

PRHS CELEBRATES OUR JROTC PROGRAM



On Saturday, the city of Monroe awarded Porter Ridge Cadet Major Jakob Reagan the Union County Patriot Award. The Patriot Award recognizes one outstanding JROTC cadet from each of the high school programs in Union County. The recipient is selected for demonstrating a high degree of patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship, and general excellence. Cadet Reagan, who boasts a 3.6 GPA has been an instrumental part of the Piedmont/Porter Ridge JROTC program. In the spring he served in the position of Squadron Commander and then attended Blue Ridge Leadership Camp this summer as a Cadre serving in the position of Flight Commander. More recently he planned and led execution of the NC-955 annual Bataan Memorial March in which cadets marched 14 miles and raised \$900 for Monroe VFW Post 5464. Additionally, he led several Color Guards for football games at both Porter Ridge and Piedmont.





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Congratulations PRHS Theatre Department



Porter Ridge High School Celebrates Participation in the 2021 NCTC High School Play Festival!

11/10/2021 – The Theatre Department at **Porter Ridge High School** is celebrating their recognition in the 2021 NCTC High School Play Festival. The theatre program, led by **Mr. Todd Ford**, presented “**I Don’t Want To Talk About It**” at the Festival, and is bringing home the following awards:

Festival Spirit Award

Excellence in Choral Execution

Excellence in Acting - Chevonne Van Heerden

Excellence in Ensemble Acting

This year, over 1,500 students from 71 schools are performing 89 plays at 7 regional sites. The top 16 productions are invited to perform at the NCTC State High School Play Festival, November 19 and 21 at Greensboro College.

Participating schools travel to their regional festival sites with theatrical sets, costumes and props. Each show loads in to a 10’x10’ backstage area. When their time comes, each school has 45 minutes to set up, perform the play, and clear the stage. Following their performance, students receive feedback from professional actors and directors with Broadway and Hollywood credits. Awards are given for acting, design, technical craft, ensemble work, and festival spirit.

"We've worked hard to cultivate a spirit of community at the Play Festival, where students learn from each other and celebrate each other's work. They leave with new friends, feeling energized and inspired," said NCTC Executive Director Angie Hays.

For 50 years, the NCTC High School Play Festival has strengthened arts education in schools by bringing curriculum to life, challenging students to do their very best work, and contributing to the development of future audiences for the performing arts. The program was named one of the “Top High School Theatre Festivals” by Stage Directions Magazine. It is the largest high school theatre event in the Southeast, and has been replicated in 9 other states.

The NCTC High School Play Festival is made possible with support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Lincoln Financial Group; The Beattie Foundation; Barbizon Lighting Company; Rockingham County Community Foundation; Church Interiors Audio Video; and Strand Lighting.

About the North Carolina Theatre Conference

The mission of NCTC is to strengthen North Carolina’s vibrant theatre industry, and engage tomorrow’s artists, audiences and advocates. NCTC has served as the leader of the statewide theatre industry since 1970, and produces several events throughout the year, including the NCTC Producing Gathering, NCTC College Day, the NCTC Theatre Admin Intensive, the NCTC Awards and statewide NCTC Middle School and High School Play Festivals.

For more information on NCTC, please contact Executive Director Angie Hays at 336-369-1984 or visit www.nctc.org.

For more information on Porter Ridge High Schools Theatre Department , please contact Mr. Ford @ todd.ford@ucps.k12.nc.us



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Weekly Athletic Calendar

Check out next week's athletic schedule. Tickets for athletic events can only be purchased online. Cash is not accepted. Each School System has their own ticketing system. If you have any questions, reach out to the home school's athletic director.

THIS WEEK AT PORTER RIDGE

15
MONDAY

NO Events

16
TUESDAY

NO Events

17
WEDNESDAY

Indoor Track and Field
@ Community School of Davidson

Wrestling
vs Forest Hills &
West Charlotte

18
THURSDAY

NO Events

19
FRIDAY

Swimming vs
Cuthbertson at
MCA

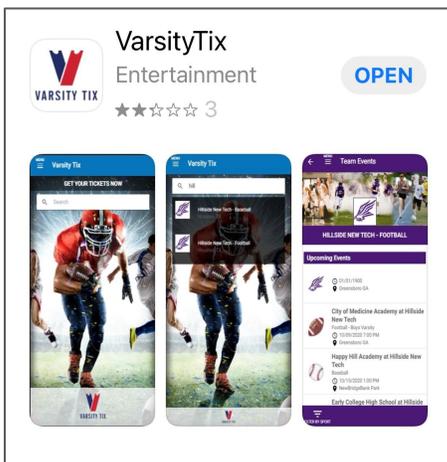
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SATURDAY

Indoor Track and Field
@ Cuthbertson

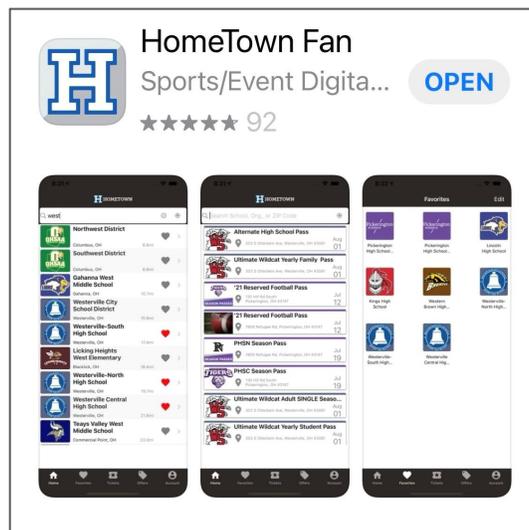
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@ Parkwood HS



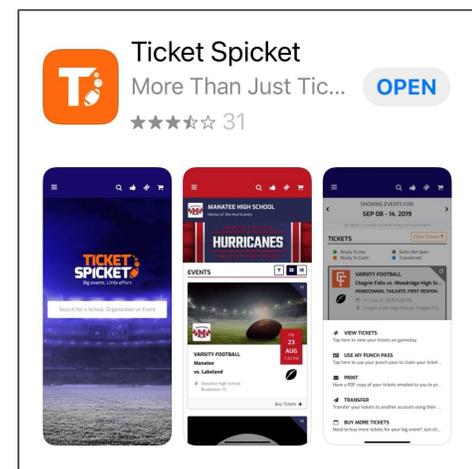
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SENIOR INFO

Seniors

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The deadline for selections
is November 15th.



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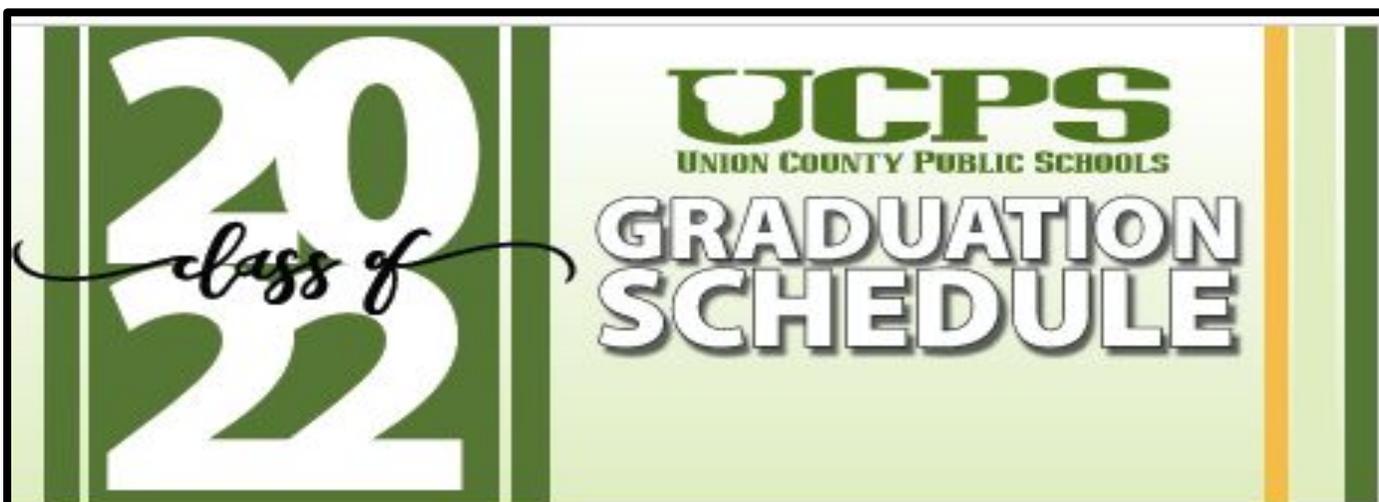
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GRADUATION DATES



Union County Public Schools will hold graduations in May and June. The date, time and location of each graduation is listed below. In addition, all traditional high school graduations will be livestreamed on the school's YouTube page for public viewing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 7	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 7	8 a.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 7	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 8	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 7	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parkwood High	June 8	8 a.m.	Parkwood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 6	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 7	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 6	6 p.m.	CATA
Sun Valley High	June 6	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	May 11	9 a.m.	SPCC
Weddington High	June 6	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	June 9	6:30 p.m.	CATA





JACOB LANEY

Jacob Laney finished another memorable season this past Saturday competing in the NCHSAA 4A State Championships for a second consecutive year. Laney placed 2nd in the state for the 4A classification with a time of 15:34.33.

Throughout this season, Jacob etched himself further into Porter Ridge and Union County running history. He improved his school record time to 15:23.30 while competing at the Great American XC Festival in Raleigh. That time was good for an 8th place finish while competing against talent from all over the country.

Laney finished 1st place in 4 different races this year including the Carolinas Kickoff, Union County Championships and Southern Carolina Conference Championship.

Laney's 15:23.30 this year is 13th all-time among juniors in North Carolina history and 3rd all-time in Union County history.

Laney holds the school record in both the 1600m and 3200m on the track and is poised now for another great stretch during the Indoor and Spring Track seasons.

We are so proud of you Jacob, congratulations!





Signing Spotlight!

Dominic Conroy



"I started running in the 7th grade and have loved it ever since. I love every aspect of the sport which is why I am still running today and have decided to commit. I have chosen to commit to Liberty University because of their unique faith aspect, their athletic facilities, their amazing coaches, and their mathematics program. I am excited to see what the future holds for me at Liberty!!"

"Soccer has been my life since I was little! I started playing when I was 5 and never looked back. It has taught me so many important skills that I will use and has brought me amazing lifelong friendships. I am committed to Liberty University and this decision was not a hard one at all for me. The campus and facilities are beautiful and I felt like I belonged there when I first visited. I will be playing in a really competitive conference while attending an amazing school. I truly couldn't imagine myself anywhere else!"

Sallie Garner





Signing Spotlight!

Jake McGillivary



“I have been playing baseball since I was 4 years old. There has never been a dull moment since I have started playing which is why I decided to continue my athletic career. I chose to commit to Stetson University because I really like the coaches and fell in love with the school.”

Sydney Rutledge

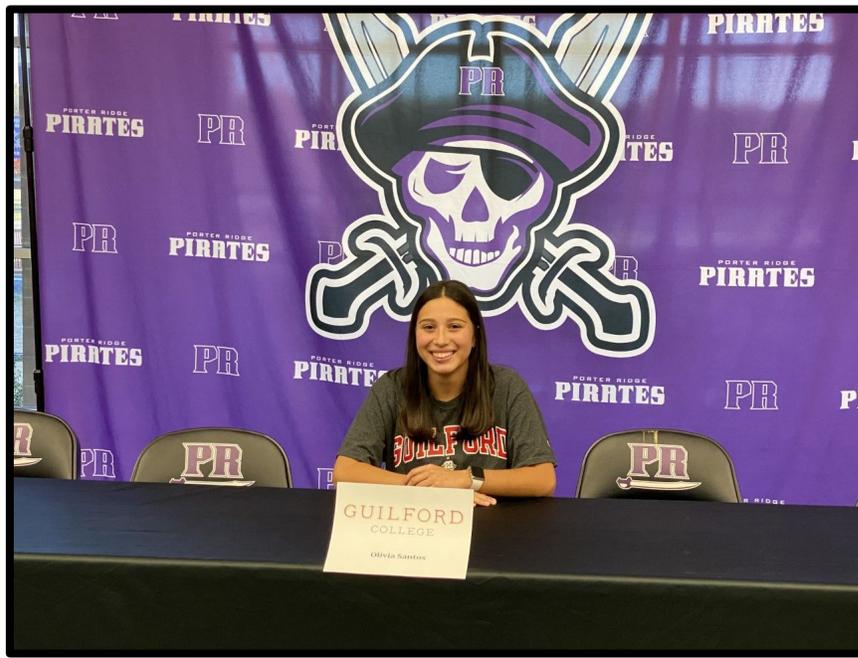
“I started playing volleyball in 3rd grade and instantly fell in love with the sport when I stepped onto the court for the first time. I have committed to Catawba College to continue my volleyball career. Catawba has a beautiful campus and an excellent exercise science program which gained my interest when it came to deciding where I wanted to go.”





Signing Spotlight!

Olivia Santos



“When I chose to go to Guilford’s campus for the first time and it felt like it was meant to be. I wanted to be far enough from home to have my own space but close enough so that my parents could come and watch games. I loved Coach Justin and Coach Corby the second I met them, I also wanted to be apart of an upcoming program which Guilford was able to give me. Soccer has always been an outlet for me to be truly who I am. I can’t wait for my next 4 years at Guilford!”



LIP SYNC

PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL
PRESENTS TO YOU...

LIP SYNC BATTLE

Lip Sync Battle is a tournament in which teams will perform pre-planned routines where they lip-sync to a song of their choice to compete for the title of Lip Sync Battle champion!!

**SIGN UP TO AUDITION FOR A
CHANCE TO ENTER YOUR TEAM
IN THE LIP SYNC BATTLE!**

**Sign-ups: Nov. 10th-17th
Auditions: Nov. 19th & 22nd**

Teams must include 3-8 members and must have a routine prepared by the audition dates. More information will be sent out to teams after sign-ups.

SIGN UP HERE



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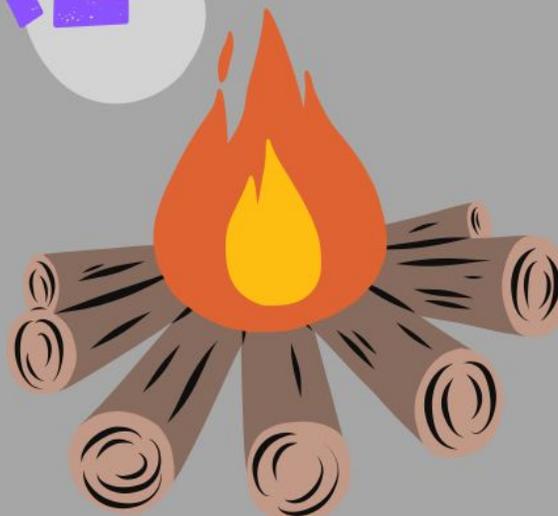


Join us @PRHS from 5-7pm on

12/15

S'mores, hot chocolate, and
snacks will be provided!

Bring your own lawn chairs!





ROBOTICS COMPETITION

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FALL ROBOTICS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

COMPETITION STARTS AT 8:30AM

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL &
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The counselors are here to support you with school. You can send your counselor an email to set up a meeting to discuss academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs.

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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Anti Bullying Week
November 15-19

This year's theme is One Kind Word.

On Monday, November 15, we hope you will participate in wearing a pair of odd socks!



PRHS held our Financial Aid Night on October 18th. If you were unable to attend, a recording of the session can be found on the PRHS website under the scholarship tab.



College and Career Promise Registration

Registration is now open at SPCC for Career and College Promise Courses. If you are interested in taking these courses Spring 2021, please email the PRHS Career Coach, Zachary Crum at zcrum@spcc.edu and talk to your assigned counselor.





Announcements

Food for families is a non-profit organization that supplies weekend food bags for students in Union County. There is no cost to you, and each child that goes to a Union County School can receive a bag. Foods bags are distributed on Fridays at our school and goes home with the child. If you would like your child to **RECEIVE** a food bag each week, please contact Mr. James at bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Latino College Night

A presentation for parents and students conducted by Mrs. Gabriela Danley who is an Advisor / Navigator in Higher Education, SPCC

Presentation will cover How to plan, apply and pay for College/University, Process to get financial aid, Minimum Admission Requirements, Academic preparation and College/University selection

When: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Where: Porter Ridge High School's Media Center
2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079

HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARDS
23rd Anniversary

2021

Latino high school seniors will receive educational grants and be celebrated as leaders in their communities

Categories include:

- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Community Service
- Education
- Engineering
- Healthcare & Science
- Media & Entertainment
- Public Service & Social Justice
- Sports & Fitness
- Sustainability
- Technology

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STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, Gaming Club will meet on FRIDAY the 12th in Mr. Sweet's room E102 after school from 3:05 to 4:30. All are welcome!

The next Science National Honors Society meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th at 7:35 am in E207D. Please enter through the Student Lot doors between F and G halls.

There will be an Interact meeting for all members Tue Nov 16th at 7:40am in the auditorium. Meeting is to discuss upcoming Holiday Giving, Blood drive and t-shirts. Please contact Mrs. Jessen (F208) or Mrs. Macera (G208D) with any questions.

Do you enjoy talking with your friends and people in general? Do you like discussing all kinds of topics and interests, both Social and Political? If so....Why not join the Debate Club. Come join us for our first meeting this Friday November, 12th from 7:15am-8am in F108. Breakfast will be provided. If you have any questions in the meantime, see Mr. Williams in F108.

Rho Kappa is sponsoring a dress up day on Friday for Veterans Day! We would love it if you joined the Rho Kappa students in wearing Red, White and Blue for our veterans and our country! The dress up day will occur on Friday and will be counted as spirit points for the Class Cup!

