



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Union Power is looking for outstanding seniors to apply for their College scholarships. This is a great opportunity for seniors. For more information visit the Community tab on their website union-power.com There are so many scholarship opportunities for our Seniors. Information is in our Pirate Press each week AND available to search through your students' Naviance account. Ask your senior to show this to you this weekend!

All teachers have made their course syllabus available to students. Please ask your child over the next week to open their syllabi for you to see so that you have an idea of classroom procedures, grading practices, and what your child will be learning. Please reserve Monday February 4th on your calendars to bring your child and come out for our College Information Night for all 9th, 10th and 11th graders! Our School Counselors will have great information for you to start thinking about and acting on the college process! This upcoming week is National School Counselor Week. Please take the time to thank your school counselors for all that they do to support our students! School counselors do so much more than make schedules - they help students with college, careers, and their social and emotional needs. Thank you to Mrs. Davison, Ms. Ponder, Mrs. Burgess, and Mr. James for their unwavering support of our Pirates!



Congrats to the following Swimmers on qualifying for Regionals Saturday at 4 pm at the SWIM MAC: 100 Backstroke Nick Figiel, 100 BreastStroke Molly Monago, Women's 200 Medley and 200 Free: Medan Landrum, Nicole Conti, Caroline Krumb, and Molly Monago; Men's 200 Free Relay: Darian Johnson, Tyler Cook, Devin Madden, Nick Figiel.

A musical Pirate Shout-out to our Band students who were named to the South Central All-District Band: Immanuel Santiago, Liam Rose, and Gabriella Boley

As we start the semester it is important for students taking a course with a Teacher-made exam to be familiar with the HS exam exemption policy: High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations: 1-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 2- 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.

Please join us for our Athletic events, like our Basketball game vs. Indy tonight here at PRHS!! Spring sports are gearing up so be sure to check out the Pirate Press for tryout information and contact emails for the coaches.

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



Feb. 19 (4:00 p.m.) — **Black Comic Book Heroes** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Professional artist, John Hairston, Jr., will discuss the depiction of black super heroes as a reflection of popular culture and history. A mini workshop with art tips will follow. Ages: 8+

Feb. 23 (2:00 p.m.) — **Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors in the 1870 Census: A Genealogy Internet Workshop (STEAM Lab, Monroe Library)** This internet class will use a variety of databases including Ancestry.com Library Edition, in searching for formerly enslaved persons on the 1870 census. Must be comfortable using a computer and mouse. Registration required. Call 704-283-8184 x5236 or email: UCPL.genealogy@unioncountync.gov.

Feb. 23 (2:00 p.m.) — **Movie Showing: Black Panther** (Union West Library / Indian Trail) Join us as we watch Marvel Studios' *Black Panther* in honor of Black History Month. Feel free to bring a pillow or blanket to get comfy in the program room. Popcorn provided! Film is rated PG-13.

Displays and More! (February 1-28)

- All Libraries: Themed book displays
- All Libraries: Curated Brochure of African American movie downloads—available through digital content provider Hoopla. Access is available with a valid library card.
- Edwards Memorial/ Marshville: Modeling Greatness—biographical poster display featuring notable African Americans.
- Monroe Library: Artwork of Amun Ra Arts, featuring Ryan Emil Cureton—showcased in the Alcove Gallery and the Griffin Room.
- Monroe Library, Display Case: Little Known Firsts—Copies of articles and images illustrating little known "firsts" from our local black community.
- Union West/Indian Trail: The African American Experience — brochure featuring books pertaining to the African American experience.
- Waxhaw: Prominent Black Female Judges in American History—poster display.

Union County Public Library

Monroe Library (Main)
316 E. Windsor St.
Monroe, NC 28112
704-283-8184

Edwards Memorial Library
414 Hasty St
Marshville, NC 28103
704-624-2828

Union West Regional Library
123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-821-7475

Waxhaw Library
509 South Providence
Waxhaw, NC 28173
704-843-3131

www.unioncountync.gov/library

Black History Month 2019

Events and Displays at
Union County Public Library

Artwork courtesy of Ryan Emil Cureton

PUBLIC LIBRARY
UNION COUNTY
Monroe • Indian Trail
Marshville • Waxhaw
www.unioncountync.gov/library

Library Programs

Feb. 2 (1:30 p.m.) — **Oral History: Interviewing & Composing a Compelling Family Narrative** (Hunley Room, Monroe Library) Learn tips on oral history, as well as how to craft those stories, from Gene Stowe, former newspaper journalist and author of *Inherit The Land*. Workshop lasts approximately 2 hours. Reservations advised. Contact Patricia at 704-283-8184 ext. 5236 or Patricia.Poland@unioncountync.gov.

Feb. 2 (6:00 p.m.) — **Black History Month Art Reception** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Come get the first look at the Black History Art Display from Amun Ra Arts featuring Ryan Emil Cureton. Please use the Meeting Room entrance for this after-hours event.

Feb. 9 (1:30 p.m.) — **Bright Star Theatre Presents: Black History Hall of Fame** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) You will be introduced to over a dozen groundbreakers and hall-of-famers that have largely contributed to shaping our nation's past, present, and future. For ages 5+

Feb. 9 (3:30 p.m.) — **Bright Star Theatre Presents: George Washington Carver and Friends** (Union West Library / Indian Trail) Incredible groundbreakers in Black History brought to life! For grades Pre-K through 5th and their families.

Feb. 10 (2:00 p.m.) — **Political Pioneers: NC African American Congressmen from the Reconstruction Era** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Learn about local history as Professor Jayson N. Gardner of Livingstone College discusses North Carolina African American Congressmen of the Reconstruction Era.

Feb. 13 (5:30 p.m.) — **Capoeira and its African Roots** (Griffin Room, Monroe Library) Ransom "Doc" Hall will discuss the history of Capoeira dating back to its African roots. There will be a presentation of this beautiful martial art form followed by audience participation.

Feb. 15 (3:30 p.m.) — **Family Movie: Fences** (Edwards Memorial Library / Marshville) A working-class African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life. Film is rated PG-13.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Event Color Key: Monroe Library (green), Edwards Memorial (red), Union West Regional (orange)

3: 1:30 Oral History (Monroe)
6:00 Art Reception (Monroe)
9: 1:30 Bright Star (Union West)
3:30 Bright Star (Union West)
15: 3:30 Fences Movie Showing (Edwards Memorial)
16: 2:00 Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors (Monroe)
2:00 Black Panther Movie Showing (Monroe)

For more information please contact Gypsy at 704-283-8184 ext. 5245 or gypsy.houston@unioncountync.gov.



PRHS 2019 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

To try out for a Spring Sport, you must get a TRYOUT TICKET from the Athletic Director BEFORE THE TRYOUT DATE AND TIME.

If you have tried out for a Fall or Winter Sport you still need to pick up a Spring tryout ticket. See below for dates and times that you can pick up your ticket.

Those that have not tried out for a sport at PRHS this year must complete the following:

- Online FamilyID Registration completed by athlete’s parent or guardian using the following link: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/eligibility>
- Submit the 2018-2019 UCPS Eligibility Packet to the Athletic Director.
Note: If you had a Novant physical on June 2, 2018 or your physical is valid (within the last 395 days) and on file with us, there is no need to submit a new one. Check with your coach to see if it is valid.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.

TRYOUT TICKET Dates: Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during all lunches.

Monday & Tuesday February 4-5th

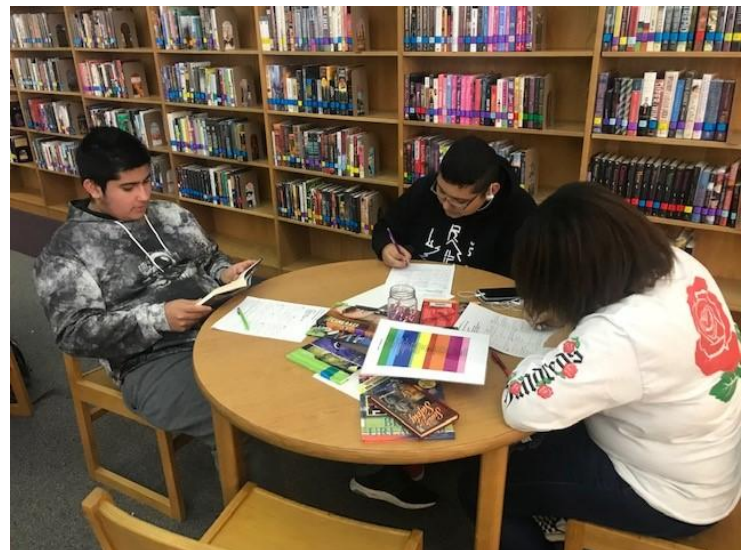
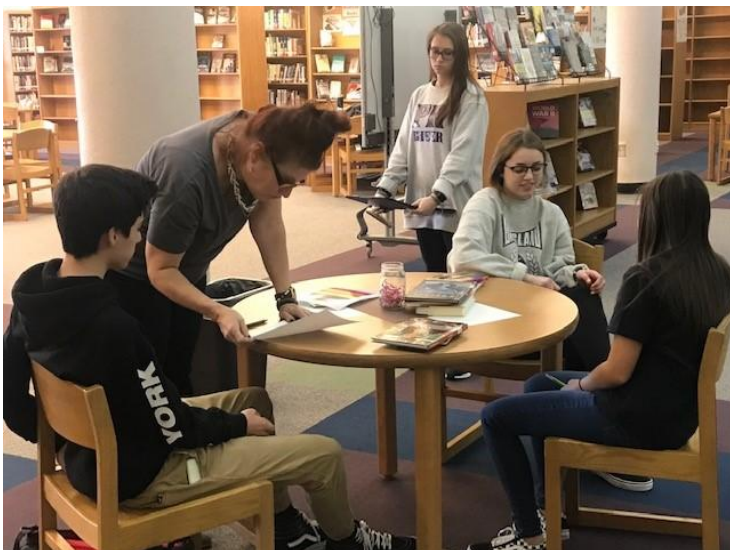
Monday February 11

Wednesday February 13

Tryout Dates

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Date	Time
Baseball	Daniel Cooke	daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Men’s Golf	David School	djscholl1@gmail.com	February 13 & 14	The Divide Golf Course 3:30-6:00
Men’s Lacrosse	Justin Leath	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Women’s Lacrosse	TBD	gstavish@carolina.rr.com Chelo Stavish Parent Rep	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:00
Women’s Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 13, 14, & 15	3:00-5:00
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:30
Men’s Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	February 13 & 14	3:00-5:00
Track & Field	Tondra White	tondra.white.tlw@gmail.com	February 18 & 19	3:00-5:00

Ms. Cloer and Dr. Johnson’s English class having a book sampling in the media center





Porter Ridge High School
 College Information Night
 for 9th-11th grade students & parents
 Monday, February 4, 2019
 6:00pm - Auditorium



- Information about
 - ACT/SAT Tests
 - Researching Colleges
 - Admission Requirements
 - Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Using Naviance in the college search process



Staff and Students Receiving Pirate Praise.
 These students and staff are #committed!
 Staff has initiated recognizing students and other staff members who exhibit success, positivity, respect, and commitment. It is so important that we continue to recognize the amazing work that our staff and students do each and every day!!



Final Exam Exemptions are based on course grade AND attendance...

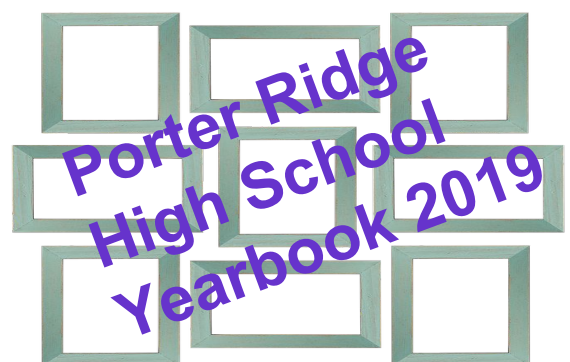
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Some Announcements

- **Yearbooks** are now on sale for \$80. This is your last chance to get yearbooks at a reduced price before they increase again. Take advantage of the early bird savings! To order, visit Jostens.com or see Ms. Watson in G205 for an order form.
- Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, you heard correctly! **THE GREAT RACE** is back and better than ever! Thursday, April 11th at 6:00. Mark your calendars!!! Parents and other adults (who are interested in helping kids and helping Ms. Yearick), we need you badly as "customs inspectors" (see link below) and would love for you to be here for this awesome event! AND....we have lots of door prizes! :) Please let Ms. Yearick know ASAP if you would like to help on April 11th from 6:00-8:30 by filling out the form linked on the website below. (If you would like to help, it is the kind of event in which you will be busy the entire time from arrival at 6 to the end of the race). For those of you not familiar with THE GREAT RACE, click here for a little synopsis: Goo.gl/KduCJV
- Reminder, **Girls soccer workouts** will start Tues Jan 29th after school, please make sure all forms are completed and handing to coach Ladimir. If you have any questions please stop by room E104 for more information.
- Athletes interested in playing Men's Tennis are invited to workouts from 3-5pm on Monday February 4 and Wednesday February 6. Tryouts will be on Wednesday February 13.
- **NC State University's Youth Engineering Summer Camp** Are you creative or interested in engineering? If so, NC State University College of Engineering will be running a summer camp in Roger's Hall at Queens University of Charlotte this summer. Camp registration is now open and will stay open until all spots are filled. To enroll for the camp please visit www.engineeringcampcharlotte.com.
- Charlotte National College Fair will be on Sunday, March 17th at The Park Expo Center in Charlotte. For more information go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>

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





“Pre-Apprenticeship Program Applications for 2019-2020”

Attention Rising 12th 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.

More Announcements

- Interested in playing **Volleyball** this fall? Off season workouts begin Tuesday Feb 5. You must have a current physical and Family ID to participate. See Coach Welch in F200 if you have any questions. Workouts will be every Tuesday/Thursday from 3-5pm.
- Students, the 3rd annual **PRHS Color Run** is coming up! The race will take place on March 2nd and begin at 9 a.m. A spot in the race costs \$15 and is payable in cash, with a check made out to PRHS, or online. Sign-ups start on January 23rd at all lunches, and participants who sign up before February 8th are guaranteed a t-shirt. The event is open to anyone who knows someone from the Porter Ridge cluster, including elementary schools. We hope to see you participate in this community event.
- Do you belong to or coach a sport? Do you belong to or sponsor a club? Stop by the tables during all lunches to purchase a spirit pin from our TTA classes. Lollipops, bath fizzies, and lanyards are also available for purchase. Bath fizzies come in a variety of scents such as lavender, eucalyptus, jasmine, rose, rosemary and peppermint. Ask about our Porter Ridge and Holiday gift sets! Place your orders today!
- Anyone interested in **Men's Golf** - there will be an interest meeting after school on Wednesday 2/6 in the media center



School Counseling

College Information Night for 9th-11th grade

Monday, February 4th at 6pm

PRHS Auditorium

- How to choose a college
- Admission requirements
- ACT/SAT Tests
- Timeline to applying
- Scholarships & Financial Aid

Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 17th

The Park Expo Center in Charlotte

For more information go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>



Seniors and Scholarships! Keep researching. Keep applying.

Parents of seniors, here is the presentation counselors gave to your students about scholarships. Your student can view this through their school Google account.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Mt1wSgl8_tUMlrZ_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQujl7vEppC_4/edit#slide=id.p

If you have questions, please contact your school counselor. Please let Ms. Ponder in counseling know if you have received a scholarship.

Counselor concerns: Counselors have ongoing concerns about student's vaping and over-using technology. Here are some parent resources on both topics for consideration.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/health/vaping-nicotine-teenagers.html>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/more-feeling/201712/can-t-fight-feeling-technology-and-teen-anxiety>



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	SOLD OUT	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	Porter Ridge High 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079	http://bit.ly/blitz4-6-19	SAT



Athletics

Fri 2/1	Basketball vs Independence
Fri 2/1-Sun 2/3	Swim NCHSAA 4A Regional Meet
Sat 2/2	Indoor Track County Championship AT Cuthbertson 8:00
Tue 2/5	Basketball AT Garinger 6:00
Thu 2/7-2/10	NCHSAA 4A State Swim Meet
Fri 2/8	Basketball vs Rocky River 6:00
Sat 2/9	NCHSAA 4A State Track Meet 8:00am
Tue 2/12	Basketball AT Myers Park 6:00
Thu 2/14	Wrestling AT Greensboro Coliseum 6:00
Fri 2/15	Basketball vs Hickory Ridge 6:00; Wrestling AT Greensboro Coliseum 6:00
Sat 2/16	Baseball scrimmage AT Concord 2:00

Pirate Events

Mon 2/4	FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00; College Info Night 6:00 Auditorium
Tue 2/5	Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00
Wed 2/6	Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 2/7	FBLA Club 7:30; Gaming Club E102 3:00
Mon 2/11	GSA Meeting F108 3:00; FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00
Tue 2/12	Government Studies Club F106 7:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00;
Wed 2/13	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15
Thu 2/14	Gaming Club E102 3:00
Fri 2/15-2/16	Union County All Band Clinic 9:00am