

# Pirate Press

## Volume 6, Issue 2 Back to School August, 3 2023

Summer Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:00









We have included some information for the start of the 2023-2024 school year... but there is more to come in early August! We are so excited to have our Pirates back! #WeRPR

Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!** 







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Reach out to make an IMPACT as a Leadership Mentor in 9th Grade Pirate Advisory

## LEADERSHIP MENTOR



<u>TO APPLY:</u> HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/PN9QMWPMCYMXJYE38

## Class of 2024 Information

Peer Math tutor

FOR PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Are you a good Math student?

Do you want to #IMPACT other students at PRHS during the school day and get paid too?

Be one of 5 Student Math Tutors

Email sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us by 7/20!

### Class of 2024 Senior Portraits

It's time to schedule your Senior Yearbook Portrait Session





Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch will be at our school this summer. Every senior needs to schedule their session at prestigeportraits.com



DATES: July 31", August 1", 2", & 3", 2023 LOCATION: Porter Ridge High School (Media Center) SIGN UP: prestigeportraits.com COST: \$25







# CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO PARKING PASS INFORMATION

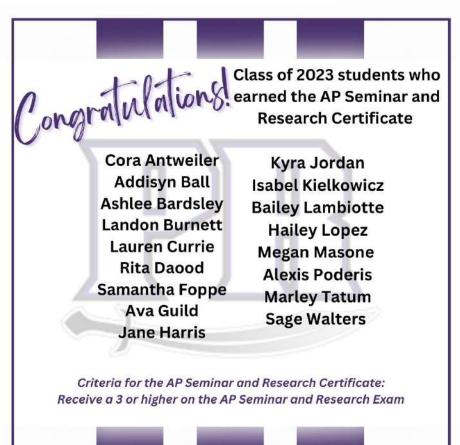




# AP Capstone Program Information

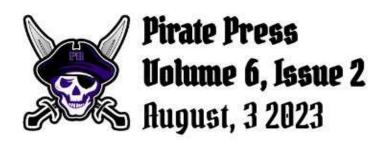
This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The *AP Capstone Program started with the* Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses, with over 95% of our Class of 2023 earning a diploma or certificate. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board,





AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.

To learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program please click here.



## Beginning of School Year Information



<u>Click Here for Back to School Info</u>

#### **Back To School Resources**

Home > Academics > Back to School Resources > Back To School Resources

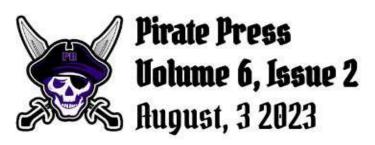
Click on the box to the left to visit our Back to School pages on the PRHS website for info on.....

Chromebooks
Class Schedules
Schedule Corrections
Parent Portal
Pirate Advisory
Beginning of Year
Forms

## Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

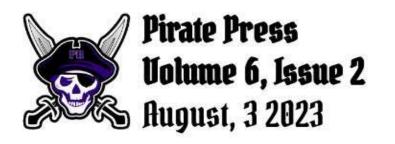
- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes must be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student will fail the course due to attendance.



## Beginning of School Year Information

#### **Back to School Information**

- Freshmen Orientation: Friday 8/18
  - Drop students off at 4 pm for interactive Orientation Activities, Club Fair, and Schedule Review
  - Students are encouraged to stay for our Porter Ridge Tailgate for our Friday
     Night Football Season Opener
  - Students (and families too) are encouraged to stay for their first HS Football game vs Rocky River and experience our Pirate Student Section, or sit with family and enjoy the football game, cheer team, and Band of Pirates!
  - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!
- Chromebook Pickup: Monday 8/14 Friday 8/18
  - Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 23-24 school year can come by between 8:00 - 10:00 to check out their new chromebook
- Family Open House: Friday 8/25
  - Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
  - Are you a new student in 10th 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!
- Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors and Language Mentors
  - PRHS started our Peer Tutor program back up in full force last school year and added Language Mentors for students who are learning the English language. Both programs are going very well and service the middle and (some) elementary schools in our cluster. We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs.
  - Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
- **Parking Passes:** Information will come out in the next Pirate Press, but expect sales to start after 7/31.
- **School Starts Monday 8/28.** Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



## Beginning of School Year Information

#### PORTER RIDGE HIGH

#### FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

Friday August 18- 4 PM

Parents Drop-off/pick up students in the PRHS stadium parking lot. This is a student only event.
--Walk your Schedule--

--Interactive Student Activities---Club Fair--



Student Tailgate &
First Home Football Game to Follow
Freshmen Encouraged to attend

#### PORTER RIDGE HIGH

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Friday August 25- 12-3 PM

- --Students & Parents come walk class schedules.

  Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet
  them--
- --Club Fair displays, Schedule Pick up, Spirit Wear (PRABC), Transportation (sign up for app), Pay Fees, Parking Pass Pick up, and more --
  - --NEW students 10th 12th grade, guided tours and information--





## Student Activities

Click to check it out!



## COLOR GUARD

**MULTIPLE TEAMS - JUL 20** 

Fall Sports Begins July 31!! \*Click for Tryout Information\*





**PIRATES NEWS - AUG 22** 

**Porter Ridge High School** Athletic Schedules





**PIRATES NEWS** - JUN 21

The New Home of Porter Ridge Athletics!



Clubs and Special Interests

Club Information

Battle of the Books

Beta Club .... And so many more.... Click here to check out

Book Club

what PRHS students are involved in outside of

Club PFC classes!!!

Computer Science Club

Dungeons & Dragons Club

**FBLA** 



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## Student Advisory

PRHS IS A LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Leaderin Me.

## CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS DO IN ADVISORY!





The Seven Habits Course is all about developing life-readiness skills to prepare you to lead your own life and face difficult challenges. Everyone is a leader, including you. Effective leaders do things in ways that yield lasting positive results and live by timeless, universal principles. Principles provide constancy amidst change; each of the 7 Habits is based on principles of effectiveness that will guide you through life's greatest challenges.

10th
Find Your
VOICE
Career Readiness

The Find Your Voice Career Readiness course is designed to help you learn and master skills that will enable you to find and then express your voice at school, at home, online, in the workplace, on a team, and in a competitive world market. Everyone has something to say but learning how to say it makes all the difference.

11th TAKE Charge

College Readiness

The Take Charge College Readiness course is designed to prepare you for the challenges and new responsibilities post-secondary education brings to students like you. The best thing you can do is apply what you learn in this course right away. If you do, you won't find yourself scrambling to develop important skills that make academic and general success possible. This course is for all students who will attend a 4-year university, 2 year, vocational school or enter into the workforce or military.

12th **Inspire** Others

Leadership Readiness

The Inspire Others Leadership Readiness course is all about Inspiring your team and keeping organized. These skills require both interpersonal effectiveness and the time-tested tools of leadership. The intent of this course is to learn and apply the same processes used by organizational leaders across the world. While the content in this course is world-class, the project-based learning approach is what brings it to life.



## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

#### Who is your counselor?

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

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

Cassidy Jarrett – last names Me-Sao <a href="mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us">cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>

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.

# NEW TO PRHS? JOIN US TO SELECT YOUR CLASS

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE LEADING TOURS DURING MAY AND AUGUST.
A COUNSELOR WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

**SUMMER DATES:** 

MAY 30TH 4-6.30PM AUGUST 1ST 4-6.30PM AUGUST 15TH 4-6.30PM MAY 31ST 4-6:30PM AUGUST 8TH 4-6:30PM AUGUST 22ND 4-6:30PM



#### CLICK THIS LINK TO SIGN UP!

HTTPS://www.signupgenius.com/ go/20f0d4daaae2fab9-summer #/





## PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

#### Schedule Corrections: The

Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 21st. Counselors will work on "Please See Counselor" holes first. "Please See Counselor" is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in PowerSchool and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

- -Monday afternoon, August 14th, Student Schedules will be released via PowerSchool
- -Monday, August 21st, Students may request corrections via Google Form



#### SCHEDULE CORRECTION FORM

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cM svDMT2CRa5JtQ6JLDe2mv7OKjikZd bg4XKn5xp\_Os/edit

#### Schedule Information:

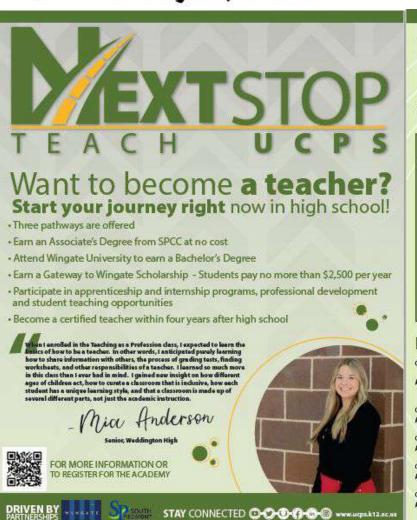
https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7598

- The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on <u>Friday, September 1st at 5:00 pm.</u>
- Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed.
- All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were
  placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested. Requests will only be considered for
  the following:
  - Senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
  - Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
  - Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
  - Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
  - Student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
  - Student has "Please See your counselor" listed on their schedule. Please See Counselor is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected (including alternates).

Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 28th. A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule.



## PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS





#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, do they have to transfer to Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High 5dvool?
- A. No, students will stay at their home school and travel to take the Teaching as a Profession courses at either Weddington High School or Porter Ridge High School. Please see your Career Development Coordinator for information about transp
- A. Under Next Stop: TeachUCPS, teltion fees are covered. The program does not fully cover additional fees
- Q. If a student is enrolled in the Pre-Apprentice or Traditional Pathway, can they still participate in the Career and College Promise program? A. Yas, students have the opportunity to take community college courses through Career and College Promise while in the
- Q. Will the CTE Teaching as a Profession Pathway be expanded to other high schools?
- A. This will be reviewed annually and program expansion will be based on student interest and available funding
- A. Talk to the Career Development Caordinator of your school or visit ucps.k12.nc.us and click on Academies High School Education NextStop: TeachUCPS

Want to take SPCC classes in high school? Want to get a jump start on your career? Confused about next steps after graduation?

#### Let's Talk!

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick SPCC Career Coach sminick@spcc.edu





@PRHSCounseling



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