



Pirate PRESS

Good Evening Pirates!

Our Pirates got ready for the big playoff game tonight by listening to our amazing Drumline during lunches, watching a great football video, and then cheering "We Are - PR". We wish our football team of Pirates the best tonight in the big game. Thank you to our generous donors who are making it possible for many of our students to get tickets for the game. In all we had 140 students sign up in advance to commit to going to the game! Great job. We hope that we see you all there later tonight. Don't forget about our Winter Sports that are already competing. Our Wrestling Team won their conference opener this week, our JV and Varsity Men's and Women's Basketball Teams all beat Sun Valley Teams last night, and our Swim and Indoor Track Teams are really gearing up their seasons now with Swim placing 2nd in the season opener. Kudos to our Basketball Cheer Squads on doing a great job to hype up the spirit at the Basketball games.

Did you know that Porter Ridge High School is home to five Academies of Study? Students can choose to be in the following academies here at PRHS - Architecture and Design, Culinary Arts, Digital Film Editing and Production, Pharmacy Technician, and Veterinary Assisting. We also offer many pathways geared to meet student interests in student-designed paths - such as Teacher Cadet, Information Systems courses, Business and Accounting, Health Sciences, and the Arts. Talk to your children about their interests and in thinking about focusing their electives on a pathway of interest to them. More information will be coming to our students from the counseling department in December and January. If students have an interest they can make an appointment to talk to their counselor or our Career Development Coordinator to discuss what types of classes they should start taking.

Do you like sweets? If you said yes, then come out and support various Foods & Culinary classes by sampling sweets created by students from around UCPS. The event will occur along with the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downton Monroe on Saturday, December 1, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm. Proceeds go to the New Century Scholars Program. Congrats to Kayla Alpaugh for being named a finalist in the UCPS Holiday Card Contest. She, her family, and her teacher were honored this morning at a UCPS breakfast!!

The health room is in need of supplies. Sign up to donate on the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A5A72DAFF2-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

- ★ Culinary Arts
- ★ Digital Film Editing & Production
- ★ Pharmacy Technician
- ★ Veterinary Assisting
- ★ Architecture & Design



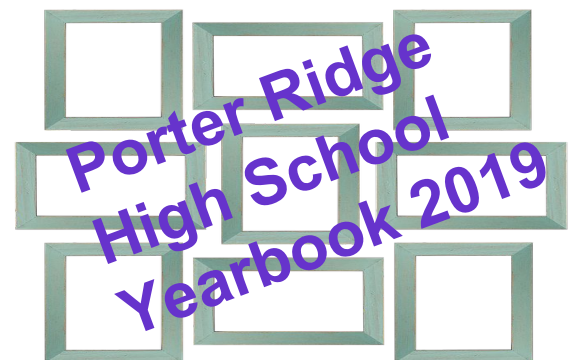


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Yearbooks are currently on sale -- \$75. The last day to take advantage of this price is **December 1st**. After this date, prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online (www.jostens.com) by clicking below or get an order form from Ms. Watson 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 12/1.





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

- 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

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. 15th from their 1st 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/





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

Counselors have been in 10th and 11th 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	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

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



Athletics

Fri 11/30	Football AT West Mecklenburg 7:30; Wrestling AT Mt. Pleasant 12:00 PM;
Tue 12/4	Basketball AT Providence 6:00; Indoor Track vs Butler 4:00
Wed 12/5	Wrestling AT Independence 6:00
Thu 12/6	Swim AT Providence 6:00; Fall Sports Awards Night in auditorium 6:30
Fri 12/7	Basketball vs Metrolina 6:00
Sat 12/8	Wrestling AT Piedmont 9:00am



Pirate Events

Mon 12/3	GSA Meeting 3:00 in F108
Tue 12/4	Government Studies Club 7:30
Wed 12/5	Graphic Design Club 3:00 E105C; Spanish Club 3:00 in F102
Thu 12/6	Gaming Club 3:00 E102
Fri 12/7	National Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony in Media Center 6:00

On Monday 12/3 during Pirate Prep, Sophomores with a gpa of 3.0 or higher will listen to a short presentation about the **International Baccalaureate Program at Marvin Ridge HS**. This is an intensive diploma program consisting of college level courses at MRHS. Students interested can apply to the program for their Junior and Senior Year. Families can get more info about the program by attending the IB Info Session at MRHS on 12/13 at 6:00 pm.



“Holiday Bake Shop”

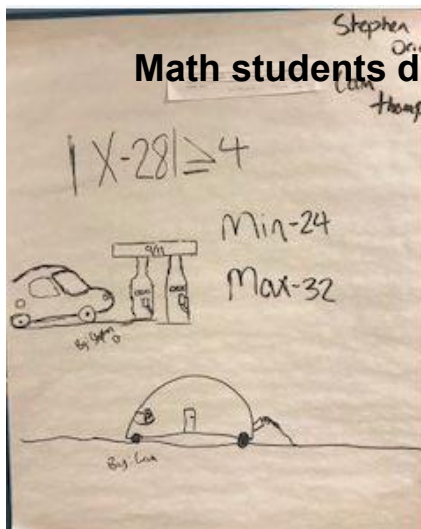
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“Fall Robotics Classic”

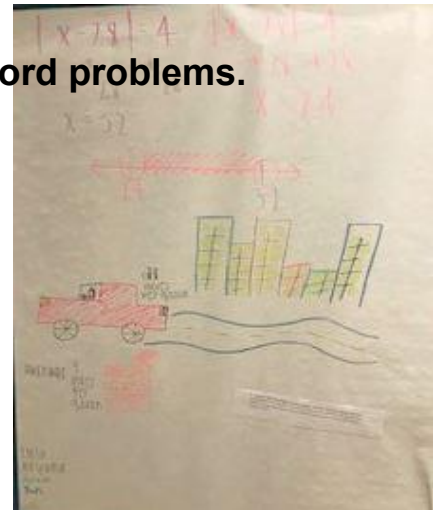
The Fall Robotics Classic will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 starting at 8:30 am at SPCC’s Tyson Family Center for Technology (3509 Old Charlotte Hwy, Monroe, NC 28110). Students from UCPS middle and high schools will be set to compete in their own divisions in the VEX Competition for this year. Come out and see what it’s all about!

“Academy Pathway Applications for 2019-2020”

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 school year will open on December 1, 2018. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](#) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance. Information about Academies right here at PRHS will be coming to students and families in a December Pirate Press.



Math students drawing out their word problems.



Automotive Class Students learning new technology!!



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.
- 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 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 or see any yearbook staff member (or Ms. Watson) for info. Make your mark in this years book!
- 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.
- 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.
- The Philosophy Club - Any students interested in learning more about the topic of philosophy, more about themselves, and more about the world around them should contact Ms. Stegall in G109C, Michael Fehl, or Ibrahim Shahktour for forms or info.
- The Porter Ridge National Honor Society is sponsoring a pet food drive for the Union County Humane Society. There is an urgent need for pet food and supplies at the shelters here. The NHS is asking everyone to donate canned or dried food for cats/kittens and dogs/puppies between November 28th and Dec. 12th. All donations should be brought to your 1st block class to be collected by members of NHS. The 1st block with the greatest donation will be given a pizza party for its generosity and support of this cause. These animals need our help, so please join the NHS in making this a meaningful donation drive.
- The Graphic Design Club will meet after school on Wednesday, Dec. 5th in room E105C.
- ALL members of FBLA are required to bring at least ONE coat for kids and adults in need this holiday season! If you are not a member of FBLA but you have a donation please drop off your donation! All donations due by December 13th. ANY coat or jacket is acceptable.
- There will be a FBLA meeting December 6th at 7:30 in F100. This is an important meeting we will be discussing future field trips and the upcoming coat drive!
- Interact will be having a meeting on Dec. 6th at 7:35am. If you are planning on
- attending the Walter Bickett field trip you are required to attend! If you have any questions please see Ms. Clontz or an Interact Leader.
- HOSA will be having a meeting on Dec. 11th at 7:40am in E212. Please plan on attending, if you have any questions see Ms. Clontz.