLICANTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS!

Applicant Requirements

- ✓ US Citizen Between Ages 17 and 23
- ✓ NON U.S Citizens can apply with proper naturalization documents
- ✓ High School Senior, Junior in your second semester of high school or college student with less than 30 college credit hours.
- ✓ Minimum ACT Scores: Math 21 & English 22 AND composite of 28
- ✓ Minimum SAT Scores: Math 540 & Verbal 550 AND combined 1300
- ✓ 85 (AFQT) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

For more info, contact our Scholarship Coordinator:

Chief Daniel Eldridge
(252) 273-3253
daniel.s.eldridge2.mil@us.navy.mil

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CACRAO & UCPS COLLEGE FAIR 2026

STRIVE SCAN

Save the Date

Sunday

OCTOBER 11, 2026
2 - 5 PM

Register now to get a barcode for the college fair. Show your barcode to colleges who will scan it to send you more information about their schools. It's free and saves you time. After the event, you'll receive an email report with info on the colleges that scanned you.

2 - 2:30 PM
College Entrance Exams in partnership with Huntington Learning Center

2:30 - 3 PM
College Planning in partnership with CFNC

3 - 5 PM
CACRAO College Fair

Sun Valley High School
5211 Old Charlotte Hwy,
Monroe, NC 28110

PIRATE ATHLETICS

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OCTOBER 11TH-OCTOBER 17TH

11 SUNDAY	12 MONDAY	13 TUESDAY	14 WEDNESDAY	15 THURSDAY	16 FRIDAY	17 SATURDAY
NO EVENTS	SOCCER @ Cuthbertson JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm	FLAG FOOTBALL @ Marvin Ridge vs Cuthbertson 5:00pm	SOCCER @ Catholic JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm	JV FOOTBALL @ Weddington 6:00pm	V FOOTBALL vs Weddington SENIOR NIGHT 7:00pm	VOLLEYBALL 1st Round State Playoffs TBD
	VOLLEYBALL SCC Conference Tournament HOME TBD	VOLLEYBALL SCC Conference Tournament HOME TBD	VOLLEYBALL SCC Conference Tournament HOME TBD			

PIRATE ATHLETICS

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PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

Porter Ridge High School has updated its Media Pass Policy with the revised policy taking effect beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Scan QR code for more information.

MEDIA ANNOUCEMENT

BASKETBALL CHEER

Tryouts

Monday, Oct.12
3:30-5:00pm
Cafe

Wednesday, Oct.14
5:30-7:30pm
Main Gym

Arbiter must be updated with physical to attend.

PIRATE SCORES

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V FOOTBALL
WIN vs Piedmont
(26–21)

V SOCCER
loss to Marvin Ridge
(2–4)
WIN vs Weddington
(4–1)

TENNIS
loss to Marvin Ridge
(1–8)
loss to Weddington
(2–7)

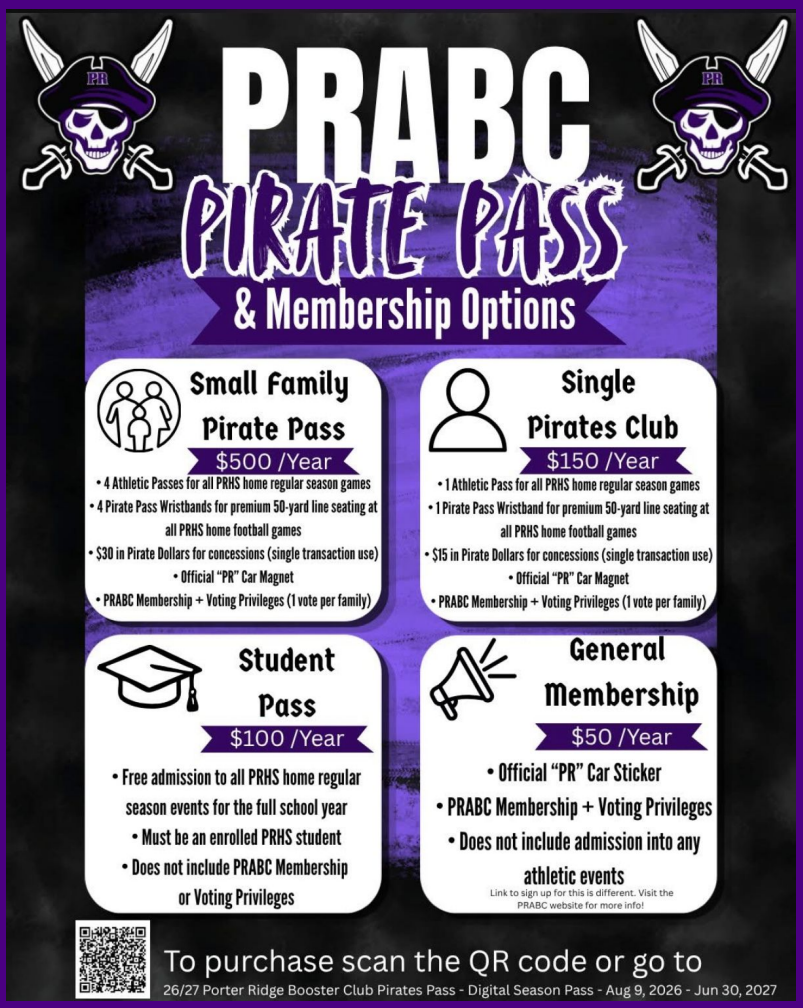
V VOLLEYBALL
WIN vs Piedmont
(3–2)
loss to Marvin Ridge
(0–3)

JV FOOTBALL
WIN to Piedmont
(25–21)

JV SOCCER
loss to Marvin Ridge
(2–5)
TIE to Weddington
(2–2)

JV VOLLEYBALL
loss to Piedmont
(0–2)
loss to Marvin Ridge
(0–2)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH



Click here or on Ad to Purchase

8/21	PURPLE OUT	
8/28	NEON/RAVE	
9/4	SAFARI	
9/11	USA OUT	
9/18	TROPICAL OUT	
9/25	COUNTRY OUT	
10/2	JERSEY OUT	
10/9	PINK OUT	
10/16	BLACK OUT	
10/30	CAMO OUT	

PIRATE ATHLETICS

	DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION
NOV	Nov 11	Wed	Rocky River	AWAY
	Nov 13	Fri	Garinger	AWAY
	Nov 17	Tue	Forest Hills	HOME
	Nov 20	Fri	Hickory Ridge	AWAY
	Nov 24	Tue	Ardrey Kell	AWAY
DEC	Dec 1	Tue	Hough	HOME
	Dec 4	Fri	Providence	HOME
	Dec 8	Tue	Sun Valley	AWAY
	Dec 11	Fri	Cuthbertson	HOME
	Dec 15	Tue	Charlotte Catholic	HOME
	Dec 16	Wed	South Meck	AWAY
	Dec 18	Fri	Piedmont	AWAY
	TBD	TBD	East Lincoln Winter Jam	TOURNAMENT
JAN	Jan 5	Tue	Marvin Ridge	AWAY
	Jan 8	Fri	Weddington	AWAY
	Jan 19	Tue	Sun Valley	HOME
	Jan 20	Wed	E. Meck	AWAY
	Jan 22	Fri	Cuthbertson	AWAY
	Jan 26	Tue	Charlotte Catholic	AWAY
	Jan 29	Fri	Piedmont	HOME
FEB	Feb 2	Tue	Marvin Ridge	HOME
	Feb 5	Fri	Weddington	HOME

PIRATE ATHLETICS

Fall Sports Coaches

Sport	Coach	Email Address
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country	Rose Palaschenko	rose.palaschenko@gmail.com
Flag Football	Marianne DiRupo	marianne.dirupo@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football	Michael Hertz	michael.hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf	Chessa Lee	chessa.lee@ucps.k12.nc.us
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

NFHS NETWORK

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

GO FAN®

the TICKET TO HIGH SCHOOL

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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PIRATE ATHLETICS

PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

BRONZE
$250
1-3X5 STADIUM BANNER

SILVER
$500
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER

GOLD
$750
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER
1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE

PLATINUM
$1000
1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER
1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE
SIGN/BANNER AT ALL PRABC EVENTS

MULTI YEAR AND CUSTOMIZABLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE CONTACT

PRABCSPONSORSHIPS@GMAIL.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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.

DON'T FORGET PIRATE GEAR IS ON SALE AT SOME OF OUR ATHLETIC EVENTS. CONTACT THE BOOSTER CLUB FOR DETAILS- CLICK HERE

New Check-in/Check-out System in the Front Office

Download the Infinite Campus app:

- The app is free, and once installed, a barcode will appear on the main screen when the app is opened.
- If you prefer not to use the app, physical student ID cards will arrive in September. You can scan the barcode on the back of the card, which links directly to the student's ID number in Infinite Campus.

Checking In or Out:

- Scan barcode, answer 2 questions
- If checking in, receive a pass

Questions:

- Contact admin, Ms. Lawwill (Data Manager) or Ms. Coppadge (Admin Assistant)
- We are happy to help!

EARLY DISMISSALS

Students should bring the note to the front office **before the school day begins** so they can be given an early dismissal pass to leave class at the appointed time.

Emails will not be accepted to request early dismissal.

In the case of an **emergency** phone calls will be accepted.

Use Regular Size Paper for the Note

Students who are driving may check out and leave at the scheduled time. If a student isn't a driver, a person who is on their list of people to pick up must still come inside to pick them up.

Attendance Procedures

STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO UCPS ABSENCE REPORT FORM

ATTENTION PLEASE!

1. **Create your account**
   Parent or guardian must create an account. The system will not accept submissions from student email accounts. PRHS will review accounts created to ensure that the email address used matches the parent email address in powerschool. For safety reasons if the email address does not match the known parent email, the account will be deleted. For reference, the school newsletter, the Pirate Press, is sent to the parent email address on file. You can also call the school to check on your email

2. **Report Absences**
   Parent or guardian will submit all absences digitally via this Microsoft form.

3. **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.
   - Porter Ridge High School may only accept a maximum of 5 absences per semester excused with a parent note. After 5 days, only a doctor's note will be accepted.

4. **Report absence:**
   Once your account has been created, use this link to log in and begin reporting absences.

5. **Are there any questions?**
   For questions regarding attendance, please call the school.

@ 704-292-7662

Click Here or on the ad for the parent system to submit notes.

GUIA PASO A PASO PARA INFORMAR LA AUSENCIA DEL ESTUDIANTE

ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE

1. **Crea tu cuenta**
   La cuenta debe ser creada solo por el padre o la persona a cargo del estudiante. La escuela de PRHS va a revisar y verificar de que la cuenta corresponda al mismo correo electrónico que se tiene en el sistema de la escuela, por razones de seguridad.

2. **Reporta la razón por la cual no se asistió a la escuela.**
   Los padres o la persona a cargo del estudiante debe de documentar la razón por la cual el estudiante no estuvo en la escuela. Esta documentación se hace de manera digital por via de Microsoft. En el mismo lugar donde usted creo su cuenta.

3. **Para tener en cuenta:**
   - Solo puede reportar un solo día de ausencia.
   - No puede reportar ausencias por adelantado.
   - Debe de adjuntar la documentación para la excusa.
   - La escuela de Porter Ridge High School sólo acepta un máximo de 5 excusas escritas por los padres. Después de 5 excusas, sólo se aceptarán notas provenientes del doctor.

4. **Reporte la razón por la que se falto:**
   Después de que creó su cuenta, usé este link que le da este QR code para reportar la ausencia.

5. **Si todavía tiene preguntas?**
   Por favor comuníquese con la escuela al número de teléfono que esta aquí abajo.

@ 704-292-7662

Click Here or on the ad for the parent system to submit notes.

Family Information

Important Links

School Forms- CLICK HERE

Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE

Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook- Still Updating for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

Technology Use, Fees & Help

UCPS has a Technology Fee of $30 all students must pay. **Click here to access Infinite Campus to pay.** This fee will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jared Gardner is our Technology Systems Engineer.

School Nutrition

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the **meal application** (click here)

Click here to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

Transportation information

can be found on the UCPS Transportation pages.

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the video on how to install the app: CLICK HERE

Transportation Information- CLICK HERE

- Cell Phones, head phones, and any communication device (For example a Smart Watch) must be off and put away during class. These items are prohibited during instructional time.
- Cell phones and headphones may be used during class transition and during the time students eat lunch
- An announcement will be made weekly warning about cell and electronic device use. Teachers will call the office and devices will be taken that are in use during instructional time.
- The first offense student can pick up their phones at 3:05 PM at the main office from administration.
- The second offense a parent will have to come pick up the device.

Click here or on the ad for details.

PIRATE PARKING PASSES

Use the QR Code for a Parking Pass, Fill out the Application, Pay the Tech Fee and Parking fee on Infinite Campus, and be sure all fees are paid. Once approved, you can get your parking pass during your lunch.

Ports of Information for Pirates

Our Website- Click Here- https://prhs.ucpsnc.org/
Athletics- Click Here- https://www.porterridgeathleticzone.com/

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Follow us on Instagram: @porterridgehscnc
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