Pirate <u>Press</u>



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Dear Pirate Community,

Every Tuesday and Thursday students spend time with their peers and their advisors to learn, discuss, and practice the seven habits of highly effective teens. This program is a great way for students to have time during the week to learn about leadership and life skills. This week we worked on recognizing leadership and in how we must lead ourselves before we can effectively lead others. We are proud of how good our students are in recognizing the need to be a leader of self!

We hope that you will come out and support our Athletic Program by attending a game or by participating in the 2nd Annual PRHS Golf Tournament on October 12 or the 2nd Annual 5k Sock Trot on November 16th. We are so proud of the hard work that our student-athletes are putting in at school and on the field. Shout out to our volleyball, field hockey, football, soccer, tennis, cross country and golf teams! Many pre-season workouts for out of season sports have started as well. Be sure to check our athletics webpage for coach contact information. Anybody interested in the Swim Team there will be an interest meeting Tuesday Sept 24 at 6:30 in the media center. This Friday is our Varsity Football game against Marvin Ridge that was postponed earlier in the season. Let's pack the stadium for this Battle of the Ridges and watch our Pirate prevail - kickoff at 7:30!! Students are planning a purple-out!

Next week we will be participating in *Starts with Hello Week*. This program encourages students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way. They take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help lonely students who are showing signs of social isolation. At PRHS, students, staff members, and members of the community will have the chance to share something positive that was said to them or done for them. Watch our social media outlets to see what you can do! We know that this will help us to continue to build our Culture of Respect at Porter Ridge!

Senior families - do you need money for college? - Financial Aid Information Night for you and your parents will be on Thursday, October 3rd in the auditorium at 6:30pm. Learn how to apply and the types of aid available. Speaking of college - Juniors and Seniors interested in taking college classes in the spring through South Piedmont Community College should complete the google form sent to your school email. If students or parents have questions, please call your school counselor for answers! Colleges are visiting PRHS. Seniors and Juniors have the opportunity to speak to and hear from college reps and should sign up to attend through Naviance 2 days in advance of the presentation. All grade levels are invited to The Union County College Fair which will be on Sunday, October 6 from 2-4pm at Wingate University. This is a great opportunity to learn about colleges. See the Pirate Press for a lot more information on colleges for our students and parents! Parents did you know that All Sophomores will take two college assessment pre-assessments? Our sophomores will have the opportunity in school to take the PSAT on 10/16 and the Pre-ACT on 10/23. All Juniors will have the opportunity to take the actual college assessments, the ACT and SAT in February and March respectively.

Union County is fortunate to be the home of several successful manufacturers, each bringing a unique perspective to this region. During the Week of Sept. 30-Oct. 3, manufacturers in Union County will open their doors to the community to tour their facilities and learn more about manufacturing for Manufacturing Awareness Week. We are encouraging all of our students and families to attend to see what career opportunities are available right here in Union County! You must register for Open House tours at

http://makeitinunioncounty.com.

Be sure to catch our Band of Pirates in action at every home football game. We are particularly grateful to our Band who joined with the Sun Valley HS band last week to honor one of our Pirate Graduates, Mr. Union County - Michael O'Neill as he was granted his wish by Dream on 3! This was a great experience for all involved and you can see video and pictures on our social media. 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,

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne

Athletic Schedules

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

2nd Annual Sock Trot

Leader in Me Program

Message from The PTO

Check it out!

Announcements

College Readiness Flyers

School Counseling

PRHS Careers





PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

Full Season Schedules can be found here!

This Week's Sports Schedules!

Volleyball

9/23	Monday	Parkwood	Home	4:30	6:00
9/24	Tuesday	Hickory Ridge	Home	4:30	6:00
9/26	Thursday	East Meck	Away	4:00	5:30

Varsity Football

9/20	Friday	Marvin Ridge	Home	7:30
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Tennis

9/23	Monday	Parkwood	Home	4:00
9/26	Thursday	CATA	Away	4:00

XC

9/21/19	Saturday	Hare & Hounds Invite	McAlpine Park	Sam
9/26/19	Thursday	UC Championship	Metrolina	4pm

Soccer

9/23	Monday	Indy	Home	4:30	6:00
9/25	Wednesday	Garinger	Away		5:30

Field Hockey

9/19/2019	Thursday	MRHS- JV	Marvin Ridge High School	Marvin Ridge High School	4:30 PM
9/24/2019	Tuesday	HHS- V	Matthews Sportsplex	Field 1	4:30 PM





PR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



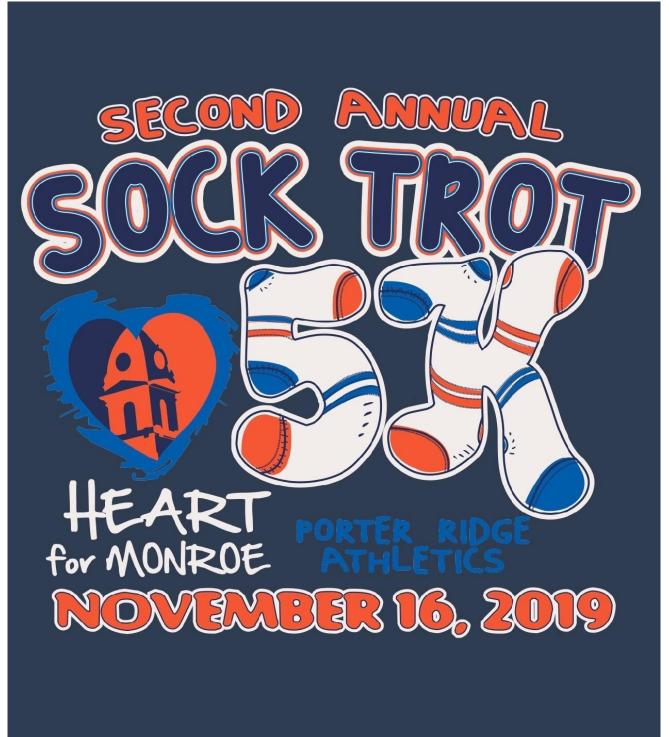
Golf Tournament

Hosted by PRHS Baseball & Softball Teams

OCTOBER 12, 2019 | EMERALD LAKE GOLF COURSE | 9AM PLAYER \$100 | TEAM \$360 | HOLE SPONSOR \$100

Register online at porterridgeabc.org

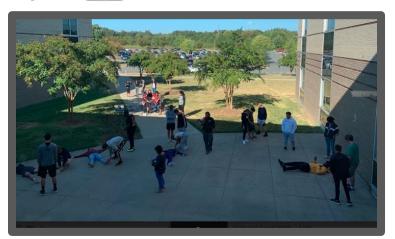




Registration info to come.

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

This Week in Advisory. #Watchthemlead



Pirate Advisory! This week in advisory students learned all about effectiveness and the different types of leaders. Students participated in many different lessons that had students reflect on their own effectiveness and leadership style!

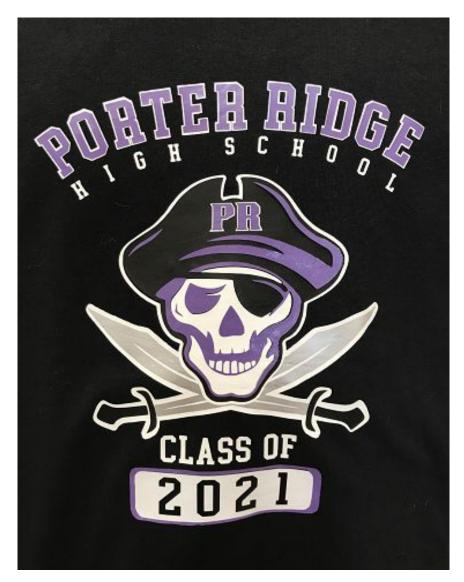












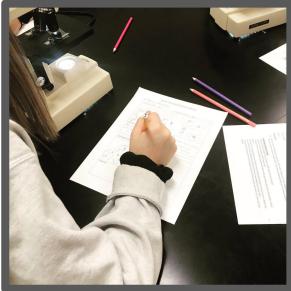
Class T-Shirts are available to order through the PTO! T-shirts are \$20.00 each! Order below!

PTO T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS

Check IT OUT!



Mr. Raynor's Public Safety classes inspecting fire extinguishers around the school!



Mr. Gaetano's Anatomy Class compare unknown cell types.

Homecoming Info!

I wanted to thank PTO and all of the parents that donated items to the **health room.** The support that I have received this vear has been amazing and I am extremely thankful. *My goal is to keep students* healthy, happy, focused and ready to learn during the academic day and the items donated have already helped me to achieve this goal. I cannot express enough the gratitude that I have for the parents of Porter Ridge High School. Thank you everyone!!!

A Message from Nurse Williams!

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Homecoming 2019

A Survival Guide

October 7th - October 12th



Enchanted Forest

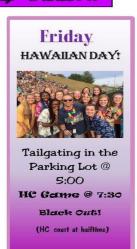
Saturday- Dance 8-11











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Announcements

Pirates, StuCo and the Gaming Club are excited to announce the return of Game Night! The event will take place on October 10th at 5pm in the cafeteria. It is free to attend, but if you would like a spot in the Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament, the entry fee will be \$3. Tourney spots will be sold at all lunches from September 23rd to September 27th. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Service Academy Day will be on September 21, 2019 at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from each service academy (U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy) See information on the school counseling website under upcoming events.



Attention all interested Math Honor Society candidates: if you would like to apply for the Mu Alpha Theta chapter at PRHS, please complete the Google form posted on Mr. Howard's door (room E-210) by September 20th at 3:00 PM. In order to be considered, you must have completed Math III and have maintained an unweighted 3.0 GPA in your high school math classes.

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.



http://bit.ly/PRHSMAT

The Union County College Fair will be on Sunday, October 6 from 2-4pm at Wingate University. This is a great opportunity to learn about colleges. We encourage all students to attend.

Attention football fans, the 2019 PowderPuff tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 6pm in the stadium. Signups have already begun and will run through September 20th at all lunches. The cost for ladies to play is \$15, and it is free for male cheerleaders. Tickets to watch will be sold at the gate for \$2. We hope to see you there!

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.



The Fairview Elementary PTO is looking for volunteers to help with a Fall Fest at Fairview Park on Hwy 601, on October 5th between 9:45 -1pm or 1pm-5pm. Interested students should email fvespto@gmail.com with the times you can volunteer.

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UNC Asheville Fri October 4

on this fun experience!

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

Porter Ridge, we are very pleased to announce that this year's Homecoming Dance theme will be Enchanted Forest! The dance will take place on Saturday, October 12th, from 8-11 PM in the main gym. Tickets will be available at all lunches starting on September 16th and sales will run through the 27th. The cost is \$20. Don't miss out

Appalachian State will be visiting PRHS on September 20th. Seniors & juniors sign up in Naviance to attend.



Announcements



The BETA Club will have its first meeting for returning students on September 25th. There is a morning option at 7:30 in room A109 or afternoon at 3:00pm in the Media Center.

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(https://forms.gle/HKEVc5tfQqrRNtCk7)

Anybody interested in the Swim Team there will be an interest meeting Tuesday Sept 24 at 6:30 in the media center.

Attention all returning NHS members! The first NHS meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 7:35am in the auditorium. You will be counted absent if you are more than 5 minutes late. Please check out the NHS google page for additional information. This meeting is NOT for students who are the application process, only current members.





Union County College Fair

Register at http://bit.ly/UCcollefair2019

Students,

The Union County College Fair will be on October 6th @ Wingate University from 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity meet with admissions representatives and learn about different colleges from both in and out of state. See attached flyer for a list of colleges who will be in attendance.



Which colleges and universities will be in attendance?

- Appalachian State University
- Averett University Belmont Abbey College
- Bluefield College
- Brevard College
- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
- Campbell University
 Carolinas College of Health Sciences
- Catawba College
- Charleston Southern University
- Chowan University Clemson University
- Clinton College
- College Foundation, Inc.
- Concord University
- Converse College
- East Carolina University
- East Tennesee State University Elizabeth City State University
- Emory & Henry College
- Fayettoville State University
- Ferrum College
- Full Sail University Gardner-Webb University
- Georgia State University
- Glenville State College

- Greensboro College **Guilford College**
- High Point University
- Hollins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lander University
- Lees-McRae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Liberty University
- Limestone College
- Living Arts College Livingstone College
- Louisburg College
 Mars Hill University
- Meredith College
- Mid-Atlantic Christian University
- Mississippi State University North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina State University North Greenville University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pfeiffer University
- Presbyterian College Queens University of Charlotte
 Radford University
- Randolph Community College
- Roanoke College

- Salem College
- South Piedmont Community College
- St. Andrews University Sweet Briar College
- · The University of Alabama in Huntsville
- UNC Chapel Hill
- **UNC Greensboro**
- The University of Tennessee Knoxville
 UNC Asheville
- UNC Charlotte
- University of Alabama
- · University of Kentucky
- University of Lynchburg
- University of Mount Olive
- **UNC Pembroke**
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- **UNC Wilmin**
- University of South Carolina
- · University of South Carolina Lancaster
 - Wake Forest University
- Warren Wilson College
- West Virginia University
- Western Carolina University William Peace University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Winthrop University
- Wofford College



.... This is a CACRAO event hosted by Wingate University.

Register at http://bit.ly/UCcollegefair2019







COLLEGE READINESS PARENT SERIES

Offered by the UCPS Department of College Readiness

SESSION TITLE

Getting Ready for College
Paying for College
College Entrance Exams 101
College Recruiting for Athletes
Choosing the Right Path in HS

DATE

September/April
October/May
November/March
November/March
December



For more information and to register, please visit http://bit.ly/UCPScollegecalendar.



Student College Prep Series



FREE ON-DEMAND AND LIVE CONTENT

UCPS students have access to free on-demand and live content through Naviance and Kaplan. See below for upcoming events and registration links.



College Essay Essentials with Story2

Start with finding a topic. Finish with a full essay. Admissions experts from Story2 teach you how to write powerful college essays using proven storytelling methods.



Skills You Need for Success in College

What does it take to be successful in college? Check out a seminar and let our experts guide you to better decisions on your journey.



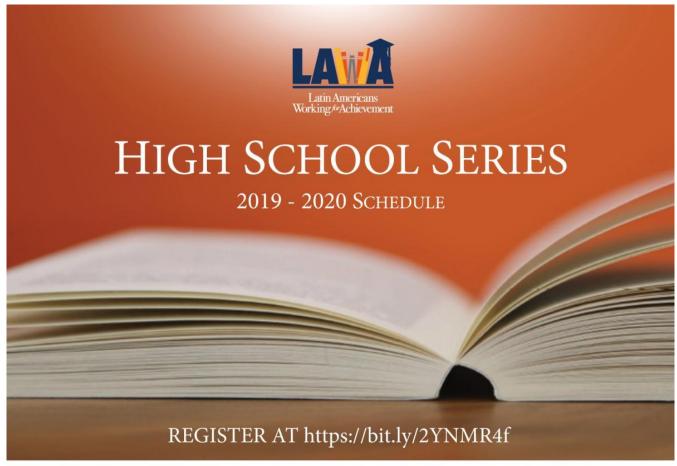
How Standardized Tests Work

Our seminars give you the inside scoop on the exams, so you'll understand everything you need to succeed.

To register for these events and see additional details, visit https://www.kaptest.com/partner/naviance/free/academic-skills.



LAWA High School Series 2019-2020



PATHWAYS EXPLORATION: CAREERS IN EDUCATION

Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:30 am - 12:30 pm University of North Carolina-Charlotte Transportation will be provided

PATHWAYS EXPLORATION: **CAREERS IN STEM**

Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Central Piedmont Community College

FINANCIAL AID

Saturday, November 9, 2019 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Queens University of Charlotte

PATHWAYS EXPLORATION: HEALTH SCIENCES

Saturday, January 25, 2020 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Wingate University Transportation will be provided

PATHWAYS EXPLORATION: TRADE & VOCATIONAL CAREERS

Saturday, February 22, 2020 8:30 am - 12:30 pm South Piedmont Community College Transportation will be provided

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FAFSA **Every** Day!

Getting into High Gear with FAFSA Completion

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 9 AM - Noon

Place: South Piedmont Community College

Old Charlotte Highway Campus, Library

4209 Old Charlotte Highway

Monroe, NC 28110

Contact: Allison Wilkinson Poff

Phone: 704-290-5842

All students planning to enroll in the 2020 fall semester will need to complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA application. Applicants should have their 2018 tax documents available to assist with the application process. Generally, students who are less than 24 years of age will need parent information and verification to file correctly.

Remember: If you are unable to attend this event, visit our financial aid offices in Monroe or Polkton to receive financial aid assistance.





COLLEGE READINESS RESOURCE CENTER

Make an appointment to ask about all things related to college readiness!

Open to all UCPS students, grades 8-12.

For appointments: http://bit.ly/collegereadinesshelp

> UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONROE BRANCH

Mondays & Thursdays - 4:00-7:00 pm Saturdays - 1:00-3:00 pm



School Counseling

School Counseling Information

Put first things first! Prioritize!

- We want you to remember that when you turn 17.5 to 18, it's the law that you register with Selective Service. Registration with Selective Service is your civic responsibility and keeps you eligible for student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states. Get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at www.ss.gov. You can even register with your smart phones. If you have any questions regarding registration, talk to Mr. James. He's your Selective Service Registrar
- 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.
- Prospective candidates who plan to major in a STEM or education discipline at NC State and reside in a
 North Carolina household with a pre-tax annual gross income (AGI) of less than \$110,000 are eligible to
 potentially receive an invitation to apply to the Goodnight Scholars Program's Class of 2024. Click the link
 here to learn about additional requirements and important deadlines for the Class of 2024 application
 process.
- Congress of Future Medical Students- Porter Ridge will be nominating one student to attend the Congress of Future Medical Students held in Lowell, Massachusetts this summer. During the Congress, students view live surgery and have an opportunity to submit questions for the surgeon to answer in real time during the procedure. They learn about state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and are inspired by world-changing researchers, futurists, and technologists. If you are interested in being nominated or would like more information, please email Ms. Patterson by Wednesday, September 25.
- Students, you are invited to the **African-American Prospective Program (2APP)** on Monday, October 21, 2019. This free event gives select students a first-hand view of Appalachian.
- "Students will experience our beautiful location, learn about our strong academic programs and merit scholarships, and explore campus resources and organizations for diverse students. While on campus, they'll have the opportunity to engage with faculty, meet current students and apply for admission at no cost! They'll also hear about a special orientation program designed to give students the opportunity to become leaders on Appalachian State's' campus and within the Multicultural Student Development office."
- Registration link: https://ugrad.appstate.edu/register/?id=76a34f5c-9799-4a68-8a68-cf2fbcf86c57
- 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 school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.
- We will be participating in **Starts with Hello Week**. This program teaches students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way. They take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help lonely students who are showing signs of social isolation. At PRHS, students, staff members, and members of the community will have the chance to share something positive that was said to them or done for them. These messages will be posted on a smile wall that will be displayed around the school. We will also be spreading positivity through the morning announcements. Be on the lookout for more information soon and how to participate!

School Counseling Information

- Counselors have been coming to the English IV and American II classes to speak about college applications, scholarships and financial aid. Starting on 9/25 we will be meeting individually with seniors through these classes. If you are not in either of these classes this semester we will be sending a pass to meet with you sometime over the next few weeks.
- We do NOT send ACT/SAT test scores to colleges. You have to have your test scores sent through the testing agencies. For those of you who only took the ACT that was given during the school day you need to create an online account. I have attached a document on how to create the account.
- Deadline to apply to be the UNC Morehead-Cain scholarship school nominee is 9/19 at 5pm. Must apply at the following link:
- October 3rd at 6:30pm will be a Financial Aid Workshop in the auditorium. We encourage you and your parents to attend.
- October 21st-25th is College Application Week. During this week some North Carolina Colleges will waive the application fee. See attached list on colleges that are participating.
- Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. <u>Check out our new scholarship newsletter</u> and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well.
- 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-**<u>Levine Scholarship</u> Apply<u>here</u> DUE September 26, 2019
- **Davidson College-** <u>Belk Scholarship</u> Apply <u>here</u> DUE October 17, 2019
- **University of Virginia** Jefferson Scholarship Apply here DUE November 14, 2019
- **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.

All **Sophomores** will take:

PSAT on 10/16

Pre-ACT on 10/23

All **Juniors** will take:

ACT on 2/25 SAT on 3/25

All **Sopholilores** will take

Financial Aid Upcoming Dates FAFA Opens—October 1, 2019

PRHS Financial Aid Information Night—October 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm AT PRHS

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019

$\label{thm:coming} \textbf{Upcoming SAT and ACT dates outside of school day:}$

SAT

November 2 (register by October 3)

December 7 (register by November 8)

ACT

October 26 (register by September 20)

December 14 (register by November 8)

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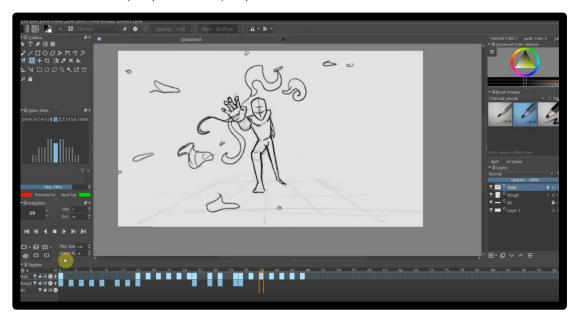
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"Career of the Week - Motion Graphics Animators"

A Motion Graphics Animator is a multimedia artists and animators create two- and three-dimensional models, animation, and visual effects for television, movies, video games, and other forms of media. Most Motion Graphics Animators hold a Bachelor's degree. The average salary for Motion Graphics Animators for the state of North Carolina is \$71,270 and \$72,520 for the nation.









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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