



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Final Exams start Friday May 31st. More info is in the Pirate Press. Seniors enjoyed a week of celebrating their upcoming graduation. They practiced for the graduation ceremony, ate brunch, watched a senior slideshow, participated in academic signing (some were surprised by a greeting and handshake from Superintendent, Dr. Houlihan), senior class pictures, walks through local elementary schools, a luau, and Class Wars in the stadium with the whole school. Congratulations to all of PRHS seniors!! Wednesday, seniors had the opportunity to switch with a faculty member for the day. Officer Humphrey and Dr. Fisenne's switch did an excellent job AND numerous Senior Switches were spotted teaching excellent lessons to their content area classes!!

PRHS welcomes Coach Angelia James as the Varsity Head Women's Basketball coach! Girls interested in playing basketball next year (and their parents) should come to PRHS media center Wednesday May 29th at 6pm. Coach James is excited to get started and we know you will be excited to have her! Cross Country athletes and students will have a meeting on Tuesday May 28th at 6pm in the media center!!

All **library books** are due back to the library **May 28th**. Culinary I class prepared a variety of sandwiches and salads as a finale to class. Everything was delicious. They also catered an event for the town of Indian Trail recently and had rave reviews! Great Job!! 2012 PRHS grad, Lee McNeill, spoke to Mr. LaBianca's class. He is the Football Operations/ Pro Scouting Assistant for the Carolina Panthers. We love to have our graduates and community members share their experiences with our students!

Students who need to recover attendance should see inside for more information. PR Yearbook is looking for enthusiastic and hard working candidates for next year's staff. If this is you, please fill out an application by visiting bit.ly/PRYB2020. Applications are due ASAP, so don't delay!

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>

Next week will be our LAST Pirate Press of the year. It will contain all End of Year Info. We will update the Pirate Press mid-summer with Back to School Info for Next School Year!! 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





Semester Exams start Friday 5/31

Spring Semester Exam Dates 2018-2019

Thursday, May 30th

1st period review during class

Friday, May 31st

8:00 – 12:30 1st period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 2nd period review**

1st Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2nd Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3rd Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

****Exam Reviews 5/31-6/4: Teacher-Led Review is required for all students** from 12:35–2:15. This will be followed by Student Study Time from 2:15–2:55. Students wishing to leave prior to Student Study Time must turn in a parent-written note to their exam teacher prior to the start of the exam. See additional info on dismissals below.

Students exempt from a Teacher-Made exam are not required to attend the Review or Exam Session for that course.

Monday, June 3rd

8:00 – 12:30 2nd period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 3rd period review**

1st Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2nd Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3rd Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

Tuesday, June 4th

8:00 – 12:30 3rd period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 4th period review**

1st Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2nd Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3rd Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

Wednesday, June 5th

8:00 – 12:30 4th period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 Community Building & Lunch

Thursday, June 6th is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start.

Exam Study Tips: Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 7:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered and go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – you may study in the café until 5:00 each day
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions (only students who are excused from exam and review sessions for a course are those who are exempt). Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **June 6th** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between May 31 and June 6. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made.

Score Results: All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester.

Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity: Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions. If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

Early Dismissals During Testing Week: NO student may be dismissed during the four hour testing window. NO notes will be accepted for this. In order to best support the success of all of our students - **ALL students are required to attend the Teacher-Led Review Session**, but may leave prior to the Student Study Time with a documented Parent Note. ALL parent notes must be given to the exam teacher prior to the exam starting. NO notes will be accepted via email or phone call during exam week. Parent Notes will be verified for dismissal as needed. If the note cannot be verified, it will not be approved.



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 started **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!





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.

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



School Counseling

Juniors:

During summer you will have the opportunity to begin completing applications to some colleges. You can complete essays and other sections of the application. However, you will not be able to request transcripts or letters of recommendations until we return to school. Once school resumes counselors will go over with students how to request transcripts and letters of recommendation. Again no transcripts or letters of recommendations will be able to be requested until return to school in the fall.

Staff members of the losing grade levels were pie'd after the class wars. The JUNIOR Class won the Class War battle!!





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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**



2019 - 2020 Academy Pathway Applications

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 school year are still 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 ==>](#)



CONMET Job Fair

CONMET is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, May 22nd & Wednesday, May 29th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at 780 Patton Ave, Monroe, NC 28110.

Positions they are looking for include, but are not limited to:

- Foundry and Assembly Operators (previous experience preferred but not required)
- CNC Operators
- Maintenance Technicians
- Forklift & Shipping/Receiving Associates

CONMET offers opportunities for lateral job changes and promotions for leads, group leads, and supervisors



Athletics

- Women's Basketball interest meeting Wednesday, May 29th in the media center at 6:00
- Cross Country interest/informational meeting Tuesday, May 28th in the media center at 6:00

Pirate Events

Fri 5/24	Class Wars Stadium 1:30, Theatre Banquet 6-8:00
Tue 5/28	NHS Auditorium 7:35am; Robotics Club G204 3:15, Geo Club F205 3:00; Choral Concert Auditorium 6:30
Wed 5/29	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Fri 5/31	Band Celebration 3:30-8



Congratulations to Track & Field and Golf Seniors

