



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

This week was PR's first Kindness Week! Students and staff brought new stuffed animals that will be donated to sick children at Levine Children's Hospital. Students caught each other being kind and gave out Kindness Stickers. Today students dressed in yellow to highlight Kindness and we had awesome participation! Shout out to our student council for leading this effort. High School Counselors started individual meetings with students this week to finalize course selections for the 2019-20 school year. These meetings will continue through May to ensure that all students have selected courses for next year. Parents should receive a course selection form from their student(s) the evening after they meet with a counselor. Parents must sign the form and have their student(s) return it to their 2<sup>nd</sup> block teacher the next day to verify course selections.

**Don't miss out!!!** Only **66** yearbooks are left to purchase. You can order yearbooks online ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)) or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205.

**Congratulations** to our **Advanced Chorus** who scored **Superior** and the **Beginning Chorus** who scored **Excellent** at the Music Performance Adjudication at Wingate University Tuesday. The Band Program had a Spring Concert earlier this week. The Porter Ridge Wind Ensemble, Concert and Symphonic Bands played three pieces each. The concert was judged by three area band directors to prepare for the upcoming North Carolina Music Performance Adjudication the first week up April. It was an awesome concert!!!!

Inspirational speaker, **Kevin Atlas**, spoke to the whole student body this week in the gymnasium. Mr. Atlas challenged students to step up and make a difference. "Our mission is for every student in America to have someone who believes in them. That's why we've created the Believe In You Challenge. The Challenge is for students to attend a school activity they never have before. Swim meets. Track meets. Plays. Choir concerts. Pick it, grab your friends, and go. **Show each other that support!** Share your acceptance of this Challenge using hashtag **#BelieveInYouChallenge**. **If not you, then who?**" We thank Varsity Brands, BSN Sports, and Herff Jones for sponsoring this amazing experience.

Second grade students from surrounding elementary schools visited our school for the **Fred Ingold Music Festival**. Students learned about string, percussion, woodwind, and brass instruments. Students from Walter Bickett Elementary performed with their string instruments and the Drum Line, Marching Band, and Symphonic Band for Porter Ridge performed. Thanks to Mr. Ross, Ms. Cook, Ms. Tomberlin and the Band of Pirates for their work!!

**Congratulations to Joshua Burns** who will be competing with his hockey team, the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes, in the **USA National Hockey Championship** in Dallas, Texas in April. Joshua's team is one of 12 teams in the United States competing. Good Luck to Joshua and the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes!! Good Luck to our Pirates participating in **Battle of the Books** Friday!! 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





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Kevin Atlas @captainhook4life in the house! Love the nub! Take off the mask! Blueprint for success! 🙌 @porterridgehs @ucpsnc

## #believeinyouchallenge



Joshua Burns



Second grade elementary entering the Auditorium for the Fred Ingold Music Festival



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## Porter Ridge High School

### Annual Spring Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 10th  
8:00am - 1:30pm



## How to Donate

To Schedule a life-saving appointment , please contact Mrs. Hayley Clontz [hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us) or enter sponsor code "PorterRidgeHS" on [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



## Important Reminders!



16 year olds need parent consent form signed .



Eat Breakfast!



Bring a valid identification such as a driver's license, DMV identification card, passport, etc.



Hydrate well the week of!





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## JUNIORS! INTERESTED IN U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES?

Meet a local area U.S. Air Force Academy cadet who will be home soon on spring break. Andrew LaRocca (Ardrey Kell Class of 2018) will speak at the Ballantyne Village Panera Bread on **Thu 28 Mar from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Address is 14835 Ballantyne Village Way in Charlotte. He will address the following:

- Service academy applications and congressional nominations
- Useful tips for interviews, the Candidate Fitness Assessment, academics, time management, leadership activities in HS, and mental preparation
- Basic Cadet Training (Jun and Jul after HS graduation) and his first year, including a typical "day in the life" of a cadet

**Please RSVP to address below by Tue 26 Mar if you plan to attend.**

**Parents are welcome too!**

Lt Col Eric Kelly (Ret), Parkwood AFJROTC Instructor & USAFA Admissions Liaison Officer

C: (980) 328-8029

[eric.kelly@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:eric.kelly@ucps.k12.nc.us)



**PRHS teachers  
learned how create an  
academic break-out  
room.**



# School Counseling

- Great Summer Opportunities for High School Students are on the school websites under guidance
- 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.

**SAT Blitz on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ PRHS.** Use this link: <https://goo.gl/KgS4uG>. to sign up! Spots are limited. It's a great way to get **FREE** SAT prep before the UCPS mandatory SAT on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Burgess' Local Scholarship List is always available via Pirate Press and has been sent to Seniors many times this semester. There are several scholarships on the list that have approaching deadlines!! Use the following link to access the list: <https://goo.gl/KgS4uG>.

Ms. Burgess & Ms. Patterson have started their 9<sup>th</sup> grade Motivational Group that is held after school each week.

Mr. James is working with students to allow them extra time after school to catch up on their Apex courses.

**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.



# **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**

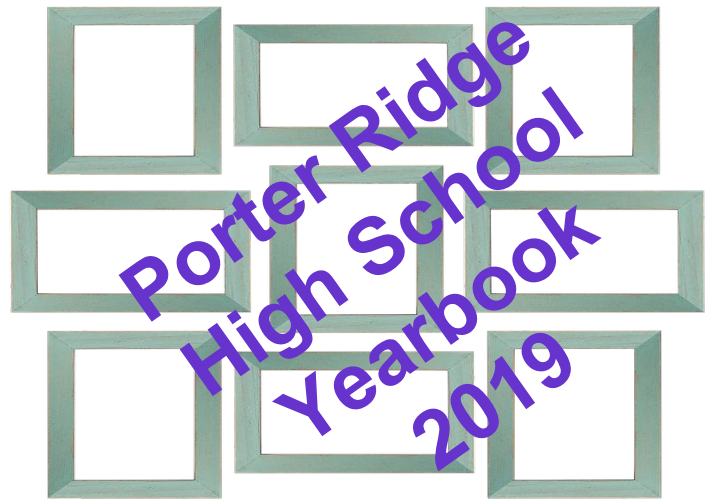
**Exceptional Children's Assistance Center and others!**



**Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 66**

**YEARBOOKS left!!** 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)).



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<br>600 Brewer Drive<br>Monroe, NC 28112                   | <b>SOLD OUT</b>   | SAT & ACT         |
| Saturday, February 16, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CATA<br>600 Brewer Drive<br>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<br>2839 Ridge Road<br>Indian Trail, NC 28079 | <a href="http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19">http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19</a>   | SAT               |



# Announcements

- Would you like to tour the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in uptown Charlotte, and obtain information about financial literacy? Well here is your chance. FBLA is sponsoring a field trip to the Federal Reserve on Wednesday, May 1st. Seats are available on a first come first serve basis. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 which covers transportation. Permission forms are available in F100, and money and forms are due to Ms. Ellis no later than Friday, April 5th, 2019.
- Interact will be having a meeting Thursday, March 28th at 7:40am to go over blood drive information. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping at the blood drive.
- HOSA will be having a meeting Tuesday, March 26th at 7:40 a.m. in E212 to go over blood drive information. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping at the blood drive.
- Spring Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, April 10th! Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets on all the classroom doors! Three lives are saved for every pint of blood collected!
- The Gay Straight Alliance club is hosting an awareness week with the Knitting/Crochet club and the Girl Up club. This week is for Porter Ridge students to learn about and become more aware of different groups of people within our school. Awareness Week begins April 8. Stay tuned for details.

## Porter Ridge Career Pathways:

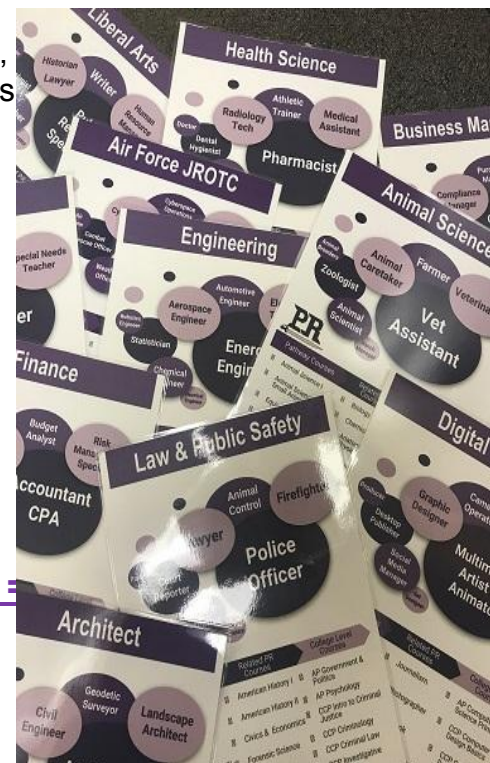
PRHS has a host of **career pathways** that support students as they select their courses throughout their high school years. Each of these pathways includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PR. These pathways assist students in choosing courses as they prepare for future studies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

### **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.



Varsity times listed here; [see Athletic website for all JV times](#)



# Athletics

|          |   |
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| 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   |
| Sat 3/30 | Baseball AT Providence 11:00  |
| Mon 4/1  | Tennis AT Indy 4:00; Baseball AY Rocky River 4:30' Men's LAX vs Sun Valley 6:30 Senior Night                        |
| Tue 4/2  | Women's LAX vs Myers Park 4:00; Softball AT Butler 5:30; Soccer AT Butler 6:30; Baseball AT Rocky River 5:00        |
| Wed 4/3  | Soccer vx Porter Ridge 6:30; Softball AT Charlotte Catholic 4:30; Baseball vs Queens Grant 4:30                     |

## Pirate Events

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|----------|---|
| 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   |
| Tue 4/2  | Robotics Club G104 3:00   |
| Wed 4/3  | Spanish Club F102 3:15  |
| Thu 4/4  | Tennis vs Rocky River 4:00; Men's LAX 6:30; Women's LAX 5:30                    |
| Fri 4/5  | Soccer vs Indy 6:30; Softball vs Indy 4:30; Baseball vs Rocky River 4:30        |

## 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