

Volume 2 **Issue Number 11 October 31st 2019** 

Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations to our Band of Pirates for pulling off a spectacular Pirate Cove Classic this past Saturday! We had 27 Bands in attendance and the stands were absolutely full! Great music and a great atmosphere! Congratulations to Mr. Ross, Ms. Cook, Ms. Tomberlin and of course our parents and students for a great event!

Yesterday, we had our blood drive where we collected 153 units! This was a huge collaborative endeavor between our HOSA and Interact clubs! Thank you to Mrs. Clontz, Ms. Craig, Mrs. Jessen, and all of our students, faculty, and community members who donated or helped! Thank you to Porter Ridge Middle for allowing us to use their gym as well!

Soccer Senior Night was this past Monday against Myers Park. It was a great night celebrating our seniors and all of their accomplishments over the last four years.

Volleyball played Page in a tough playoff round this past Saturday! Congratulations to Coach Welch and the volleyball team for a successful season! And to Coach Welch for being named the SW4A Conference Coach of the Year!

Football plays Myers Park tomorrow evening at Myers Park at 7:00pm. Come out and support!

Our annual fall fest was a blast! 400 elementary and middle school students came out to trick or treat, and play games. Our clubs hosted many unique and fun themed rooms! Student council did a great job organizing the event!

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters are sent on a weekly basis so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

#### Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne

- **Annual Sock Trot**
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Varsity Football 11/1@ 7:00pm **@Myers Park** 





#### **Future 49ers Teach Day**

111<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders...Are you interested in pursuing a career in teaching? Join us in

attending UNCC 49ers Teach Day on Thursday November 14 from 9am – 1pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet current faculty and students in the education program and attend sessions related to the teaching field. Students will need to bring lunch money.  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  graders can pick up a permission form in the main office. Forms are  $due\ by\ Friday\ November\ 1^{st}$ . The trip is limited to 15 students so turn it in before the deadline.

# FUTURE 49ERS TEACH

DAY • ««

JOIN US FOR A DAY DEDICATED TO BECOMING A TEACHER IN NORTH CAROLINA!

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 9:00-1:00 P.M CONE CENTER | UNC CHARLOTTE MAIN CAMPUS



- ENGAGE IN BREAK OUT SESSIONS
- MEET OUR FACULTY AND CURRENT STUDENTS
- HEAR FROM UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
- TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
- PLAY GAMES AND WIN PRIZES
- LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A TEACHER AND A NINER ALL IN ONE DAY

Teacher Cadet classes, school groups, individual students and families and all prospective students in grades 11-12 are welcome to attend. Documentation of a college visit will be available upon request.

Contact the Cato College of Education recruitment office at trecruitment@uncc.edu for more information.









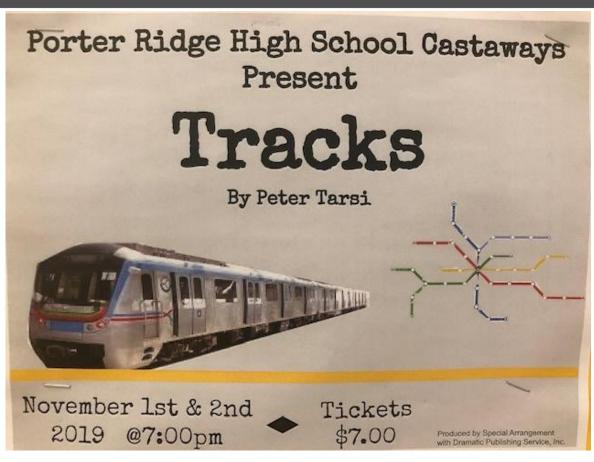
SUPPORT 2 GREAT CAUSES WHILE WEARING
YOUR WACKIEST PAIR OF SOCKS!
RACE STARTS 9 AM AT PRHS
ADULTS \$30 STUDENTS \$20 TEACHER TEAM \$100

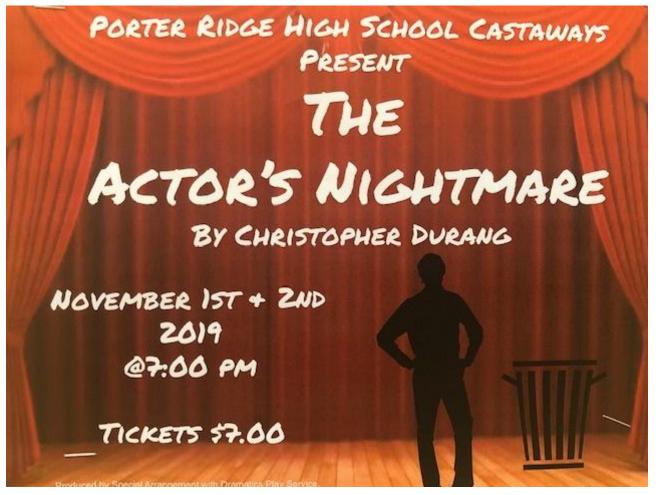
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Each Participant is asked to donate new socks for Heart of Monroe





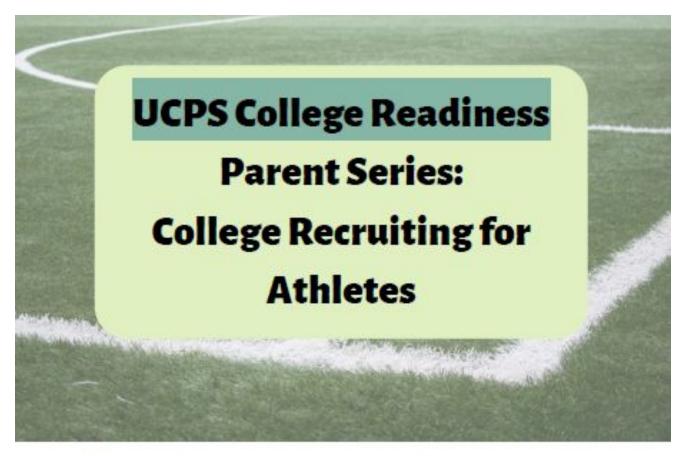












# Thursday, November 21, 2019 Monroe High School

1 High School Drive, Monroe, NC 28112 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

To register visit: http://bit.ly/collegerecruitingforathletes

All UCPS students in grades 9-12 are invited.

For more information, visit https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/2916.



### **College Information Night**

# College Information Night









#### Presentations for Parents & Students 9th-11th Grade in English and Spanish

Presented by Ms. Timeka Ruffin from College Foundation and Dr. María Lander from SPCC

\*How to plan, apply and pay for college.

\*Process to get financial aid.

\*Minimum Admission Requirements

\*Academic Preparation and University Selection



When: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Where: Porter Ridge High School / Media Center Address: 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079



## Noche de Informacion Universitaria









#### Presentaciones para padres y estudiantes de 9<sup>no</sup> a 11<sup>vo</sup> grado en Ingles y Español

Presentado por la señora Timeka Ruffin de la Fundación College y la Dra. María Lander de SPCC

\*Proceso para obtener ayuda financiera.

\*Requisitos mínimos de admisión

\*Preparación Académica y selección de Universidad



Cuándo: Martes 12 de Noviembre de 2019

Hora: 6:30 P.M.

Donde: Porter Ridge High School / Media Center

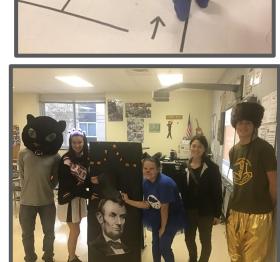
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## FALL FEST 2019!





















#### **Check IT OUT!**





All 27 Bands at the Pirate Cove Classic!



Blood Drive Organizers!



Soccer Senior Night



HOSA and Interact Sponsors jump in and Donate!

## **Poetry Slam**

November 19th 3-4 pm
Media Center Back Windows Section

Refreshments Provided



Annual Poetry Slam!

Students "Stomp" Out Bullying at Lunch!



#### Announcements

The following colleges will be visiting PRHS for which juniors and seniors must sign up to attend through Naviance: East Carolina University on Nov. 6th and Gardner-Webb University on Nov. 8th. The following colleges will have a table during all lunches: Randolph Macon College on Nov. 5th and St. Augustine University on Nov. 12th.

THINK FAST Pirates Porter Ridges new Improv club C.I.A will have an interest meeting, Tuesday, November 5th from 3- 4 welcoming all actors new and old hope to see you there.

The ASVAB will be given on December 6th. ASVAB stands for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is a multiple-choice test that helps you identify which Military Occupational Specialties would be best for you. Interested 10th-12th grade students must sign up at the following link:

https://forms.gle/8sLJfsKYBxTghDC56

Join us for a night of drama and comedy as Porter Ridge High School presents "The Actor's Nightmare" and "Tracks" November 1st & 2nd at 7:00 PM in Porter Ridge High School's Auditorium. Tickets are \$7

Attention all Mu Alpha Theta (a.k.a. Math Honor Society) members! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 AM in E-210. We will be discussing our plans for the rest of the year. Be there or be A plus B squared.

#### **Musical Auditions**

Come out and audition for James and the Giant Peach this year's spring musical on Nov. 20th & 21st from 3:00-5:00. Please prepare a short song and a monologue for auditions. All experience levels are welcome.

Calling all poets! Can you rhyme in time? Are you the poet and we need to know it? Well, the PRHS Poetry Slam is back and we need you! We will have a coffee house style Poetry Slam on Tuesday, November 19th from 3-4 in the Media Center. The rules, the rubric and Google sign up form are on the website in the Announcements section. Sign up today!

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$80. Visit Jostens.com or visit Ms. Watson's room F105-C for an order form. Be sure to order before prices increase!

Senior Ads are now on sale to be featured in the yearbook. This is a great way to make your mark in this year's book! Visit Jostens.com to order of see Ms. Watson in F105-C.

Interested in learning about playing sports in college? If so, parents should register to attend the College Recruiting for Athletes session on Thursday, November 21st at Monroe High School at 6pm.

Porter Ridge Athletic Boosters Club is hosting the 2nd annual Sock Trot 5K on 11/16 to help support PR Athletic Programs and Heart of Monroe. Wear your wackiest pair of socks and help a great cause! We are partnering with Heart of Monroe and ask that participants bring new packs of clean, warm socks as a donation for those in need.

Cost -

\$20 Students

\$30 Individuals

\$100 Teacher Teams (Maximum 5 People. Only open to NC/SC Teachers, Staff and Administrators of Accredited School Systems)

On Monday, November 25th at 8 am we will have an information session on the US Naval Academy from a current senior at the US Naval Academy. Any student interested in learning more about the US Naval Academy or other service academies may sign up to attend at the following link: https://forms.gle/peFKCndUNDbUFT1QA

There will be a NEHS and Creative Writing club meeting this Friday after school in G112. We're going to talk about prep work for the Poetry Slam. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions or concerns.









#### Wingate University Health & Wellness Fair

# Wingate University Health & Wellness Fair

Saturday, Nov. 16 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monroe Middle School 601 E. Sunset Drive

Sponsored by



Connecting families with community health resources!

#### FREE Services

Flu shots
Health screenings & education
Vision & oral screenings
Wellness van
Counseling

#### Activities & Prizes

Zumba & Yoga
Face painting
Photo booth
Raffles
Free tote bags (limited quantity)

#### FREE FOOD

FREE CLOTHES Shop for your family at The Closet

KID ZONE

Hosted by







For details, contact: Carolyn Ford at cford@wingate.edu



#### **School Counseling**

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

#### From the Counseling Office

The Union County Christmas Bureau is accepting applications for holiday assistance. They are located at the new Union County Human Services building, 2330 Concord Ave, Monroe, NC 28110. The hours for application are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You will need proof of ID, Income information, social security cards for the family, and proof of address. **The deadline to apply for the Christmas Bureau is November 22nd.** 

Chance to win a **FREE Prom Ticket**: Seniors, submit your FAFSA confirmation page to Ms. Patterson by November 1st to be entered into a drawing for a FREE Prom ticket!

PRHS families have been given an opportunity to support families in need with weekend food bags. This program is sponsored by "Food for Families" and is provided at no cost to you. The food bags will be given to your student on Friday afternoons to take home for the weekend. If you would like to benefit from this program, please contact your child's school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.

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#### **Upcoming Dates**

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**PRHS 9th-11th grade College Information Night**- We will be hosting College Information Night for students in grades 9-11 on November 12 at 6:30 PM. This event will have sessions in English and Spanish, so mark your calendars for a wonderful night of information.

**National Bullying Prevention Month** -- October is National Bullying Prevention month. Every day thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends and family, and within your school or community. If you see something, say something. If you are experiencing bullying or if you know someone who is, tell a teacher, counselor, administrator, or trusted adult.





## **School Counseling Information**

**Upcoming SAT and ACT dates** 

SAT

November 2

December 7 (register by November 8)

ACT

October 26

December 14 (register by November 8)

#### **Scholarships & Opportunities**

The application deadline is fast approaching for the **2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**. This award is an excellent opportunity to celebrate high school students who have excelled in volunteer service. Honors are granted at the local, state and national level. Top honorees in each state receive a scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C. The deadline to apply is **November 5, 2019**. Apply using this link:

https://spirit.prudential.com/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm\_content=soc\_eblast&utm\_source=ryan\_assoc&utm

The **NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC)** honors 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education. Applications are due **November 5, 2019.** 

Apply: https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward

Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our **October Scholarship Newsletter** and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNNtzoYhOk\_jEC5p0HVJwCY\_b25Y-Qk7MxuAWhJ1juY/edit?usp=sharing

#### **Major Scholarships**

Some 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 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 the links to information about the individual scholarships. The applications are now available and accessible through Pirate Press, the school counseling webpage, and senior emails.

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. Patterson with any questions.

University of Virginia- Jefferson Scholarship

Apply\_here

DUE November 14, 2019

Gardner Webb University- Tucker Scholarship

If you are interested, please see Ms. Patterson by October 31, 2019.

More information here



#### **School Counseling**

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#### **College Readiness**

**Colleges Visiting PRHS**-- Seniors and Juniors may sign up to attend the presentation to colleges they are interested in learning more about. Students must sign up at least 2 days prior to the visit through your Naviance Student account.

- 1. Log in to your my.ncedcloud.org account
- 2. Click on "C" for Clever
- 3. Click on Naviance
- Select "Colleges"
- 5. Select "upcoming visits"
- 6. Click the "Sign Up" button for the chosen schools.

Looking for information about the college application and scholarship process? Check out the **UCPS College Readiness page**. They are hosting a College Entrance Exams 101 information event on November 1, 2019.

Find more information on the website. https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6376

The Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) Program is inviting parents and students to attend bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program.

More information about these opportunities can be found here: <a href="https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series">https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series</a>







#### **School Counseling Information**



What? A five-day program on NC State's campus that exposes students to STEM opportunities, leadership, and personal growth

Who? High school sophomores from across North Carolina with an interest in STEM

When? Camp this year runs May 9th -13th, 2020

Where? North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina

Why? To experience college at one of our nation's best institutions – from staying in a dorm, to learning from professors, to meeting other students from across the state

How? Students must apply by February 28th, 2020



#### The mission of Satellite is to provide students from rural high schools in North Carolina with:

- opportunities to explore and engage with current issues and career paths in the sciences and in technology-related disciplines through innovative lectures and hands-on laboratory experiences
- exposure to the university experience through on-campus housing accommodation, tours of university facilities and seminars with current students and university staff
- personal development activities related to leadership, diversity and cultural awareness
- motivation for continued educational pursuit and achievement







Apply and find out more at: https://go.ncsu.edu/satellite

#### **PRHS Careers**

#### Information from our CTE Department.

#### "Career of the Week - Computer Programmer"

A Computer programmer writes and tests codes that allow computer applications and software programs to function properly. Software developers and engineers create programs and give them to a computer programmer to create instructions that the computer can follow in order for the program to run properly. Newly created applications must be tested to make sure that the expected results are being produced and programmers are the individuals that test them. If the computer programmer finds mistakes in the code, they are in charge of fixing them. Most Computer Programmers have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or a related subject; however, some employers hire workers with an Associate's degree. Computer Programmers average salary for the state of North Carolina is \$91,340 and \$84,280 for the nation.

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#### **PRHS Careers**

#### Information from our CTE Department.



Looking for part-time work; Carolina Made is seeking **part-time warehouse workers** in Indian Trail, NC. We have immediate openings and a variety of shifts available! We are open Monday-Friday with **no weekend work**. The positions are <u>not</u> seasonal and can result in long term jobs or career opportunities.

#### Responsibilities for this job include:

- -Picking and packing in a warehouse environment
- -Ability to meet physical demands of standing and walking for the entirety of the shift
- -Ability to repeatedly lift 10-20 pounds and up to 50 pounds on occasion
- -Maintain safety, cleanliness, quality and productivity standards within the distribution warehouse
- -Attention to detail and accuracy in picking and packing orders is required.
- -No warehouse experience required.

For more information, please call Carolina Made directly at 704-821-1152.



#### **Pirate Ports of Information**



## Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCounseling @PRHSCareer @prhs\_athletics @PRPiratehoops @pr\_volleyball @PorterRidgeFB @PorterRidgeXC @porterridgeabc @PRHSSoccer1 @PRHSPiratesBSB @PR\_Sportsphotos @PorterRidgeFFA @PRHScheer @porterridgeabc @PorterRidgeBand @Piratestuco @prhss\_2020 (student section)

Follow us on Instagram: @porterridgehs @porterridgefb @porterridgecheer @prhs.piratenation (student council) @prhss\_2020 (student section) @porterridgebandofpirates @PR\_volleyball @prhsffa (Future Farmers of America club)

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