



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations to our **Band of Pirates** on their ratings at the Music Performance Adjudication. Concert Band scored a rating of **Excellent**. Symphonic Band scored an **Excellent**. The Wind Ensemble had a perfect score earning a **Superior**.

Calling current juniors (rising seniors for 19-20 school year) who would like to mentor a rising freshman. 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. Pick up the application in the front office. Application deadline is April 19th. We want YOU!!

Congratulations to Anna Cassidy who was a recipient of the **John H. Crowder Service Award**. This distinguished award goes out to high school students who are making positive differences in the school. Cassidy has spent all four high school years volunteering regularly. With her focus on food insecurity, she volunteers during the week at both the Common Heart Food Pantry and Distribution Center. In the summers, she volunteers with the Carolina Cross Connection to support homeowners in a mountain community to repair and upgrade their homes. Each year on Memorial Day, Cassidy and her family honor veterans by laying flowers on their graves.

Awareness Week – April 8th - April 12th. Awareness is the week for Porter Ridge students to learn about becoming more aware of the different groups of people within the school. Show your support by wearing **rainbow colors** Monday; support LGBT Tuesday by wearing **orange**; support Women's Rights Wednesday by wearing **pink**; support those struggling with Mental Illness Thursday by wearing **yellow**; and Friday wear **black** for a Day of Silence. There will be a movie Monday at 3:00 in F108.

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. Earlier this week 8th grade students and parents visited to learn about life in High School. Our clubs had information and representatives to showcase their organization. The Band Booster, Athletic Booster, PTO, JROTC, and Athletics were also represented sharing information in addition to a presentation by our principal that is available on our website.

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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Porter Ridge High School

April 12th, 2019 7:00 PM Free Admission

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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 or enter sponsor code **"PorterRidgeHS"** on **redcrossblood.org**

Important Reminders!



16 year olds need parent consent form signed .



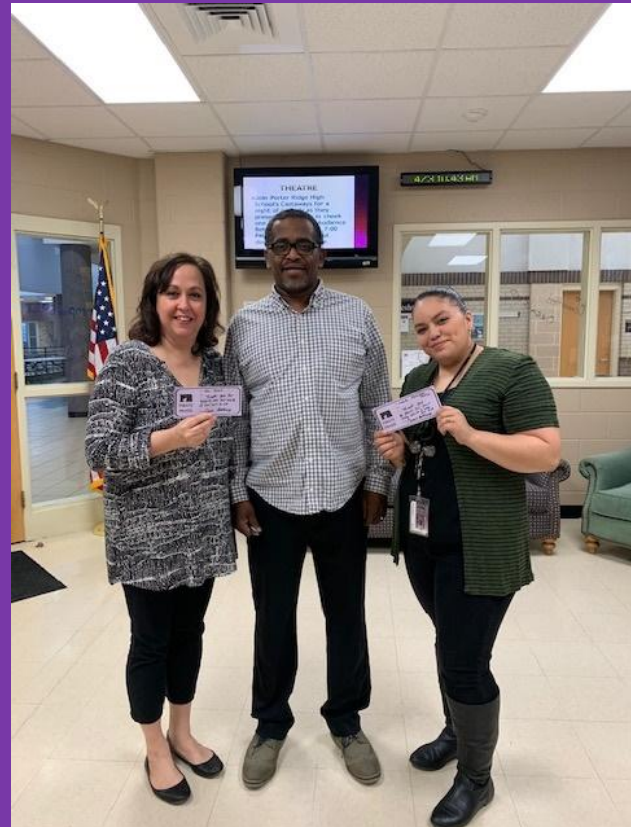
Eat Breakfast!



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



Hydrate well the week of!





Pirate **PRESS**



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.

SAT Blitz on Saturday, April 6th @ 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 9th.

Ms. Burgess & Ms. Patterson have started their 9th 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 to Anna Cassidy!!



Earth and Environmental
Science Projects



Summer Leadership

Students looking for summer opportunities? Check out the NC Community Development Initiative's **Summer Youth Leadership Program**. Applications are due April 8. Application and information can be found [here](#). This is a great opportunity for any student looking to sharpen leadership skills and also demonstrate a commitment to leadership on college applications. The program comes with a \$750 stipend. Many similar programs charge the student to participate. Check it out!

PRHS just held its first Kindness Week. Our amazing Student Council organized and implemented the events. The students fully embraced the concept. Activities included a "Random Acts of Kindness" Day where students acknowledged gestures of kindness with a smiley sticker, a community services project (from our Pirate community to the outside community) of gathering donated teddy bears to deliver to children at Levine Children's Hospital, and a yellow out day when the school wore yellow to celebrate kindness.

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.

Counselors met with students in 8th grade classrooms at PRMS last week to discuss the registration process with our rising 9th graders. We will also meet individually with each student to review their courses requests and a parent/guardian will be asked to approve the selections with a signature.

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.



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

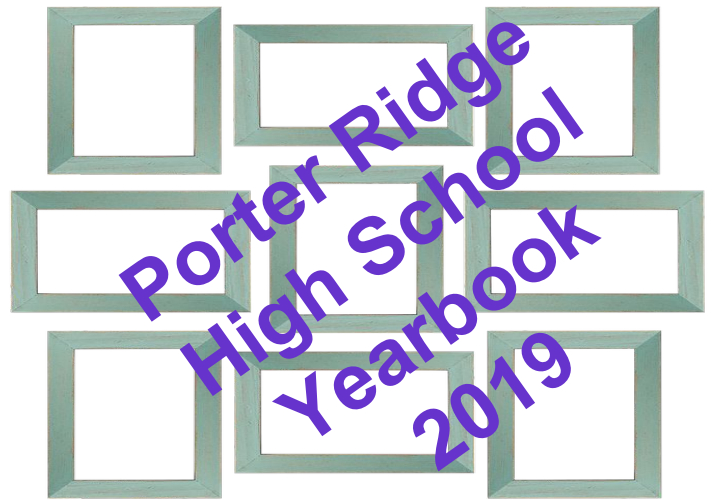
Exceptional Children's Assistance Center and others!



Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 56

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).





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.
- 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:

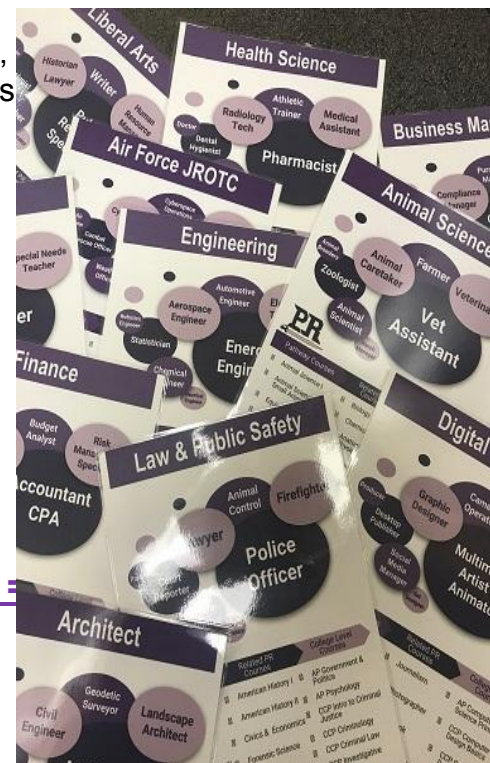
PRHS has a host of **career pathways** that support students as they select their courses throughout their high school years. Each of these pathways includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PR. These pathways assist students in choosing courses as they prepare for future studies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





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



Athletics

Sat 4/6	Baseball AT South Meck 11:00
Mon 4/8	Golf vs Latin Sycamore 3:00
Tue 4/8	Tennis Conference Tournament AT East Meck 3:00; Baseball vs Myers Park 4:30; Softball AT Garinger 5:00; Women's LAX AT Butler 5:00; Soccer AT Garinger 5:30; Men's LAX AT South Meck 7:00
Wed 4/10	Golf vs Catholic Divide 4:00 Sr night; Soccer AT Myers Park 6:00; Softball AY Myers park 5:00
Thu 4/11	Tennis vs Hickory Ridge 4:00
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

Pirate Events

Fri 4/5	Rho Kappa meeting
Mon 4/8	GSA meeting F108 3:00
Tue 4/9	Government Studies Club 7:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00
Wed 4/10	Blood Drive 8:00; AG Day 8:00
Thu 4/11	Knitting & Crocheting Club G106 3:00; Gaming Club E102 3:00; The Great Race
Fri 4/12	Appropriate Audience Behavior in Auditorium at 7:00
Mon 4/15	FCCLA D101 #: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	GSA meeting F108 3:00