



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Families,

Wingate University is hosting the Union County College Fair with schools from across NC on Sunday, 10/14. A list of schools is in the Pirate Press. We recommend this event for all high school students, no matter your grade level. This is a great opportunity to see different colleges and programs. Remember that our counselors are available to assist Seniors with questions about applying for college, financial aid, and career. They are available for College App Counselor Drop-ins before school from 7:30 - 8:00 and after school 3:00 - 3:45 Monday through Thursday! Wednesday 10/10 is PSAT Day for all of our 10th grade students. Students should eat a healthy breakfast and bring their calculator if they plan on using one on the test.

Student Council is planning many events for Homecoming next week, including Spirit Days, a Student Tailgate before the Homecoming Football Game, Homecoming Dance, Beach Volleyball Games, and PowderPuff Football. There is no school for students on Monday, October 8th as that is a Teacher Workday. Spirit Days are: Twin Tuesday; Class War Wednesday with Seniors in purple, Juniors in Black, Sophomores in Gray, and Freshman in White; Super Hero vs. Villain Thursday; and Alter-ego Friday. Remember that students must adhere to dress code, no masks or full face paint is allowed.

Our Athletic Booster Club will be hosting an inaugural Golf Tournament on 11/10 and our inaugural 5k on 11/17. Please support the Pirates. Our Band Booster Club is starting their annual famous Fruit Sale on 10/4! Find one of our 200 Band Students or check back in the Pirate Press during the sale for more information. Our Interact Club will be hosting our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on 10/19. Details and how to donate is in the newsletter! Let's beat last year's total!! A shout out to our Band of Pirates on their great performance at their first competition of the year. Congratulations to Soccer for their win over East Meck this week. Varsity Football is at Independence Friday night at 7:00 - come support your Pirates. Womens golf takes 2nd place at the SW4A Tournament - way to go! A big shout out to our Custodial Staff for their hard work in keeping our school clean and healthy! Congratulations to Senior Angela Cho who will represent PRHS as a finalist in the Student Video Contest! Thank you to our FCCLA who made great bookmarks for Sardis Elementary students to encourage literacy. Congrats to our Cross Country Team on a great Heelsplitter Meet last weekend!

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

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...



## Homecoming 2018

A Survival Guide

October 9th – October 13th

City Lights

NO SCHOOL MONDAY!

**TWIN TUESDAY**



Volleyball @ 4 at Carolina Courts - Free

**CLASS WARS COLORS**



SENIORS – PURPLE  
JUNIORS – BLACK  
SOPHOMORES – GREY  
FRESHMEN – WHITE

Class Wars Competition During 4<sup>th</sup> Block - \$2

**SUPER HERO vs. VILLAIN**



Powder Puff @ 6 at PRHS Football Stadium - \$2 to watch

**Alter Ego**



TAILGATE @ 6 - Free

**Dance**  
Sat. 8:00



# Homecoming

Events for the week of Homecoming (Oct 8-13):

**10/8 Monday: No School**

**10/9 Tuesday: Twin Tuesday; Volleyball @ Carolina Courts 4:00-6:00 pm (free to watch)**

- ★ Teams (of 5 players) Sign up @ lunches September 17th-21st--\$5 per team

**10/10 Wednesday: Class Warfare- Fr. white, So. grey, Jr. black, Sr. Purple; staff tie dye Class Wars during 4th block (Ticket sales in advance at lunch \$2)**

- ★ Tickets sold during lunches September 24-27----\$2

**10/11 Thursday: Superhero vs.Villain; Powderpuff 6:00pm \$2 tickets at the gate**

- ★ September 10-21: Player Sign-ups will take place at all lunches-- \$15

**10/12 Friday: Alter Ego; Tailgate 6:00-7:00 @ the boneyard (free food and games)**

- ★ Hot dogs, chips, candy, and drinks

**10/13 Saturday: HoCo Dance: City Lights \$15 tickets sold in advance:**

- ★ September 10-21st (\$15 per ticket)
- ★ September 25-26th (\$20 per ticket)

Our biannual **Beach Volleyball Tournament** is going to be taking place on Tuesday, October 9th from 4-6pm at Carolina Courts (240 Chestnut Pwky, Indian Trail, NC). All are welcome to come watch the event for free! Hope to see you all there :)

**Powderpuff Football** is this Fall, Thursday October 11th, during Homecoming Week! Come join us for an exciting night where ladies take the field to play flag football. Tickets to watch will be sold at the stadium gate, for \$2. Hope to see you there! If any males are interested in being a cheerleader, please come see STUCO at the sign up table.

## Join the PTO

**Membership** is \$10 and it includes a **PR** car magnet!

Questions, please email Kim Pace at [kimp99@gmail.com](mailto:kimp99@gmail.com)



# PSAT

**Sophomores will Take the Pre-SAT Wednesday, October 10**

- Make sure you eat breakfast and bring No. 2 pencils
- All questions can be solved without a calculator, but a scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.
- Students should bring their own calculators.
- Students should report to their testing room on the morning of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Cell phones are not permitted during testing so they should be turned off and put away
- PSAT is a great way to get practice for the SAT as a junior

## Porter Ridge High School



**Annual Fall Blood  
Drive  
Friday, October 19th  
8:00am - 1:30pm**



## How to Donate

**To Schedule a life-saving appointment ,  
please contact Mrs. Hayley Clontz  
hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us or enter  
sponsor code "PorterRidgeHS" on  
redcrossblood.org**



# Counseling Department

## Interested in taking college classes in high school?

Seniors or juniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may be eligible to take college classes in the spring through SPCC. Interested student not currently taking classes should fill out the following link by October 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://goo.gl/forms/yDzqgw5smVMBa9tP2>

## Scholarships- Where to find

- Naviance – District list of scholarships and scholarship search engine
- Websites of colleges you are applying to
- Parents work or other organizations they may belong to

Visit <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4988> for a list of free scholarship search engines

## Major Scholarships

- Some major 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 school 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 links to the applications of the individual scholarships. Please note the deadlines are designed to allow time for our scholarship committee to meet and review the student applications. These deadlines are final. No exception. 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. Burgess with any questions.

UNC Chapel Hill - [Morehead Cain Scholarship Application. Due September 15](#)

NC State - [Park Scholarship Application Due September 15](#)

UNC Charlotte - [Levine Scholarship Due September 22](#)

Davidson College - [Belk Scholarship Due Oct. 15](#)

University of Virginia - [Jefferson Scholar Application Due Nov. 3](#)

## UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR ATTENDEES

### Union County College Fair

- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Wingate University. College admission representatives from throughout the state will be in attendance. We encourage ALL students and parents to attend.

### SAT & ACT Registration Deadlines

- SAT: Sept. 7th is deadline for Oct. 6th test date ACT: Sept. 28th is deadline for Oct. 27th test date
- ALL Juniors at PRHS will take BOTH the ACT and SAT during school, for free, this year!!

### Colleges Attending:

Appalachian State University	Concord University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	UNC School of the Arts
Arcadia University	Converse College	Limestone College	UNC Wilmington
Auburn University	East Carolina University	Living Arts College	University of Alabama Huntsville
Barton College	East Tennessee State University	Livingstone College	University of Georgia
Belmont Abbey College	ECPI University	Louisburg College	University of Mount Olive
Berry College	Furman University	Mars Hill University	University of North Carolina
Bluefield College	Gardner-Webb University	North Carolina State University	Asheville
Brevard College	Greensboro College	Pfeiffer University	University of North Carolina
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	High Point University	Queens University of Charlotte	Greensboro
Campbell University	Hollins University	Radford University	University of South Carolina
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Johnson & Wales University	Randolph Community College	University of South Carolina
Catawba College	Johnson C. Smith University	Saint Augustine's University	Lancaster
Charleston Southern University	Lander University	Salem College Admissions	University of Tennessee
Chowan University	Lees-McRae College	Shaw University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Coastal Carolina University	Meredith College	St.Andrews University	Wake Forest University
College Foundation, Inc. (CFNC)	Methodist University	Stanly Community College	Warren Wilson College
Columbia College	Mid-Atlantic Christian University	The University of Alabama	Western Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University	Mississippi State University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	William Peace University
Fayetteville State University	Mitchell Community College	UNC Charlotte	Wingate University
Ferrum College	North Carolina A&T State University	UNC Pembroke	Winston-Salem State University
Francis Marion University	North Carolina Outward Bound School		Winthrop University
Full Sail University			Wofford College



# Athletics

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

<b>Fri 10/5</b>	<b>Varsity Football AT Independence 7:00</b>
<b>Sat 10/6</b>	<b>Cross Country at Wendy's Invitational, McAlpine Park 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mon 10/8</b>	<b>Soccer AT Butler 4:30</b>
<b>Tue 10/9</b>	<b>Volleyball AT Myers Park 4:30, Field Hockey vs Marvin Ridge at Matthews Sportsplex: Field 1</b>
<b>Wed 10/10</b>	<b>Soccer vs Garinger 4:30</b>
<b>Thu 10/11</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Hickory Ridge 4:30, JV Football AT Garinger 6:00</b>
<b>Fri 10/12</b>	<b>Homecoming Football vs Garinger 7:30</b>
<b>Mon 10/15</b>	<b>Golf Regional Tournament @ TBD; Soccer AT Garringer 6:00</b>
<b>Wed 10/17</b>	<b>Soccer vs Rocky River 6:00</b>
<b>Thu 10/18</b>	<b>JV Football vs Rocky River 6:30</b>
<b>Fri 10/19</b>	<b>Football AT Rocky River 7:00</b>





# Announcements

- If you are interested in accruing community service hours, making college visits, and need focused preparation for adulthood, then Umoja could be right for you. Open enrollment begins **Monday September 10th** and ends **Wednesday October 10th**. See Mrs. Hoff in E105F for forms and details.
  - Yearbooks are now on sale for **\$75**. The last date to take advantage of this discounted price is **10/24** when prices will increase! Take advantage of savings now! You may order on ([www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)) or grab an order form in Ms. Watson's room (G205).
  - Union County College Fair - **Sunday, October 14th @** Wingate University from 2:00-4:00pm. College admission representatives from throughout the state will be in attendance. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.
  - Join the Media Center's Fall 2018 Book Contest! Fill out the Google form linked on the Media Center page of the PRHS website and you will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! Hurry-contest ends **Oct. 18th!** Winners will be announced on the scrolling announcements in the cafeteria and should come to the Media Center during lunch to pick up their prize and get their picture taken.
  - Juniors and Seniors are able to miss up to two school days for college visits per academic year. A letter from the college showing you attended for a visit, must be turned into the office following your visit.
  - Come and make a pumpkin or ghost spooky jar **Thursday, October 25th** 3-4 p.m. in the Media Center! All supplies and light refreshments will be provided. Sign up on the Google form linked on the Media Center page of the PRHS website.
  - **Senior Ads** are on sale now to be featured in the yearbook. Be sure to make your mark in this years book! Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ ([www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)). The deadline for the lowest prices is **10/31**.
  - Umoja is sponsoring a **SAT Preparation** class on on **October 10th** (Writing Room G106) from 3-4. Please email [earlene.hoff@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:earlene.hoff@ucps.k12.nc.us) to register for section(s) in which your are interested.
  - Interested in taking college classes in high school? Seniors or juniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may be eligible to take college classes in the spring through SPCC. Interested student not currently taking classes should fill out the link on the PRHS website by October 1st. <https://goo.gl/forms/yDzqgw5smVMBa9tP2>
  - The Fall Blood Drive is **October 19th!** Please consider donating if you are 16 or older. Be on the look out for sign-up information soon! If you have any questions please see Mrs. Clontz in E212.
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  - Interested in traveling America this summer? Check out Teens Westward Bound. It is a 23 day trip traveling the USA from North Carolina to California and back taking place in June-July 2019. Coach Welch is a counselor for the trip, and is offering the opportunity to recommend students from Porter Ridge High School. If you are interested in being recommended for the trip, please fill out the google form with your information. Just because Coach Welch recommends you, does not mean that you are accepted or have to go on the trip, it simply means that you would like a letter detailing more information. See Coach Welch in F200 if you have any questions, or visit [teenswestwardbound.com](http://teenswestwardbound.com) Information due by Friday October 5.
  - Seniors: Please remember to submit all of your scholarship offers to Ms. Ponder in Counseling. Anytime you are offered a scholarship, even if you do not plan to attend that college, you should submit the award to Ms. Ponder.
  - Please all Flex/Co-Op/and SPCC students stop by the Attendance Counselor's office to receive your pass for signing in and out.
  - Attention all current NHS members. Please check the web site under the "News" tab for an update concerning T1 community service hours. The last day to submit these hours will be Oct. 10th. No late submissions will be accepted. If you have any questions, stop by F108 to speak to Mr. Crider.
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# Holiday Card Contest

Union County Public Schools would like to welcome the return of the Annual UCPS Holiday Card Contest. UCPS is looking for students to create festive artwork to celebrate this upcoming holiday season.

## ❄️ Eligibility:

Any student who is currently enrolled in UCPS is eligible to participate.  
One entry per student.

## ❄️ Award:

The winning submission will be featured as the cover of the UCPS Holiday Card with the student's name, grade and school. The winner will receive an official UCPS Board of Education Certificate and be recognized at the December Board Meeting.

## ❄️ Artwork Theme:

### Happy Holidays/Season's Greetings

Submissions should reflect holiday spirited or winter themes. Artwork may not reference or contain images related to specific religious holidays.

## ❄️ Design Specifications:

The final card size will be 8.5 inches wide x 6 inches tall. Please create all artwork to fit these proportions.

## ❄️ Deadline for Entries:

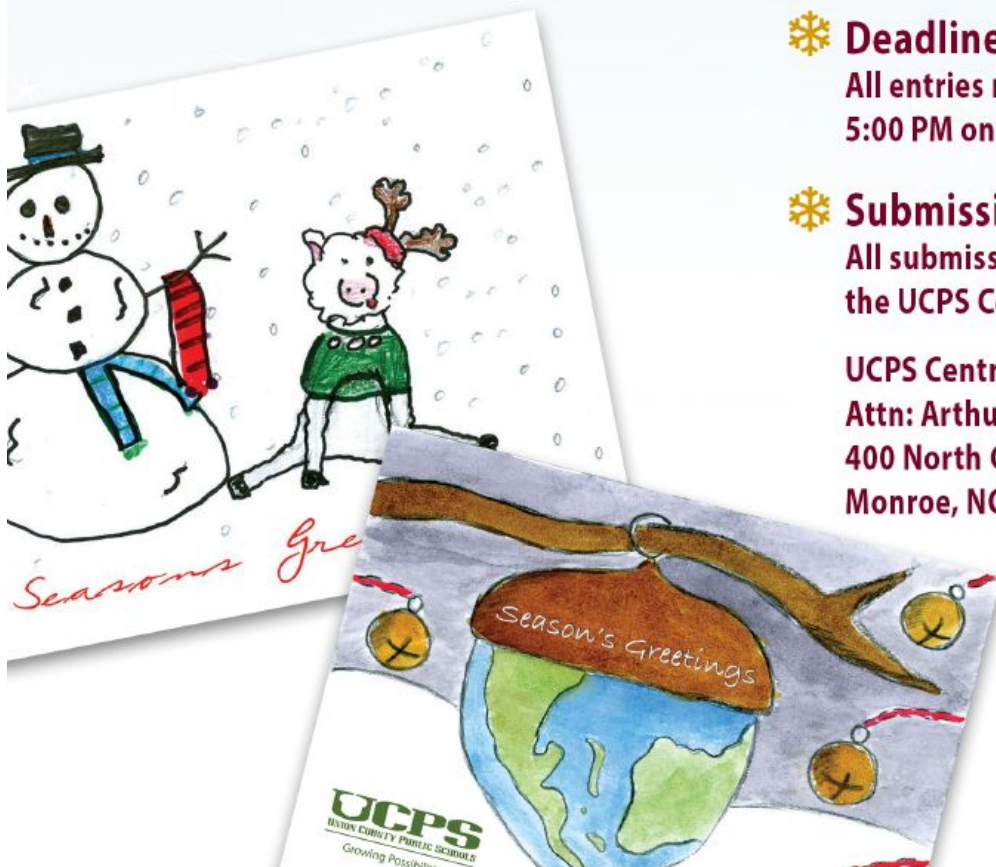
All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

## ❄️ Submission of artwork:

All submissions must be sent or delivered to the UCPS Central Services office:

UCPS Central Services  
Attn: Arthur Rogers  
400 North Church Street  
Monroe, NC 28112

For more detailed information, visit [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)





# Pirate Events

**Mon - 10/10**

**Umoja Meeting in G106 - SAT Prep - 3:00**

**Sun - 10/14**

**Union County College Fair at Wingate University 2:00-4:00**

**Mon- 10/15**

**Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Meeting 6:30-8:30**

**Tue- 10/16**

**National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6-8:00**

**Wed 10/17**

**Book Club Meeting in Media 3-4:00, Robotics in G104 3-4:00,  
Spanish Club F102 3:15-3:45**

**Thu 10/18**

**Gaming Club E102 3-4:00**

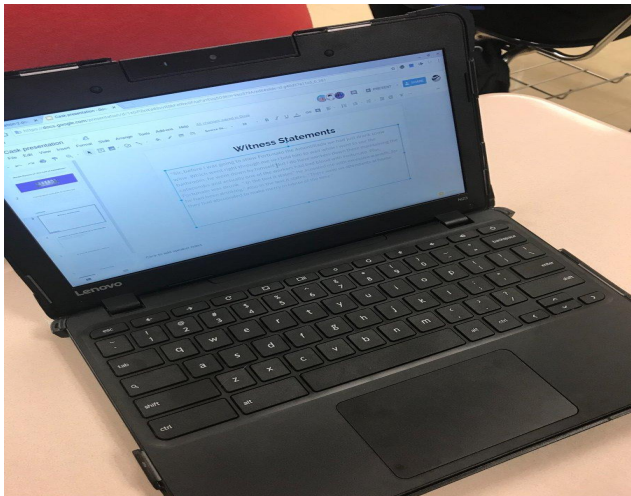
**Fri - 10/19**

**Blood Drive - Main Gym - 8:30-1:30**

**Fri - 10/26**

**Fall Fest**

Student Council is taking on a huge event this year to work toward our goal of building Porter Ridge Cluster Spirit! PRHS will be hosting a Fall Fest on 10/26 that will be expanded to include ALL clubs and teams that would like to participate! This is an event that we hope every club/team/band/class will participate in. We will be extending the invitation to ALL of our Cluster Elementary Schools for an afternoon of Yard games, Face painting, Pumpkin painting, Trunk or treat, Decorations contest, and Costume contest. Students this is a great way for you to create a fun and safe environment for our elementary school students to have and for you to enjoy some activities that you did when you were younger. So decorate your trunk in a theme that shows off your club, or a favorite character or movie that our students think the elementary students will like! Talk to your club advisor, band director, coach, or classroom teacher today and ask them to sign you up! They all got the link in their announcements!

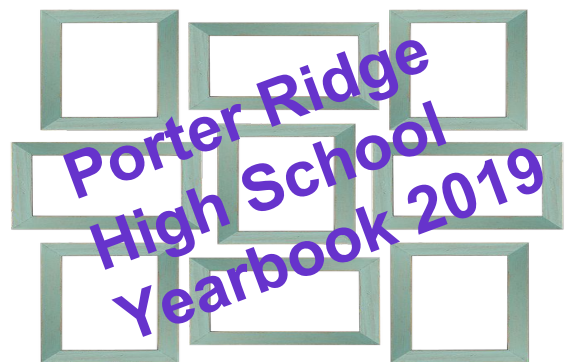


Chromebooks are out in full use at PRHS! If you experience any problems with your chromebook, visit our Desktop Support Engineer - Mr. Love in his office outside of the Media Center.

Parents if you have any chromebook concerns, please email Administrator, Mr. Chris Lacy, and he will be happy to look into your situation.

Yearbooks are currently on sale -- \$75. The last day to take advantage of this price is **October 24th**. After this date, prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)) by clicking below or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205.

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

2018-2019 will feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students.

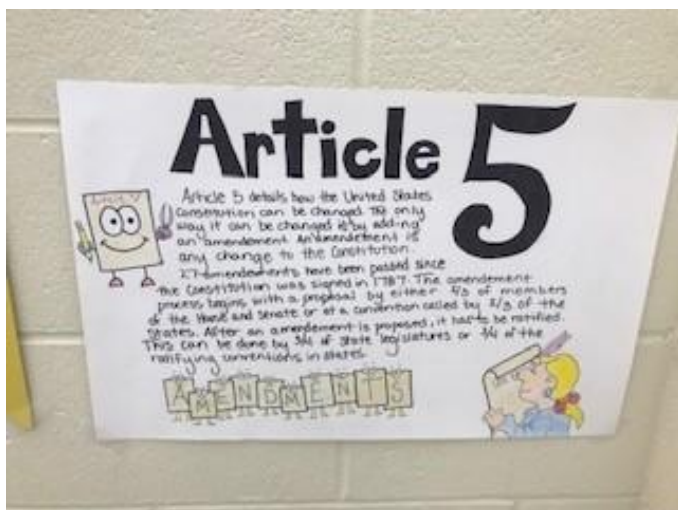
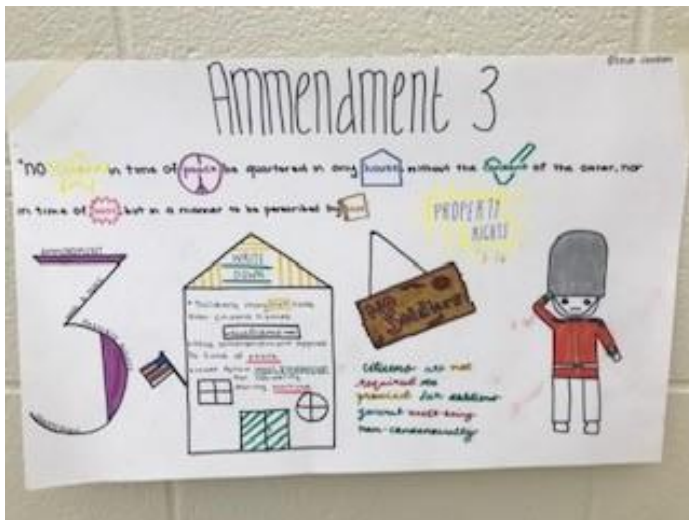
If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to [carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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@PRHSCareer @prhs\_athletics

Follow us on Instagram: porterridgehs





# 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 Ponder	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 Ponder

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.



## INAUGURAL PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Baseball & Softball programs

Email your teams or hole sponsorships to Coach Cooke at [daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us) (below info needed)

OR

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

### PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #4: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, November 10**

**9:00am  
 Shotgun Start**

**Emerald Lake Golf Club  
 9750 Tournament Drive  
 Matthews, NC 28104**

**\$80.00 per player**

**\$320.00 per team**

**\$100 per hole sponsor**

**Make checks payable to: PRABC**

**Deadline for Registration  
 November 1**

**Entry fee includes lunch,  
 range balls, and goody bag**

**Mulligans, raffle and door  
 prizes will be offered**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
 PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS!**