



Pirate PRESS

Good day Pirates!!

We had an excellent first day of school today. Parents all students received a **chromebook** agreement form. There is no technology fee, but we must have your signature on the form and have that turned in tomorrow morning so that your child gets their new chromebook.

While the majority of **buses** arrived and departed on time, we are working with transportation on a few issues. Please know that our goal is to have students arrive and depart each day on time. Thank you for your patience as we work to add new students to routes and get to our goal of on-time service.

Students who have a mistake on their **schedule** should complete the google form available on the PRHS website under the student tab. Students must be signed into their UCPS google account. If a student has a private gmail account, they must log completely out of that and log into their UCPS account in order to access the form. Student requests will be accepted through Friday at 3:00 pm via the online form only so that counselors are able to address all students.

Get ready to Meet the Teachers on September 4th here at Porter Ridge High from 6-8:00

Senior information for students and parents is September 4th from 7:00- 7:45

Please check the counseling page for important information on college scholarships, financial aid, and testing deadlines.

Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. You will receive a form for changes with the student's back to school paperwork. You may also email with any changes to our [Data Manager, Ms. Lawwill](#).

Join the PTO during Meet the Teacher Night. Membership is \$10.00

School day start—The bell to move to class rings at 7:50 am. The Tardy Bell rings at 8:00 am. If you are driving your child, or if your child is driving themselves, plan to arrive at the school by 7:35 to be sure you are on time due to traffic.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. In order to make sure you are on the list to receive the newsletter, please update your email and phone number information at the school, or click here to [email our Data Manager, Ms. Lawwill](#). The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne



Counseling Department

September 4th - Senior Parent Night at 7pm in Auditorium

College Application 101

- Using Naviance for requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation
- Scholarships & Financial Aid

October 4th - Financial Aid Night at 6:30pm at PRHS

- Complete the FAFSA with help from SPCC Financial Aid Office
 - Parents/guardians and students should bring prior year tax information

SAT & ACT Registration Deadlines

- SAT: Sept. 7th is deadline for Oct. 6th test date
- ACT: Sept. 28th is deadline for Oct. 27th test date

Counselors will be meeting with seniors individually beginning mid-September to review post high school plans.

Scholarships – where to find

- Naviance – district list of scholarships and scholarship search engine
- Websites of colleges you are applying to
- Parents work or other organizations they may belong to

Visit <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4988> for a list of free scholarship search engines

Major Scholarships

Some major universities have competitions to select students for full-ride scholarships. These are **highly competitive**. At Porter Ridge, students apply to be considered as the PRHS school nominee. Students complete an application and our school scholarship committee, consisting of school counselors, an administrator and teachers, reviews the applications of students and chooses our school nominee(s). The student(s) selected as our school nominee then applies directly to the institution for the larger competition.

Below are links to the applications of the individual scholarships. Please note the deadlines are designed to allow time for our scholarship committee to meet and review the student applications. These deadlines are final. No exception.

Some of the scholarships allow students to self-nominate if they are not chosen as their school's nominee. Please see the individual scholarship websites for more information. Feel free to contact Ms. Burgess with any questions.

UNC Chapel Hill - [Morehead Cain Scholarship Application. Due September 15](#)

NC State - [Park Scholarship Application Due September 15](#)

UNC Charlotte - [Levine Scholarship Due September 22](#)

Davidson College - [Belk Scholarship Due Oct. 15](#)

University of Virginia - [Jefferson Scholar Application Due Nov. 3](#)



Athletics

Come join the Porter Ridge Field Hockey Team

- No Experience necessary
- Work outs at the middle school field from 7-9 AM
- It's a lot of fun and worth trying!
- We would love to get some underclassmen to come play.
- Our coach is Katie Garner and her contact information is below!

704-219-3620 garnerkatiem@Gmail.com

Upcoming Pirate Events

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

Mon 8/27— Volleyball AT Piedmont 6:00

Tues 8/28— Volleyball AT East Meck 5:30; Tennis AT Indep 4:00

Wed 8/29— Soccer AT Forest Hills 5:30

Thurs 8/30— Tennis vs Garinger 4:00; Volleyball vs Butler 6:00

Fri 8/31— Football AT Weddington 7:30

Tues 9/4- Tennis AT Rocky River 4:00; Volleyball AT Independence 5:30

Wed 9/5-- Volleyball vs Olympic 6:00; Soccer vs CATA 6:00

Thurs 9/6-- Tennis vs Myers Park 4:00; Volleyball vs Garinger 6:00;

JV Football AT Sun Valley 6:30

Fri 9/7-- Football vs Sun Valley 7:30





Join the PTO !!!

The PRHS PTO has plans for the new school year!

Parents, we need your help!

Our board members are:

President: Kim Pace

Vice-President: Deb McTeague

Secretary: Cindy Summers

Treasurer: Linda Robinson

Membership Secretary: OPEN

Hospitality: OPEN

Mini-Grants: OPEN

We have some open positions this year and would love to have any parents join us that are able! Typically we meet on the first Monday of the month, during the planning period of our staff representative. PTO supports our teachers by providing mini-grants for needed classroom items, and we provide lunches and other treats for our teachers and staff.

You can also help by joining the PTO, either at our table during Open House, or by sending in the membership form that your child brings home the first week of school. Membership is \$10 and it includes a PR car magnet!

Questions, please email Kim Pace at



A huge shout out to our women's Volleyball Team for supporting the United Way in our community during the Annual Day of Caring last weekend! Our student - athletes are so committed!

Go Pirates!



Ports of Information for Pirates ===

Follow us on social media...

2018-2019 will feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students. If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC

@PRHSCounseling @PRHSCareer @prhs_athletics

Follow us on Instagram: porterridgehs



PRHS freshman open house and teachers collaborating during opening day professional development.





Announcements

- The first meeting of the [Porter Ridge GSA Club](#) will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 4th from 3-4pm in room F108. This is the kick-off meeting where new officers will be elected and the year's agenda will be set. Please join us!
- All returning [National Honor Society](#) members must turn in their summer community service hour form to Mr. Crider (room F108) no later than August 31, 2018. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please see Mr. Crider with any questions or concerns.
- Are you a history buff or social studies scholar? Are you ready to inspire others and apply your knowledge to the community around you? If so join, [Rho Kappa- National Social Studies Honors Society](#).

This amazing opportunity is open to Juniors and Seniors with at least a 3.5 unweighted GPA and have taken a minimum of 4 semesters of social studies classes.

Membership forms can be picked up at F 201 and returned to Ms. Crowell
The first meeting is Sept 7th at 3 pm.

- There will be a [Baseball Interest Meeting](#) on Wednesday, 8/29 at 6pm in the Auditorium. This meeting is for new and returning players interested in trying out for Baseball this Spring. If you cannot attend you need to see Coach Cooke in the gym or in Office B111A before the meeting date.
- Any student interested in playing [Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Softball, and Wrestling should attend a meeting](#) Wednesday August 29 at 6 pm in the auditorium. This is an opportunity to meet the coaches and get registration information.
- The [first book club meeting](#) of the year will be on September 19 at 3:00 in the Media Center. We are reading *And I Darken* by Kiersten White. Bring a treat to share with the group.
- [First FCCLA Meeting](#) -Officers will be elected on Sept 6, 2108 (3-4 p.m.)

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOVE ARE ALSO DELIVERED VIA OUR SCHOOL INTERCOM AND ON SCROLLING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE CAFE.



PIRATE MOMENTS



#COMMITTED