

Good evening, Parkwood Wolf Pack families,

This Tuesday is our first early release day of 2023-2024. Students who are drivers or car riders will be dismissed at 12:00. Students who are bus riders will be sent to lunch soon after that. Buses will be released at approximately 12:30 pm.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday weekend. Please encourage your students to get lots of rest, and to take care of themselves so that they are ready to come back to the third grading period as they continue to make wonderful academic strides throughout the remainder of the semester.

Go Wolf Pack!

Remember to follow us on social media:

Follow us on Facebook: ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Twitter: @ParkwoodHSNC

Follow us on Instagram: @ParkwoodHSNC



PWHS Calendar

Monday 11/20	Tuesday 11/21	Wednesday 11/22	Thursday 11/23	Friday 11/24	Saturday 11/25
US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches Indoor Track @ Piedmont 4:00	End of 2nd Term and Early Release for Students @ 12:30 Basketball vs Sun Valley 4:30/6:00/ 7:30 Wrestling vs Sun Valley/ Central Davidson 6:00	No School Women's Wrestling in Knight Invitational @ North Henderson in the AM	No School	No School	No Events

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PWHS Calendar

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Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30	Friday 12/1	Saturday 12/2
US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches	US Army @ PWHS during all lunches Basketball vs Weddington 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30 Indoor Track @ Monroe 3:45	US Navy @ PWHS during all lunches Wrestling @ Cuthbertson PM	No Events	Report Cards for 2nd Term are distributed Production of The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe @ the PWHS Auditorium 7:30 JV Wrestling @ Mt. Pleasant PM Basketball @ Buford 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30 Wolf Pack Players present The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. 7:30	Production of The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe @ the PWHS Auditorium 7:30 Varsity Wrestling @ Mt. Pleasant AM Wolf Pack Players present The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. 7:30



Parkwood Pack Players

THE JON THE WITCH WARDROBE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
7:30 PM
IN THE PARKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

PURCHASE TICKETS
IN ADVANCE!



TICKETS: STUDENTS - \$5 ADULTS - \$8

UCPS EMPLOYEES GET IN FREE WITH THEIR BADGE CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE

Written by Joseph Robinette from the story by C.S. Lewis Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company



PWHS PTSO

As Thanksgiving approaches we are so THANKFUL for our Wolfpack families that have supported the PWHS PTO so far this year! Whether you purchased a PTSO Family Membership (only \$10!) or a Senior Package, donated items or your time as a volunteer or have purchased Spirit Wear, YOU have helped the PWHS PTSO start the year off with a bang! So far this year, your donations have helped us to:

- Host a Welcome Back Breakfast for Staff prior to the start of school
- Serve breakfast to participating Seniors to celebrate the end of the first week of school
- Stock the teacher's lounge with yummy snacks at the beginning of the school year
- Host a fun and what we hope will become an annual PTSO Homecoming Tailgate which was an awesome way to connect with parents, teachers and students
- Donate gift cards to Mrs. Williams in the media center as an incentive for students to use the media center
- Provide Boo Bags filled with treats for ALL Seniors
- Create a "potion" making station in the Staff Lounge (flavored water and Sonic ice!)
- Celebrate staff birthdays each month with a Target gift card
- Provide canned goods to the PWHS Food Pantry through donations collected at the Powder Puff Football game

None of this would be possible without the support of our PTSO members, our volunteers and our awesome people who always sign up to bring in requested items!! THANK YOU for supporting the PWHS PTSO!

If you haven't joined the PTSO yet, it's not too late; <u>purchase a family membership for</u> \$10 and help us make the rest of the year amazing for our students and staff!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



Upcoming Events



December:

12th- Concert Band Winter Pops Concert (PWHS Auditorium 7 PM) 18th-31st- Winter Break- No school for students

January:

1st- Winter Break- No school for students

15th- No School for students

18th-24th- 1st semester exams

24th- End of 3rd Term/1st Semester

25th- No school for students

26th- Start of 2nd Semester

...And Beyond:

3/29-4/5 - Spring Break 5/11- Prom 6/11 Graduation at PWHS 8 AM



Quick Notes from the Counselors

SPCC

Students in 11th & 12th grade who meet eligibility requirements may take college classes at SPCC. Must have a minimum 2.8 unweighted GPA or higher.

If you are a senior or junior interested in learning more information about taking college classes at SPCC in spring 2024 while in high school please complete this interest form: https://forms.gle/fimtJGa99P6eHSRG6

South Piedmont Community College is hosting information sessions on the Career & College Promise program for students interested in taking classes SPCC while in high school. Parents & students are encouraged to attend. Click here for more information on how to attend the sessions below:

https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/

2023-2024 Virtual CCP Info Sessions –All info sessions begin at 6 PM.

December 12, 2023, January 9, 2024, February 13, 2024, March 12, 2024 and April 9, 2024

Fidelity Scholars Program

The Fidelity Scholars Program combines a generous annual needs-based scholarship with robust wrap-around services that support students' persistence to degree or certificate attainment. The program is working to identify and support approximately 2,500 talented students from Fidelity's geographical priority areas in the United States. For year 2023-2024, the program will focus on students from Florida, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, DC. For more information, please visit https://uncf.org/programs/fidelity-scholars-program and apply by January 11, 2024.



Union Power Cooperative

Seniors- please see the information below for the Union Power College Scholarship open to Seniors planning to attend a NC accredited college or university. Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Juniors- please see the information below regarding the Youth Tour. Deadline is December 31, 2023



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Enhancing and Empowering our local communities.

Union Power Cooperative invests in teachers, students, families, and their futures through powerful partnerships and programs that support our mission to enhance the quality of life of our members and the communities we serve. This principle is woven deeply into our various programs.





The Union Power College Scholarship is available each year from September through March to current high school seniors planning to attend a North Carolina-accredited college or university. The scholarship is a one-time offer of \$1,000. The senior must be a child of a Union Power Cooperative member or live in a home served by Union Power Cooperative.





In 1994, North Carolina's electric cooperatives dedicated their interest in improving education. The Bright Ideas grant program has expanded over the past two decades. encouraging teachers to share their bright ideas that will be meaningful and engage students to further their education. Teachers from our service area can apply for up to \$2,000 per grant from April through September.





Youth Tour provides an opportunity for high school juniors to have an unforgettable, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students will Tearn about the history of the nation's capital and better understand how American history has shaped the U.S. today. It also allows students to take on leadership roles and learn their value as a citizen.





Each year, students in the sixth and seventh grades can apply for a chance to play on the court for two of the state's largest universities - N.C. State and Scholarships University of Chapel Hill from January through March.



PWHS Counseling Department

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.

Counseling Staff

- * Mr. Troy Harris 9th Grade
- * Ms. Stacey Sebastian 10th-12th (A-G)
- * Mrs. Shari Davison 10th-12th (H-M)
- * Mrs. Terri Onley 10th 12th (N-Z)
- * Ms. Ashlee Reynolds 9th-12th (Student Support)
- * Mrs. Valerie Simmeth Career Development Coordinator
- * Mrs. Shawn Johnston Counseling Center Administrative Assistant

Additional Support

- * Mrs. Robyn Mobley School Social Worker
- * Ms. Thais Yeon Behavioral Health Therapist
- * Ms. Wendolyn Davis SPCC Career Coach





PWHS Counseling Department

Interested in playing sports in college?



Reach out to Mr. Harris who can help you make sure you are on track by using the <u>meeting request form</u>

Seniors College Information

 Now is the time to start the application process for colleges. Below are links to information on the steps to applying. If you need help with College Applications reach out to your counselor by using the <u>meeting request form</u>. We are here to assist you.

Steps for Applying to Four Year Colleges

Steps for Applying to Community Colleges



Requesting Transcripts and Recommendations for College Applications

 Students use SCOIR (access from the UCPS student high school start up page) to keep track of their applications and request transcripts.

This link https://bit.ly/35jrLNu%C2%A0 will show you how to add colleges, request transcripts and letters of recommendations from teachers.



PWHS Counseling Department



Where can you find scholarships?

*Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities This list is put together by the counseling office and is updated regularly.

*Lyceum Scholars at Clemson:

The program gives \$10,000 scholarships and teaches the recipient student the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society through a specific curriculum that is the equivalent of a minor in Political Science. Priority application deadline to Clemson University Honors College: November 1, 2023 Priority application deadline to Clemson University: December 1, 2023. Lyceum Scholars Program Application Deadline: December 10, 2023 Application information here.

*Science Ambassador Scholarship

- \$40,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: December 13, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be a high school senior or an undergraduate student.
- B) Be a woman attending a school in the United States.

Applications can be found by going to: https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/

*Power of Resilience Scholarship

- \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: December 31, 2023)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Be in either high school or college and must show good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- B) Submit an essay discussing a serious life challenge you encountered and how you overcame that challenge. Applications can be found by going to: https://scottglovsky.com/power-resilience-scholarship/

*Overachievers Student Grant

- \$15,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: December 15, 2023) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Be in middle school or high school. B) Be a person who is making a difference in others' lives outside of the classroom. Applications can be found by going to: https://powertothepen.com/g2overachievers/



Athletics



Don't miss out on the great things happening in our athletics department! Visit their website to view the latest news from games and events, see photos of our athletes in action, view live streams, purchase tickets and more!

Use this link to see how to access on your mobile device.

Every student needs to purchase an All Sport Student Pass. Only \$40 for every single home game this year - all sports! (Playoff games excluded - and we plan to play in playoff games a lot this year :) https://parkwoodathleticzone.com/partner/28/event/4 178/buy-tickets

Passcode = UCPS Student ID number



Student parking



Hang tags for students who have been assigned parking will be available to pick up from Ms. Gibbs in the office.

Parking Pass Info



UCPS College Readiness



2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

For more info and to register visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions

Live Events

Scoir for Seniors - Aug.
Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.

College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
Union County College Fair - Oct.
HS Programs Expo - Dec.
Paying for College - Dec.
Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
ACT Blitz - Feb.

Getting Ready for College - Mar.
SAT Blitz - Apr.

Writing a College Essay - May

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

Scoir for Underclassmen College Recruiting for Athletes Choosing the Right Path in HS







Parents & Guardians

With a new school year comes a need to make sure that we have the correct contact information for all our families. Please take a moment and verify in PowerSchool that the following are still correct:

- Contact Names
- Contact Numbers
- Contact Emails

Please contact <u>melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> to update your information.

Keep in Mind- You will need to show your ID when coming to the school so please remember to bring it with you.



Quick Links

Office Phone: 704-296-0154

PWHS & UCPS Information

- Counseling Department
- PWHS CTE
- UCPS Calendar
- Media Center
- Transportation Bus App (New!)
- Volunteer Information
- Annual Parent Notification Process/Policy 5-08

Instructional Support

- Student Technology Help Desk
- <u>Technology Tutorials for Parents and Students</u>
- EmpowerEd Parent Portal
 - Mobile Apps, Attendance and Grades, Canvas Access and Tutorials
 - o <u>Tutorial Video</u>

Back to School Forms

- Free and Reduced Lunch Application (If Applicable)
- Military Connected (If Applicable) *
- Notice of Right to Withhold Consent (If Applicable) *
- Request for Medical Information (Required) *
- Authorization to Carry Medicine (If Applicable) *

^{*} Indicates physical copy. Please print, complete and return to homeroom teacher, if applicable. Physical copies are available in front office, upon request.



Quick Links

PWHS Student Handbook

- Attendance Policy
- Student Dress Code

Edulog for Bus Transportation Zone

Parking Pass Info

Yearbook Information

Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 - 4:00