



# Pirate PRESS

Good Evening Pirates!

Our **Athletic Booster Club** will be hosting our inaugural 5k on 11/17 - the Sock Trot. Last chance to register is tonight! We hope to see ALL of our Pirate fans at the first round of football playoffs tonight! We will be kicking off at 7:30 pm at Monroe HS due to field conditions from the recent rains. During halftime we will be honoring our Senior Field Hockey, Golf, and Cross Country Athletes along with all of our Senior Band of Pirate Musicians! We thank all of our senior athletes for their incredible efforts this season and during their years here at Porter Ridge High School. We recognize and thank our Senior Band members for their incredible passion and dedication to our band program. Way to go Pirates!! Our Arts Department is doing some great things! From murals in the hallway to intensive face painting styles to theatre and music shows we are revving up for a great month. Starting tonight - there is a Beginner's Theatre Show tonight from 7:00 - 9:00 - we hope you will consider attending.

This week we were excited to honor our first four college signees - Nick Wernli - will be playing baseball at Carson Newman; Megan Matsil - will be playing softball at Francis Marion; Robin Jackson - will be playing soccer at Gardner Web; and Alexis Helms who will be playing lacrosse at Belmont Abbey. We are so very proud of each of you.

Next week we are in school on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is a teacher workday and the school is closed for all students and parents. The school office will be closed. We hope that each of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We will not have a Pirate Press next week and will resume after the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope that you are enjoying our Spanish class produced newsletter at the end of the Pirate Press! Our students have done a great job! Last call for tickets for our Basketball Extravaganza sponsored by our Umoja Club - \$3 tickets online on our website for students to attend this event on Tuesday from 9-10 am.

Our JROTC is looking for students interested in joining this class. Information will be on the announcements, but speak to a counselor if you are interested! **The health room is in need of supplies.** Sign up to donate on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A5A72DAAFF2-supplies>

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





Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present

*The Castaways*

**The Beginning Theatre  
Showcase**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

**\$5.00 Admission**

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# 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.

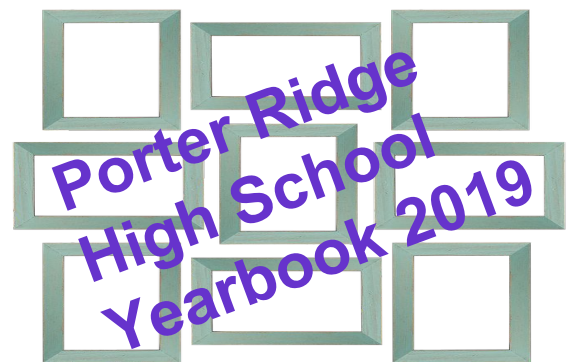
**\*Data Analytics Manger**| 1 for JV, 1 for Varsity Oversees scorebook and relevant statistical data collection.

**\*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 1st**. 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.

**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](http://www.Jostens.com)). The deadline for the lowest prices is 12/1.





# ACT & SAT Dates

ALL Juniors at PRHS will take BOTH the ACT on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> and SAT on April 9<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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](mailto:arolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCounseling !

@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.



# ACT WorkKeys

## Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the ACT WorkKeys assessment during the weeks of Dec. 3-14, 2018. Students that need to take ACT WorkKeys assessment were given a letter on Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from their 1<sup>st</sup> block teacher.

## What is ACT WorkKeys?

ACT WorkKeys Assessments are the cornerstone of ACT workforce solutions. The assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).

## Why is ACT WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the ACT WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

## What do your ACT WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students who successfully complete the three WorkKeys assessments (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, & Workplace Documents) can earn the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, and silver levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

## How can you Prepare for it?

To prepare for the WorkKeys assessments students can login to the WorkKeys Curriculum website.

- The website for the WorkKeys Curriculum is: <http://workkeyscurriculum.act.org>
- Student Username is: school email address
- Student Password is: 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY – March 3, 1997) (ex. 03031997).

For more information about the ACT WorkKeys Assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, visit: [www.act.org/workkeys/](http://www.act.org/workkeys/)

Our Hard-working Teachers at work in Professional Development this week!

Teachers read about, developed, and experienced some great formative Assessments!





# 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](http://www.raise.me)
  - [https://www.cfnc.org/paying/schol/info\\_schol.jsp](https://www.cfnc.org/paying/schol/info_schol.jsp)
  - [www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/education-scholarships/](http://www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/education-scholarships/)
  - [www.freecollegescholarships.net](http://www.freecollegescholarships.net)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
  - [www.studentawardsearch.com](http://www.studentawardsearch.com)
  - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
  - [www.scholarships.com](http://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

Counselors have been in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Civics/Econ and American History 1 classes discussing post-secondary options, preparing for college, scholarships and reviewed with students how to use Naviance in researching careers and colleges.



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	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18">http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18</a>	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19">http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19</a>	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	TBD	Coming Soon!	SAT



# Athletics

<b>Fri 11/16</b>	<b>Football vs RJ Reynolds AT Monroe High School 7:30</b>
<b>Sat 11/17</b>	<b>Wrestling AT Weddington 9:00 am</b>
<b>Mon 11/19</b>	<b>Basketball- Brad Thompson Shootout AT Piedmont 4:00</b>
<b>Tue 11/20</b>	<b>Wrestling AT Cuthbertson 6:00; Basketball- Brad Thompson Shootout AT Piedmont 7:00</b>
<b>Wed 11/21</b>	<b>Wrestling AT Monroe 4:00</b>
<b>Tue 11/27</b>	<b>Basketball AT Weddington</b>
<b>Wed 11/28</b>	<b>Wrestling vs Piedmont 5:00</b>
<b>Fri 11/30</b>	<b>Wrestling AT Mt. Pleasant 12:00 PM; Basketball AT Sun Valley 4:00</b>

## Pirate Events

<b>Fri 11/16</b>	<b>HOSA meeting 7:40 E212; Beginning Theatre Showcase 6:00 in auditorium</b>
<b>Mon 11/19</b>	<b>GSA meeting 3:00 in F108</b>
<b>Tue 11/20</b>	<b>Government Studies Club 7:30 in F106; Umoja Basketball Tournament 1st block- tickets \$3.00; final round of Poetry Slam 8-9:30am in auditorium</b>
<b>Mon 11/26</b>	<b>Innovation Drama Academy 5:00 in auditorium</b>
<b>Tue 11/27</b>	<b>NHS 7:30 in auditorium, Innovation Drama Academy 5:00 in auditorium</b>
<b>Wed 11/28</b>	<b>Innovation Drama Academy 5:00 Auditorium</b>
<b>Thu 11/29</b>	<b>Gaming Club 3:00 E102; Innovation Drama Academy 5:00 Auditorium</b>
<b>Fri 11/30</b>	<b>Innovation Drama Academy 5:00 Auditorium</b>



# Announcements

- 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](http://summerventures.org).
- Come join us for a night of student written works as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present The Beginning Theatre Showcase on November 16th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00
- The Media Center's first Guess How Many contest of the year is taking place now through Friday, Nov. 16th. Stop in and enter your guess! One guess per person and the person closest without going over wins the whole jar. Happy Guessing!
- Black Friday Sale! Yearbook sale prices of \$75 has been extended until December 1st. Make sure to grab your book while it is on sale and prices will increase! Visit [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or see Ms. Watson in G205 for an order form.
- Black Friday Sale! Senior Ad sale prices have been extended until 12/1. Please go to [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or see any yearbook staff member (or Ms. Watson) for info. Make your mark in this years book!
- Attention NHS members! If you signed up for a tee-shirt at the last meeting, please bring your \$10.00 payment, cash or check to PRHS, to Mr. Crider in room F108 no later than Friday, Nov. 16th.
- HOSA will be having a meeting at 7:40 in E212 on Friday 11/16. We will be discussing our service project for the month of December. If you are unable to attend see Ms. Clontz.
- Hello Porter Ridge are you interested in a military career, discipline and developing leadership skills? Then ROTC is just for you, stop by guidance and pick up a recruitment form. WE WANT YOU.
- Umoja is sponsoring a basketball event on Tuesday November 20, 2018 from 9-10 am. Tickets are \$3 and payments can be made to Mrs. Hoff in E105F or online under school payments and Umoja November Madness. Come and participate in the fun and academics that will be provided for your enjoyment and enlightenment. There will be prizes and music to satisfy all.
- Bonjour Porter Ridge. We are looking for at least 3 more students to join us for our summer 2019 trip to Paris. If interested, please see Monsieur Crider or Madame Myers in F108 for trip information.





Sra. Koonce's Spanish class interviews Pirate student athletes.



# El Pirata

Periodico Deportivo

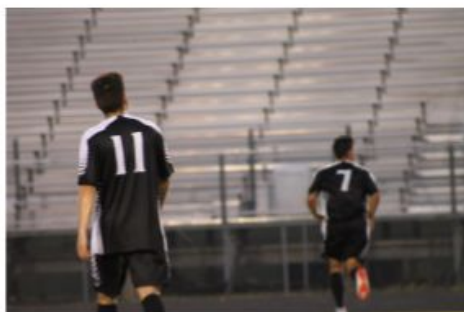
Indian Trail - NC - 26 de octubre de 2018

¡¡¡Las estrellas nos platican acerca de sus deportes y sobre lo que más les apasiona!!!

Jessica Jacek 12th - Melvin Lopez 10th - Daniel Healey 10th - Edwin Lopez 11th - Carlos Lozada 12th

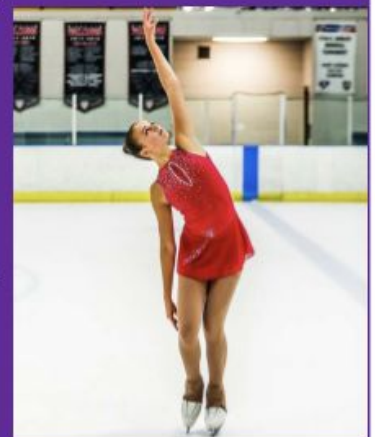
## PRHS Fútbol

Edwin Lopez y Marco Rangel son jugadores de fútbol del equipo de la escuela. Se sintieron muy emocionados y motivados por jugar un partido que podía representar el título de conferencia. Los jugadores se reunieron antes del partido para divertirse y calmar los nervios. Una vez que el partido terminó, ganaron por un marcador de 7-0. ¡¡¡El equipo logró ganar la conferencia por tercer año consecutivo!!! #3peat



## Luci Hinson- Patinaje Artístico

Luci Hinson practica patinaje artístico. Es una niña muy talentosa de 16 años de edad, originaria de Carolina del Norte. Antes de cada competición se prepara escuchando música y se mantiene en silencio para mantener la concentración. Ella practica de 5 a 6 días a la semana dentro y fuera del hielo. "El secreto para mantener un buen balance entre la escuela y el patinaje es ser organizada"- dijo Lucy en una entrevista.





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### Rachel Floyd- Natación

Rachel es una alumna de doceavo grado que tiene 17 años de edad. Empezó a practicar natación cuando tenía tan solo 7 años. Cada uno de sus eventos dura alrededor de 3 horas y una sesión de entrenamiento dura una hora y media. Ella se siente nerviosa antes de cada competencia, pero se prepara dando vueltas dentro de la piscina. Después de competir, va con el equipo a un restaurante a celebrar la victoria



### Jaylen Coleman & Sèan Simelane Porter Ridge Futbol Americano



Jaylen tiene 17 años y juega para el equipo de la escuela como corredor, es uno de los capitanes y de los mejores jugadores del equipo. Antes de cada partido, él se prepara escuchando su música favorita que lo hace sentir listo y ansioso por jugar. “Yo pienso que mi trabajo duro y dedicación me hace diferente al resto de los jugadores”- Jaylen declaró al ser entrevistado.

Sèan tiene 16 años y juega futbol americano para el equipo de la escuela como apoyador. Los entrenamientos duran alrededor de 3 horas a 3 horas y media. Cada partido tiene una duración de al menos dos horas. A veces se siente nervioso antes de los partidos. Se prepara para jugar tomando mucha agua y realiza estiramientos que son muy importantes para evitar lesiones musculares. Después de ganar un partido Sèan se siente cansado pero muy feliz.





## Ibrahim Shaktour - Tennis

Ibrahim tiene 17 años y es un jugador de tenis. Le gusta este deporte porque lo disfruta mucho y le parece muy divertido. Él practica por una hora y media y juega los fines de semana. “Antes de cada partido como cosas que contengan carbohidratos y bebo agua.”- dijo Ibrahim en una entrevista.



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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Porter Ridge Athletics!