



Pirate PRESS

Good Evening Pirates!

This week our thoughts are with the Butler HS family who had such a tragic event earlier in the week. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our Porter Ridge family of the importance of communicating issues to the staff at our school. We know that events occur in the lives of our high school students that can be difficult to handle and we have counselors at our school every day who are here to help our students problem solve. Parents we hope that you remind your children to talk to you about their daily lives so that you can use your experience to guide them to make good decisions. Our staff - teachers, counselors, administrator, nurse, support staff - are all here to assist as well. This week we had already planned our Pirate Advisory session to be on the importance of Respect for Self and for Others. Teacher Advisors led students through important topics that directly impact our students: How do we take care of our health? How do we cope with stress? How do we treat others around us? Who do we talk to when we see someone treat someone else in a disrespectful or bullying manner? We are proud of our students this week for their participation in this discussion and have some seen some productive conversations as a result of this. Our Porter Ridge Counseling department has shared a link for our parents that deals with talking with children about violence. The link is from the NC School Counselors' Association: goo.gl/bHu2kM. We also want to remind our students that if you see something, say something. Any person on campus should immediately report concerns or threats to our school staff. Our School Resource Officer, Officer Humphrey, works with school staff to deal with any potential issues that arise. As a part of respecting ourselves and others students should report things that they hear or see (especially on social media) about an individual threatening to hurt themselves or someone else. Students and parents can notify any staff member, administrator, or our School Resource Officer. Our school has Anti-bullying boxes located in the main office, counseling office, and media center.

Congratulations to our Band of Pirates and Pirate Band Booster Club for hosting an amazing Band Competition last week. The amount of work that went into the program was astounding and it was great fun to see so many bands competing. Of course, our Band of Pirates did a phenomenal job on their show to close out the day!! Our Soccer Team will be hosting a second round playoff game at home on Tuesday of next week - Way to go Pirates. Our very own Caroline Fagan will be running in the State Cross Country finals this Saturday! Go Caroline! Our last regular season football game, scheduled for this Friday, has been cancelled. Our Theatre Group will be traveling to Rocky River tomorrow for the NC Theatre Conference competition and we wish them the best! Finally a huge shout out to all clubs, classes, teams, band, teachers, and especially student council for organizing an awesome Fall Fest last Friday for our elementary school students!!

Did you know that our counselors are available to assist Seniors with questions about applying for college, financial aid, and career before and after school? 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!

Our **Athletic Booster Club** will be hosting an inaugural Golf Tournament on 11/10 and our inaugural 5k on 11/17 - the Sock Trot. Construction will be starting on our additional main hall and cafeteria expansion thanks to the Union County Bond money.

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. Fissenne



Band Fruit Sale



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- 5 2 Trays 12 Navels + 10 Grapefruit..... \$30

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CITRUS DELIGHT



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- 8 12 Navels, 12 Grapefruit, 12 Mandarins..... \$30

TRIPLE CHARMER



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MANDARINS



ITEM #

- 10 (2) 5 lb Bags per box 13-20 pcs per bag \$25

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- 11 1/4 Bushel 18-22 Apples.....\$25
- 12 1/2 Bushel 36-44 Apples.....\$35

GEORGIA PECAN HALVES



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- 13 1 lb Bag\$15



Men's Basketball

Help Wanted!!

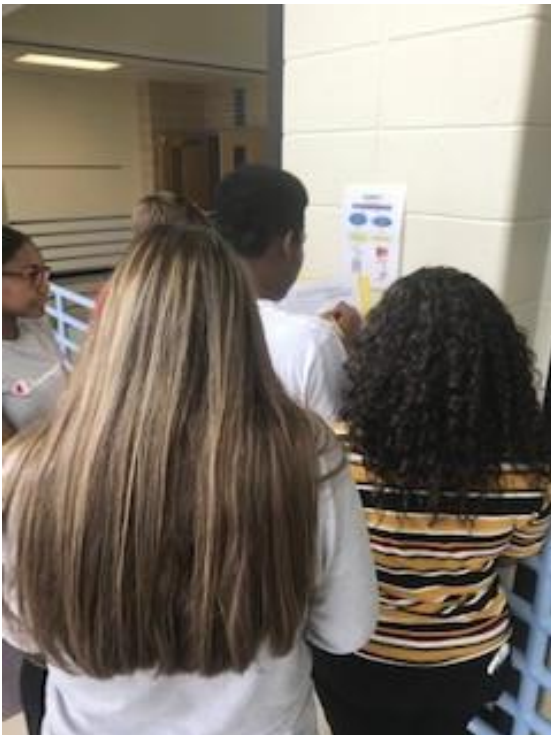
The Porter Ridge Men's Basketball program is looking for highly motivated Pirate students who desire to build their college/professional resumes by joining our team.

The positions that are available are as follows:

***Director of Operations**| 1 for JV, 1 for Varsity In charge of practice and game preparation which includes but is not limited to equipment management, hydration, practice clock management, assistance with travel, and player management.

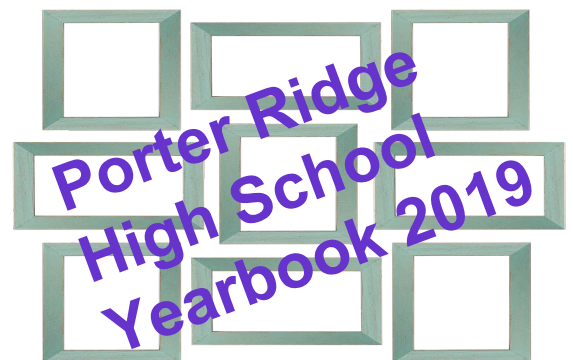
***Data Analytics Manger**| 1 for JV, 1 for Varsity Oversees scorebook and relevant statistical data collection.

***Video Production Specialist**| Varsity only Game day Videographer who will also assist the Director of Operations during practice.



Yearbooks are currently on sale -- \$75. The last day to take advantage of this price is **December 21st**. After this date, 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. 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). The deadline for the lowest prices is 12/21.





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

- December 1st register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/20
- 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

- December 8th register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/19
- February 9th register by 1/11, with late fee until 1/18
- 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 will feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students.

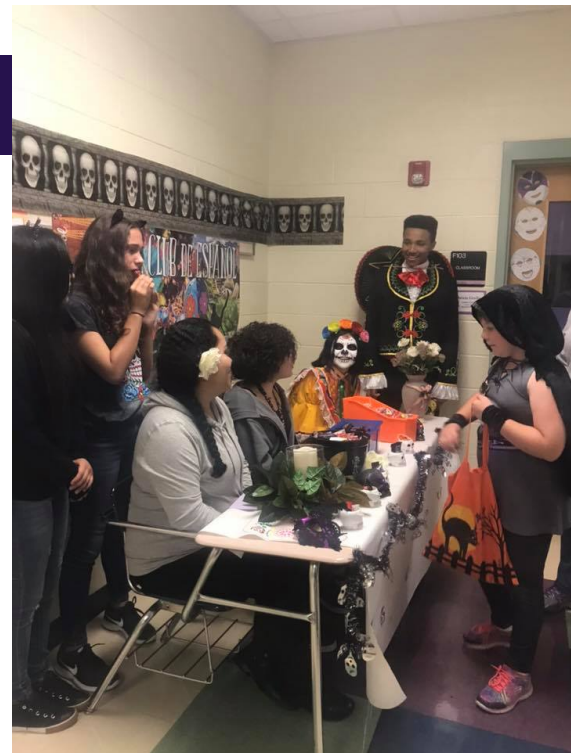
If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

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 wait.
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.



Counseling Department

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.
- ALL Juniors at PRHS will take BOTH the ACT and SAT during school, for free, this year!!

Feel free to contact Ms. Burgess with any questions.

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



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	http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18	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	TBD	Coming Soon!	SAT



Athletics

Sat 11/3	XC State Championships
Mon 11/5	Winter Sports Mandatory Meeting 6:30
Tues 11/6	Soccer 2nd round playoff TBD
Sat 11/10	PR Athletic Booster Club Golf Tournament

 **Porter Ridge Careers** @PRHSCareer · Oct 30
 Thank you Chef Penry and J & W University for speaking to Ms. Hasty's Foods I classes today! @PorterRidgeHSNC @UCPSCareerReady



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Pirate Events

Sat 11/3	Drama Competition at Rocky River High School
Mon 11/5	Davidson College Visit in the Media Center
Wed 11/7	Graphic Design Club in E105 at 3:00 Spanish Club Meeting in F102 at 3:15
Thu 11/8	Gaming Club in E102 at 3:00



Announcements

- 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.
- **Huntington Learning Center**-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT on Saturday, November 17th at CATA from 10am-12pm. This is a free event. Students can register to attend at <http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18>.
- **FCCLA** members are selling Attraction Coupon Books now through November 5th. Books are 20 dollars each please see an FCCLA member.
- **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.
- The **ASVAB** will be given on Thursday Nov. 15th from 8-11:30am. It is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. Must be a in 10th, 11th or 12th grade to take the test. Interested students must sign up by November 8th at the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/pIFHPSV0qIYAxRaf2> (must be logged into UCPS google account to access).
- PRHS will be hosting a **Latino College Night** on November 13th at 6:30pm in the Media Center. Dr. Landers from SPCC will present in Spanish information on applying to college and financial aid.
- Interested in politics and global events? Want a safe place to express your opinions? Come join us on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30am in F106 for **Government Studies Club!** We will openly discuss political topics & talk about the future of the club.
- Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? If you are a current sophomore or junior you can apply to participate in a summer opportunity to explore many different science and math topics at multiple NC colleges!! This a great chance to build your resume. If you want more information see Ms. Ponder in counseling or go to: **summerventures.org**.
- There will be Auditions for **High School Musical**, you heard that right, High School Musical, on November 14 and 15, directly after school in the auditorium. You will only need to come one of those days. You will need to have a song and a monologue prepared for your audition. For more details see Mr. Drake or Mr. Ford on the A- Hall.



1ST ANNUAL

SOCK TROT 5K

NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Join us in a FUN 5K trail run - wear your CRAZY socks!

Bring a new pack of socks to donate to Heart for Monroe.

Event will be timed. No refunds or transfers. Rain or shine.

Porter Ridge High School. 8am start. \$30 individual \$100 team.

Register online at

<https://racesonline.com/events/sock-trot-5k>



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