



Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations to our varsity soccer team and coaches for their 1-0 win against Glenn High School last night in the first round of playoffs! Pirate soccer will take on Northwest Guilford in Greensboro on Saturday, November 9th!

Good luck to Caroline Fagan and Dominic Conroy at the NCHSAA 4A State Cross Country Championship at Ivy Redmond Park on Saturday, November 9th! Our Cross Country Team continues to improve each year and we are so proud of all of our runners! Speaking of running please consider joining us for the 2nd annual Sock Trot to benefit Heart for Monroe and our PR Athletic Program. Information in the Pirate Press.

Our Varsity Football team will take on Hickory Ridge tomorrow night for the last regular season home game. Tomorrow night is senior night! We will be recognizing our Football Seniors, Band Seniors, and Cheer Seniors! We are so excited to celebrate our seniors for all of their dedication and commitment over the past four years.

Our Counseling Department has begun individual meetings with our Juniors through their American I History Classes. School counselors are reviewing post high school plans, going over transcripts, and answering any questions students may have! Our counseling department is starting evening appointments on Mondays. See the Pirate Press to sign up as it is by appointment only. This service is for all grade levels! Shout out to our amazing counseling department for their commitment to our students success.

Good Luck to our Theater III and Theater IV program who will be taking their one act plays "Tracks" and "The Actor's Nightmare" to the North Carolina Theater Conference (NCTC) tomorrow at Rocky River High School. Break a Leg Pirates! We know you will do great! Some of our high school classes were able to enjoy the shows during the school day on Tuesday of this week as well!

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

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**Varsity Football vs.
Hickory Ridge
11/8 @ 7:30pm
@PRHS**





Second Annual Sock Trot

SECOND ANNUAL SOCK TROT



HEART
for MONROE

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETICS

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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



**UCPS College Readiness
Parent Series:
College Recruiting for
Athletes**

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

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**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

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Presentaciones para padres y estudiantes de 9^{no} a 11^{vo} grado en Ingles y Español

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

- *Cómo planificar, aplicar y pagar la universidad.
- *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
Dirección: 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079**



Check IT OUT!



Porter Ridge Earns The Green Ribbon Award for student support by NCDPI!



Jocelyn Shutak, Juliahn Debeuneure, and Magdalena Tripunovic are top 10 finalists for the UCPS Holiday Card Contest. Congrats to these young ladies and their art teachers Ms. Crowley and Ms. Baucom!



Mrs. Crowley's ceramics class gets a hands on demonstration of pottery on the wheel by a local potter!

Caroline & Dominic will compete at the XC State Championship on 11/9



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

Refreshments Provided!



Come and Enjoy the Slam!

Annual Poetry Slam!



Staff Scavenger Hunt Winners for October!

READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Did you know that the Media Center has added over **235** new books so far this year?

Stop by the Media center and check out all the new additions!



Soccer moves on to the second round of the playoffs!



Announcements

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

Come join us for a night of student written and directed works as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present The Beginning Theatre Showcase on November 22nd at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5.

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>

As you know there are many service members that do not get to come home for the holidays. Take a few moments and write a letter to a service member that Rho Kappa will mail for you. Turn in letters or a message in a card by Nov 15th to F201. It can be something simple such as saying thank you and sharing your favorite holiday tradition.

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!

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

November 11th is Veterans' Day, Rho Kappa is asking you to join us in wearing red white and blue on Tuesday Nov 12th in honor of their service and dedication to protecting our freedoms. Let's show our appreciation for all Veterans'

Interested in learning about playing in sports in college? If so, parents should register to attend the College Recruiting for Athletes session on Thursday November 21 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>

FFA will have a meeting on Thursday, November 7th in room A114 after school. We will be discussing the Union County Christmas Parade, National FFA Week, and other upcoming events. Please be at this meeting if you are a member. If you are not able to make it, see one of the officers or Ms. Starnes.





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  BlueCross BlueShield
of North Carolina

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

PRHS Counselors are offering Monday appointments between 4-7pm for parents and students to meet about post secondary planning. Meetings are for 45 minutes. To sign up for a meeting visit

<https://calendly.com/shari-davison/45min>.

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 9:00am-3:00pm, 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.**

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.**

Upcoming Dates

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. On **Monday, November 25th at 8am** 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:

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FAFSA for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! Begin filling out your applications as soon as possible to make sure you receive needed financial aid to pay for school. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

FAFSA Opens—October 1, 2019

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
4. 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 the College Recruiting for Athletes information session on November 21 and the ACT/SAT Huntington Learning Center Blitz on November 23.



School Counseling Information

Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

SAT

December 7 (register by November 8)

ACT

December 14 (register by November 8)

Scholarships & Opportunities

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

The first year after a teen gets their license is one of the most dangerous years of their life. That's why Discovery Education and Toyota created the **TeenDrive365 Video Challenge**, which encourages high school students across the country to send a powerful message to fellow teens about the dangers of driving distracted, for the chance to win incredible prizes. Submit a 30-60 second distracted driving PSA and be entered to win up to \$15,000. Students, begin brainstorming soon because the challenge closes on February 26, 2020.

University of Miami Jenkins Scholarship- This prestigious scholarship is awarded to three high school graduates who have overcome significant adversity to achieve academic excellence. Nominated students should demonstrate a strong work ethic through participation in school and community activities and have a high financial need. The Jenkins Scholarship award covers the full cost of attendance. It is valued at more than \$70,000 for the academic year and more than \$280,000 over four years. All required materials to be considered for the scholarship are available at miami.edu/jenkins and must be submitted by **December 1**.

There is less than one month left to submit to The Phoenix's Emerging Writers Contest! The Emerging Writers Contest is open to **all high school students**, which includes a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year pending acceptance to Pfeiffer University and separate cash prizes of up to \$250 (doubled upon matriculation to Pfeiffer University)! Not to mention, the student could also be published in the forthcoming 61st issue. For more information, visit their website. The deadline is **December 1, 2019**.

<http://www.pfeiffer.edu/picma-competition-emerging-writers>

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



Porter Ridge High School

Counselors are offering evening appointments
to assist parents & students with
post secondary planning



- Monday's between 4-7pm
- 45 min appointment with a counselor
- Must schedule appointment through the following link:

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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>



Information from our CTE Department.

“Career of the Week – Health & Safety Engineer”

What are Health & Safety Engineers? Health and Safety Engineers develop procedures and design systems to prevent people from getting sick or injured and to keep property from being damaged by combining knowledge of systems engineering and of health and safety. In order to become a Health & Safety Engineer, you need a Bachelor’s degree in an engineering discipline such as electrical, chemical, mechanical, industrial, or systems engineering. Another acceptable field of study is occupational or industrial hygiene. Health & Safety Engineers average salary for the state of North Carolina is \$74,950 and \$89,130 for the nation.





PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.

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ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

FALL ROBOTICS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
COMPETITION STARTS AT 8:30AM

2019

UNION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & EVENTS CENTER

3230-D PRESSON RD
MONROE, NC 28112

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MIDDLE SCHOOL &
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