



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Anyone interested in Women's Field Hockey. There will be an interest meeting Thursday, May 9th at 7pm in the media center. Good Luck to Men's Golf at the Regionals on Monday Nick Sutton, Luke Gossert, Davis Joye, Haden Ruby, and Wes Stedem. If your child is interested in Colorguard for next school year - please see the information today in the Pirate Press.

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!](#)

Come out May 9th, 10th, or 11th at 7:00 to see out 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!

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. Our AP exams do start this Monday, so please be sure to wish your best to our diligent AP students! If you want to know more about our AP program, please talk to your child's counselor soon!

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 to this group of PR seniors on their college commitments!

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please take time to thank a teacher that has helped your child by sending them an email or card this week.

Support our PTO by honoring our teachers this Wednesday at a luncheon. Please choose to donate by clicking below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A5A72DAAFF2-ptoteacher>



Pirate **PRESS**

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.**



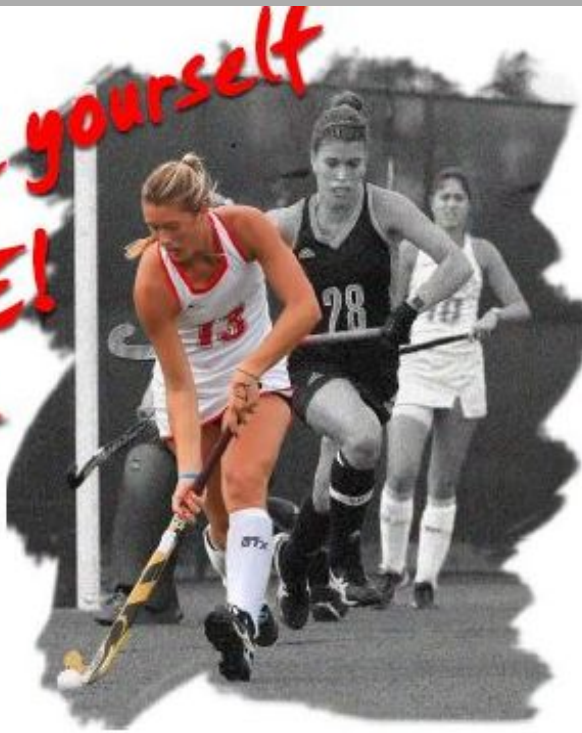
2839 Ridge Road | Indian Trail, NC 28079

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



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Picture yourself
HERE!
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Porter Ridge High School FIELD HOCKEY TEAM INTEREST MEETING



Time: 7:00 PM

Date: May 9, 2019

Place: Porter Ridge Media Center

TRAINING SESSIONS:
May 6th - 9th 4:00 - 6:00 pm
PRHS Cafeteria

AUDITIONS:
May 10th 4:00 - 6:00 pm
PRHS Gym

Porter Ridge
Band of Pirates

2019 COLOR GUARD



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 | Activities |
| Basketball | Bingo |
| Tennis | Aerobics |
| Swimming | Dancing |
| Soccer | Music |
| Fitness | Movies |
| Yoga | Arts & Crafts |
| Bowling | Computer Lab |
| Bocce | Entertainment |

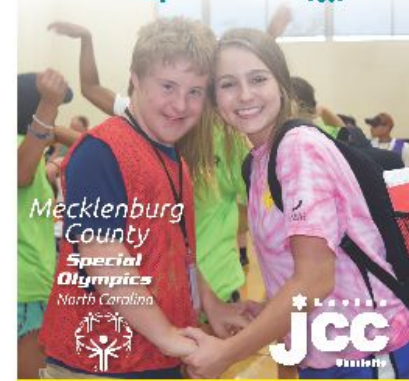
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PERMIT 2827



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



Mecklenburg
County
Special
Olympics
North Carolina



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



Congratulations to our PRHS softball, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer seniors. Thank you for all you have done for PRHS!! Congratulations to you and your parents!



Calling Current Juniors

(Rising seniors for 19-20 school year)

**LAST
CALL!!!**

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 10th

We Want YOU!!

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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>





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

**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.

**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. Counselors spent 2 full days this week meeting with 8th graders on their course requests. 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

- 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](#).



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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 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**



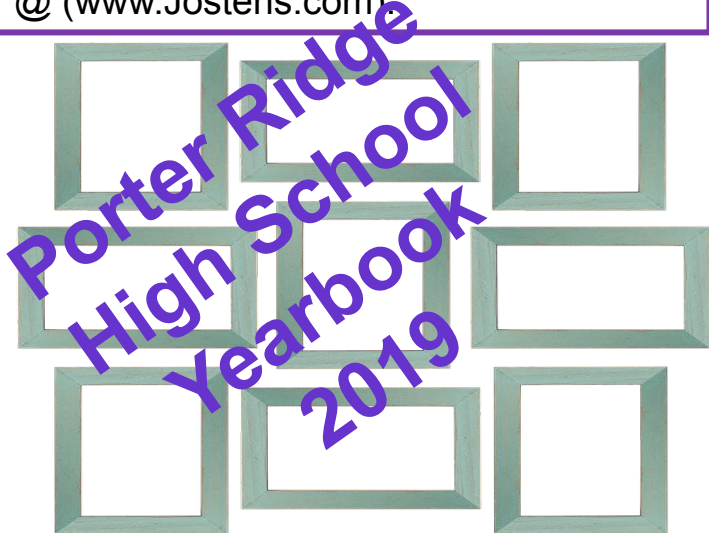
Design our PRHS 2019 – 2020

Student Section T- Shirt

Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 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 Crazyies” have nothing on the spirit at PR!! If your design is picked, yours will be the Original - PR Student Section T-shirt.**

Congrats to the following Track Members placing at the SW4A Conference Tournament:

Alex Chapman – 2nd 200 M and 3rd 100M

KJ Harris – 1st 110M Hurdles and 3rd Long Jump

Deshawn Scarboro 2nd Triple Jump

Caroline Fagan 4th 3200M

Serraia Goodman 2nd 100 M, 3rd 200M, and 3rd Triple Jump



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

Tue 5/7	Baseball 1st round playoffs vs TBD 4:30
	Soccer playoffs tba

Pirate Events

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
Tue 5/14	Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00
Wed 5/15	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 5/16	Gaming Club E102 3:00

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 ==>](#)

