

**FINAL  
ISSUE!!**

# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Final Exams went well and any student that missed an exam should take the makeup exam on Thursday 6/5. All Chromebooks will be collected for the summer June 5th after exams. There is a procedure after each exam to collect chromebooks for students without any additional exams at PR. We are looking forward to congratulating our senior class of 2019 at graduation this Saturday, June 8th at Cabarrus Arena. Additional tickets can be purchased as long as supplies last, through this Thursday in the main school office. ALL Seniors must arrive by 3:00 so that we can ensure all cords are distributed and students are lined up properly. Please remember that graduation is dependent upon final course credits which depend on grades and attendance. If you have any concerns about your senior, please contact their school counselor or teachers. Our seniors have put in a lot of work this year and we are proud of their efforts!

The last Choral Concert of the year was last Friday. Mr. Drake and his students did an amazing job. Culinary classes 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!! We love our Culinary Academy!

We want to also celebrate our rising seniors, the Class of 2020. Senior Package information can be found within this Pirate Press. The Class of 2020 should be on the lookout for Senior Portrait information that will be sent directly to our senior families about appointments this summer. Are you interested in working with the **PTO** next year. Please click on the following link to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0845a5a72daaff2-ptoboard>

Since some exams have a delayed score return teachers will enter an INC, for incomplete, for these grades until we receive the scores. We hope to have all scores finalized by June 14th. Students and parents will be able to view their final course grades via the Parent and Student Portal accounts as you normally view grades. If you would like a printed copy of your report card, they will be available at Porter Ridge High School during all normal summer hours. If you have questions about any grades, please email the teacher immediately as teachers do not return to work until August.

Please know that we will be working on our HS master schedule throughout the summer as we finalize staffing and enroll new students. Schedules will NOT be finalized until right before school starts. We will send a notification over the summer on when and where students can pick up schedules. Please do plan ahead for back to school dates on 8/22 for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. School starts on Monday 8/26. Remember that athletic tryout information and summer workouts are posted on the Athletics Tab of our school website. Student-athletes must be present at try-outs to be considered for the team these start the week of 7/29. A shout-out to Novant Health for offering free physicals for UCPS student-athletes last weekend. This is a great partnership!

This our LAST Pirate Press of the year. 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



# Attendance Recovery



Thanks to the Yearbook Class for doing such a great Job!



Our Seniors' Academic Signing posters are displayed on the columns in the cafeteria entrance. We are proud of all our seniors and their post-secondary goals!

**FINAL GRADES:** Some course exams have a delayed score return due to a writing component (English, for ex.). Teachers will enter an INC, for incomplete, for these grades until we receive the scores. We hope to have all scores finalized by June 14th. Students and parents will be able to view their final course grades via the Parent and Student Portal accounts as you normally view grades. If you would like a printed copy of your report card, they will be available at Porter Ridge High School during all normal summer hours.





(Sponsored by the PRHS Band of Pirates)

**ORDER DEADLINE  
JULY 5TH!**

## Package Selections & Contents

**Purple  
Package  
\$60**

PR Senior Lanyard  
PR Senior Car Cling  
PR Senior Embroidered Cinch Bag  
"Home of a PR Senior" Yard Sign

Estimated Retail Value \$75

**Black  
Package  
\$80**

PR Senior Lanyard  
PR Senior Car Cling  
PR Senior Embroidered Cinch Bag  
"Home of a PR Senior" Yard Sign

**+**

Class of 2020 Senior T-Shirt  
PR Senior Beanie Hat

Estimated Retail Value \$105

**Pirate  
Package  
\$100**

PR Senior Lanyard  
PR Senior Car Cling  
PR Senior Embroidered Cinch Bag  
"Home of a PR Senior" Yard Sign

**+**

Class of 2020 Senior T-Shirt  
PR Senior Beanie Hat

**+**

PR Senior Black Shorts  
PR Senior Pajama Bottoms

Estimated Retail Value \$155

**All Packages  
also include:**

A welcome catered Senior Breakfast in September.

A farewell catered Senior Breakfast in May.

(Dates to be announced via e-mail closer to the start of the school year.)

\*\*\*\*Package pick up dates will be emailed out once all orders have been received. There will be two pick up dates in August before school starts and packages will also be available to pick up at the PRHS Open Houses after the start of school.

\*\*\*Any questions please email:  
prbandpresident@gmail.com  
or  
prbandsecretary@gmail.com

Package Choice (Circle one)

Purple    Black    Pirate

T-Shirt Type  
Unisex

T-Shirt Size (Circle One)  
Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large    XXX-Large

Short Style (Circle One)  
Basketball w/ Pockets    Soffie

Short Size (Circle One)  
Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large    XXX-Large

Pajama Bottoms Style  
Unisex  
Pajama Bottoms Color  
Purple/Black/White plaid

Pajama Bottom Size (Circle One)  
Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large    XXX-Large

**\* Required**

\*Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(not school email addresses)

\*Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to:  
PRBB (Porter Ridge Band Boosters)  
AND  
Remit payment & order form to:  
PRBB, PO Box 1624, Indian Trail, NC, 28079





# What are **YOUR** Plans After Graduation?

Harris Teeter is looking for energetic and motivated team members to join the **Indian Trail Distribution Center!**

- ❖ **GREAT** earning potential with individual incentive\*
- ❖ **Tuition Reimbursement**
- ❖ **Profit Sharing Bonus** (paid twice per year)
- ❖ **Weekly paycheck!**
- ❖ **Competitive benefits** – including vacation time!
- ❖ **Day & Evening shifts** to coordinate with college courses

For more information, please call JD Jackson at (803) 524-4965

\*Ex: Perishable Selector achieving 100% performance on standard can earn \$22-\$24 per hour.

Visit <https://schools.harristeeter.jobs> to apply **TODAY!**



Chef Templeton's Culinary Class learned how to decorate a cake and make icing roses.



# School Counseling

We want to congratulate all our students who are graduating!! We feel fortunate to have been a part of your experience at PRHS. We wish you all the best in your post-secondary goals and future. We hope all students and families have a great summer break. We look forward to seeing all our returning students in the fall.

## **Juniors:**

During summer college applications begin to open, but not every college will open their application. If you are able to begin an application you should do so. You can complete essays and other sections of the application as well. However, you will not be able to request transcripts or letters of recommendations until we return to school. Once school resumes counselors will hold senior one-on-one meetings to discuss the details for the college application and financial aid process. There will also be financial aid nights and senior information sessions for parents in the fall. Look for dates to come.

## **Upcoming National ACT and SAT Dates**

ACT - <https://www.act.org/>

July 13<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register June 14<sup>th</sup>, with late fee June 24<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, with late fee Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>

October 26<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, with late fee Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

SAT - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/register>

August 24<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register July 26<sup>th</sup>, with late fee August 6<sup>th</sup>

October 5<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, with late fee Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

## **Davidson College hosts its annual Access Davidson program Nov. 3-5, 2019.**

Access Davidson is a selective program for rising high school seniors designed to provide an opportunity to visit campus for students from traditionally under-represented groups or those that may not have access to visit campus otherwise. Interested students can learn more information at

<https://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/plan-visit/open-house-programs/access-davidson>.

## **Interested in attending a US Service Academy after high school?**

The Service Academy application is a multi-step process. You must apply directly to the academies of your choice and separately apply for a nomination. For rising seniors the application deadline to request a nomination from North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District which represents Union County is September 10, 2019. Here is the link to the application:

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01910453/Centricity/Domain/868/Service%20Academy%20Information%20Packet%202019-2020.pdf>.

Below are the Service Academy links:

Naval Academy: <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Apply/index.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-for>

U.S. Military Academy: <https://westpoint.edu/>

Air Force Academy: <https://www.academyadmissions.com/>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: <https://www.usmma.edu/>

U.S. Coast Guard Academy: <https://www.uscga.edu/> (Does not require a nomination)





# Senior Information

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Way to Go!**  
*Capture the memories of your achievement.*

Order portraits at  
[events.lifetouch.com](http://events.lifetouch.com)  
(Available ten days after commencements)

**Lifetouch**  
Special Events

The advertisement features a young woman in a red graduation cap and gown, smiling with her arms crossed. The background is a light blue gradient.



# Senior Information

## Class of 2020 Senior Pictures:

These pictures occur over the summer. Lifetouch will mail appointment information to 2020 seniors a couple weeks prior to their appointment times. Parents will be able to call Lifetouch at 704-628-4600 and reschedule senior appointments during the summer if needed. Seniors will also have the opportunity to have a senior picture taken at school in September if the summer dates and locations are not convenient.

Back to School Drop In Days for 10th-12th graders: Thursday August 22, 2019 - Parking passes, spirit wear, lockers will be available.

First Day of School: Monday August 26, 2019

## Meet the Teacher Night:

Tuesday September 3, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm

## Class of 2020 College Information Night:

Tuesday September 3, 2019 7:00 - 7:45 pm. Seniors and families can visit their teachers first and then go to the College Info Night.

**Career Information:** PRHS will be working on organizing information for a Career Information Session as well and we will release the date and time as soon as possible.

## Athletic Tryout Information: in general this starts the week of 7/29.

Student-athletes must be present at tryouts to be considered for the team. Please see the Athletics Tab on our website for more info.

**Parent Contact Info** - please update your email and phone number so that you can receive information over the summer. If you have any changes please email our Data Manager - Ms. Carolyn Lawwill at [carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Information about Ninth Grade Orientation will be posted during the summer.



## 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 ==>](#)



# Pirate Events

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| Sat 6/8 | Graduation at Cabarras County Arena 4:00-5:30 |
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### ACT Prep Camp

Dates: July 8-11, 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Parkwood High School Media Center  
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/UCPScollegereadinesscamp>

### SAT Prep Camp

Dates: July 15-18, 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Weddington High School Media Center  
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/UCPScollegereadinesscamp>