



PWHS Calendar

Monday 10/2	Tuesday 10/3	Wednesday 10/4	Thursday 10/5	Friday 10/6	Saturday 10/7
Women's Tennis vs Sun Valley 4:00 Men's Soccer vs Forest Hills 6:00 Volleyball @ South Stanly 4:30/6:00	College App Week- Goals of the month (during all lunches in the media center) US Army @ PWHS during all lunches Women's Tennis vs West Stanly 4:00 Women's Golf @ Stonebridge 3:30	US Marines @ PWHS during all lunches College of Charleston @ PWHS 2:50 PM (Sign up in SCOIR to attend) Men's Soccer @ West Stanly 6:00	College App Week- Considerations for college choices (during all lunches in the media center) Women's Tennis vs Forest Hills 4:00 JV Football vs Monroe 6:30 Volleyball @ Monroe 5:00/6:00	End of 1st Term Appalachian State University @ PWHS 11:10 AM (Sign up in SCOIR to attend) Varsity Football @ Monroe 7:00	Marching Band Competition @ Forestview High School 2:30

Remember to follow us on social media:

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Follow us on Twitter: [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [@ParkwoodHSNC](#)



PWHS Counseling Department

NC Countdown to College - Month of October

CNFC.org Events

NC College Application deadlines and open house links:

<https://www.cfnc.org/media/fadgkugj/nc-college-admissions-deadlines-and-visit-information.pdf>

Online events to help with college applications:

<https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-countdown-to-college/>

College Admission Checklist:

<https://www.cfnc.org/media/spdnrtmk/cfnc-college-admission-checklist-2023.pdf>

UNC System Virtual Open House -

<https://www.northcarolina.edu/unc-system-virtual-open-house/>

- Recommended for Juniors and Seniors
- During the week of October 2, 2023 a series of four virtual sessions will be hosted via Zoom Webinar. Admissions Counselors from each institution will share helpful information about the admissions process and current students from each university will share about their college experience and answer your questions live.

SCHEDULE

◦ Session 1 – [Register Here!](#)

- **Monday, October 2, 2023; 6 pm to 7:15 pm**
Featuring: East Carolina University, NC State University, UNC Asheville, Winston-Salem State University

◦ Session 2 – [Register Here!](#)

- **Tuesday, October 3, 2023; 6 pm to 7:15 pm** Featuring:
Fayetteville State University, UNC School of the Arts, UNC Wilmington, UNC-Chapel Hill

◦ Session 3 – [Register Here!](#)

- **Wednesday, October 4, 2023; 6 pm to 7:15 pm**
Featuring: Elizabeth City State University, NC A&T State University, UNC Charlotte, Western Carolina University

◦ Session 4 – [Register Here!](#)

- **Thursday, October 5, 2023; 6 pm to 7:15 pm**
Featuring: Appalachian State University, North Carolina Central University, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke



Senior Portrait Information

Senior portrait appointments are open for October 3rd and October 19th. Students should register ASAP as slots fill up quickly. The sitting at school is FREE, and the pictures will be used in the yearbook. Use the link to sign up for your slot!

<https://seniors.legacystudios.com/parkwood-high-school-monroe-nc/>





Pack Players Audition

Parkwood Pack Players are excited to announce auditions for their fall play: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe! Any student who wishes to audition should scan the QR code and complete the attached form. Please complete the form and see Ms. Ford [this week](#) for a makeup date.





UCPS College Readiness



2023-2024 College Readiness Series

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College Entrance Exams 101

October 3, 2023

6:00 PM

Webinar

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Parents and students are invited to learn the differences between the ACT and SAT and some strategies for success! Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center Weddington.





College Application Month

During the month of **October**, your counselors will hold mini-sessions every **Tuesday** & **Thursday** in the media center for students graduating June 2024.



OCTOBER is COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

SESSION TIMES:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:00-8:30 am

11:53-12:19 1st lunch

12:23-12:49 2nd lunch

12:53-1:19 3rd lunch

1:23-1:49 4th lunch

This is an opportunity to receive valuable information and get help from your counselor so take advantage of this opportunity!

Topics to include:

- A step-by-step guide to applying to college
- Choosing colleges that are a best fit for you
- In-state, out-of-state, public and private school options
- Importance of knowing application deadlines
- Applying for NC residency and why it's important
- How to write an effective application essay
- How to use SCOIR for transcripts, teacher recommendations etc.
- Registering for the NCAA if you plan to play college sports
- Using an application portal to apply to colleges
- CFNC Free Application Week October 16-20
- Applying for financial aid through FAFSA
- College portals and receiving communication from schools



SPCC Open House

OPEN HOUSE



The first step to your college and career goals!

- Tour campus, including our Health Sciences, Manufacturing, and Technology Labs
- Learn about our wide variety of programs, degrees, and workforce training options
- Get help with financial aid
- Meet your future instructors and academic advisers
- Learn about student clubs and organizations
- Connect with various campus support services to help you succeed

When & Where

Oct. 4 | 4pm - 7pm

Old Charlotte Highway Campus,
4209 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

Tyson Family Center for Technology,
3509 Old Charlotte Highway,
Monroe, N.C.

Oct. 18 | 4pm - 7pm

L.L. Polk Campus,
680 Highway 74,
Polkton, N.C.



Scan here to
register for
Open House.

**Registration
requested but
not required.





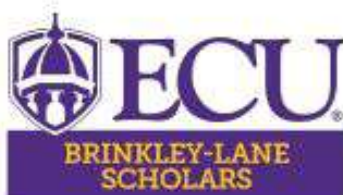
Merit Scholarships Information

Merit Scholarships Info Session

Join us for an informational evening with representatives from several prestigious North Carolina scholarship programs. During this session, program representatives will provide an overview of each scholarship and answer questions.

Thursday, October 5, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Session via Zoom
Register at
go.ncsu.edu/ncmeritscholarships



Brinkley-Lane Scholars is the most prestigious undergraduate award program offered at East Carolina University. Housed in the Honors College, the four-year merit scholarship recognizes outstanding academic performance, commitment to community engagement and strong leadership skills. Recipients receive a fully funded education, covering the cost of tuition, fees, room and board for both in-state and out of state students and high impact experiences, as well as the ability to explore the world with a \$5,000 study abroad stipend.



The Cheatham-White Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program for students attending North Carolina Central University. This program was designed to provide an outstanding educational experience for exceptional scholars with a wide range of interests. Students chosen for the Cheatham-White Scholarship typically are proficient in both the arts and sciences, demonstrate strong leadership potential, and have a commitment to public service.



The Levine Scholars Program is UNC Charlotte's premier merit scholarship. As a program grounded in civic engagement, the Levine Scholarship not only covers the full cost of attendance, it also awards scholars a grant to implement a community service project. Scholars develop into transformational leaders through funded experiences that include a non-profit internship, study abroad, a pre-professional internship, and individualized mentorship.



Park Scholarships

The Park Scholarships is NC State University's premier four-year merit scholarship program. Beyond covering the full cost of attending NC State, it affords Park Scholars access to a vibrant community of peers and alumni; horizon-expanding trips, retreats, service opportunities, and leadership training; individualized faculty mentoring; early course registration; and grants to fund professional and personal enrichment experiences such as study abroad and research projects.



HBCU College Fair

The College Outreach Ministry of New Life Fellowship
Center Presents

THE INAUGURAL HBCU COLLEGE FAIR



Register Below!



7 OCTOBER 2023

1PM-4PM

New Life Fellowship Center
1337 Samuel St.
Charlotte, NC, 28206

For more information, contact:

collegefellowship@newlifecityofpraise.org

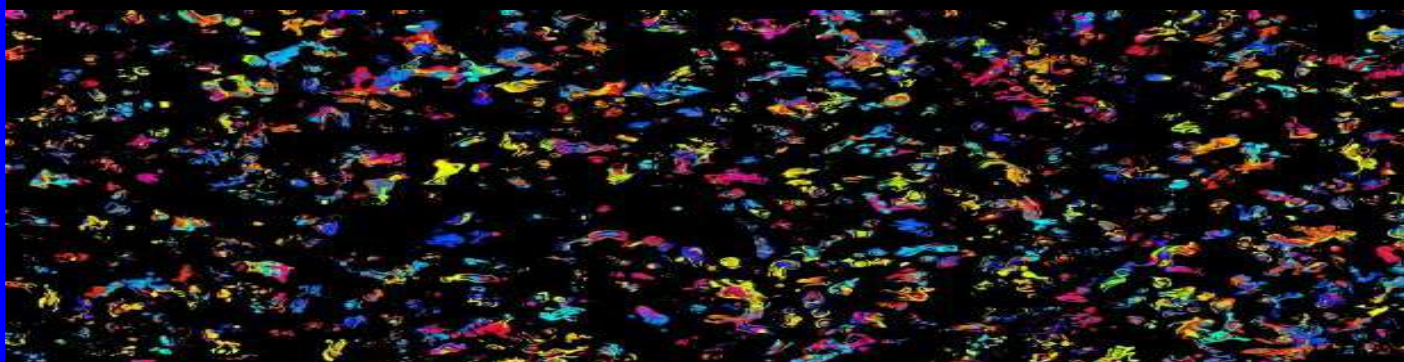


Junior/Senior Prom

Our Junior/Senior prom will be hosted on May 11th, 2024. If you would like to assist in decisions for this event, please fill out the Google Form attached to the QR code. We will have meetings monthly and decide on the Prom Theme and party favors. We will also meet in person with our decorator during the second semester to communicate our "wishlist" as far as decorations.

Meetings will be held in Room 502 with Mrs. Gill and/or Mrs. Chaffin. Meeting dates/times are still TBD, but we will host our first interest meeting Tuesday, October 17th after school till about 4:10pm.

This committee allows any members from the Junior and Senior class. Scan the QR code to sign up!





PWHS 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. Check out our [October newsletter](#) for details on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

PWHS PTSO At a Glance

- Have you purchased your Class of 2024 Senior Package? If not, what are you waiting for?! Purchase a [Senior Package](#) and start celebrating your Senior today!
- Come out and cheer on your favorite team at the Powderpuff Game on Tuesday, 10/10 at 6:30pm
- Help us help Parkwood High School! Join the PWHS PTSO by [purchasing a family membership for \\$10](#); your membership helps fund PTSO sponsored student and teacher events throughout the year

If you have any questions about the PTSO or are interested in a Committee Chair role, please feel free to send us an email at parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board

Kerri Lowery PWHS PTSO President

Kim Starnes PWHS PTSO Vice President

Brianne Tolani PWHS PTSO Treasurer

Adrienne Jaquith PWHS PTSO Secretary





Quick Notes from the Counselors

ASVAB

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023 from 8:30-11:30am.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) measures aptitude and acquired skills which can be used to help predict future academic and occupational success. ASVAB scores give students insight into their options and aid them in planning their next step after high school. The ASVAB is also used by the military for enlistment and classification.

Must be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test. The test will be on computer and takes about 2 1/2 hours.

Must sign up at <https://forms.gle/6Hq9zHaW4dFDuGdo7b>

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>

College Application Week

Plan to join our counselors during all lunches in the month of October in the Media Center for the following topics related to applying to college:

10/10- Application Essentials

10/12- Application Portal Choices

10/25- Financial Aid

10/26- What to expect after submitting your applications.



PWHS PTSO

Adopt A Paw

HELP US LEAD THE WAY

For the 2023-2024 school year, your PWHS PTSO will be selling Paw Prints. Paw prints will be painted on the sidewalk to mark the path from the fence entrance of the stadium leading to the visitor side. Not only will you be leaving your mark on Parkwood, you'll be helping to guide the path for visitors to our school.

Paw prints can be ordered online for \$20 per paw or in person at any PTSO event throughout the school year.

<https://tinyurl.com/48wxsebj>

If you donate by 10/13, your name will be included on a banner to be hung when the walkway is complete.

For questions, email us at parkwoodptso@gmail.com





Union County College Fair

GET READY FOR THE UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

Sunday, October 15th from 2 PM-4 PM
CATA, 600 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112



Strive Scan helps you share your information with colleges with just a barcode.

Visit <https://strivefair.com> to register!

REGISTER FOR YOUR BARCODE

1. ON YOUR PHONE, GO TO:

WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM

OR



SNAPCHAT
Press and hold Scan



CAMERA
Scan with your camera app

**2. FILL OUT A SHORT REGISTRATION FORM
TO GET YOUR BARCODE**

**3. SCAN YOUR BARCODE WITH COLLEGES
TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION**

**Why should I get a StriveScan
account?**

- Allows you to share information with colleges at the fair without filling out cards
- Takes 90 seconds to sign up
- Use your phone to share your information with colleges!
- Get information from all the colleges you want directly to your inbox after the event

Registration with and use of StriveScan is optional.



SPCC Career and College Promise Program



Career & College Promise Program (CCP)-Dual Enrollment

CCP is a North Carolina dual enrollment program that allows students to take college courses **tuition-free** while enrolled in high school. Students are responsible for additional costs, like ebooks, supplies and online access codes. UCPS school districts provides a \$50 reimbursement per course (see link below). The program's design provides structured opportunities for high school students to earn college credits tuition-free that "lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree as well as provide entry-level jobs skills. Career and College Promise is designed to connect students to college and career goals, whether they intend to transfer or go directly into the workforce after high school graduation.

Eligible students can choose between different pathways under CCP:

- **College Transfer Pathways (CTP):** **tuition-free** courses toward a number of transfer degrees, including the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways:** **tuition-free** courses toward a certificate or diploma in Welding, Construction, IT, Health Sciences, Automotive. These include Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) courses that can lead to a state or industry-recognized credential.

Eligibility requirements vary between pathways but typically consider a student's grade level, unweighted GPA, or college readiness through an assessment.

Ms. Davis, is our SPCC Career Coach assigned to Parkwood students. She is on-site available to students on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of each week during the school day. She is located in the Media Center (700 bldg.) and available during the lunch blocks for student access and can be reached @ wdavis@spcc.edu or 704-290-5876.

Mrs. Davison is our Counselor at Parkwood who works with students interested in taking college classes. Students can reach out to her through email shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us or the [counselor meeting request form](#) on how the program works with their high school classes.

Resources to Learn More about CCP:

<https://spcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022-2023-Career-and-College-Promise-Program-Guide-Update.pdf>

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/3715#:~:text=The%20Career%20and%20College%20Promise.of%20the%20tr,additional%20school%20day.>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JfVv9WTfsJtxAtvVJ4xSnFse7ZclwG7R/view?pli=1>

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/enhanced-opportunities/advanced-learning-and-gifted-education/career-and-college-promise>

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.

Nov. 14, 2023, Dec. 12, 2023, Jan. 9, 2024, Feb. 13, 2024, March 12, 2024 and April 9, 2024



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

Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to see who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- **In October:** University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ohio University, and University of South Carolina.

Interested in playing sports in college?



Reach out to Mr. Harris who can help you make sure you are on track by using the [meeting request form](#)



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 [meeting request form](#). 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.

AES Engineering Scholarship:

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student on the basis of character, as determined by evaluation of the essays that are submitted. Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. To apply, students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in response to the following question: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Please email your essay response to scholarships@aesengineers.com. For more information, please visit <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> Deadline: **October 8, 2023**

***Wendy's High School Heisman:**

Wendy's wants applications from both male and female student athletes who exhibit excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and within their communities. Must be a senior.

Apply at www.wendysheisman.com: Deadline: **October 17, 2023 at 6:00pm ET**

***Voice of Democracy Scholarship**

-\$35,000- 50 Awards (Deadline: **October 31, 2023**) To be eligible for the scholarship a student must: A) Currently be in high school between the grades 9-12. B) Be enrolled in a public, private, or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. Applications can be found by going to:

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>



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.](https://parkwoodathleticzone.com/partner/28/event/4178/buy-tickets)

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/4178/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



@UCPSCollegePrep



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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 melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us 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
- [Technology Tutorials for Parents and Students](#)
- [EmpowerEd Parent Portal](#)
 - [Mobile Apps, Attendance and Grades, Canvas Access and Tutorials](#)
 - [Tutorial Video](#)

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