



# Important information about returning to school on 4/12/21

All families received an email/call/text at the contacts on file with PRHS concerning the upcoming school day changes starting 4/12/21.

Please refer to that communication for details. If you need to update your contact information please email [carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call the school and we will resend you the information.

**Form MUST be submitted by 3/24/21.**

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## Return to school Timeline of Important Dates

**Week of 3/22-** Continue with Plan B and remote Fridays

**Week of 3/29-** Continue with Plan B- No school Thursday or Friday

**April 1-9-** Spring Break

**Week of April 12th-** Students return 5 days a week



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# COLLEGE NIGHT INFO

Please sign up to attend at <https://rb.gy/ccp0lo>. A zoom link will be emailed to you.

PRHS COUNSELORS PRESENT  
FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

## COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us for a virtual session  
to learn more about:

- Planning for college after high school
  - college admissions requirements
  - college search programs
  - how to pay for college
- Options for college credit in high school
  - AP Capstone
  - AP Courses
  - College and Career Promise

**TUESDAY, MARCH  
23RD AT 6PM**

Please sign up to attend at  
<https://rb.gy/ccp0lo>. A zoom link  
will be emailed to you.



## Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: [PorterRidgeHS.NC](https://www.facebook.com/PorterRidgeHS.NC)

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Follow UCPS on Twitter: @AGHoulihan @UCPS\_MonroeNC @UCPSNCATHLETICS @UCPSInnovate @UCPSCareerready @UMatterinUCPS



# Band Fundraiser

The Porter Ridge Band of Pirates is excited to bring a little holiday joy to our community! Starting Monday 3/15 the Band of Pirates will be providing personalized easter egg hunts or "Pirate EGGscursions" to families in the Indian Trail and Porter Ridge communities. For very a low price our students will plan and execute surprise egg hunts for children of our community. This fun and new idea will bring joy to everyone involved while supporting a great cause. Ordering will be available starting March 15th and can be at [www.porterridgeband.org/egghunts](http://www.porterridgeband.org/egghunts) . Click the flyer below to see it enlarged .

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**EASTER PIRATE EGGSCURSION**

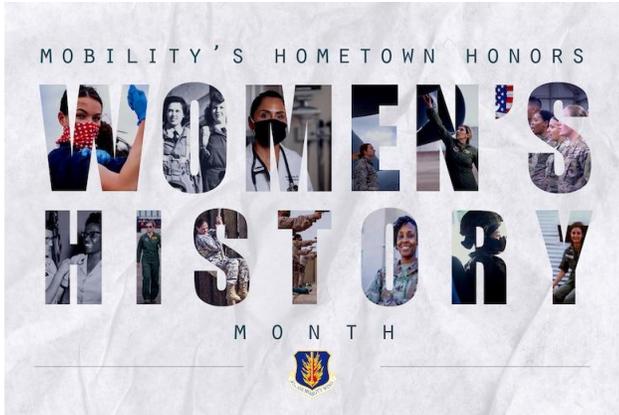
**WE DO THE WORK. YOU REAP THE REWARD**

<b>25 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found Easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 1 Easter Basket</li><li>• 1 Tally sheet for counting your bounty</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>60 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 2 Easter Baskets</li><li>• 2 Tally sheets for counting your bounty</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>100 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 4 Easter Baskets</li><li>• 4 Tally sheets for counting your bounty</li><li>• 1 Oversized golden surprise-filled egg</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$75</b>

**ORDER ONLINE @ [WWW.PORTERRIDGEBAND.ORG/EGGHUNTS](http://WWW.PORTERRIDGEBAND.ORG/EGGHUNTS)**



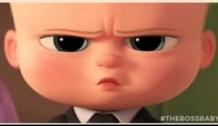
# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Ms. Fiallo's Spanish Class created Poetry in Spanish about important women role models in their lives.



Mi mamá  
Ella es sociable y  
baja. A veces ella es  
impaciente y seria. Según su  
familia, ella es trabajadora. Le gusta  
hablar por teléfono, pasar  
Tiempo con amigos,  
y caminar.



Mi mamá  
En general, es  
Muy trabajadora, pero  
A veces es impaciente  
Ella tiene ojos marrones  
Según mi familia, ella  
Es muy simpática  
Le gusta mucho  
Ver la tele.



*¡Mi Abuela!  
En general es  
Trabajadora y simpática  
A veces es  
reservada y ordenada.  
Le gusta mucho cocinar.  
Segun mi familia  
es inteligente.  
¡Así es ella!*





# Cross Country Senior Night

**Congratulations to our Cross Country Seniors!  
Michael Matranga, Jalen Dixon, & Brett Adelman**





## Interested in Track



Track and Field Season is right around the corner. Any interested athletes, please complete the [PRHS Track & Field Athlete Form](#). Practice starts April 12. In order to participate you must register online through [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file. Check out the athletics website for more info or See Coach Bundick or Coach Tanferno.



# Women's Soccer Senior Night

**Congratulations to Women's Soccer Seniors!**

**Kaitlyn Blanton, Ella Joaquin, & Bella Rowland**





## THIS WEEK'S STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Name: Morgan Meadows**

**Grade: 10th**

**1.Future Plans: (college you want to attend or will attend in the Fall) The college i want to attend is Western Carolina University (WCU)**

**2.What is your Dream Job?**

**My Dream Job is to be a special education teacher.**

**3.Sports, clubs, Organizations you are a member of at Porter Ridge. I play softball for Porter ridge.**

**4. What's the best advice you have ever gotten and who was it from?**

**The best advice you have ever gotten was to be who i want to be and don't change for anyone it was said by my mom**

**5. What words of wisdom do you live by? ( this could be a quote)**

**"A true champion works hard and never loses sight of her dreams"**

**Dot Richardson**

**6. What is your biggest takeaway from the 20-21 school year?**

**One of the biggest takeaway from the 20-21 school year for me this year is not being able to see everyone at the same time. It made me realize how i miss seeing everyone at the same**

**7. What is your Favorite memory so far as a student at PRHS?**

**I have two Favorite memories so far as a student at PRHS one is all the FNL with my friends and the other is going undefeated in softball my freshman year.**



## THIS WEEK'S STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Name: William Blanchard**  
**Grade: 12th**

**11.Future Plans: (college you want to attend or will attend in the Fall)**

**I am going to do welding**

**2.What is your Dream Job? I wanted to have a career in football but things didn't go as planned so I am doing welding.**

**3.Sports, clubs, Organizations you are a member of at Porter Ridge**  
**I played football for Porter Ridge all the way up to this year.**

**4. What's the best advice you have ever gotten and who was it from?**  
**The best advice I could ever get is from dad and that was to always choose your battles, and to never start a fight but don't back down from one.**

**5. What words of wisdom do you live by? ( this could be a quote)**

**"Success is the best revenge"**

**"You know my name, not my story"**

**6. What is your biggest takeaway from the 20-21 school year?**

**Football**

**7. What is your Favorite memory so far as a student at PRHS?**

**Playing football**



## A NOTE FROM NURSE MASSEY

Read this full article [here](#) about Teens and stress

### Teens and Stress: Who Has Time For It?

Last Updated October 2020 | This article was created by familydoctor.org editorial staff and reviewed by [Sarah Coles, MD](#)

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### What is stress?

Stress is what you feel when you react to pressure. This pressure can come from the outside world, such as school, work, after-school activities, family, or friends. Or it can come from inside yourself, like when you want to do well in school, or want to fit in. Stress is a normal reaction for people of all ages. It's caused by your body's instinct to protect itself from emotional or physical pressure or, in extreme situations, from danger.

### Important Vaccine Information - Please Read

In 2015, the State of North Carolina added Meningococcal vaccine to the school required immunizations. The first dose of Meningococcal vaccine, MCV, was given to this year's Juniors prior to the start of 7th grade as a school required vaccine. The second dose of this vaccine is required prior to the start of the Senior year, the 2021-22 school year.

If your child does not currently have evidence of the MCV vaccine, please contact your child's health care provider to obtain it. Following administration of the vaccine, please submit a copy of the record to the school nurse yet this school year. This documentation must be on file here at school prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year to meet this school enrollment requirement. Individuals born before 1/1/2003 are exempt from this requirement.

For complete details and explanations, please review the website <https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncruleslaws.htm> for NC general statutes 130A-157.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. If you have any questions, our school nurse will certainly be available to you as a resource.



## ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Academy applications for the 2021-2022 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](https://ucpscte.org/) (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.



# ACT WORKKEYS

## Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the ACT WorkKeys assessment during the week of March 15-19. Students that need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment have been notified by email this past week. Students please be sure to check your school email to see if you need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment.

## What is ACT WorkKeys?

ACT WorkKeys Assessments are the cornerstone of ACT workforce solutions. The assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).

## Why is ACT WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the ACT WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

## What do your ACT WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students who successfully complete the three WorkKeys assessments (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, & Workplace Documents) can earn the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, and silver levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

For more information about the ACT WorkKeys Assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, visit: [www.act.org/workkeys/](http://www.act.org/workkeys/)



# 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](mailto:ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	<a href="mailto:tjmcqueen@earthlink.net">tjmcqueen@earthlink.net</a>	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	<a href="mailto:randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us">randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	<a href="mailto:Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us">Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	<a href="mailto:tb2006itnc@gmail.com">tb2006itnc@gmail.com</a>	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.*

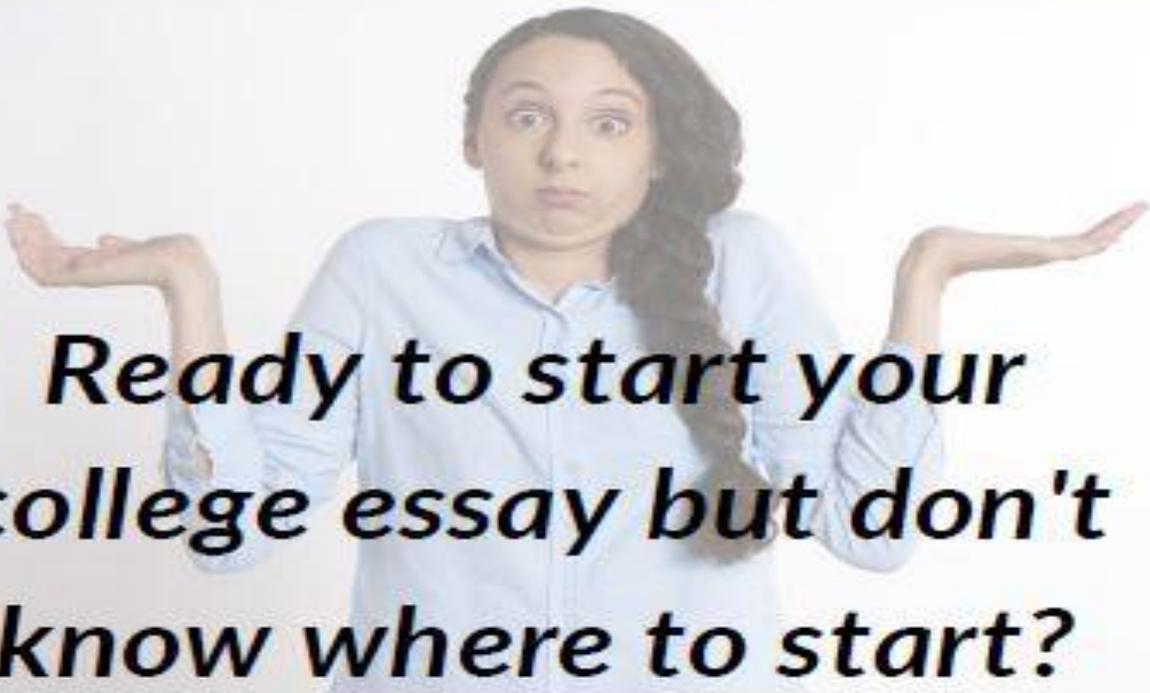


ATTENTION ALL 11 TH GRADERS

COLLEGE  
READINESS

UCPS  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## UCPS College Readiness Resource Center

A woman with long dark hair in a braid, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is shrugging her shoulders with a questioning expression.

***Ready to start your  
college essay but don't  
know where to start?***

Schedule a FREE 30-minute Zoom session  
by visiting <http://bit.ly/essaysupport1>.

*This opportunity is open to ALL current UCPS juniors.*

@UCPSCollegePrep

<http://bit.ly/essaysupport1>



## Who is your counselor?

**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](mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Schedule a meeting; <https://calendly.com/cassidy-lippert/appointment-with-ms-lippert>

**Shari Davison** – last names Sap-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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.

Los consejeros estan aqui para apoyarte con la escuela. Pueden pedir una reunion para hablar con su consejero sobre tus planes academicos, profesionales, universitarios, posteriores a la escuela secundaria o necesidades personales. Cada consejero ha establecido un calendario de citas a traves del cual pueden programar una reunion, ya sea virtual o en persona, para un dia y una hora que se adapte a su horario. Si solo tiene una pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electronico a su consejero.

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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## SENIOR INFO



Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications, while 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>

Estudiantes de el grado 12, comienzan a recibir ofertas de admision de colegios y universidades ...Felicidades! Han estado trabajando duro y este es un momento emocionante para todos. En el futuro, tendran que tomar decisiones importantes y, si tienen preguntas sobre una carta de admision y lo que significa para usted, consulte a su consejero.

Hemos creado varios videos para ayudarlos a planificar sus actividades despues de la escuela secundaria. Sabemos que muchos de ustedes estan trabajando en solicitudes para la universidad, sin embargo, otros estan considerando otras opciones. Les pedimos que vean los videos que coinciden con sus objetivos para obtener informacion importante sobre los proximos pasos. Luego complete el siguiente formulario de Google para informarnos cuales son sus planes actuales.

Formulario de registro para estudiantes de grado 12 (complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

## CHECK OUT THESE SITES FOR VALUABLE INFORMATION

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAg/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/1EoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RjyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>.



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## SCHOLARSHIP INFO

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to [carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Si reciben ALGUNA beca, notifiquen a la Sra. Patterson con el nombre de la universidad o beca y la cantidad. Si no asisten a esa escuela o no aceptan el premio, todavia notifique a la Sra. Patterson. Pueden imprimir la carta y entregar en la oficina de consejeria o enviar el correo electronico a [carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

### March Deadlines

#### **Questbridge College Prep Scholars Program**

For more information:

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

**Deadline to apply: March 24, 2020**

#### **UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Research Internship Experience**

For more information:

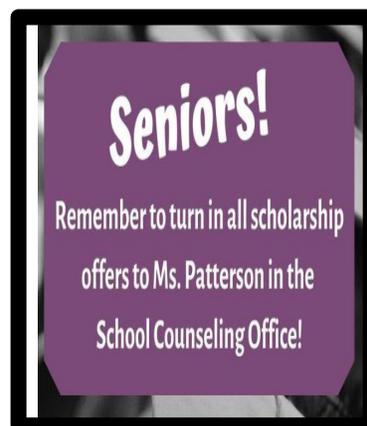
<https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-research-experience>

**Deadline: March 31, 2021**

#### **Union County Association of Educated Office Professionals**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline: March 31, 2021**



### April Deadlines

#### **Union County Association of Educators Scholarship**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline to apply: April 13, 2021**

#### **NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline to apply: April 15, 2021**

#### **State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship**

For more information:

<https://www.seanc.org/scholarship>

**Deadline to apply: April 15, 2021**

#### **Patricia Huntley Service Scholarship**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline: April 15, 2021**



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Upcoming Events

### College Virtual Visits for PRHS students

You must register for the visits through your SCOIR account.

**March 19-** University of North Carolina at Asheville

**March 26-** Suffolk University

**April 16-** University of South Carolina

SAVE THE DATE

### ECU College of Health & Human Performance Virtual Information Sessions

This spring ECU will be offering virtual academic sessions for prospective and admitted students to come learn more about their majors, careers, and student experiences.

**School of Social Work-** Monday, April 12 6:00-7:00 PM

**BS Recreational Therapy & BS in Recreation & Park Management-** Monday, March 6:00-7:00 PM

**Register for events here:** <https://navigator.ecu.edu/RecruitNewWFE/Events>

### Are you interested in taking SPCC courses and earning college credit? SPCC Registration begins April 19!

Fill out the form linked below no later than March 12, 2021 to gain access to more information about the Career & College Promise Program. Please email Ms. White ([tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us)) if you have any questions.

<https://forms.gle/yG5zmjh8Or5k3mXZA>

### NC Merit Scholarships Information Sessions

Interested high school students, families, school counselors, and college advisors are invited to join the following North Carolina scholarship programs for an informational evening via Zoom. Program representatives will provide an overview of each scholarship and answer questions. Below are dates the sessions will be held and we hope you can join us for one!

- Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 19)
- Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 19)
- Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 22)
- Monday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 9)
- Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 9)
- Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 12)

During the sessions, you will hear from:

- Christina Garrett, Cheatham-White, NC Central University
- Margaret Turner, EC Scholars, East Carolina University
- Abey Dessie, Levine Scholars, UNC Charlotte
- Justine Okerson, Morehead-Cain, UNC Chapel Hill
- Reneé Tutchton, Park Scholarships, NC State University

**To register, go to** <https://bit.ly/NCScholarships-Spring2021>.

### Career & College Promise Program

SPCC will be hosting virtual Information Sessions to learn about the Career and College Promise Program every second Monday at 6pm during the spring semester. Contact Ms. White if you have any questions ([tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

**Dates:** 4/12, 5/10

<https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/>.



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Upcoming Events

### BigFuture Days- Virtual College Fair

- BigFuture Day Southeast, Thursday, April 29, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Sunday, April 18, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day West & Southwest, Tuesday, March 30, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

SAVE THE DATE

### UCPS College Readiness Parent Series

Check out the webinars at the link above offered by the UCPS College Readiness Office.

April 19, 2021 - College Recruiting for Athletes

May 1, 2021- SCOIR for Junior Parents and Students.

## General/ Community Info

### 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.

**Male Students-** We want you to remember that when you turn 17.5 to 18, it's the law that you register with Selective Service.

Registration with Selective Service is your civic responsibility and keeps you eligible for student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states.

Get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at [www.ss.gov](http://www.ss.gov). You can even register with your smart phones. If you have any questions regarding registration, talk to Mr. James. He's your Selective Service Registrar.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center;  
Who: Mr. Walden 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.  
Walden by email

[jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Join us for two mornings of student written works as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present a virtual performance of The Beginning Theatre Showcase 2 on March 22nd and March 25th at 10:15 AM. For a mere three dollars you will receive a link to the performance of your choice and have a video of that performance shared the same day.

Tickets are available at [porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz).  
Wed./Thurs Cast will perform on the 18th & Mon./Tues. cast on the 22nd. See Mr. Ford for details.

Join us as Oscar Wilde's classic "The Importance of Being Earnest" is thrust into a modern Zoom based performance in "The Importance of Being Earnest During a Pandemic" on March 30th at 7 PM. Tickets will be \$5 for a zoom link and a video of the performance and are available at [porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz).

Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present Takeout Theatre

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST DURING A PANDEMIC** A Stay-At-Home Play

BY Don Zolidis

Scan Me

March 30th 7:00 PM

Tickets \$5 purchase at [porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz)

For ticket price you will receive a link to the show and a video.

Produced by special arrangement with Playworks, Inc.

Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present Takeout Theatre

For just \$3 watch a live stream and receive a video of

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Wed./Thurs. Group Livestream 3/18 10:15 AM  
Mon./Tues. Group Livestream 3/22 10:15 AM

Link will be sent out the day of show and the video the day after. Buy Tickets at [Porterridgehigh-school.seatyourself.biz](http://Porterridgehigh-school.seatyourself.biz)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PORTER RIDGE FFA

## Spring Pet Photo Contest

Send your photos by either:  
Email: [cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
Instagram Messenger: @prhsffa

**\*You can submit as many pets as you wish!\***

Submit pictures by:  
March 25th  
Winner Announced:  
March 26th

**PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!**

A row of five colorful illustrations of pets. From left to right: a beagle wearing a flower crown, a bulldog wearing bunny ears, a black cat wearing a flower crown, a pug wearing bunny ears and a pink bow, and a Siamese cat wearing bunny ears.

The following colleges are having virtual visits for Porter Ridge students: March 12th - UNC Greensboro, North Carolina Central and East Carolina, March 19th UNC Asheville, and April 16th University of South Carolina. Sign up in SCOIR to get the link to attend. Access Scoir on the high school student start up page.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/ucps-secondary-startup-page/high-school>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting of the Porter Ridge Gay/Straight Alliance on Monday, March 22nd from 3:05-3:45pm in room F108. We are working on plans/activities for Awareness Week. All are welcome to join.

Teachers please review the WorkKeys Testing List sent in the daily announcements and send those students to the media center at the start of 1st period. Thank you.

Hello Book Club members! The next Book Club meeting is scheduled on Wed. March 17th at 3:15pm. We are discussing 'Circe' by Madeline Miller. A virtual meeting link will be emailed in advance. Please let Ms. Greer, Ms. Taylor, or Ms. Yearick, know if you are going to be on campus that day in order for room arrangements to be set.

Hello out there, film enthusiasts. If you are interested in talking about cinematography, directing, shot composition, and all other kinds of film stuff, check out the brand new Film Club. We will be holding an interest meeting Wednesday afternoon March 17th both virtually and in person in G112 at three. Contact Mr. Boyles for more information.

The Spanish club will be meeting virtually this Friday march 19, at 10:30 am. The link for the meeting will be email to members today by Sra.Koonce.



# GRADUATION DATES

## Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



## GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

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.

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.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parlowood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parlowood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)



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## 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.**