



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Come out May 10th or 11th at 7:00 to see our Pirates perform **High School Musical** in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and on sale now at <http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz> buy them online - save some time in line the night of the show AND get to pick your seats in advance! Don't miss out!

Congratulations to Ms. Batchelor for being named Corning STEM teacher of the year.

The State Utility Contractors Equipment Rodeo was on campus Wednesday. Dr. Fisenne learned how to move dirt using a backhoe.

This week was teacher appreciation week. Teachers were given sweet treats, lunches, breakfast, and gifts to show how much they appreciate all they do for Porter Ridge.

The next Spring FFA Plant Sale is May 11th 9-12:00 at the Greenhouse by the bus parking lot. There are 6 packs of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, jalapeno peppers, sweet banana peppers, anaheim chili, petunias (white, midnight, red & apple blossom), vincas (punch, redberry & red), impatiens (red, pink, white, & coral), and coleus. They are \$2 per 6 pack.

Current Juniors - enter your t-shirt design for next year's PRHS Spirit Shirt - see details in this newsletter!

Congratulations to Baseball and Soccer for making it to round 2 in the State playoffs. Golf placed 5th at regions. Congratulations to Nick Sutton who qualified for States.

A shout out to our awesome staff trivia group who brought home the crystal trophy. Mr. Leath, Mr. Beard, Ms. Craig, and Ms. Lukasik.

Attendance recovery information will be shared with parents and students Friday.

Construction has begun on our track inside the stadium. We hope to have a new track by fall.

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>

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



Congratulations Ms. Batchelor! Corning
STEM teacher of the year!!!



Attendance Recovery

Pirates! If you have over 7 **unexcused absences**, you **MUST** attend recovery after school or on Saturdays between now and June 1st!

Recovery starts **Saturday, May 11** with the opportunity to earn back 2 class sessions from 9:00 am- 12.

Recovery will continue **every weekday after school** for 1 class session from 3:00-4:30 and each Saturday **EXCEPT** May 25 and May 27 when we are closed for Memorial Day.

All recovery must be **finished** by Saturday, June 1st at Noon.

Check with each of your teachers to see if you need recovery time!





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SPRING PLANT SALE

Location: Porter Ridge High School Greenhouse

Available Plants:

Tomatoes (celebrity, better boy & super sweet)

Cucumbers

Zucchini

Jalapeño Peppers

Sweet Banana Peppers

Anaheim Chili

Petunias (white, midnight, red & apple blossom)

Vincas (punch, redberry & red)

Impatiens (red, pink, white & coral)

Coleus



Upcoming Sale Dates:

~~Saturday May 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.~~

Saturday May 11th from 9:00 am – 12 pm.

*You can contact Cassidy Starnes to come after school on weekdays.



2839 Ridge Road | Indian Trail, NC 28079

Please contact Cassidy Starnes with any questions or concerns at cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us



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:

- *Hawaiian 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

THE FACE OF CAMP SOAR

Victoria Bowler



Vickie with her dad "Bob"

In remembrance of Vickie's spirit, her parents, Robert "Bob" and Marilyn Bowler and family members have established the *Victoria Bowler Memorial Scholarship* at CPCC for deserving students preparing for a career in the paralegal profession. In addition, an *Outstanding Volunteer Memorial Award* is presented each year at Camp SOAR in Vickie's honor.



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Sports

- Basketball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Fitness
- Yoga
- Bowling
- Bocce

Activities

- Bingo
- Aerobics
- Dancing
- Music
- Movies
- Arts & Crafts
- Computer Lab
- Entertainment



Camp is FREE!
Register Early - Limited Spaces
MUST REGISTER BY MAY 10, 2019

*Camp SOAR remains a free camp. However, with costs increasing, any donations one wishes to make in support of Camp SOAR will be greatly appreciated.

Please make any contributions to:
Special Olympics Mecklenburg County
P.O. Box 78529
Charlotte, NC 28271



June 10-14, 2019
Levine JCC - Charlotte, NC

DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Victoria Bowler



A passionate Camp Soar volunteer with extraordinary enthusiasm, energy & commitment.

Camp SOAR
P.O. Box 78529 • Charlotte NC 28271



Baseball and Soccer made it to the second round of State tournament!!



The Golf Team had a great season!!



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Disney
**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**
ON STAGE!

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Songs by
Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley;
Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle;
David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by
Bryan Louiselle

Book by
David Simpatico

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by
Peter Barsocchini

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

Where: Porter Ridge High School

Tickets: \$10.00

Buy Tickets Now

 **SeatYourself**

<http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz>





Champ Camp

Video Link about Champ Camp:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYLuYr9iCD0&feature=youtu.be>

Flyer:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1onqNBKliGFdXdKCG9-yyV5ZeyRFawnvL8wW3LR08_Hs/edit

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?

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>



School Counseling

**Are you interested in attending or learning about Historically Black Colleges & Universities?

Campus Connections is an outside program that works with high school students in grades 10 and 11 to increase their awareness of the educational and cultural opportunities available to them at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Campus Connections will have an information meeting on May 20th during Pirate Prep in the Media Center. Interested 10th & 11th grade students must sign up by 5/17 to attend at the following link: shorturl.at/dwzFI.

AP Testing is Underway

Students are taking AP exams to earn college credit. The exams take place at a neighboring church. Thanks to all proctor volunteers!

**Counselors are still meeting one-on-one with all Pirates to go over their course requests for 2019-20. Counselors have used these meetings to select courses but also engage in conversations about post-graduate plans and goals, career pathways, UCPS academies, graduation requirements, and more. Students who were absent on the day their 2nd block class came to Counseling or who did not put in their own requests before the deadline, will get meetings with counselors. Parents, your student will bring home their list of requests and ask you to approve it with a signature. Please note any changes you want on the list of courses.

After the meetings and the parent signatures, no further changes will be made to course requests.

**Counselors are planning the PRHS Senior Award Ceremony for later in May. Stay tuned for details!

**For families making decisions about colleges and financial aid packages, here is a helpful [article](#).

**Parents, some students don't truly focus on life after high school until graduation is right in front of them. If your student is undecided, please have them reach out to their school counselor. We can help with applications to community college, with identifying potential trades, connecting with some local employers, and laying a longer term plan for attending a 4-year college. Whatever direction your student chooses, counselors are here to support.

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.

Scholarship Information

- Students continue to apply for scholarships. Information is available through internet searches, Naviance, and our Local Scholarship List. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received. Please encourage your student to check email daily as counselors push out scholarship that comes in through student emails.
- Please let Ms. Ponder know if you have received any scholarships. We cannot count a student's scholarship toward the PRHS total without documentation. You worked hard for your scholarships -- let us recognize you!

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



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Free Sports Screenings for Student-athletes

Novant Health Competitive Edge sports screenings are free to all UCPS, rising 7th grade and above, student-athletes. The sports screening includes medical history review and cardiovascular screening, as well as general medical, musculoskeletal and vision exams.

- These sports screenings fulfill the NCHSAA pre-participation sports physical exam requirement.
- **Registration is required**
- **Please register at [ppezoom.com](https://www.ppezoom.com) between April 28th and May 26th**
- Space is limited
- Open to rising 7th-12th graders
- For more information, please visit novanthealth.org/sports or see your school's athletic trainer

Event details

Saturday, June 1st, 8:00am to Noon.

**Novant Health Southern Piedmont
Primary Care**

**1995 Wellness Blvd, #110, Monroe, NC
28110**

**Forest Hills, Monroe, Piedmont, Porter
Ridge, Sun Valley, CATA**

**Novant Health Waxhaw Family
Physicians & Sports Medicine**

**3614 Providence Road S., Waxhaw, NC
28173**

**Cuthbertson, Marvin Ridge, Parkwood,
Weddington, CATA**

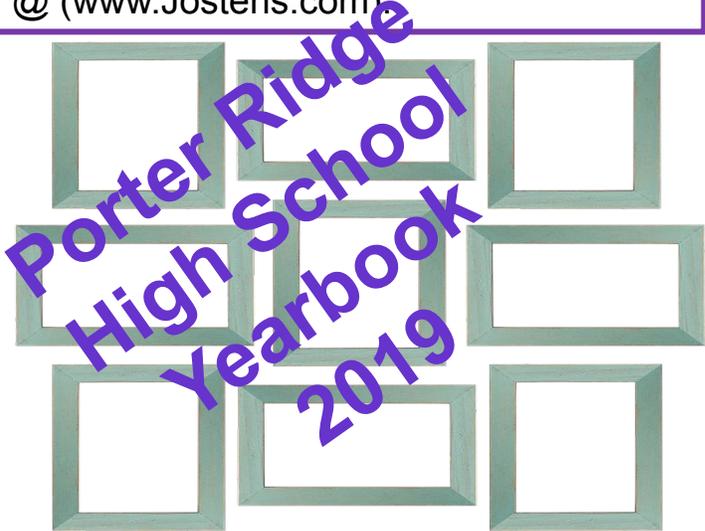


Design our PRHS 2019 – 2020

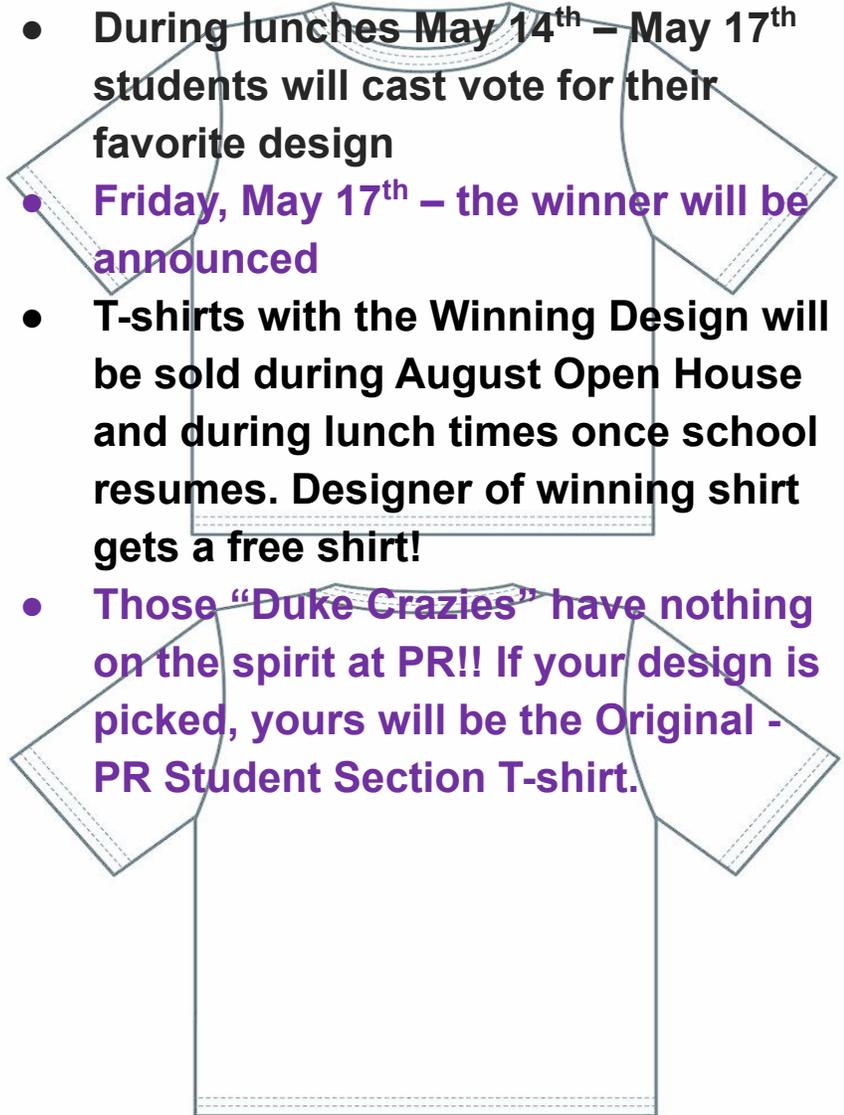
Student Section T- Shirt

Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 30 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)



- 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.**



PTO provided a wonderful lunch Wednesday cooked by our PR Culinary Students.



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. All internship applications must be turned back into Ms. Webb by Wednesday, May 15th, if interested in a Fall 2019 internship.

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.

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 ==>](#)



Centralina Virtual Career Marketplace



Centralina Virtual Online Job Fair

Thursday, May 16, 2019
8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Register beginning April 19th

<https://centralina.easyvirtuallfair.com/>

Be a part of a new and innovative way to find employment. Put your skills to work with great employers right here in the Centralina Workforce Development Board region!



NCWorks
career center
powered by Centralina

Looking for a Career or a New Opportunity?

Employers in Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Stanly and Union counties have available positions and want to hire qualified candidates – like you!

A virtual job fair can help you

- Save time
- Learn about local employers
- Determine your best job fit
- Meet with employers LIVE online.

Access this event from any device anywhere with Internet service.



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



Athletics

Fri 5/10	Soccer AT East Forsyth
Tue 5/21	Spring Sports Awards Night Auditorium 6:30

Pirate Events

Thu 5/9	Gaming Club E102 3:00; Knitting and Crocheting Club G106 3:00
Tue 5/14	Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00
Wed 5/15	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 5/16	Interact Club 7:40; Gaming Club E102 3:00
Mon 5/20	GSA F108 3:00; STUCO Volleyball Tourney 5:00
Tue 5/21	Academic Signing Day Gym 11:30; Robotics Club G104
Wed 5/22	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 5/23	Gaming Club E102 3:00; Knitting and Crocheting Club G106 3:00; Game Night Cafe 5:00; FFA Banquet Media Center 5:00
Fri 5/24	Class Wars Stadium 1:30