

Our students' safety and well-being are important to us. If you have concerns about your student's social, emotional, or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A link has been added to our webpage that will advise you about the resources available for your child at [Porter Ridge High School](#). Our school counselors are [Tondra White \(A- Cou\)](#), [Carly Patterson \(Cov- Hek\)](#), [Bryan James \(Hel- Mc\)](#), [Cassidy Lippert \(Me- San\)](#) and [Shari Davison \(Sam- Z\)](#).

Our school social worker is [Laura Weir](#). Our school's therapist is [Shekita Brown](#). The link to contact any of our support staff and the social and emotional learning resources page is located at the top right-hand side of our school's webpage under the "I WANT TO" box.

Click this [link](#) for contact information for our school support staff and to access SEL resources.



The PRHS Faculty and Staff wish the entire PRHS Community a happy and safe holiday season!
The next Pirate Press will come out in January 2021!!



Meal Options

Free breakfast and lunch now available for all UCPS students until May 28, 2021

Student ID numbers are required
for in-school meals.

A la carte items are also available for
purchase at regular prices.

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New Meal Option for 2020-2021

**Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



Curbside Pickup Locations

- Forest Hills High
- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
- Parkwood Middle
- Porter Ridge Elementary
- Rocky River Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Shiloh Valley Primary

Meal sites are open to serve
students who are learning
virtually and/or on remote
learning days.

Open to any person 18 years and under.
Student ID numbers are not required.

Nueva opción de almuerzos para 2020-2021

**Lunes a Viernes
11 a.m. a 1 p.m.**



Lugares Donde Recoger

- Forest Hills High
- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
- Parkwood Middle
- Porter Ridge Elementary
- Rocky River Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Shiloh Valley Primary

Los sitios de comidas están
abiertos para atender a los
estudiantes que están
aprendiendo virtualmente y / o
en días de aprendizaje remoto.

Abierto a cualquier persona menor de
18 años. No se requieren números de
identificación de estudiante.





Final Exam Information



Final Exam Information



Teacher Made Exams - Open online in Canvas from 8:00am -4:00pm on the date of the exam.

Students will not report to campus

STATE Exams - EOC and Some CTE Courses must be taken on Campus

Virtual Academy Classes without a class period. - Open Tuesday 12/15- Friday 12/18 .
Students will not report to campus

**Students should check with their teachers about the exam type.*

Details for State and CTE exams can be found on the next page of this edition of the Pirate Press. Or at

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7864>



Final Exams for First Semester

Parents at PRHS, both Plan D and Plan B:

We are reaching out to you to provide you with the Semester 1 Final Exam dates. Please know that any final exam that is a teacher-made exam will be taken remotely and students will not attend school that day. However, it is a requirement of the State of North Carolina that all state exams be taken on campus under the supervision of a school teacher. Students must be present in the school building on the day and time of their state exam. All classrooms will be cleaned prior to students entering the building and class sections will be distributed among multiple classrooms in order to keep a minimal number of students per classroom and to allow for ample social distancing. Please contact your child's counselor or AP with any questions.

Exam week:

Tuesday 12/15	1 st period exams
Wednesday 12/16	2 nd period exams
Thursday 12/17	3 rd period exams
Friday 12/18	4 th period exams
Monday 12/21	Makeup exams only for students taking State-exams

Students in a virtual section of a state-exam course not listed as a "period" on their schedule will be scheduled into an open class period. Students were already notified

We have listed all state exams for the 2020-2021 school year below that are offered at PRHS this semester:

Math 1

Math 3

English 2

Biology

Accounting 1

Animal Science 2- Small Animals

Business Law

Business Management

Career Management

Fashion Merchandising

Foods 1

Health Science 1

Interior Design 1

Law & Justice 1

Principles of Business

Public Safety 1

Sports Marketing 1

Sports Marketing 2



Final Exams Transportation Info



YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM TO GET BUS SERVICE IF YOU ARE PLAN D (ALL VIRTUAL STUDENTS) OR A PLAN B STUDENT WHO CURRENTLY DOES NOT RIDE THE BUS

Please fill out the form below **only** if your student will need bus transportation during exam week.

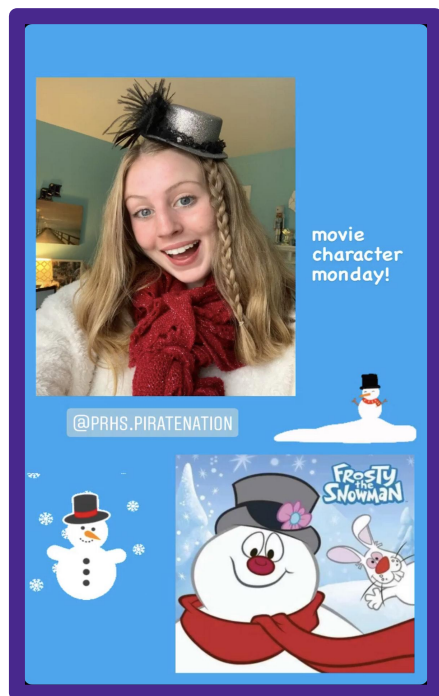
Exams begin on Tuesday, December 15th and end on Friday, December 18th.

<https://forms.gle/Ykka3JdwK8BSstSvZ8>



Student Council Dress Up Week

Students had so much fun dressing up for Winter Wonderland Week!





1st Annual Cookie Decorating Contest

Student Council hosted the 1st ever PRHS cookie decorating contest....

And THE WINNERS ARE....

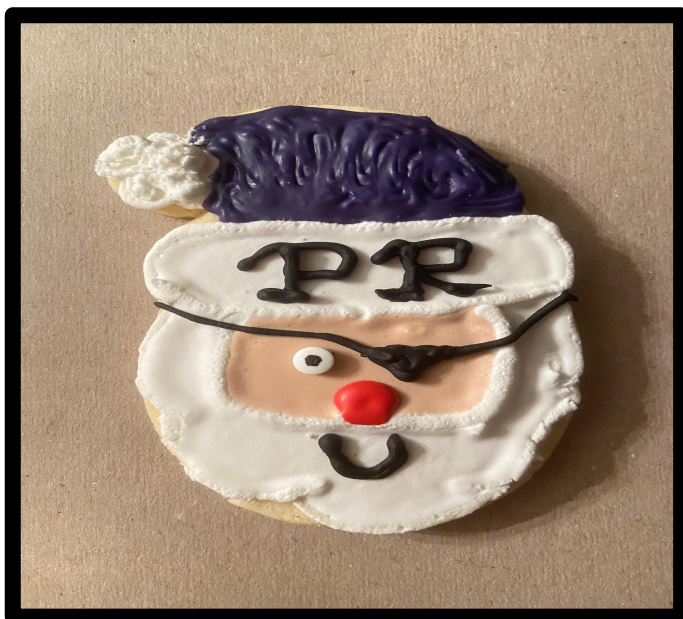
1ST PLACE- Ashley Self



2ND PLACE -Ashley Cole



3RD PLACE - Samantha Jones





#UCPS Gives Back

A poster for the Spanish Club Coat Drive. It has a light blue background with a pattern of small white snowflakes. A string of colorful Christmas lights (red, yellow, green, blue) is draped across the top. The title 'Spanish Club Coat Drive' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below the title, two bullet points are listed: '*Bring coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc. to the front office or to F102 (Sra. Koonce)' and '*All throughout December and January'. On the left side, there is a cartoon penguin wearing a pink winter coat and a pink hat with a pom-pom. On the right side, there is a cartoon snowman wearing a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom and a red and white striped scarf.

Spanish Club Coat Drive

*Bring coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc. to the front office or to F102 (Sra. Koonce)
*All throughout December and January

A poster for the Knitting & Crocheting Club's Winter Warmth Drive. It has a light green background with a pattern of small white snowflakes. The title 'Join the Knitting & Crocheting Club's Winter Warmth Drive!' is written in a large, dark red, serif font. Below the title, the dates 'DATES: NOW - JANUARY 31ST' are listed in a smaller, dark red, sans-serif font. Below the dates, the text 'DONATE OR MAKE SCARVES, GLOVES, MITTENS, COATS, HATS OR OTHER COZY ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED' is written in a smaller, dark red, sans-serif font. Below the text, the donation sites 'DONATION SITES: G106 AND BOX IN GRAND CENTRAL' are listed in a smaller, dark red, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there is a row of stylized houses and trees in various shades of brown and blue.

Join the Knitting &
*Crocheting Club's
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Athletics

Tryout Information

To be eligible to participate in sports the athlete must pass their 1st semester classes and register in [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file.

If you have any questions contact Coach Thompson the Athletic Director at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	Jan 11, 12, 13
Men's Lacrosse	Justin Leath	Justin.Leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	Jan 11 & 12
Women's Lacrosse	Kelly Lippert	kellylippert15@gmail.com	Jan 11 & 12
Football	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us	Feb 8 & 9
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	March 1 & 2
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	March 1 & 2
Men's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Golf	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com	March 1 & 2
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com	April 12 & 13

*Dates and Times will be updated as each season gets closer.
If you have any questions feel free to email the coach.*



CTE Spotlight



ready, set, app!

an NCBCE initiative sponsored by Lenovo

The Ready, Set, App! challenge is an Android mobile app development competition for North Carolina students. Student groups will develop a functional and original mobile app using a mobile app development platform, such as MIT App Inventor, to solve a problem in their community or school. The top teams will get the opportunity to pitch their app at the Virtual Ready, Set, App! Competition in April to win Lenovo-branded prizes. All final teams will receive an appointed intern to serve as peer support and a project workbook to assist with the app development process.

- Participants must be in 9-12th grade.
- This competition is for public or public charter high schools in NC.
- Teams of 3-5.
- Each team must have an educator to serve as their advisor.

Please note- projects do not have to be completed by January 15th. Register now to gain access to additional materials to support your app development process.

Use the link [HERE](#) to register for the program
Visit <https://readyssetapp.devpost.com/> for more information.

Good luck NC Students!



Community Information

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Announcements



The Spanish Club will be collecting winter coats during the months of December and January. Please bring your coat donations to Sra. Koonce's classroom, F102 or to the front office during school hours. We are asking for any size coats that are in good condition.

December 9th – 18th (Monday - Friday)
– Fall textbook drop-off

Students, who took SPCC classes fall semester, will need to turn in their textbooks to the CCP Book Room at Rocky River Elementary, Trailer 1. Students, who still have textbooks from previous semesters, should also return their textbooks during this time. Contact Ms. White with questions.

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center; Who: Mr. Love or Ms. Snelson; Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30- 8:45 am and Mon-Thurs 10:15- 12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr. Love by email malcolm.love@ucps.k12.nc.us





School Counseling

From the Counseling Office

Spring schedule corrections requests may be requested until Monday, January 11, 2021 at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/vB7FAFc24RUwtdKc9>

**Students may put in a request prior to winter break however they may not be reviewed until spring semester begins.

Requests will only be considered for the following:

- * senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
- * student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
- * student is taking a course that he/she has passed
- * student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
- * level change in core class (ie. Honors to CP - only if new level is not at class size max) (AP courses are yearlong and cannot be changed)

Food Pantry Assistance

- **Common Heart** has a mobile pantry at Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Families can come once a month.
- Also on Thursdays at **Light It Up Monroe** (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more! Families can come each week.

Esta informacion es para familias que ocupen asistencia de despensas de comida.

- **Common Heart** tiene una despensa movil en Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) los Lunes de 7:00 a 8 pm. Las familias pueden venir una vez al mes.
- Tambien todos los Jueves en **Light It Up Monroe** (1411 Helms St, Monroe) de 6: 00-7: 30 pm hay despensas de comida, ropa, comida caliente (servida esa noche), cafe (Blessed Beans), baloncesto (nuestra entrenadora de baloncesto Sra. James generalmente asiste) y mas! Las familias pueden venir cada semana.

Seniors-We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications however others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are.

Senior Check In form (please complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhw2fHw5l8AYAq/view?usp=sharing>
- Four Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzlTR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing>
- Major Clarity - career research program - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>



School Counseling

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Tondra White – last names A-Cou

tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min>

Carly Patterson - last names Cov-Hek

carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours>

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours>

Cassidy Lippert– last names Me-San

cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Shari Davison – last names Sap-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours>

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Upcoming Events

USC Lancaster Admissions Webinar Series - Sign up for one of the sessions using the link below. Choose from The A-Z Guide to USC Lancaster, Student Life: The USC Lancaster Way, Lancers SportsZone and many more!

Register here: https://www.sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/lancaster/apply/prospective_lancers/index.php

Scholarships & Opportunities

The Coolidge Scholars Program

The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride, presidential scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any accredited college or university in the United States. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program. Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their junior year of high school. **The deadline for this scholarship opportunity is January 20, 2021 at 5:00 PM.** For more information and to apply, visit the website at <https://coolidgescholars.org/about/>.



School Counseling

Summer Ventures in Science & Mathematics

SVSM is a no-cost to students, state-funded program for academically talented North Carolina students who aspire to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It is a four-week summer academic research program. Four campuses of the University of North Carolina system host a SVSM Institute including UNC Charlotte, Appalachian State, Eastern Carolina University, and UNC-Wilmington.

Link to apply: <https://www.ncssm.edu/summerventures>

Application documents and process: <https://www.ncssm.edu/summerventures/admissions> **Deadline for Application:** January 15, 2021

Students notified of decisions: April 1, 2021

Dates of 4-week online SVSM Program 2021: To be determined but typically mid-June through mid-July

For more Information: Contact Angela Juan at hjuan@uncc.edu

NCHSAA Endowed Fund Scholarships

The NCHSAA Endowed Fund offers several scholarships to eligible student-athletes of NCHSAA member schools. Please click the link below for more information about each scholarship opportunity.

<https://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/nchsaa-endowed-fund-scholarships>

NC Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

High School juniors, apply for a free trip to Washington, D.C., and experience a week you'll never forget! The **deadline to apply is December 31, 2020**. For more information and to apply, visit union-power.com and search for Youth Tour.

<https://union-power.com/youthtour/>

November 16th – SPCC Registration for Spring courses begins

All students will register during this period – new and returning students. Make sure you are following SPCC procedures and guidelines for registering for courses. This registration period is only for spring courses. If you have any questions please contact Ms. White (tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us) for more information.

December 11th – Initial UCPS deadline for completing SPCC registration for spring courses

All students are strongly encouraged to have completed the application, enrollment, and registration process for Spring 2021 CCP courses by this date.

December 9th-18th (Monday-Friday) Fall textbook drop-off

Students, who took CCP classes fall semester, will need to turn in their textbooks to the CCP Book Room at Rocky River Elementary, Tr. 1. Students, who still have textbooks from previous semesters, should also return their textbooks during this time (see map below). Textbook drop-off instructions are below:

- Once students/parents arrive at Rocky River Elementary, park and walk up to the Career and College Promise (CCP) Book Room, Trailer 1. You will see a red tent, and the door will be open (See the map below).
- Walk up to the door and place textbooks on the table by the door. If there is a student dropping off a textbook at the door, please form a line by standing on the marked X's on the sidewalk.

The Fall 2020 Scholarship Newsletter is now available. View the link below for more information.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kxjiNyMVxhL_9ubG2p9nqRiGOzMgFxWv9QneMuACBY4/edit?usp=sharing



Transportation Info Fall 2020

**Attestation Forms MUST
be filled out Weekly!**



Transportation

Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up](#)

[Transportation FAQ](#)

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.



Pirate Ports of Information



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@porterridgeabc @PorterRidgeBand @Piratestuco
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