



Dear Pirate Community,

The Hemby Bridge and Monroe Christmas Parades will take place this Sunday, November 24th. The Monroe Christmas Parade will be at 2:00pm in Downtown Monroe. The Hemby Bridge Christmas Parade will begin at 5:30pm in Hemby Bridge.

Football will be at Grimsley High School tonight at 7:30pm at Grimsley High School. Good luck to our players and coaches as they take on the Grimsley Whirlies in the second round of the state playoffs! Go Pirates! Basketball takes on Parkwood today! Good Luck to all our Basketball teams as they take on the Parkwood Rebels! Wrestling started off the season with a win over Monroe High School! Check out our Wrestling team on Tuesday as they head to Parkwood High.

Indoor Track will head to Forest Hills High School to compete in their first meet of the season on Monday 11/25! We hope to see you there! Basketball will be home on Monday and Tuesday! We hope to see you there! Congratulations to Ms. Batchelor and our Robotics teams for competing at the Fall Robotics classic this past Saturday. The Scurvy Dogs took second place and also won the sportsmanship award.

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 @
Grimsley
11/22 @ 7:30pm
2nd Round of Playoffs**





The Beginning Theatre Showcase

November 22nd

7:00 PM

\$5.00 Admission



Pick your seat.

Buy early.

Scan the QR or go to

<http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz>



Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the ACT WorkKeys assessment during the weeks of Dec. 2-13, 2019. Students that need to take ACT WorkKeys assessment will be given a letter on Monday, Nov. 25th from their 1st block teacher. **Please understand that this test is a required test.**

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/.



AutoBell Athletics Fundraiser

HELP US REACH OUR
FUNDRAISING GOAL

WITH EACH \$20 GIFT CARD

GIFTCARD

\$20



- Choose your favorite wash.
- Gift cards never expire.
- We keep 50% of the sales.



When We Shine, You Shine™



Holiday Gift Ideas!

Winter Sports Teams are Selling Cards.

Check out the PRHS webpage under Athletics for more details.

[Thanks for your support!](#)



Winter Athletic Schedules

[Full Season Schedules can be found here!](#)

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Basketball

WJV

MJV

WV

MV

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	WJV	MJV	WV	MV
11/22	Friday	Parkwood	Away	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
11/25	Monday	AL Brown	Home			6:45	
11/25	Monday	Central Cabarrus	Home				8:00
11/26	Tuesday	Piedmont	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
12/2	Monday	Sun Valley	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
12/4	Wednesday	Monroe	Home			6:00	7:30

Wrestling

Tuesday	11-26	Parkwood, Forest Hills Tri	5:00pm	Parkwood
Wednesday	11-27	Thanksgiving Tournament	9:00am	Parkwood
Thursday	12-5	Piedmont, West Stanly Tri	5:00pm	Piedmont

Indoor Track

11/25	Monday	Forest Hills High School	Marshville, NC	3:30
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Basketball Info!



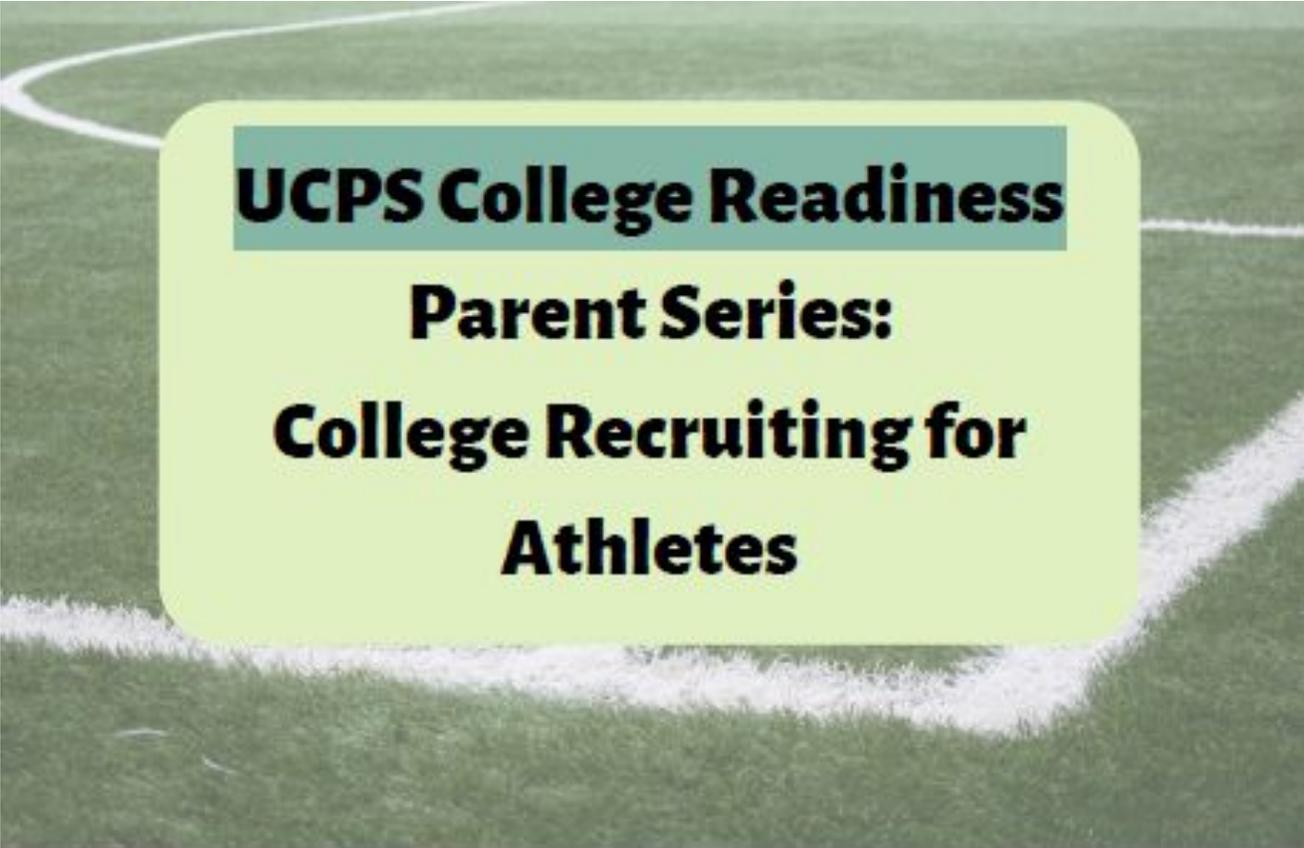
SINK IT "HALF COURT SHOT COMPETITION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD LAUNCHES THE BEGINNING OF THE BASKETBALL SEASON'S SINK IT FOR FANS. COST IS \$1 TO SHOOT A HALF COURT SHOT DURING THE GIRLS AND BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME.

Prizes will be awarded!



College Recruiting for Athletes



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

Thursday, December 5th

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>.

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Check IT OUT!



Luci Hinson is the 2019 Parade Princess



Coach Tanferno was selected by Coach Hyatt for this week's Capture a Captain award!



Ms. Ellis awards Coach McGhee the Capture a Captain award



Ms. Starnes awards Mr. Ross the Capture a Captain award



Coach Worsham receives the capture a captain award from Coach Malone



Ms. Craig and Ms. Cloer are the second place Goose Chase winners and received breakfast!



Mrs. Myers French class race to build sentences.

Mr. Beard recognizes Ms. Ellis for her leadership and dedication to PRHS!





Check IT OUT!



Dr. Fisenne recognizes Coach Malone for his leadership



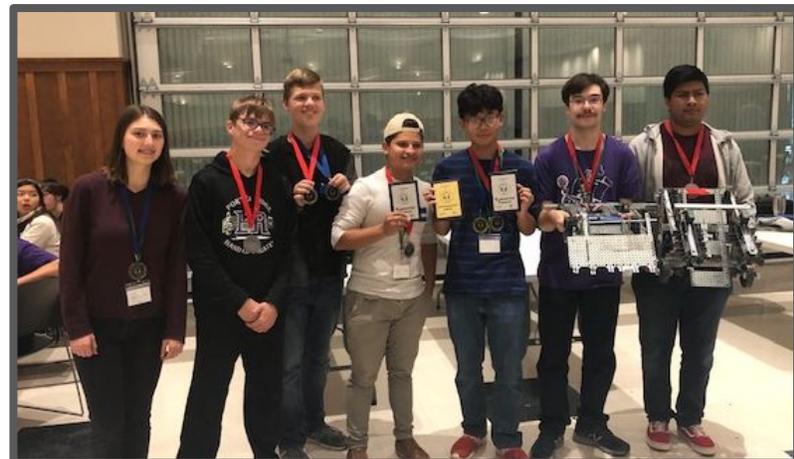
Counselors meet with 10th graders via Civics classes.



PRHS Robotics club collaborates with Parkwood High's Robotics club at the 2019 Fall Robotics Classic.



Dr. Kraftson recognizes Coach Hyatt for his leadership!



Porter Ridge Robotics takes 2nd Place in the Fall Robotics classic and the sportsmanship award!



Dr. Newnam Recognizes Mrs. Starnes for her leadership.



Advisory collaborates on blueprints for Habit two: Begin with the end in mind!



Announcements

Lip Sync Battle is back! This fun event will take place on December 20th during 4th block in the auditorium. Free team sign-ups are now open during all lunches. If you are interested in participating please come by as soon as possible, once you have signed up you will be required to audition for a spot. The last day for teams to sign up is Tuesday, November 26th.

Pirates it cold outside! The FBLA "Give a Kid a Coat" drive starts Monday, November 18th through Friday, November 22nd. Pirates are asked to bring in new or gently used jackets, sweaters, hoodies, and coats of all sizes to donate to the Union County Christmas Bureau for this upcoming holiday season. Please bring all donations to room F100.

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>

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.

Lip Sync Battle-- Ticket Sales
Ticket sales to watch Lip Sync Battle are now open during all lunches, the cost is \$1. This amazing event is taking place on Friday, December 20th. Buy your tickets as soon as possible as there are limited spots available. The last day of ticket sales is Friday, December 13th. You don't want to miss this exciting show. Wednesday, December 4th Friday, December 13th

This year's Astronomy Club is holding an Interest Meeting this Friday, at 3:00 pm, in Mr. Hayes room, G213.

Umoja will meet on Monday 11-25-2019 in E105F from 3-345. Please bring a can good to donate to someone in need.

Attention all NHS members. T2 community service hours (total of 3) are due no later than 3pm on Nov. 27th. Use the online form on the NHS web page to submit your hours electronically. For all newly inducted members, you must submit both T1 and T2 for a total of 6 hours by this date. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Crider in room F108 before the deadline.

There will be a special Dungeons and Dragons club meeting Tuesday, November 26th. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions or concerns.

The Spanish club will be collecting non-perishable food items for Heart of Monroe. Food would be collected on the first and second week of December. Heart of Monroe is a nonprofit organization that exists to unite and mobilize churches, community organizations, ministries, businesses, and individuals to address homelessness, hunger, education, and relationships in our community. The class with the most donation would be rewarded with a breakfast party provided by the Spanish club.

Attention all NHS members. The next meeting of the PRHS NHS will be Nov. 26th at 7:35am in the auditorium. As a reminder, all T2 community service hours are due no later than Nov. 27th at 3pm. New inductees must complete and submit hours for both T1 and T2 for a total of 6 hours. All hours should be reported using the online tool on the NHS school web page. As always, if you have questions, please see Mr. Crider in F108 before the deadline.





School Counseling

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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.**

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Upcoming Dates

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: <https://forms.gle/peFKCndUNDbUFT1QA>

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Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

SAT

December 7

ACT

December 14

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



School Counseling Information

Scholarships & Opportunities

The application for the **2020 Martha Guy Summer Institute** opens December 1st, 2019, with all application materials due by February 28th, 2020. The program includes instruction on Appalachian State University's campus in Boone, North Carolina, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Appalachian is the premier public undergraduate institution and boasts the largest business school of the 17 campuses in the University of North Carolina System. We are seeking students who have a **sincere interest in business as a college major** and demonstrate leadership potential. Students who embrace and appreciate new people, opportunities and experiences are ideal for MGSI. If you are interested, you must apply by February 28.

For more information: <https://marthaguy.appstate.edu/>

The **Triangle Youth Leadership Conference** is organized by NCSU Student Organization Triangle Youth Leadership Services, and is now in its eleventh year! Every year, they organize the Triangle Youth Leadership Conference, a two-day conference that brings high school students from across the state to NC State's campus for two days of leadership development. The conference includes hands-on workshops designed to hone leadership skills, as well as opportunities to hear from an inspiring keynote speaker and explore NC State's campus. TYLC will immerse students in hands-on workshops, empower them to develop action-focused service projects, and give them a chance to explore NC State's campus and interact with like-minded peers from across North Carolina. Learn more about Triangle Youth Leadership Services and the conference here: triangleleadership.com

TYLC11 will be held January 24th and 25th, 2020 on NC State's campus, [STUDENT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!](#)

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. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RKkz2RqJIXGwjA5Sqq0p_Kni0NDsCU4plz2SudUIiNc/edit?usp=sharing

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>



PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.

Ms. Terri Williams, Mr. Ibrahim Ben Thiare, & Mr. Preston Heartley came and spoke to Ms. Greer and Ms. Broadbent's AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, and Physics students about Corning Optical Communications last week.





Information from our CTE Department.

High School Program Expo

Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:30am - 1:00pm

Porter Ridge Middle School

2827 Ridge Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079

FAMILIES OF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN UCPS HIGH SCHOOLS.

AVIATION FIRE FIGHTER ROBOTICS UNION COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL
ROTC ANIMAL SCIENCE MARKETING CARPENTRY MATHEMATICS DRAFTING
BAND & CHORUS HORTICULTURE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AT MARVIN RIDGE HS CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS
COLLISION REPAIR PERFORMING ARTS UNION COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE LAW ENFORCEMENT
ATHLETICS AUTO REPAIR SOCIAL STUDIES HEALTH SCIENCES HVAC
WORLD LANGUAGES COMPUTER PROGRAMMING PLTW ENGINEERING
ACCOUNTING & FINANCE ELECTRICAL TRADES MASONRY WELDING
SCIENCE ENGLISH VET ASSISTING FINE ARTS AND MORE!!



Information from our CTE Department.

Holiday Bake Shop

COME OUT AND SAMPLE DESSERTS FROM
CULINARY PROGRAMS ACROSS UNION COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Downtown Monroe

During the Tree Lighting held by the City of Monroe
Serving starts around 6:00pm





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