



# Pirate PRESS

Good Evening Pirates!

We are excited to celebrate our football team playing in the semi-finals of the state 4A western conference. This is the 4th time our Pirates made it to the semi-finals. Join us in Kernersville to cheer on our Pirates at East Forsyth High School (2500 W Mountain St, Kernersville, NC 27284).

Mrs. Clontz Health Science class had the opportunity to visit Presbyterian Hospital, for clinical observations. This is a great opportunity for our students to gain first hand insights into the medical profession. Our students get a chance to observe healthcare professionals in a real-life setting, and experience the day to day working of healthcare professionals.

Our interior design classes went to IKEA this week to learn about how IKEA sets up their displays to attract customers attention. They even had the opportunity to talk with the store manager.

The Student Council is sponsoring a Winter Wonderland spirit week. We want to celebrate all the students hard work and end this calendar year with a bang. On Friday the 21st, the student council will also sponsor the "In-it, 2 Win-it" PRHS game show. Students had an opportunity to buy tickets this week for \$2. Students with tickets will enjoy watching their peers participate in this game show during fourth period on the 21st.

**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. Fissenne

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...



## Winter Wonderland 2018



### Dress-up Days

### December 17th-21st

Porter Ridge High @PorterRidgeHSNC

Following

UCPS Holiday Card Finalist Kayla Alpaugh was honored at a breakfast this morning along with the other finalists and her Visual Arts I teacher, Mrs. Nicole Crowley! #TeamUCPS



<p><b>Summer vs. Winter</b></p>	<p><b>Holiday Movie Character Day</b></p>	<p><b>Woke Up Like This Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Ugly Sweater</b></p>	<p><b>Flannel Friday</b></p>
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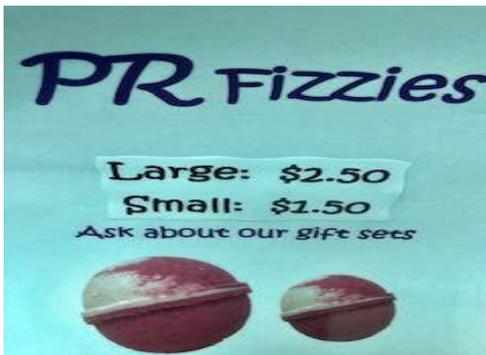
In-It 2 Win-It During 4th Block- \$1



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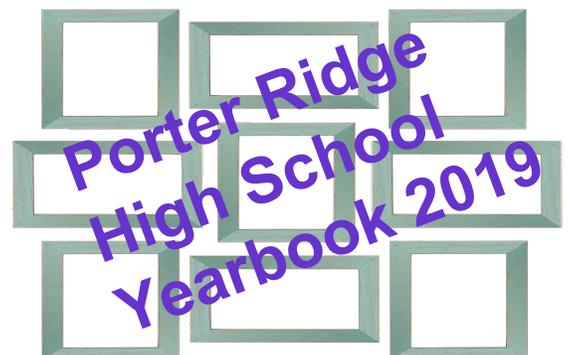
Mrs. Ortiz's Transition to Adulthood (TTA) classes are making and selling the PR Bath Fizzies



Gift Sets starting at \$10.00



**Yearbooks -- \$80.** 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.** Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ ([www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)).





# Fall Semester Exam Dates 2018-19

## Friday, January 11

1<sup>st</sup> period review 8:00 – 10:00

## Monday, January 14

8:00 – 12:30 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

## Tuesday, January 15

8:00 – 12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

## Wednesday, January 16

8:00 – 12:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 4<sup>th</sup> period review

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

## Thursday, January 17

8:00 – 12:30 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 First Period Class

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch: 12:40 – 1:05

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch: 1:10 – 1:35

3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch: 1:40 – 2:05

**Friday, January 18** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start.

### Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 7:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered
- Go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

**Type of Exams:** We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

### **Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY:**

**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.

**Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions.**

Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 18** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between January 14 and January 18. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.



### **“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 under the Departments section or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

### **“Pre-Apprenticeship Program Applications for 2019-2020”**

Attention Rising 12<sup>th</sup> 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.





# 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

- 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](mailto:arolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCounseling !

@PRHSCareer @prhs\_athletics

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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 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/)



Teacher's as learners during staff development Wednesday



# 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

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### Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)

The North Carolina State Board of Education is continuing to allow successful students in grades 6-12 to accelerate their learning. Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) affords accelerated students the opportunity to earn high school course credit by a demonstration of mastery in the course curriculum without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for 135 hours of seat time.

More information about this opportunity can be found at the following website <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/5702>. Interested students should see Mr. James in the counseling office by December 21st.

### Counselor Information

Through Health/PE classes' counselors have met with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to review graduation requirements, attendance policy, discipline policy, and strategies for dealing with stress and anxiety in transitioning to high school.

Counselors met individually with 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in American History 1 this semester to review post-high school goals including college, military or trade schools. Students received a timeline on things to do for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Our Counseling Intern, Carly Patterson has been a great support for our students this semester and will return during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to continue working with our students.



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

The counseling office has started 2 groups to support students. One for how to deal with anxiety and a grief & loss group.

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	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	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	Porter Ridge High 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19">http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19</a>	SAT

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

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# Athletics

<b>Fri 12/7</b>	<b>Football AT East Forsyth 7:30</b>
<b>Sat 12/8</b>	<b>Wrestling AT Piedmont 9:00am</b>
<b>Tue 12/11</b>	<b>Basketball AT Providence 6:00; Swim vs Indt &amp; HR AT Providence 6:00</b>
<b>Wed 12/12</b>	<b>Swim AT Mecklenburg County Aquatic Club 12:00</b>
<b>Fri 12/14</b>	<b>Basketball AT East Meck 6:00; Swim AT Queen City Relay TBD</b>
<b>Sat 12/15</b>	<b>Indoor Track AT NCRunner Holiday Meet 8:00 am TBD; Wrestling 9:00</b>

Pirate gear for Christmas! Available hats, UA polos, shirts & sweatshirts. Also can take orders for delivery before Christmas. Accept debit & credit cards. Open Tomorrow Friday December 7 at 7:15.

There will be interest meeting for Men's Tennis after school in the library on Thursday December 13.

Any girl interested in softball or woman's lacrosse there will be a meeting Thursday December 13 at 6 in the library.

## Pirate Events

<b>Tue 12/11</b>	<b>HOSA Meeting E212 7:30</b>
<b>Wed 12/12</b>	<b>Graphic Design Club E105C 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15</b>
<b>Thu 12/13</b>	<b>Gaming Club E102 3:00</b>
<b>Fri 12/14</b>	<b>Trial of Goldilocks auditorium 6:00</b>

Please considering sponsoring a student or sibling from the PRMS Giving Tree this holiday season! We have several tags that still need a home, and your generosity directly goes back to our Porter Ridge families and community. Please stop in our front office or contact any of the counselors if you are interested! Also a great opportunity for clubs! Thank you so much for considering and happy holidays!

Mrs. Conway \*ext 6008  
Mrs. Lefko \*ext 6009  
Mrs. Manwell \*Ext 6128



Mural created by  
Mrs. Crowley's  
Art I students.



# Announcements

- **TTA** classes will be selling during all four lunches their lollipops, pins, lanyards and now their new Bath fizzies! Our TTA kiddos will be making these Bath Fizz balls from scratch with all natural products. Products include essential oils like Lavender, Eucalyptus, Peppermint and Rosemary. Don't forget to ask about their gift sets for the upcoming Holidays!
- 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.
- **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.
- The Media Center's next **Guess How Many** contest is in full swing with over 40 entries already! Stop in and guess how many books are in the holiday book tree this year. One entry per student/staff and the closest without going over wins a prize! Contest ends Dec. 12th. Happy Guessing!
- The **Spanish Club "Mundo Unido"** will be collecting canned food to help local low-income families for the holidays, Heart for Monroe is a local nonprofit organization that help the community during their time of need with food and other services. Collections will be taking place during First block with the aid of all PRHS students and club members. Donations can be drop-off in Mrs. Koonce classroom F102 or the school main office during their office hours.
- The **Graphic Design Club** meeting on Dec. 5th has been rescheduled to Dec. 12th after school.
- Come join Porter Ridge High School's Castaways as they present **Goldilocks on Trial** December 14th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are free.
- All **Gaming Club** members need to see Mr. Sweet at some point this week by the end of Wednesday. Again, all Gaming Club members need to see Mr. Sweet at some point this week by the end of Wednesday.
- **An update for the Pet Food Drive.** Since we are having 1st block classes compete and it's too early for pizza, we have decided to offer a Chick-Fil-A breakfast award instead. So, please keep your donations coming in! Our last collection will be on Dec. 12th. The class with the greatest quantity donation will receive a breakfast party! Help us to help these needy animals at the Humane Society of Union County.
- **FCCLA** Meeting Dec 17, Collecting Hats, Scarves, Gloves by Dec 19 to D10, Sign up outside room for cookie exchange
- **Yearbook prices have increased** to \$80. Be sure to grab yours today before prices increase again! Books can be purchased through Jostens.com or by an order form in G205.
- **Senior Ads** have increased in price- grab yours before Winter break to take advantage of lower 2018 prices. Visit Jostens.com or email Ms. Watson for any info.
- **In-It 2 Win-It**, a PRHS Game Show, is selling audience tickets this week. The event will take place on December 21st during 4th block. Tickets will be sold during all lunches and cost \$1 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and will rise to \$2 on Thursday and Friday.