



Dear Pirate Community,

Thank you to the many parents who came out to meet our teachers and staff on Tuesday September 3rd. Parents got to put faces to names, ask questions about syllabi and content, and see the classrooms where their children learn! Senior parents and seniors were able to attend the Senior College Info Night on the same night to get information on the college application timeline and process.

Safety and security is a priority here at PRHS. Every day we work on monitoring the campus and support our students in the proper safety procedures. Our school has completed two fire drills so that students are familiar with proper exiting from the school. We will continue with other safety drills in the near future. This week Administration, our staff, and our School Resource Officer, Officer Humphrey, held Safety and Security Assemblies with our students. Topics discussed included the importance of reporting any safety concerns to the SRO and Administration, behavior expectations at school and on campus, bus behavior expectations, proper use of social media, the role of the School Resource Officer, and safety procedures in the classroom and hallways. Students were encouraged to create a culture of respect here at Porter Ridge High School. Our students were very receptive and we are proud of how respectful they have been. There is a definite culture of respect here at the school - one that respects the safety of others and one that respects the goal of our school - learning and growing together.

Our student body will have access to a club fair on Thursday and Friday 9/12-13. Please talk to your child about the importance of being involved in school or in a community based activity. This not only promotes a sense of community, but it develops life and social skills that our students need for the future!

Our Pirate Advisory started this week with 9th graders completing a transition survey that will help us identify needs, 11th graders working on plans for post-high school, and 12th graders finalizing their resume. Our 10th graders will work on a career survey next week during advisory to identify possible career area interests! If you have not asked your child to show you their Naviance Student account, we hope that you will do so. There are great resources for every child in our school, ones that we think you will also enjoy researching.

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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These 11 staff members have been at PRHS since the school year opened!





Picture Day and FFA Mum Sale



Student picture day is on Wednesday, September 11th. Students received order forms in advisory this week. You can also go to mylifetouch.com to order online.

Porter Ridge FFA Mum Sale



Available Pot Sizes:

8 inch for \$6

10 inch for \$8

Available colors: Orange, Pink, Purple, Red, White, and Yellow

All orders and money due Wednesday, September 11th.

*Email cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions



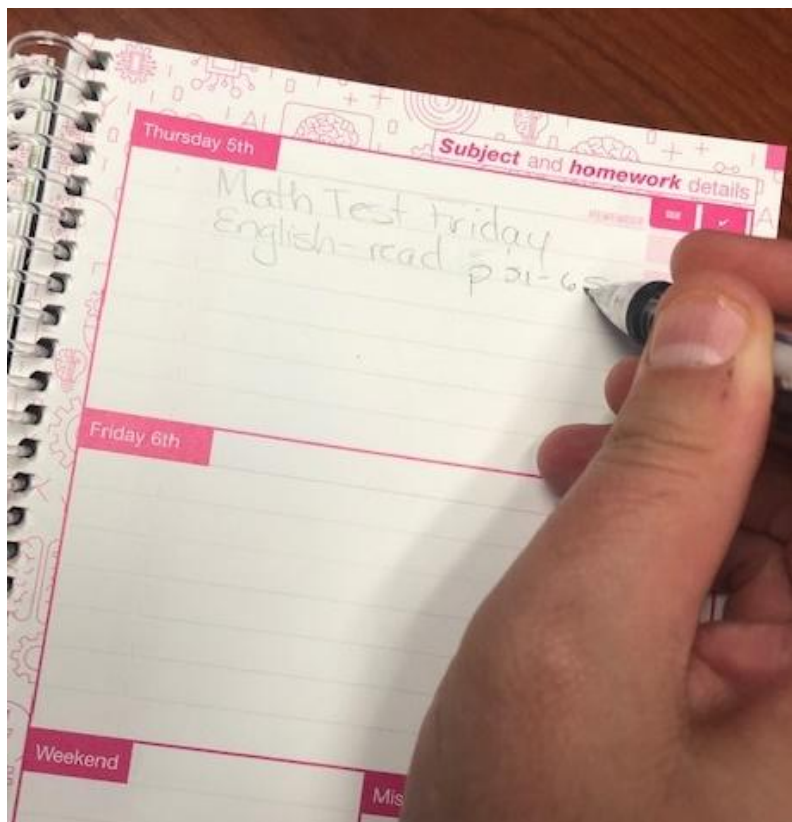
Check IT OUT!



Remember to check out all the information about our PRHS career Pathways on our website!

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/1990>

Students received Agendas in third block today! A great way to stay proactive and put first things first!





Club News



Anyone interested in participating in Robotics Club for the 2019-2020 school year is welcome to join us in Ms. Batchelor's classroom Wednesday, September 11, immediately after school.

Any student wanting to take an AP test for a course in which they are not enrolled please see Ms. Davison in guidance no later than October 2nd. The cost is \$94. Checks should be made out to PRHS. If you are taking the class you do not have to see Ms. Davison.

Gaming Club will be starting this Thursday, September 5th! We meet every week from 3 - 4:30pm in E102. Bring your favorite games and consoles. Please see Mr. Sweet with any questions

The first meeting of the National English Honor Society and Creative Writing Club will be on Friday, September 6th in G112 immediately after school. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.

Open enrollment for Umoja begins today and continues until the end of September. Please Ms. Hoff in E105F for forms.

The Graphic Design Club will have its first interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11th after school in Room E105C. See Mrs. Gordon if you have questions.

HOSA will have its first meeting September 17th at 7:30am in E212. If you are interested in the medical field this is the club for you!

Attention Juniors and Seniors!! If you have 4 semesters in Social studies and a 3.5 unweighted GPA then come join Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honors Society. Application is on the PR website or just stop by F201. Applications are due to Ms. Crowell by Sept 6th.

Like action? Adventure? Story-telling? Problem-solving? Friendship? Elementary math!? Well, then, consider the Dungeons and Dragons club. If interested, see Mr. Boyles with any questions! No experience needed!

Attention all Art students! National Art Honor Society applications are now available in Mrs. Crowley's room G201 for any interested students! All students need to have taken Art 1 and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are due back this Friday, September 6th by the end of the day. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions!

"Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society, will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 AM in E-210. All current members are expected to attend and any anyone interested in joining may attend as well."

The PRHS book club will be meeting immediately after school in D100 on Wed., Sept 18th. We will be discussing, The 57 Bus, by Dashka Slater. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share! See you all there! See Ms. Yearick in E107 with any questions.





MORE Club News

Interact will be having its first meeting on September 19th at 7:30am in the auditorium. We will be discussing membership and events this semester.

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) -First meeting and Officer Elections September 11, Collecting for dues, 18 dollars to Mrs. Goldberg D101, forms outside door

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) applications are now available on the FBLA bulletin board in the upper F-wing hall or on the F100 door. Forms and membership dues are due Friday, September 20th to Ms. Ellis in room F100.

The first Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:15am in room F100. FBLA club members should come by F100 to receive a pass for that date to enter the building prior to the morning bell to attend the meeting. The FBLA event calendar will be discussed and light refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend please see Ms. Ellis for more details.





PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

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

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent
Volleyball	9/10/19 9/11/19 9/12/19	JV - 4:30pm V- 6:00PM JV - 4:30pm V- 6:00PM JV - 4:00pm V- 5:30PM	Independence @Cuthbertson @Garinger
Women's Tennis	9/12/19	4:00pm	East Mecklenburg
Mens Soccer	9/9/19 9/11/19	JV - 4:30pm V-6:00pm JV- 4:30pm V-6:00PM	Parkwood JM Robinson
Varsity Football	9/6/19 9/13/19	7:30pm 7:30pm	@Piedmont Sun Valley Home Game @PRHS
JV Football	9/5/19 9/12/19	6:30pm 6:30pm	Piedmont Sun Valley
Field Hockey	9/10/19	5:45pm @ Matthews Sportsplex Field 1	AKHS
Cross Country	9/7/19	8:00am	@Myers Park XC Invite

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>
Football Head	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Women's Golf	David Scholl	dscholl1@gmail.com
Cross Country	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Branden Chopelas	porterridgecheer@gmail.com
Women's Field Hockey	Colleen Evans	rozomom@yahoo.com (pay to play through the booster club)



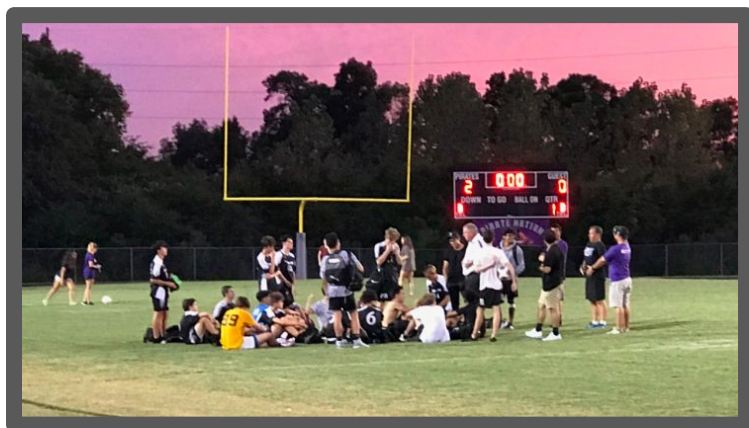
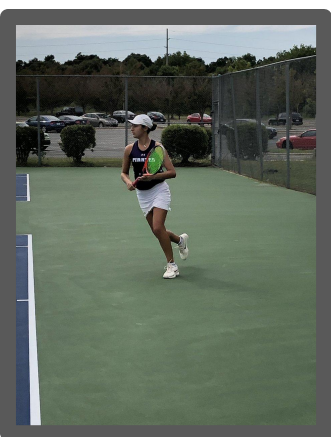
PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

Parking Regulations for Home Games- BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING:



ALL Spectators should use the *student parking lot*. Follow the sidewalk behind the school and past the tennis courts. The door to enter is the door to the right of the school's main back entrance (the one with the overhang). There is NO Entry from the bus lot. This is reserved for the visiting team bus and officials.

PR Athletic Boosters - 2019-2020 Sponsorships opportunities are available now by purchasing space in the Athletics Program or Stadium and Gym Banners. <http://bit.ly/PRABCSpon>. Any questions can be directed to prabc.sponsorship@gmail.com Athletics start This Week! Want to save money & support the booster club? Purchase a Pirate Pass online at <http://porterridgeabc.org>. Cost \$100, Pass gets you into all PR home regular season games



**Think win-win!
Have an everyone
can win attitude!**



PRHS 2019-2020 Pirate Pass



2019-2020 PIRATE PASS

Benefits of the PIRATE PASS:

- *******SUPPORTS ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE*******
- Admission to Home Booster Club Sponsored Sports & High School Regular Season Home Games for the 2019-2020 Season
- 50-yard-line reserved seating at PRHS regular-season home football games
- Your **PIRATE PASS** can be used by a student or a friend
- Automatically enrolled as an Athletic Booster Club member (\$40 value)
- Purchase a **PIRATE PASS** and receive a free **PARKING PASS!**

*(The **PARKING PASS** provides you VIP parking to all regular-season home football games)*

Cost:

- **PIRATE PASS:** \$100 per person

There is potential savings when attending all sporting events during the 2019-2020 season and you are helping support all sports at Porter Ridge, please see sporting event cost run down on PRABC online store @ porterridgeabc.org

PIRATE PASSES AND PARKING PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT HOME FOOTBALL GAMES OR ONLINE @

porterridgeabc.org

PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A PIRATE PASS AND/OR DONATING TIME AND/OR MONEY TO THE PRABC TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

For additional information and/or questions contact: Paul Cimino

email:cimino.paul@gmail.com

phone:704-877-8658



PRHS 2019-2020 Spirit Wear



Short Sleeve \$18.00

Long Sleeve \$20.00

Hats \$25.00

Available at All Home Football Games



School Counseling

School Counseling Information

Put first things first!
Prioritize!

- ⚓ Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our new scholarship newsletter and look on the [PRHS School Counseling Scholarship](#) webpage for more information as well.
- ⚓ The Blumenthal Performing Arts Junior Ambassador Program: The Junior Ambassador program is designed to give a select group of high school juniors and seniors a look inside the world of the performing arts industry. In this program, students have the opportunity to usher for many performances at BPA, including touring Broadway shows, symphonies, local theater companies, and so many other great performances. Students will also attend seminars to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at a performing arts center. Other seminars include career planning and resume help.

For more information [click here](#)

[Application](#) deadline is September 16.

⚓ 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-expense paid trip to Washington DC with 1,800 student from across the nation.

⚓ Deadline to apply is December 31, 2019. Find more information [here](#).

⚓ 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.

⚓ UNC Chapel Hill- [Morehead Cain Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 19, 2019

⚓ NC State - [Park Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

⚓ UNC Charlotte- [Levine Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

⚓ Davidson College- [Belk Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE October 17, 2019

⚓ University of Virginia- Jefferson Scholarship Apply [here](#) DUE November 14, 2019

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Colleges Visiting PRHS-- Seniors and Juniors may sign up to attend the presentation to colleges they are interested 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.

• Interested high school students and their families are invited to join the following North Carolina scholarship programs for an informational evening at Mallard Creek High School on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the auditorium. Program representatives will provide an overview of each scholarship and answer questions.

- o ECU- EC Scholars
- o UNC Charlotte- Levine Scholars
- o NC State- Park Scholarship
- o NC Central- Cheatham-White Scholarship
- o UNC Chapel Hill- Morehead-Cain Scholarship

Looking for information about the college application and scholarship process? Check out the UCPS College Readiness page. They are hosting a Getting Ready for College event on September 14, 2019. Find more information on the website.

- o <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6376>

Did you miss Senior College Information Night? Don't worry, information about requesting transcripts, letters of recommendation, and college applications can be found on the following handouts.

College Information for Seniors 2019
Senior Naviance Instructions 2019

• **Upcoming SAT and ACT dates**

- o **SAT**
 - § October 5 (register by September 6)
 - § November 2 (register by October 3)
 - § December 7 (register by November 8)
- o **ACT**
 - § October 26 (register by September 20)
 - § December 14 (register by November 8)



Ports of Information for Pirates:

2019-2020 will still feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students. If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

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