



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Come out tonight at 7:00 to see our theatre students **perform Appropriate Audience Behavior in the Auditorium**. Cost is free

Congratulations to our **Tennis regional qualifiers: Borrie Torres** in singles and **Aidan Joyce** and **Caidan McKinnie** in doubles!!

**Awareness Week** was successful as students participated in raising awareness for certain groups of students by wearing a certain color each day.

Our **Blood Drive** was a huge success by collecting 217 units of blood. Thanks to HOSA and Interact Clubs for all of their hard work.

Wednesday **FFA** hosted **Wake Up to AG Day** where area thirds graders were able to interact with a variety of farm animals and small pets as well as tour our on campus greenhouse. A variety of farm equipment was available for students to see.

**Congratulations** to Alexius Parks accomplishments and successes with Delta Sigma Theta, INC. Union County Alumnae Chapter as Debutante. She won three awards at the Cotillion Ball that was held Sunday April 7th 2019.

**Senior caps and gowns** will be delivered by Jostens on Monday 4/15 during lunches. Students owing any balances should bring the balance with them.

**Seniors** will have the opportunity to take **INDIVIDUAL** cap and gown pictures Thursday, April 18th in the auditorium. Seniors were given flyers at lunch today.

**Class of 2019** picture will be taken on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Students that flex early in the day must be here by 10:15 to participate. **Parents of Seniors** please send pictures in for the senior slideshow. The email is @prhsslideshow19. Along with an instagram account @Seniorslideshow\_2019. All pictures are due by May 1st.

**Our TTA and OCS** students attended the UCPS **Transition Fair**. They had the opportunity to play trivia games, share their job experiences, and visit vendors from the community.

Are you interesting in working with the **PTO** next year. PTO parent help is needed next year on the board. Most of this year's board members have graduating seniors. The time commitment is minimal and only one meeting per month. Please click on the following link to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0845a5a72daaff2-ptoboard>

Parent volunteers are needed to proctor for AP exams May 6th to 17th. Can you help? Email Linda Robinson with the dates you are available at [linda.robinson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:linda.robinson@ucps.k12.nc.us). 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



# Calling Current Juniors

(Rising seniors for 19-20 school year)

## Help Wanted:

We are looking for rising seniors who may have had some difficulties in transitioning to High School but overcame and had a successful time socially, academically, and organizationally who would like to mentor a freshman that may have the same difficulties.

Pick up the application in the front office.

Application deadline is extended to May 3rd

# We Want YOU!!



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**When: May 9th, 10th and 11th 7:00 PM**

**Where: Porter Ridge High School**

**Tickets: \$10.00**

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### **What is Champ Camp?**

*Champ Camp is a leadership opportunity for Union County Public Schools high school students.*

### **What do you do at Champ Camp?**

*At this event, students will hear from 2 dynamic speakers who will share information about how they decided on their career, what they love about their career, and what it took to get to where they are. After the 2 speakers, students will work in groups with a mentor to discuss different aspects of leadership and engage in an activity around leadership principles.*

### **When is Champ Camp?**

*April 4, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
May 23, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm*

### **Where is Champ Camp?**

*Champ Camp is held at Longview Country Club in Waxhaw, NC.*



### **How do I sign up?**

Visit <http://bit.ly/champcamp2> to sign up or scan the QR code below.





# 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.

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.

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

## Registration Meetings

- Counselor continue to meet with students during second block to finalize their course registration
- Students who didn't enter classes will be called and are not in a disadvantage in their course selections

Application for online courses for summer or next school year is available in the counseling sweet

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Seniors continue to turn in your awarded scholarship letters to Ms. Ponder



Congratulations Alexius Parks!!



Students participating in Awareness Week



## Class Registration

Counselors continue to see 9-11<sup>th</sup> graders in one-on-one meetings to review the student's course selections. Counselors and students are having good discussions about career goals, college plans, course pathways, and all that goes into a thoughtful selection of courses. Parents are asked to approve their student's course selection. After his or her meeting with the counselor, the student will bring home a list of selected courses for a parent/guardian to approve with a signature. Remember – we build our master schedule based on student course requests. If a student gets a requested class on his or her schedule, the schedule will not be changed in the fall. These one-on-one meetings will continue through April.

Some of our students did not make course selections in Powerschool before the deadline. They are now locked out and cannot make selections. Counselors will work with those students at the end of our registration process. These students will **not** be at any disadvantage in getting their preferred classes.

## College and Career Promise

Students who are **currently** enrolled in Career and College Promise at SPCC will be meeting with Ms. Davison next week to discuss future classes. Students new to CCP will meet with Ms. Davison at a later date.

## Online Classes

If your child are Interested in online courses for summer or next school year applications are now available in the counseling office. Spaces for online classes are limited. Application deadline is May 10th. As students consider summer classes please know the courses are very intensive and demand 3-4 hours per week day of work. The classes also require access to wifi. In the past students have been surprised by the demands of summer courses and have struggled. Families planning on vacations during the course should plan on their students continuing to dedicate 3-4 hours per day and have reliable wifi.



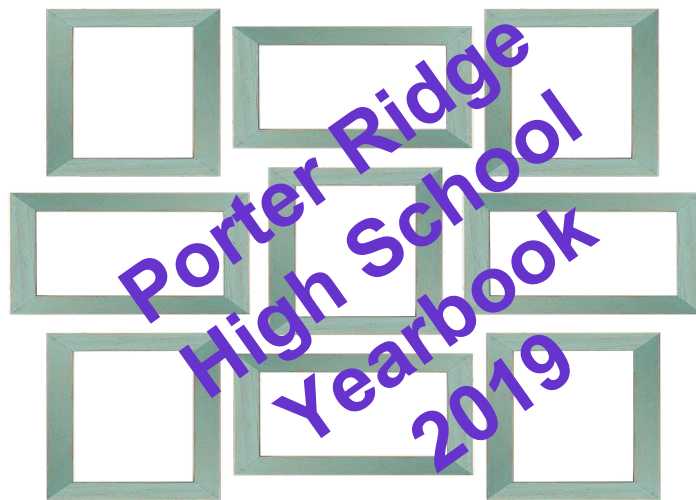




### Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 50

**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)).

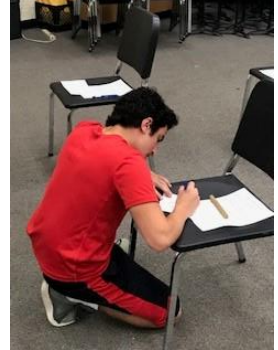


## 100 PR Moms – Honor your Mom for Mother’s Day

Your mom—she’s your biggest fan! She cheers for you from the sidelines, encourages you after practice, makes sure that you have your gear and supports your team. The Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club is giving you the opportunity to honor your mom and tell the world of her Pirate Pride! We are raising money to support our athletic programs and to celebrate all that moms do for us just in time for Mother’s Day!

- Limited to the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Pirate Moms
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 3 – go online to [porterridgeabc.org](http://porterridgeabc.org) to order
- Cost is \$100 and includes
  - o Bracelet with PR Mom Charm.
  - o Recognition at Halftime of a Varsity Football Game
  - o Banner to be displayed at sporting events
  - o Picture in Fall Athletic Program
- The gifts honoring your mom will be distributed May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>

- 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.



## 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](#)





## PRHS Career Spotlight ~ Computer Programmer

Computer Programmers create, modify, and test the code, forms, and script that allow computer applications to run. They must have the knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming. Computer Programmers also have the knowledge of practical application of engineering science technology, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, etc. The average salary for a Computer Programmer in North Carolina is \$87,900 and \$82,240 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.

\*\*Please note that the Cosmetology and Nurse Aide Academy application will close the week of April 15th. The signed application for either of these academies must be returned to your counselor or Mrs. Webb no later than Thursday, April 18, 2019. Anyone turning in an application for either Cosmetology or Nurse Aide after Thursday, April 18, 2019 will be put on a waiting list.

**APPLY NOW!**

**2019 Youth Leadership Program**

*Celebrating 12 years of Youth Leadership Development*

- ◆ Three-week, paid leadership development program for rising high school seniors
- ◆ Field trips and leadership training sessions in the Raleigh area
- ◆ Connect with peers from diverse backgrounds as well as community, state and business leaders
- ◆ Opportunity to work with a team of peers and compete for best project
- ◆ \$750 stipend

Apply online by April 8, 2019  
[www.ncinitiative.org/leadership-development/youth](http://www.ncinitiative.org/leadership-development/youth)

**Questions?**  
Contact Barron or Katrina Damon  
Phone: 919.756.5106  
Email: [grants@ncinitiative.org](mailto:grants@ncinitiative.org)  
Website: [www.ncinitiative.org](http://www.ncinitiative.org)

  
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# Athletics

Fri 4/12	Track AT Providence 3:00; Softball vs Rocky River 4:30; Soccer vs Rocky River 6:30; Baseball AT Myers Park 7:00
Mon 4/15	Golf AT Hickory Ridge Rocky River CC 3:30; Tennis vs Hickory Ridge Senior Night 4:00; Soccer vs Piedmont 4:30
Tue 4/16	Baseball AT Hickory Ridge 4:00; Golf vs Weddington AT Monroe Country Club 3:30; Women's LAX vs Parkwood Senior Night 5:30; Softball AT Sun Valley 6:00
Wed 4/17	Track AT Weddington 4:00; Men's LAX AT Sun Valley 6:00; Women's LAX vs Sun Valley 5:30
Thu 4/18	Soccer vs Hickory Ridge 6:00; Baseball vs Hickory Ridge 4:30; Softball vs Hickory Ridge Senior Night 4:00
Tues 4/29	Soccer at East Meck 6:00
Thu 5/2	Soccer vs Butler 6:00

## Pirate Events

Fri 4/12	Appropriate Audience Behavior in Auditorium at 7:00
Mon 4/15	FCCLA D101 3:00
Tue 4/16	Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 4/17	Spanish Club F102 3:15; Beta Club Induction Auditorium TBD
Thu 4/18	Gaming Club E102 3:00, FFA E202
Tues 4/29	NHS Meeting Auditorium 7:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 5/1	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 5/2	Gaming Club E102 3:00