



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

A Pirate Shout Out to Pirate Wrestling on Winning the Conference Championship!! We have had an excellent start to our second semester. This week students started new classes with new teachers and we all worked to set a tone of commitment to this new semester. In Advisories this week our students focused themselves on One Word to represent their goals for the year. Our Advisory classes then transferred those words to some of our windows in the school. Next time you visit see our Seniors' words in the cafeteria, our Juniors' words at the main entrance and our Sophomores and Freshmen words on the windows of our E-wing facing our main entrance. Students chose words like Improve, Determination, Positivity, Success, Genuine, Class, Grateful, Independent, Peace, Commitment... We hope that you will take time to talk to your child and maybe even choose your own "One Word" for this year! On Wednesday during lunch our Umoja Advisor, Ms. Hoff, along with students and teachers provided some thoughts on Martin Luther King Jr, read portions of his speeches, and asked students to stand up in support of equality. This was a great way to bring the wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr to our student body.

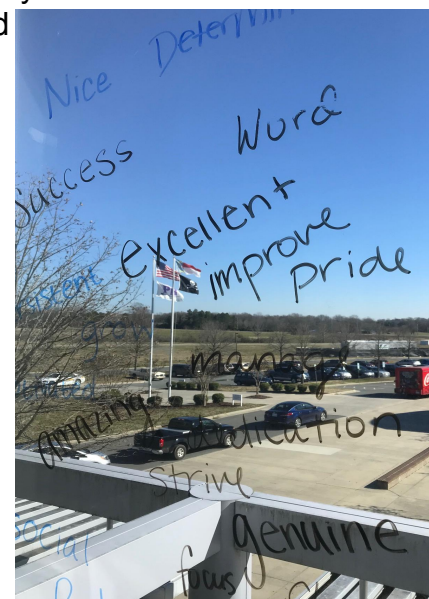
This week School Resource Officer Humphrey and I took the opportunity to host grade level assemblies where we discussed proactive measures to keep our schools safe. The meetings addressed safety in general, along with ways that students can create a safe environment by communicating with staff and following school procedures. There are no immediate safety concerns at our school, however, we wanted to take the opportunity of a new semester to talk about reporting incidents, consequences for inappropriate behavior and social media posts and who they can talk to if there is a problem. We appreciate your partnership and support in this area.

All teachers have made their course syllabus available to students. Please ask your child over the next week to open their syllabi for you to see so that you have an idea of classroom procedures, grading practices, and what your child will be learning. If you have any questions, please email or call our teachers to discuss.

During our assemblies this week we reminded students of where they can go to get information about school activities and events, as well as how to follow the school on social media. Please encourage your child to get involved in high school. Involvement in school is one of the best ways for students to make a connection with school and to support their academic performance. This weekend we have home basketball tonight and a play, Twelve Angry Jurors, tonight and on Saturday! Come out and get involved! Please reserve Monday February 4th on your calendars to bring your child and come out for our College Information Night for all 9th, 10th and 11th graders! Our School Counselors will have great information for you to start thinking about and acting on the college process!

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters allow our whole community to know about the great things our children and teachers are doing here at Porter Ridge High School. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, facebook, and twitter, is the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

2019

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Expand your leadership potential and discover critical tools to use now at home, school, and in your community.

Connect with leaders in your community through Rotary clubs. It is the ultimate networking organization.

Learn about Rotary and Interact service projects locally and around the world.

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Fri. • Jan 25 • 5-8pm
Sun Valley HS | Monroe

Sat. • Jan 26 • 9am-12pm
Charlotte Country Day School

Sat. • Jan 26 • 9am-12pm
Hickory Ridge HS | Harrisburg

Sat. • Feb 2 • 9am-12pm
Statesville HS | Statesville

SIGN UP AT:
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PRHS 2019 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

To try out for a Spring Sport, you must get a TRYOUT TICKET from the Athletic Director BEFORE THE TRYOUT DATE AND TIME.

If you have tried out for a Fall or Winter Sport you still need to pick up a Spring tryout ticket. See below for dates and times that you can pick up your ticket.

Those that have not tried out for a sport at PRHS this year must complete the following:

- Online FamilyID Registration completed by athlete’s parent or guardian using the following link: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/eligibility>
- Submit the 2018-2019 UCPS Eligibility Packet to the Athletic Director.
Note: If you had a Novant physical on June 2, 2018 or your physical is valid (within the last 395 days) and on file with us, there is no need to submit a new one. Check with your coach to see if it is valid.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.

TRYOUT TICKET Dates: Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during all lunches.

Monday & Tuesday February 4-5th

Monday February 11

Wednesday February 13

Tryout Dates

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Date	Time
Baseball	Daniel Cooke	daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Men’s Golf	David School	djscholl1@gmail.com	February 13 & 14	The Divide Golf Course 3:30-6:00
Men’s Lacrosse	Justin Leath	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Women’s Lacrosse	TBD	gstavish@carolina.rr.com Chelo Stavish Parent Rep	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:00
Women’s Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13, 14, & 15	3:00-5:00
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Men’s Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:00
Track & Field	Tondra White	tondra.white.tlw@gmail.com	February 18 & 19	3:00-5:00



**Congratulations
Pirate
Wrestling on
WINNING the
Conference
Championship!!**





**Porter Ridge High School
College Information Night
for 9th-11th grade students & parents
Monday, February 4, 2019
6:00pm - Auditorium**



- Information about
 - ACT/SAT Tests
 - Researching Colleges
 - Admission Requirements
 - Financial Aid and Scholarships
 - Using Naviance in the college search process





Final Exam Exemptions are based on course grade AND attendance...

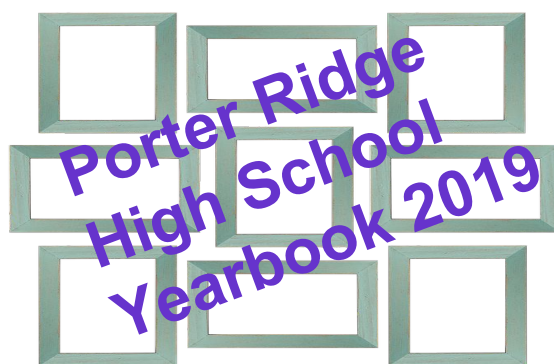
High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 3 absences (excused or unexcused) in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 absences (excused or unexcused) in the class.

Some Announcements

- Come join us as the Porter Ridge High School Castaways present **12 Angry Jurors** on January 25th & 26th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold at the door.
- **Yearbooks** are now on sale for \$80. This is your last chance to get yearbooks at a reduced price before they increase again. Take advantage of the early bird savings! To order, visit Jostens.com or see Ms. Watson in G205 for an order form.
- Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, you heard correctly! **THE GREAT RACE** is back and better than ever! Thursday, April 11th at 6:00. Mark your calendars!!! Parents and other adults (who are interested in helping kids and helping Ms. Yearick), we need you badly as "customs inspectors" (see link below) and would love for you to be here for this awesome event! AND....we have lots of door prizes! :) Please let Ms. Yearick know ASAP if you would like to help on April 11th from 6:00-8:30 by filling out the form linked on the website below. (If you would like to help, it is the kind of event in which you will be busy the entire time from arrival at 6 to the end of the race). For those of you not familiar with THE GREAT RACE, click here for a little synopsis: Goo.gl/KduCJV
- The next meeting of the **NHS** will be Tuesday, January 29th from 7:35-7:50am in the auditorium. All members must attend. Also, if you paid for a tee-shirt, please see Mr. Crider in room F108 to pick up.
- Reminder, **Girls soccer workouts** will start Tues Jan 29th after school, please make sure all forms are completed and handing to coach Ladimir. If you have any questions please stop by room E104 for more information.
- **NC State University's Youth Engineering Summer Camp** Are you creative or interested in engineering? If so, NC State University College of Engineering will be running a summer camp in Roger's Hall at Queens University of Charlotte this summer. Camp registration is now open and will stay open until all spots are filled. To enroll for the camp please visit www.engineeringcampcharlotte.com.

Yearbooks -- \$80. Prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online (www.jostens.com) by clicking below or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205. **Senior Yearbook Ads are on sale now to be featured in the yearbook.** Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ (www.Jostens.com).





“Pre-Apprenticeship Program Applications for 2019-2020”

Attention Rising 12th graders, are you interested in getting paid to go to college while in high school; if so, then you should apply to the Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program is partnered with Greiner Bio-One, South Piedmont Community College, and Union County Public Schools. If selected for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program; the student will take morning classes at PRHS while their afternoon is split between classes at SPCC and working at Greiner Bio-One, as well as, being paid for approximately 20 hours per week which is a combination of training, attending classes and work. While in the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, students will receive High School Credit for their Community College courses and it provides a potential opportunity to be selected for the Registered Apprenticeship Program, as well as, providing hands on training to develop technical skills. In order to qualify for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program students must be a rising high school senior, have a current GPA of at least a 2.5, with a minimum GPA of 2.8 at Graduation to be considered for the Registered Apprenticeship Program, have enough high school credits to allow community college courses in their senior schedule and be able to attend a 3-4 week summer program. There will be a Pre-Apprentice Information Session held at the SPCC Tyson Family Center for Technology 3509 Old Charlotte Highway Monroe, NC 28110 in the spring. For more information about the Pre-Apprenticeship program, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](#) page on the UCPS website under the Departments section or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

- Students may request schedule corrections for their spring schedule at the following google link <https://goo.gl/forms/lf4Xl2lqvRFsWvVz2>. Students must be logged into their school google account. Reasons requests may be considered are listed on the google form. Reasons include not having the correct pre-requisite completed or having a course that you already passed. Students who requested a class last spring and got that course will not be able to switch out of that class as we build the schedules based on the requests received.
- If you are interested in traveling America this summer on Teens Westward Bound (TWB) there is a presentation night/information meeting on Thursday January 24 in the PRHS Media center. Presentation begins at 7pm, bring your parents! See Coach Welch in F200 if you have any questions!
- Interested in playing Volleyball this fall? Off season workouts begin Tuesday Feb 5. You must have a current physical and Family ID to participate. See Coach Welch in F200 if you have any questions. Workouts will be every Tuesday/Thursday from 3-5pm.
- Students, the 3rd annual PRHS Color Run is coming up! The race will take place on March 2nd and begin at 9 a.m. A spot in the race costs \$15 and is payable in cash, with a check made out to PRHS, or online. Sign-ups start on January 23rd at all lunches, and participants who sign up before February 8th are guaranteed a t-shirt. The event is open to anyone who knows someone from the Porter Ridge cluster, including elementary schools. We hope to see you participate in this community event.
- Do you belong to or coach a sport? Do you belong to or sponsor a club? Stop by the tables during all lunches to purchase a spirit pin from our TTA classes. Lollipops, bath fizzies, and lanyards are also available for purchase. Bath fizzies come in a variety of scents such as lavender, eucalyptus, jasmine, rose, rosemary and peppermint. Ask about our Porter Ridge and Holiday gift sets! Place your orders today!



ACT & SAT Dates

ALL Juniors at PRHS will take BOTH the ACT on Feb. 20th and SAT on April 9th during school, for free, this year!!

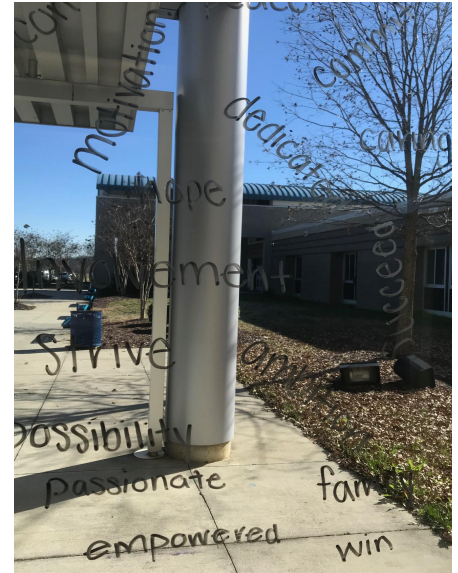
National SAT Dates - students must register at CollegeBoard.org

- March 9th register by 2/8, with late fee until 2/27
- May 4th register by 4/5, with late fee until 4/24
- June 1st register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/22

National ACT Dates – students must register at ACTstudent.org

- April 13th register by 3/8, with late fee until 3/25
- June 8th register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/20
- July 13th register by 6/14, with late fee until 6/24

(students who receive free or reduced lunch or have a financial need should see their counselor about a fee waiver)



Ports of Information for Pirates === Follow us on social media...

2018-2019 - weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students. Sent through connect-ed, posted on facebook and on our website - The Pirate Press!!

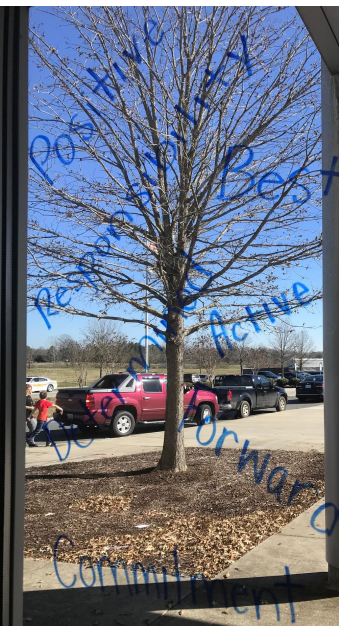
If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to arolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

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Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCounseling !

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got Questions?

Introducing Counselor Drop-Ins
We know that college applications can be overwhelming!

No appointment.
No slip.
No email.
Just show up with your questions. A counselor will be available to help you!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7:30-8:00 James	7:30-8:00 Posder	7:30-8:00 Burgess	7:30-8:00 Davison
3:00-3:45 Davison	3:00-3:45 Burgess	3:00-3:45 James	3:00-3:45 Posder

The counselor's name is listed in case you have a counselor preference but you are NOT limited to meeting with your assigned counselor. Drop in any day and get your questions answered by any counselor.



School Counseling

College Information Night for 9th-11th grade

Monday, February 4th at 6pm

PRHS Auditorium

- How to choose a college
- Admission requirements
- ACT/SAT Tests
- Timeline to applying
- Scholarships & Financial Aid

Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 17th

The Park Expo Center in Charlotte

For more information go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>



Seniors and Scholarships! Keep researching. Keep applying.

Parents of seniors, here is the presentation counselors gave to your students about scholarships. Your student can view this through their school Google account.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Mt1wSgl8_tUMlrZ_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQujl7vEppC_4/edit#slide=id.p

If you have questions, please contact your school counselor. Please let Ms. Ponder in counseling know if you have received a scholarship.

Counselor concerns: Counselors have ongoing concerns about student's vaping and over-using technology. Here are some parent resources on both topics for consideration.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/health/vaping-nicotine-teenagers.html>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/more-feeling/201712/can-t-fight-feeling-technology-and-teen-anxiety>



Huntington Learning Center-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT. Students who attend earn participation points toward their school's #UCPSCollegeReady goal!

UCPS will be administering the ACT and SAT to all juniors for free.

- UCPS ACT administration date: February 20, 2019
- UCPS SAT administration date: April 9, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link	Test(s) Addressed
Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	SOLD OUT	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Porter Ridge High 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079	http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19	SAT



Counseling Department

Scholarships- Where to find

- Naviance under Colleges Home – District list of scholarships and scholarship search engine
- Websites of colleges you are applying to
- Parents work or other organizations they may belong to
- Free Search Engines:
 - www.raise.me
 - https://www.cfnc.org/paying/schol/info_schol.jsp
 - www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/education-scholarships/
 - www.freecollegescholarships.net
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.studentawardsearch.com
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - www.scholarships.com
 - <https://www.unigo.com>

Seniors- Please make sure you notify Mrs. Ponder of any scholarship you are offered even if you do not plan to attend the college



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Counselor Information

- The counseling office has started 2 groups to support students. One for how to deal with anxiety and a grief & loss group.
- Counselors began academic meetings with students who are struggling to help improve their success in the classroom.
- Each Counselor visited with Senior homerooms to discuss scholarships search information and how to apply for scholarships. These meetings occurred prior to the Winter break.
- Counselors received updated information during a countywide counselor meeting that the Porter Ridge Cluster will be receiving a full-time Social Worker in January to meet the needs of our students.
- Counselors met with any senior that had not ordered cap and gowns to discuss the process and ensure they were ordered. If you have questions or issues with the ordering process please let us know.

Varsity times listed here; [see Athletic website for all JV times](#)



Athletics

Fri 1/25	Basketball vs East Meck 6:00
Sat 1/26	Indoor Track vs JDL 8:00; Wrestling Conference Tournament 9:00
Tue 1/29	Basketball @ Butler 6:00
Fri 2/1	Basketball vs Independence
Fri 2/1-Sun 2/3	Swim NCHSAA 4A Regional Meet
Sat 2/2	Indoor Track County Championship AT Cuthbertson 8:00
Tue 2/5	Basketball AT Garinger 6:00
Fri 2/8	Basketball vs Rocky River 6:00



Pirate Events

Fri 1/25	All District Band Clinics 9:00; 12 Angry Jurors 7:00 Auditorium
Sat 1/26	12 Angry Jurors 7:00 Auditorium
Tue 1/29	Government Studies Club 7:30; NHS Meeting 7:30 Auditorium
Wed 1/30	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 1/31	Gaming Club E102 3:00
Mon 2/4	FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00; College Info Night 6:00 Auditorium
Tue 2/5	Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 2/6	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 2/7	Gaming Club Meeting E102 3:00