



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations to students who were inducted into the Beta Club Wednesday evening. Beta club officers were also inducted. Earth Day was celebrated Tuesday during lunches. Thanks to Ms. Smart, her third period class, and Ms. Snelson who created displays and had interactive games teaching students about conservation and sustainability. North Carolina Farms, Inc. donated plants and potting soil. They brought volunteers to help student pick out and pot a plant.

HOSA, National Honor Society, and Sports Medicine classes volunteered to help Sardis and Hemby Bridge Elementary Schools have a successful Field Days. Thanks to Mrs. Kerley and here art students who planned **Very Special Arts Day** for surrounding elementary, middle, and high schools. The theme was, "My Favorite Pet." Students watched performances by drama students, chorus students, and the flute section of the band before marching out to the stadium where there were many art activities to participate in.

Senior caps and gowns were delivered by Jostens on Monday 4/15 during lunches. Students who did not get theirs can stop by the front office to pick them up after spring break. Information on creating our 19-20 PRHS Student Section tshirt is in the Pirate Press. Information will also be emailed to all juniors and parents about Class of 2020 packages that are available for next year's seniors!

Class of 2019 picture will now be taken during Senior Week in late May. Seniors received a letter describing Senior Week and we have included it here in the Pirate Press. **Parents of Seniors** please send pictures in for the senior slideshow. The email is @prhsslideshow19 and an instagram account @Seniorslideshow_2019. All pictures are due by May 1st.

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.

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



Very Special Arts



Senior Information

Dear Class of 2019,

We are very proud of every one of you. For the remainder of this spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. We hope you will have fond memories of PRHS and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your senior year and want to be sure you know all necessary information.

Caps and Gowns: Were delivered on Monday 4/15 during lunches. See the office staff if you did not pick up your order.
Individual Cap and Gown pictures: Thursday 4/18 – the sign up link was emailed to all seniors at the start of this week. Please be on time to your appointment.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Cabarrus Arena (4751 NC Highway 49 Concord, North Carolina 28025). Please arrive no later than 3:00pm to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. Due to limited parking we urge you to drive with your parents. A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at PRHS are only permitted to wear PRHS-issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Senior Week is May 20-24 (When no activities are listed seniors will be in regular classes):

Monday 5/20:

- *Middle School Monday Spirit Day.*
- *STUCO Volleyball Tournament 5:00 pm. (signup info will be available).*

Tuesday 5/21:

- *A New Frontier – College/Career Shirts Spirit Day.*
- *Graduation Practice 8:00 am (required).*
- *Senior Slideshow and Senior Brunch to follow.*
- *Senior Academic Signing for all Seniors (parents invited) 11:30 am in main gym. All seniors will be recognized for future plans, scholarships and other awards.*

Wednesday 5/22:

- *Senior Citizen Spirit Day*
- *Senior Switch Day (must apply in advance)*

Thursday 5/23:

- *Hawaiin Spirit Day*
- *Senior Class of 2019 Picture 8:15 – must be in cap and gown*
- *Elementary School Visits – Graduates in Caps and Gowns to follow*
- *Senior Luau 3rd block*
- *Game Night 6:30 pm at PRHS*

Friday 5/24:

- *Class Spirit Day – Seniors wear Black*
- *Class Spirit Rally – Stadium – whole school fourth block*



Senior Academic Signings: Our school will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career (on 5/21 11:30 am – see above). Signings will also include scholarship recognitions and Department Awards as warranted. All senior parents are invited to attend. Parents of those receiving awards will receive a separate notification.

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Tuesday 5/21 at 8:00 am in the gym. ALL Seniors must attend if you plan to participate in graduation. If you normally flex, you must be here at school for this practice. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not wear your cap and gown to practice.

Senior CLASS of 2019 Cap and Gown Picture: Thursday May 23rd 8:15 am. You must have your cap and gown to be in the picture (we strongly recommend that you do NOT bring your tassel as it is easy to lose and we do not have replacements).

Yearbooks: Our plan is to issue yearbooks to seniors during Senior Week. More information to follow.

Graduation Speeches: Information on auditions will be provided over the school announcement system. Please pay attention for announcements.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make all payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid prior to receiving tickets for graduation.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale starting 5/21 after the Academic Signing Ceremony. Tickets will continue to be sold in the main office through June 5th during normal office hours. Each senior will receive five (5) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$10.00 a ticket until we reach venue capacity.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their free tickets until after graduation practice.

Extra Information about graduation day:

- Cabarrus Arena will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that noisemakers are not permitted in the arena. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Graduates must arrive by 3:00 pm.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the arena, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the arena and will use the arena tunnels to exit to the back of the arena where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is your responsibility to mail it to your college. The school does not mail the final transcript – it is provided to you and it is your responsibility to mail after graduation.
- Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the arena for pictures and our school must exit the arena parking areas 30 minutes after the ceremony concludes.

Seniors, remember that graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Please continue to attend to your classes and finish your high school career strong! Continue to make yourself, your family, and your school proud!

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal



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

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Book by
David Simpatico

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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

Thank you to our community and UCPS for all of the well wishes, support, and extra counselors sent to PRHS during the loss of one of our beloved Pirates.

Online Classes

If your child is 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.

Class Registration

Counselors continue to see 9-11th 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.

Middle School Registration

Counselors will begin meeting with rising 9th graders on April 29th to update and verify course selections for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

College and Career Promise

Students new to CCP have been meeting with Ms. Davison to fill out the SPCC application and review program guidelines in preparation for their upcoming registration meeting on April 30th. If your student has not met with Ms. Davison, please have them contact her immediately after spring break.

Scholarship Information

- 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.
- Please let Ms. Ponder know if you have received any scholarships.

Summer Opportunities To learn more about the Great Summer Opportunities for High School Students, please visit the [PRHS School Counseling Page](#).

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and restorative spring break!



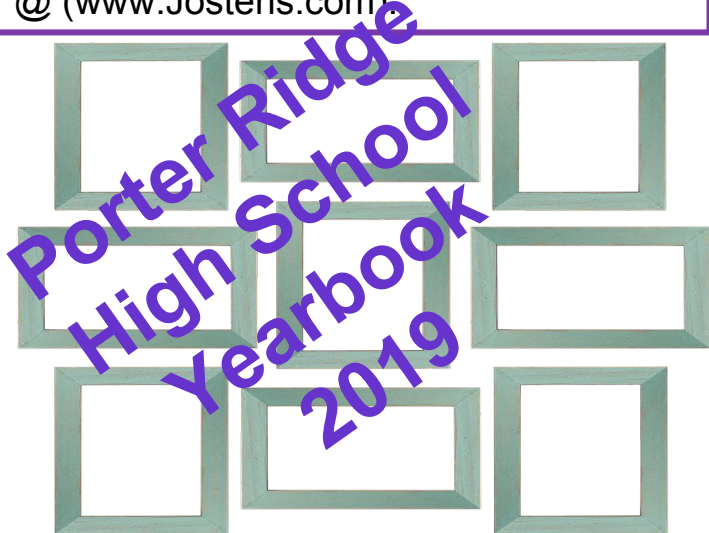
Design our PRHS 2019 – 2020

Student Section T- Shirt

Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 50

YEARBOOKS left!! You can order yearbooks online (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)



- Turn in your design 8.5 x 11 paper by **Thursday, May 9th** (designs will be approved by principal prior to voting) (or email your design to kim.fisenne@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- **During lunches May 14th – May 17th students will cast vote for their favorite design**
- **Friday, May 17th – the winner will be announced**
- **T-shirts with the Winning Design will be sold during August Open House and during lunch times once school resumes. Designer of winning shirt gets a free shirt!**
- **Those “Duke Crazy’s” have nothing on the spirit at PR!! If your design is picked, yours will be the Original - PR Student Section T-shirt.**

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



Announcements



Earth Day



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

Questions?
Contact Barron or Katrina Damon
Phone: 919.756.5106
Email: grants@ncinitiative.org
Website: www.ncinitiative.org


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Athletics

Wed 4/24	V Baseball vs Myers Park 4:30
Thurs 4/25	V Baseball vs Cuthbertson 2:00 (Fri V Baseball @ Cuth at 2:00)
Tues 4/29	Soccer at East Meck 6:00
Thu 5/2	Soccer vs Butler 6:00

Pirate Events

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
Fri 5/3	Tennis Regional Tournament AT Adrey Kell 1:00
Mon 5/6	GSA Meeting F108 3:00
Tue 5/7	Governmental Studies Club 7:30
Wed 5/8	Umoja Banquet Cafe 3:00, Graphic Design Club 3:00, Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 5/9	Gaming Club E102 3:00; Knitting and Crocheting Club G106 3:00



Beta Club Inductions



Congratulations to Jordan Maw for signing with Belmont Abbey to cheer!