



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community, **All juniors will be taking the ACT on February 20th.** Please have your students get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast that morning. **Congratulations** to our **Wrestlers** who advanced to the **State Wrestling Tournament** this weekend: **Drew Dickerson** 1st in weight class at regionals! **Jack Arnett** 3rd! **Alex Gallagher** 4th! **Joseph Goble** 4th! Way to go Pirates!! Congratulations to **Ericsson Cheek** for his 100th win at Regionals!! **Friday is Senior Night** for basketball and cheerleading at the game against Hickory Ridge. We hope that you will all join us for an awesome evening to celebrate. In addition to our Basketball Seniors we will celebrate Senior Jaylen Coleman during our official State Ring presentation for his State Championship in Track in 2018! **Congratulations** to our Principal Intern Mr. Lacy. He will be moving to PRMS as an assistant principal. Way to go and we will miss you!!

The Counseling Department began the **registration process** with a freshman assembly to provide information about High School Registration. Ms. Ponder covered **curriculum and graduation requirements**. Dr. Fisenne stressed that students must **carefully select courses** as classes and the overall schedule are built based on the number of students who request specific classes. Dr. Fisenne will lead a Curriculum Night Presentation for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on **March 11th**. Please save the date to hear about offerings such as **Advanced Placement** courses, College Prep and Honors classes, PR Pathways that focus on careers for all students, Academies at PR, and opportunities for community college courses. Students will get official registration process paperwork and access the week of March 6th and choices are due March 15th. Stay tuned to the Pirate Press for all the details as we go through the registration process. **Today** school counselor's met with seniors who are interested in applying to Local community colleges. Students were helped in completing community College applications. Community Colleges are an excellent source of Post-secondary education and are an affordable alternative for some students depending on their career interest.

Did you know that Porter Ridge has twelve **career pathways** for students? **Air Force JROTC, Animal Science, Architect, Arts, Business Management, Digital Media, Education, Engineering, Finance, Health Science, Law and Public Safety, and Liberal Arts.** We also offer an amazing **Culinary Academy**. Our first set of Pirate Pathways have gone up in the main hallway. Another set will be displayed in the Cafe for student's easy viewing. These Pirate Pathways show possible careers in the pathway of study, pathway courses, related PR courses, and college-level options for our students!! The electronic will appear on our website next week!

Prom tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$70 for Juniors and \$60 for Seniors. They can be purchased in the cafeteria during all lunches. The PR Prom is Saturday, April 13th. Our Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club works so hard to support the PR Athletic Program. They are once again cooking and hosting the Annual PR Athletic BBQ on Friday March 8th 11- 6! Spring athletes have tickets to sell for an \$8 plate or 3 sandwiches with chips. For \$10 you can purchase a pound of Q. Any companies with 10 orders or more should contact our Athletic Director Thompson (ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us) to arrange for lunchtime deliveries. 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



School Counseling

Thanks to our administration and faculty for the goodies and the recognition during National School Counselor Week. We appreciate it!

Ms. Burgess completed classroom guidance with second semester English 1 students covering requirements for promotion to 10th grade, graduation requirements, and beginning the process of building a strong resume and strong GPA for college admissions.

Counselors will be in Sophomore and Junior classrooms presenting information on Naviance, graduation requirements and college application process.

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_qsnYMHnt1ygEoHdQuil7vEppC_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>

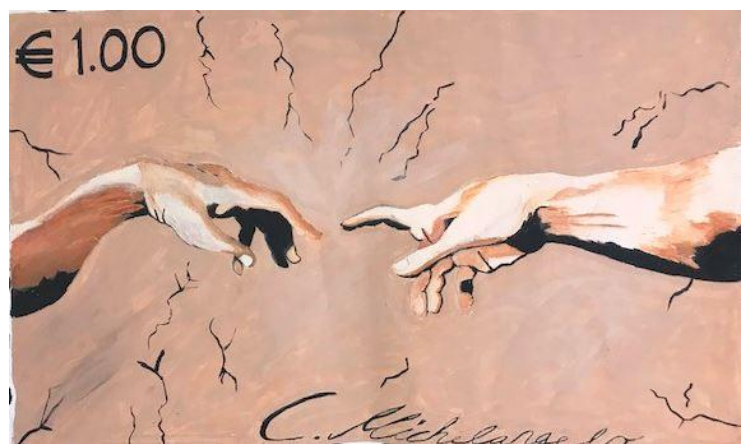
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/more-feeling/201712/can-t-fight-feeling-technology-and-teen-anxiety>

Updated transcripts are now available. If you have applied to a school that requires a mid-year report you can now go in and make the request for the transcript to be sent. ***ONLY MAKE A REQUEST FOR SCHOOLS THAT REQUIRE A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT***

Scholarship season is upon us!! Check your emails regularly. **Every Monday** Ms. Burgess will be sending out the Scholarship Spotlight which will detail 1-2 scholarships. The email will also have the link to her updated Scholarship List for other scholarships. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received.

Current Sophomore & Juniors: Are you interested in taking **Career and College Promise**

Courses through SPCC next school year? The counselors will be having an interest meeting very soon. Use [this](#) link to sign up for the meeting. Details to follow.





Lip Sync Battle



4th Block
Friday, March 1st



Tickets are \$1
Sold during all lunches
through Friday,
Feb. 15th!



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 |
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| 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 |



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

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Event Color Key: Monroe Library Edwards Memorial Union West Regional

1:30 Oral History
 6:00 Art Reception
 1:30 Bright Star
 3:30 Bright Star
 3:30 Fences Movie Showing
 4:00 Political Pioneers
 4:00 Black Comic Book Heroes
 5:30 Capoeira
 2:00 Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors
 2:00 Black Panther Movie Showing

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



AP SOCIAL STUDIES MOCK EXAMS

WHEN

April 6th, 2019
Doors open at **8:00 am**
Exams start at **8:30 am**
Ends when you finish

WHERE

UCPS Professional Development Center
721 Brewer Dr., Monroe, NC 28112
(Next to CATA)

REGISTER HERE:

bit.ly/SSAP2019

SUBJECTS

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

AP PSYCHOLOGY

AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AP UNITED STATES HISTORY

AP WORLD HISTORY

PLEASE BRING:

- #2 Pencils
- Blue/black ink pens
- Water & Snack

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jeff Schneider @ jeffrey.schneider@ucps.k12.nc.us

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Growing Possibilities...

AP English Mock Exams!

AP Literature! AP Language!

Register Here: bit.ly/19APmock
March 23rd 2019

Student registration begins at 8:00am Sharp! Test ends around 12:30pm

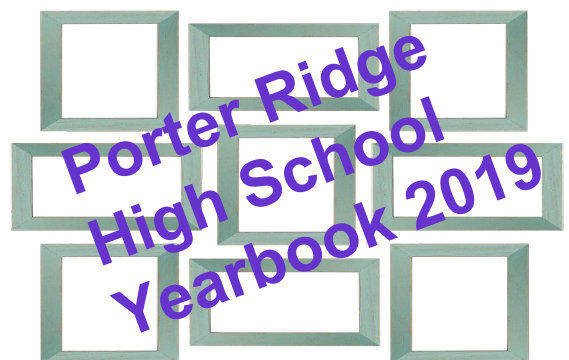
Porter Ridge High School - 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Questions? Email: tylerbeard@ucps.k12.nc.us

Please bring:

- Blue or black ink pens.
- Water/ Snacks
- No. 2 Pencils!

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).





Announcements

- Students, the 3rd annual **PRHS Color Run** is coming up! The race will take place on **March 2nd** at 9 a.m.
- 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/>
- After working with the AP teachers we have set a date for the **AP English Mock Exam** . We have decided March 23rd. I have ten teachers willing to grade and am in the process of working on obtaining proctors.
- **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
- 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!
- **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.
- **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.
- There will be a Creative Writing and NEHS meeting this Friday afternoon, 2/15/19, in G112. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions or concerns.
- FBLA will be collecting books for the annual book madness literacy drive. You can bring in any used or new books to room F100. These books should be for elementary school students. The drive will be held now until February 27th.
- Congratulations to Nicholas Ball for receiving the CTE student spotlight award for his dedication and hard work in Automotive tech.





Athletics

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| Fri 2/15 | Basketball vs Hickory Ridge 6:00 Senior Night; Wrestling AT Greensboro Coliseum 6:00 |
| Sat 2/16 | Baseball scrimmage AT Concord 2:00 |
| Mon 2/18 or 2/19 | Spring Sports Mandatory Meeting 6:30 |
| Wed 2/20 | Soccer AT CATA 4:00; Baseball AT Parkwood |
| Wed 2/27 | Soccer vs AK 6:00; Softball AT Piedmont 5:30 |
| Thu 2/28 | Baseball VS SV @AT Charlotte Christian 4:30; Women's Lax AT Indy 5:00; Men's Lax AT Indy 7:00 |
| Fri 2/29 | Baseball AT South Meck 6:30; Women's Soccer AT SV 6:00; Softball vs Catholic AT Jack Hughes Park 5:00 |

Pirate Events

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| Fri 2/15-2/16 | Union County All Band Clinic 9:00am |
| 2/15/19 | Creative Writing and NEHS meeting G112 3 :00 |
| Mon 2/18 | Chorus AT First Baptist Church 5:30 |
| Tue 2/19 | Robotics Club G104 3:00 |
| Wed 2/20 | Graphic Design Club E105C 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15 |
| Thu 2/21 | Academic Bars and Letters Cafeteria 2:00; Gaming Club E102 3:00 |
| Mon 2/25 | GSA Meeting F108 3:00; Band Outreach Concert Auditorium 5:30; Team Trivia Showdown Cafeteria 5:30 |
| Tue 2/26 | Government Studies Club F106 7:30; NHS Meeting Auditorium 7:30; Guest speaker Minnijean Brown Trickey Auditorium |
| Wed 2/27 | Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F105 3:15; Gatorball Tourney both Gyms 6:00 |
| Thu 2/28 | Gaming Club Meeting E102 3:00 |
| Fri 2/29 | Lip Sync Battle Auditorium 1:30 |



Pre-Apprenticeship Program Overview

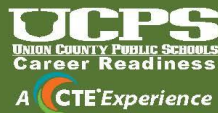
- Student takes morning classes at High School while afternoon is split between classes at SPCC and working at Greiner Bio-One, or other partner company.
- Student is paid for approximately 20 hours per week which is a combination of training, attending classes and work.
- Fall Classes at SPCC would begin Mid-August, 2019
- Students receive High School Credit for their Community College Courses Provides a potential opportunity to be selected for Registered Apprenticeship Program
- Provides hands on training to develop technical skills.



Participating companies include



along with other local businesses.



Career Readiness Department

400 N. Church Street
Monroe, NC 28112
(704) 296-6360 (P)
(704) 283-2435 (F)

<http://cte.ucps.k12.nc.us>



Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Sign up to get paid to go to school!

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Qualifications

- Rising High School Senior
- Current GPA must be at least a 2.5. Student must have a minimum 2.8 GPA at Graduation to be considered for the Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Sufficient High School Credits to allow Community College courses in Senior schedule.
- Be able to attend a 3-4 week summer program beginning on June 10, 2019 through June 28, 2019.



Coursework

Coursework during the Pre-Apprenticeship Program will be designed to work with degree programs. Some of the coursework may include:

- Industry Safety
- Hydraulics/Pneumatics
- Introduction to PLC
- ELC/Fluid Power Diagrams
- Circuit Analysis I
- Basic Welding Processes

Apprenticeship Programs

- Completion of the Pre-Apprenticeship program allows students opportunity to be selected into the Registered Apprenticeship program for Greiner Bio-One, or other partner companies.
- Apprenticeship Program is a Four Year, 8,000 hour program which allows candidates to graduate with an AAS technology degree from SPCC.
- It is a Dual Training system, go to school and work. The hours of work and education will vary from semester to semester; the employee will be paid 40 hours per week to include work time and education time.

For more information, contact your Career Development Coordinator

There will be an Information Session

March 28, 2019
at 6:00pm

Tyson Family Center for Technology
3509 Old Charlotte Highway
Monroe, NC 28110