



Dear Pirate Community,

Shout out to our Winter Sports on the start of their seasons. All teams are working hard in competition and at practices. Come out to an event to support your Pirates!! Another way to support your Pirates is to come out to The Castaways' Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator! This play is being performed on 12/13! Don't miss this great Theatre production.

This is an important two weeks of school as teachers and students are wrapping up units of study. Attendance is essential so that our students are here to learn. Teachers will have review information available for students in December so that students can stay familiar with material over break. Our last day of school before December Break is Friday 12/20 and students return to school on Monday January 6, 2020. Teachers and students will only have one week to review as our semester final exams start on Monday January 13th. Students who have missed too many days have had recovery time available to them since October. If your child has not started recovery, they should speak with their counselor, teacher, or administrator on Monday.

Our culinary classes are preparing for the Union County Holiday Bakeshop - this Saturday 12/7 at 6:00 in downtown Monroe! This will be a great treat for all! PreACT and PSAT results will be reviewed with sophomores on December 12th in Advisory. Remember that all PRHS students, no matter their grade level, have access to ACT and SAT prep via the Albert program that is available on their chromebooks. Juniors are using some Advisory time each week to practice but should allocate some home time each week to work on ACT and SAT. All students should make this a prep habit now. Speaking of college planning, for your convenience, our PRHS Counselors are offering Monday appointments between 4-7pm for parents and students to meet about post secondary planning. Meetings are for 45 minutes. See the flyer to sign up. Our counseling department is also working with families in need by offering "Food for Families". If you are in need, please call your counselor. If you can donate, please see the Counseling pages in the Pirate Press for more information. Seniors should check their emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our **December Scholarship Newsletter** and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information 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.

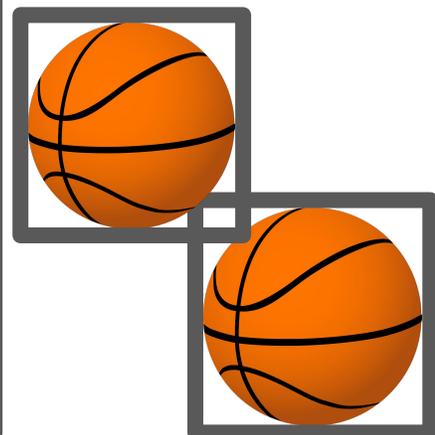
Go Pirates!!!  
Dr. Fisenne



**Varsity Basketball@  
PRHS  
12/06 @ 6:00 Womens &  
7:30 Mens  
VS. Providence**

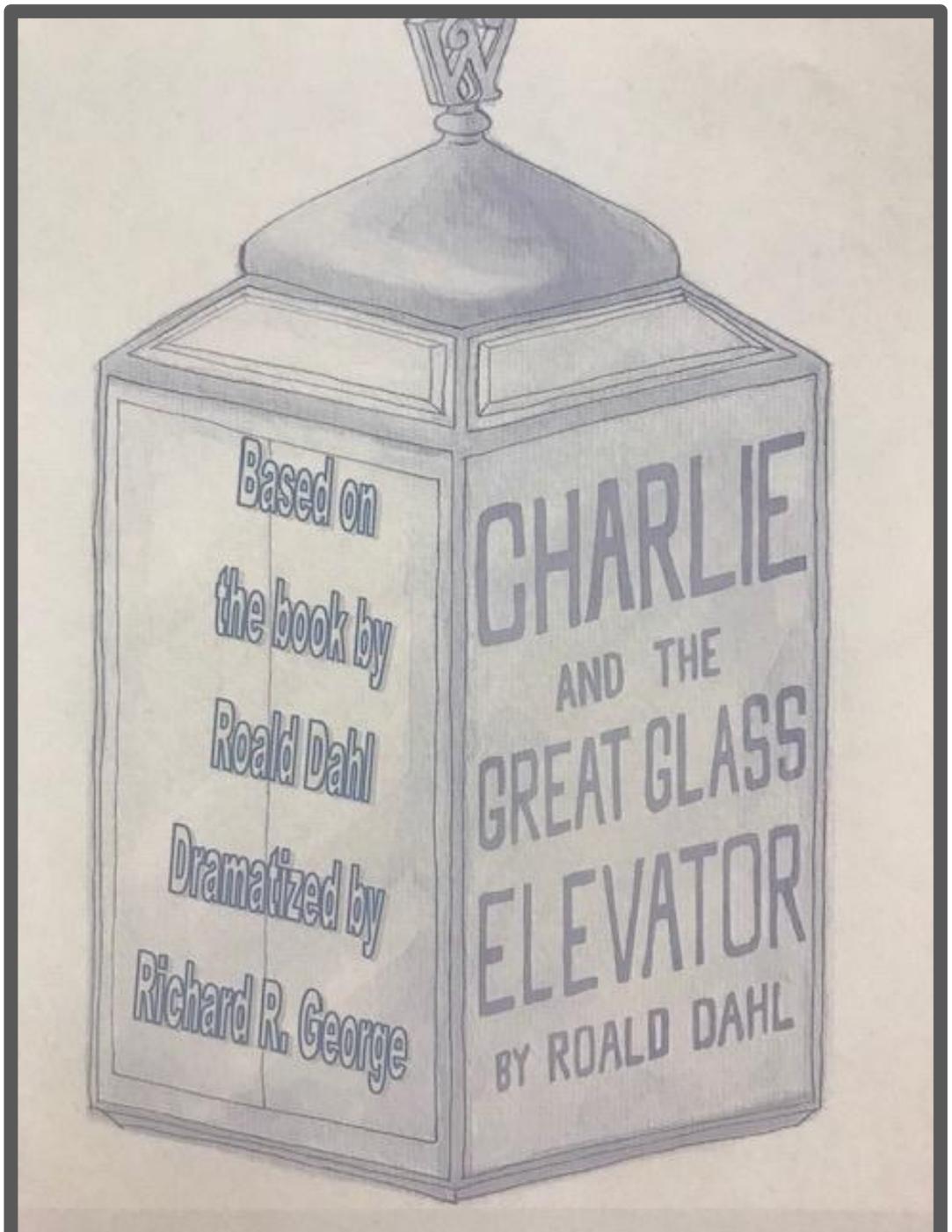


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## Theater Performance



Friday,  
December 13th  
7 PM  
Tickets \$5



Buy Tickets  
in Advance

<https://portersedgearts.org/will-hz>

Produced in conjunction with Union County Community Arts  
Council Arts in Schools Grant

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing



## AutoBell Athletics Fundraiser

# See an Athlete by Monday, December 16th

<http://www.porterridgeabc.org/Store/Store.asp?id=8124&n=86631&org=porterridgeabc.org>

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!](#)



## Post-Secondary Planning

For your convenience -  
Monday Night  
Family  
Appointments  
Available!



### PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

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:

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



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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WANT A CAREER  
AFTER HIGH  
SCHOOL?!

NEED TO KNOW MORE  
ABOUT WHAT'S AFTER  
PRHS?

4-YEAR, 2-YEAR,  
TRADE/TECHNICAL  
SCHOOL, MILITARY,

WORK?

YOUR COUNSELOR CAN  
HELP!

#### PRHS Counseling Department

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## Scarves and Gloves Competition

Natural Haven Presents

# Scarves & Gloves Competition

Dec 9th - 14th During 1st Block

All proceeds go to  
Community Center of Union County





## Winter Athletic Schedules

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

### This Week's Sports Schedules !

#### Basketball

WJV

MJV

WV

MV

12/6	Friday	Providence	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
12/13	Friday	East Meck	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30

#### Wrestling

Friday	12-6	Mount Pleasant Tournament	5:00pm	Mount Pleasant
Saturday	12-7	Mount Pleasant Tournament	9:00am	Mount Pleasant
Wednesday	12-11	Garinger Dual	6:00pm	Garinger

#### Indoor Track

12/12	Thursday	Harding University High	Charlotte, NC	4:00
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#### Swim

12/9/19	Monday	County Meet	MCAC	Noon
12/11/19	Wednesday	EM, MP, Buttler	Providence	6:00





## 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!**



At PRHS all Juniors have time in Advisory each week to work on ACT prep assignments. ALL PRHS Students can work on ACT and SAT prep at will using Albert!

## Prepare for the ACT/SAT with Albert



All UCPS students have access to an Albert account for self-paced ACT and SAT practice.

Click on Albert for a tutorial on accessing a student account.



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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Growing Possibilities...



Check IT OUT!

# READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Did You Know...

The Media Center has sponsored 4 contests so far this year?



Guess How Many  
November Winner  
*Mylan Cason*

"Thankful For" Contest



Coach McGhee  
gives Coach  
Akerman the  
#CaptureACaptain  
Leadership Award!



Mr. Ross  
hands off the  
leadership  
award to  
Mrs. Haas!

Media Center  
Information

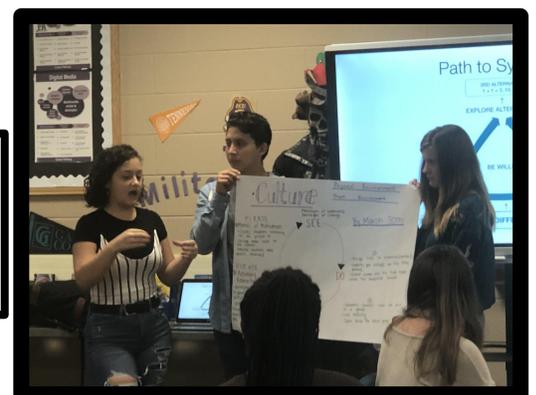


Students review the banners  
they signed at Freshman  
orientation when they  
#committed to graduating!  
The banners will soon be put  
up in the main hallway!



Basketball Student  
Section!

Our Student Lead Team  
makes some decisions  
and plans for our  
school! See, Do, Get!





## Announcements

Students if you have over 8 absences in a class you need to do credit recovery so you do not fail. Attend office hours of the class with more than 7 absences or report to the cafeteria Thursdays from 3-4 with one of the assistant principals. Make sure to fill out the Attendance Recovery Google Form with your teacher.

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.

Permission forms are now available for the FBLA - Dept of Social Services Christmas Bureau field trip on Friday, December 20th in F100. This is a great opportunity for club members to earn their community service hours. The cost of the field trip is \$10.00, and students will be responsible for their own lunch. Permission forms and payment are due to Ms. Ellis by end of day on Friday, December 13th.

Join us for the further adventures of Charlie Bucket as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present Charlie and The Great Glass Elevator December 13th at 7 PM. Tickets will be \$5 and are available both at the do and at <http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz/>

Attention all Mu Alpha Theta members: we will have our next meeting this Tuesday, December 10, at 7:30. Be there as sharp as the corner of a 90-degree angle.

Interact will be having its monthly meeting on Dec. 12th at 7:35 am. Please bring Angel Tree presents to the meeting.

Yearbooks are on sale for \$80. Prices will increase at the end of December. Buy yours at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) today.

Attention all new NHS members. If you missed the Nov. 26th meeting, please see Mr. Crider in F108 to pick up your tee-shirt by Friday, Dec. 6th.

There will be a Creative Writing/NEHS club meeting Tuesday, December 10th after school in G112. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions or concerns.

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HOSA will be having its monthly meeting on Dec. 17th at 7:35 am. Angel Tree presents are due for PRES.

There will be an interest meeting for Men's Tennis on Wednesday December 18th from 3:00-3:30 in the PE Classroom B107.

The Natural Haven Club, Is collecting Gently used or new scarves and gloves to donate to the Community Center of Union County.

Girl Up will meet Thursday, 12/12 at 3pm in Ms. Stegall's room (G109c). We will take pictures for yearbook.





## School Counseling

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

### From the Counseling Office

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.

**Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)** affords accelerated students the opportunity to earn high school course credit by a demonstration of mastery in the course curriculum without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for 135 hours of seat time. For specific information about CDM (NC DPI Guidelines) please contact Mr. James. The Credit Demonstrated by Mastery application is open. Click on the link to open application <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/5702> . **If you are interested please complete the application by December 20, 2019 and turn it in to Mr. James.**

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).

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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

**\*\*All Juniors will take the ACT at school on February 25th and the SAT on March 25th at no cost.**

**Upcoming SAT and ACT National Saturday test dates** - Students must register online to take these exams. There is a fee for that Saturday exam. Fee waivers are available for juniors & who qualify. Please see your counselor.

#### SAT

December 7

March 14

May 2

June 6

#### ACT

December 14

February 8

April 4

June 13

July 18



## School Counseling Information

### Scholarships & Opportunities

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

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KxofqXR\\_MJJkC9oA\\_4dT6suHOH1Wni634S1qE2yB2JA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KxofqXR_MJJkC9oA_4dT6suHOH1Wni634S1qE2yB2JA/edit?usp=sharing)

**UNC Asheville is proud to announce the new University Scholars Program.** The University Scholars Program provides students the best possible opportunity to acquire the skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary to pursue their goals and take their places as leaders and contributing citizens in a changing society.

Recipients of University Scholars Program awards are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are competing for scholarship awards up to \$10,000 per year along with additional funding of \$10,000 to support high-impact learning opportunities such as study abroad, undergraduate research, and internships. Selected nominees will be invited to the UNC Asheville campus for interviews with faculty, staff, and student leaders as part of the University Scholars Day.

If you are interested in being nominated for this scholarship, complete your resume and see Ms. Patterson no later than **December 20, 2019**.

**Meredith College** offers an annual **women's leadership conference** for high school juniors who are interested in developing and sharpening their leadership skills. The Meredith College Office of Student Leadership and Service, in conjunction with the Office of Admissions, will be hosting this free conference on Saturday, February 1, 2020. If you are interested and feel you may benefit from this event, you can register [here](#) by the registration deadline -

**Friday, January 24, 2020.** A confirmation email with additional details will then be sent.

Opportunities for **AP Computer Science** students-- College Board has announced exciting scholarship, internship, and summer program opportunities for students who are taking AP Computer Science. College Board has teamed up with business and industry leaders in computer science—including Amazon, Facebook, and Google—to **send students customized emails with links to opportunities they qualify for**. Students will simply click the links in the emails to apply. If you have taken AP Computer Science or are currently enrolled, check your email regularly for exciting opportunities. If you are interested in taking AP Computer Science and learning more about the scholarships and programs you may be eligible for, please see your counselor.

Students, apply for a FREE trip to Washington, DC. The NC Electric and Union Power Cooperatives will be selecting three High school juniors to receive a one week all-expenses paid trip to Washington DC with 1,800 students from across the nation.

**Deadline to apply is December 31, 2019.** Find more information at the following link:

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

The application for the **2020 Martha Guy Summer Institute** opens December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, with all application materials due by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://triangleleadership.com)

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



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!!



Teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and Career Development Coordinators will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance on course offerings.





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





## Ports of Information for Pirates:

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[@porterridgebandofpirates](#) [@PR\\_volleyball](#)  
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