



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Students have been given course registration information for the 2019-2020 school year. School counselors met with all freshman-juniors to review the process. Student course selection in power school has been **extended** to tomorrow, 3/16.

The Charlotte National College Fair is this Sunday, March 17 at the The Park Expo Center in Charlotte For more information go to

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>

Eighth grades student from Porter Ridge Middle School were given tours of our campus by Student Council Members. They learned about life as a high schooler. Their tour ended in the auditorium where I discussed that respecting themselves and others is an expectation at Porter Ridge High School and told them that we were excited to see what they can do next year!

Join us tonight for a showcase of student work as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present The **Beginning Theatre Showcase** tonight at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00. Next week we will have a school-wide assembly on Believing in Yourself!! Student Council has also planned next week as Random Acts of Kindness Week! We love our school spirit!

The PRHS Robotic Club is a club for students who are interested in learning and have the desire to build robots throughout the year. The club has teams that compete in competitions twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Interested students are welcome to attend the spring competition tentatively scheduled for May. Porter Ridge is also adding a Robotics Class next year! If you are interested please mark this on your course selection. You can also discuss with your Counselor when you meet.

**The Winter Awards Ceremony** for Men's and Women's Basketball, winter cheer, men's and women's swimming, and wrestling will be Thursday March 21 at 6:30 in the auditorium. Dress is Business casual.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters allow our whole community to know about the great things our children and teachers are doing here at Porter Ridge High School. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, facebook, and twitter, is the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!!

Dr. Fisenne





# School Counseling

- Great Summer Opportunities for High School Students are on the school websites under guidance
- Rising senior grade preregistration meetings finished
- Every Monday Ms. Burgess will be sending out the **Scholarship Spotlight** which will detail 1-2 scholarships. The email will also have the link to her updated Scholarship List for other scholarships. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received.

**Seniors and Scholarships!** Keep researching. Keep applying.

Parents of seniors, here is the presentation counselors gave to your students about scholarships. Your student can view this through their school Google account.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Mt1wSgl8\\_tUmlrZ\\_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQujl7vEppC\\_4/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Mt1wSgl8_tUmlrZ_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQujl7vEppC_4/edit#slide=id.p)

If you have questions, please contact your school counselor. Please let Ms. Ponder in counseling know if you have received a scholarship.

**Counselor concerns:** Counselors have ongoing concerns about student's vaping and over-using technology. Here are some parent resources on both topics for consideration.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/health/vaping-nicotine-teenagers.html>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/more-feeling/201712/can-t-fight-feeling-technology-and-teen-anxiety>

**Updated transcripts** are now available. If you have applied to a school that requires a mid-year report you can now go in and make the request for the transcript to be sent. **\*ONLY MAKE A REQUEST FOR SCHOOLS THAT REQUIRE A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT\***

**Scholarship season** is upon us!! Check your emails regularly. **Every Monday** Ms. Burgess will be sending out the Scholarship Spotlight which will detail 1-2 scholarships. The email will also have the link to her updated Scholarship List for other scholarships. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received.

**Current Sophomore & Juniors:** Are you interested in taking **Career and College Promise Courses** through SPCC next school year? The counselors will be having an interest meeting very soon. Use [this](#) link to sign up for the meeting. Details to follow.



Ms. Cloer's class makes connection through characterization utilizing dialogue, interactions, and conflict.

Mrs. Grello's class uses directional words in Spanish to hit the pinata!!





# **An Exceptional Children's Parent Awareness Night**

*For Parents of EC students of all ages*

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Location: **Union County Agricultural Center**

*3230 Presson Drive, Monroe, NC 28112*

*"Embracing Transition: Preparing for your child's future"*

Find out about services that are available for children with disabilities in Union County.

Parents will also have the opportunity to attend two 40 minute sessions.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Prime Moore**

Prime will share his journey from school to adulthood with the collaboration of School, Community and Family. His story of challenges & successes on the journey of "Embracing the Future" will INSPIRE you!

*Be prepared to BE INSPIRED!!!*

Listed below are some of the participating agencies:

*NC VR Benefits*

**SPCC Compass Education**

*Union County Clerk of Court*

*A Special Needs Plan*

**Cardinal Innovations**

*ARC of Union*

*First In Families*

**SSI Benefits Information**

*Autism Society*

**ARC of Cabarrus/Union/NC**

**CHS Union Project SEARCH**

**NC Vocational Rehabilitation**

**ADEPT**

**Exceptional Children's Assistance Center and others!**



# Pirate Praises



Huntington Learning Center-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT. Students who attend earn participation points toward their school's #UCPSCollegeReady goal!

UCPS will be administering the ACT and SAT to all juniors for free.

- UCPS ACT administration date: February 20, 2019
- UCPS SAT administration date: April 9, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link	Test(s) Addressed
Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19">http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19</a>	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Porter Ridge High 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19">http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19</a>	SAT



# AP SOCIAL STUDIES MOCK EXAMS

## WHEN

April 6th, 2019  
Doors open at **8:00 am**  
Exams start at **8:30 am**  
Ends when you finish

## WHERE

UCPS Professional Development Center  
721 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112  
(Next to CATA)

## REGISTER HERE:

[bit.ly/SSAP2019](http://bit.ly/SSAP2019)

## SUBJECTS

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

AP PSYCHOLOGY

AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

AP WORLD HISTORY

## PLEASE BRING:

- #2 Pencils
- Blue/black ink pens
- Water & Snack

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Jeff Schneider @ [jeffrey.schneider@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jeffrey.schneider@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**UCPS**  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Growing Possibilities...

**AP English Mock Exams!**

AP Literature! AP Language!

Register Here: [bit.ly/19APmock](http://bit.ly/19APmock)  
**March 23rd 2019**

Student registration begins at 8:00am Sharp! Test ends around 12:30pm

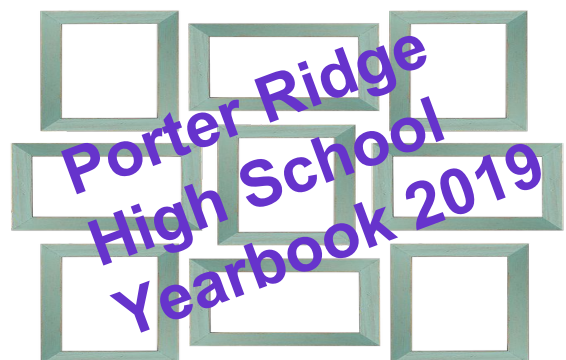
Porter Ridge High School - 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Questions? Email: [tylerbeard@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tylerbeard@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Please bring:

- Blue or black ink pens.
- Water/ Snacks
- No. 2 Pencils!

**Yearbooks -- \$80.** Prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)) by clicking below or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205. **Senior Yearbook Ads are on sale now to be featured in the yearbook.** Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ ([www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)).





# Announcements

- **AP English Mock Exam** . March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **THE GREAT RACE** is back and better than ever! **Thursday, April 11th at 6:00**. Mark your calendars!!! For those of you not familiar with **THE GREAT RACE**, click here for a little synopsis: [Goo.gl/KduCJV](http://Goo.gl/KduCJV)
- Do you belong to or coach a sport? Do you belong to or sponsor a club? Stop by the tables during all lunches to purchase a **spirit pin** from our TTA classes. **Lollipops, bath fizzies, and lanyards** are also available for purchase. Bath fizzies come in a variety of scents such as lavender, eucalyptus, jasmine, rose, rosemary and peppermint. Ask about our Porter Ridge and Holiday gift sets! Place your orders today!
- **NC State University's Youth Engineering Summer Camp** Are you creative or interested in Engineering? If so, NC State University College of Engineering will be running a summer camp in Roger's Hall at Queens University of Charlotte this summer. Camp registration is now open and will stay open until all spots are filled. To enroll for the camp please visit [www.engineeringcampcharlotte.com](http://www.engineeringcampcharlotte.com).
- **LAST CHANCE** to buy **PROM tickets!** Tickets for both juniors and seniors are \$75 and will be sold during all lunches in the cafeteria March 18th-22nd. Remember to have guest forms turned in with a copy of their photo ID by March 22nd. Forms are located in the main office and on the Porter Ridge website.
- Join us for a night of student work as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present The Beginning Theatre Showcase on March 15th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5

## Porter Ridge Career Pathways:

PRHS has a host of **career pathways** that support students as they select their courses throughout their high school years. Each of these pathways includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PR. These pathways assist students in choosing courses as they prepare for future studies and the workforce.



**Pathways at Porter Ridge High School** include: JROTC, Animal Science, Architect, Arts, Business Management, Culinary, Digital Media, Education, Engineering, Finance, Health Science, Law & Public Safety, and Liberal Arts.

**Academies** include:  
 Culinary Arts  
 Veterinary Assisting  
 Pharmacy Technician  
 Architecture, Eng. & Design  
 Digital Film

[Click here for more info](#)





**What exactly is the Robotics I course, you ask?** Robotics I provides a comprehensive study of programming, engineering and other STEM concepts. These core concepts are delivered through relevant activities and projects using robotics as a vehicle to convey the principles of programming and engineering. Project-based learning is an essential learning strategy in Robotics I as it uses authentic activities, scenarios and in-class competitions as a final project.

**Do you want to learn more about Robotics?** If you said yes, then you should select Robotics I in PowerSchool when making your course selections for next year. If you have any questions, please ask your counselor during your registration meeting.

### **PRHS Career Spotlight ~ Robotics Engineer**

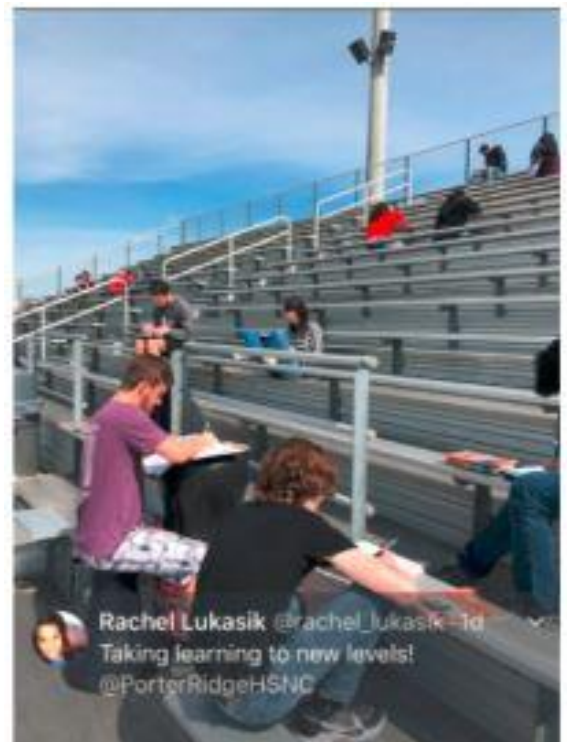
Robotics Engineers design and create robots and robotic systems, with a concentration in at least one of three skill areas; computer aided drafting & design, building robots, or research and development. Computer aided drafting & design uses modeling programs such as AutoCAD, Blender, Innovator, and SolidWorks to design plans and schematics. The building of the robots allows robotics engineers to work in the hands-on construction of the robots. While the research and development of the robots, is developing modifications and redesigning when needed. The average salary for a Robotics Engineer in North Carolina is \$94,940 and \$97,250 for the nation.

Chef Templeton discussing to PWHS students about the Culinary Academy at PRHS.

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[@UCPSCareerReady](#)

[@PWHScareers](#)



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Taking learning to new levels!  
@PorterRidgeHSNC



# Athletics

Mon 3/18	Tennis vs Garinger 4:00; Women's LAX AT Providence 5:00; Men's LAX vs Ardrey Kell 6:30
Tue 3/19	Tennis AT Rocky River 4:00; Soccer AT Rocky River 6:00; Baseball AT Indy 4:30; Softball AT Rocky River 5:30
Wed 3/20	Soccer vs Central Cabarrus 6:00; Softball vs Parkwood 4:30; Baseball vs Piedmont 4:30
Thu 3/21	Women's LAX AT Ardrey Kell 5:00; Tennis vs Myers Park 4:00; Men's LAX vs Cuthbertson 5:30
Fri 3/22	Soccer vs Myers Park 6:00; Softball vs Myers Park 4:30; Baseball vs Indy 4:30
Mon 3/25	Tennis AT Hickory Ridge 4:00; Women's LAX vs Indy 5:30; Men's LAX vs Indy 7:30
Tue 3/26	Tennis vs East Meck 4:00; Soccer AT Hickory Ridge 6:00; Softball AT Hickory Grove 4:30; Baseball vs Garinger 4:30
Wed 3/27	Baseball AT Sun Valley 4:00; Soccer vs Arborbrook 5:30; Softball vs East Meck 4:30
Thu 3/28	Softball AT Hickory Grove 4:30; Tennis AT Butler 4:00; Women's LAX AT South Meck 5:00; Men's LAX vs South Meck 6:00
Fri 3/29	Soccer vs East Meck 6:00; Baseball vs Garinger 4:30







# Pirate Events

Fri 3/15	Beginning Theatre Showcase 7:00 \$ 5.00
Mon 3/18	FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00
Wed 3/20	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 3/21	Gaming Club Meeting E102 3:00; Marching Band Fundraiser- Moe's @ Sun Valley Shopping 5:00-9:00 & Sweet Frogs @ Sun Valley Shopping Center 5:00-9
Fri 3/22	Battle of the Books at PDC
Sat 3.23	Winterguard AT Winthrop 7am
Mon 3/25	GSA Meeting F109 3:00
Tue 3/26	Government Studies Club F106 7:30; NHS Auditorium 7:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 3/27	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15;
Thu 3/28	Knitting Club G106 3:00

## 2019 - 2020 CTE Internship

Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, one being a level 2, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Mrs. Webb. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

## Academy Pathway Applications for 2019 - 2020

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](#) page on the UCPS website or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

## Pre-Apprenticeship Program Overview

- Student takes morning classes at High School, while afternoon is split between classes at SPCC and working at Greiner Bio-One, or other partner company.
- Student is paid for approximately 20 hours per week which is a combination of training, attending classes and work.
- Fall Classes at SPCC would begin Mid-August, 2019.
- Students receive High School Credit for their Community College Courses. Provides a potential opportunity to be selected for Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Provides hands on training to develop technical skills.



Participating companies include



along with other local businesses.



## Career Readiness Department

400 N. Church Street  
Monroe, NC 28112  
(704) 296-6360 (P)  
(704) 283-2435 (F)

<http://cte.ucps.k12.nc.us>



## Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Sign up to get paid to go to school!

## Pre-Apprenticeship Program Qualifications

- Being High School Senior
- Current GPA must be at least a 2.5. Student must have a minimum 2.8 GPA at Graduation to be considered for the Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Sufficient High School Credits to allow Community College courses in Senior schedule.
- Be able to attend a 3-4 week summer program beginning on June 10, 2019 through June 28, 2019.



## Coursework

Coursework during the Pre-Apprenticeship Program will be designed to work with degree programs. Some of the coursework may include:

- Industry Safety
- Hydraulics/Pneumatics
- Introduction to PLC
- ELC/Fluid Power Diagrams
- Circuit Analysis I
- Basic Welding Processes

## Apprenticeship Programs

- Completion of the Pre-Apprenticeship program allows students opportunity to be selected into the Registered Apprenticeship program for Greiner Bio-One, or other partner companies.
- Apprenticeship Program is a Four Year, 8,000 hour program, which allows candidates to graduate with an AAS technology degree from SPCC.
- It is a Dual Training system, go to school and work. The hours of work and education will vary from semester to semester; the employee will be paid 40 hours per week to include work time and education time.

For more information, contact your Career Development Coordinator

## There will be an Information Session

March 28, 2019  
at 6:00pm

Tyson Family Center for Technology  
3500 Old Charlotte Highway  
Monroe, NC 28110