



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations and good luck to the following wrestlers who made it to the Midwest 4A Regional Wrestling Tournament: **Ryan Blanchard, Ericsson Cheek, Alex Gallagher, Delvin Deese, Sylar Weber, Drew Dickson, John Gallagher, Joseph Coble, Jack Arnett, Kolbi Tarlton, Josh Barnes, Stephen Orioki, Trey Smith, Harrison Walser.** We also congratulate our swimmers on their great season and for making it to regional competition this year.

The PTO is creating small bags of candy to put in the teachers' boxes for Valentine's Day. We have a sign up for parents to bring in wrapped candy.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A5A72DAAFF2-candy1>

We had a great turn out for our meeting about preparing for college. Parents and Students learned about timelines, how to search for college information, use of Naviance, high school course selections, types of colleges, and so much more. The presentation is now on our website for all families. The **Charlotte National College Fair is 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/>

This week was National School Counselors week. We celebrated



Ms. Burgess, Ms. Davison, Mr. James, Ms. Ponder, and Ms. Webb all week for everything they do for our students and school.



Congratulations to Jaylen Coleman (Duke), Chase Hagler (Presbyterian), Malcolm Hines (Averett), Will McDonald (Coastal Carolina), Grayson McCall (UNC Charlotte), and Jared Wheatley (Vanderbilt) who will be playing football in college next year.



Congratulations to band director, Ashleigh Cook, for receiving her National Board Certification. Mr. Robert Howard also received his National Board Certification this year.

Fall registration will begin in March. Counselors will meet individually with each student. More information will be coming on this process. Get ready!

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



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				
<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Tryout Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
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

Weddington

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



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
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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 (Blue)

1:30 Oral History (Sat 9)
 6:00 Art Reception (Sat 9)
 1:30 Bright Star (Thu 7)
 3:30 Bright Star (Thu 7)
 3:30 Fences Movie Showing (Fri 15)
 2:00 Finding Once Enslaved Ancestors (Sat 23)
 2:00 Black Panther Movie Showing (Sat 23)
 4:00 Political Pioneers (Sun 10)
 5:30 Capoeira (Wed 13)
 4:00 Black Comic Book Heroes (Tue 18)

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

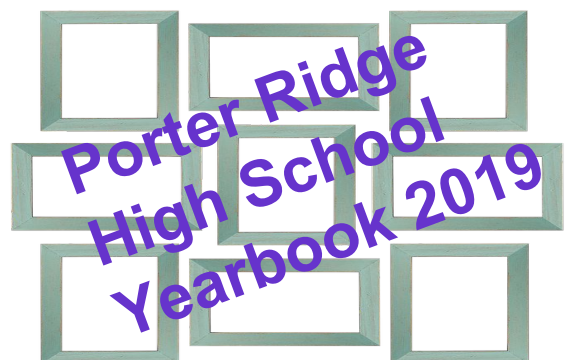
Porter Ridge High School - 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

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

- Athletes interested in playing Men's Tennis please come to tryouts will be on Wednesday **February 13**.
- Students, the 3rd annual **PRHS Color Run** is coming up! The race will take place on **March 2nd** and begin 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.



Pirate Praise continues..... Staff celebrating students and other staff members!! Look for the pictures posted on the bulletin board in the cafeteria.



School Counseling

Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 17th

The Park Expo Center in Charlotte

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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>

It's **National School Counselor Week**: This week the nation is celebrating our profession and PRHS has made all of the Counselors feel so appreciated. Our team has collected data from this past school year to share with everyone on what we've been up to. The information will be available on PRHS social media sites this evening. Please take a look to see what many of our days consist of. Ms. Burgess made a trip to Raleigh to advocate for all School Counselors on Tuesday and was able to speak to legislators to advocate for our roles! Check it out on PRHS Counseling on Twitter.

SENIORS:

Do you need help with your college application to SPCC?? PRHS SPCC Application Day will be next week, Feb. 14th, during pirate prep in the counseling office. Counselors will be available to help those students applying to SPCC for Fall 2019.

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.



Athletics

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
Mon 2/18 or 2/19	Spring Sports Mandatory Meeting 6:30
Wed 2/20	Soccer AT CATA 4:00; Baseball AT Parkwood

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Pirate Events

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
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	Gaming Club E102 3:00

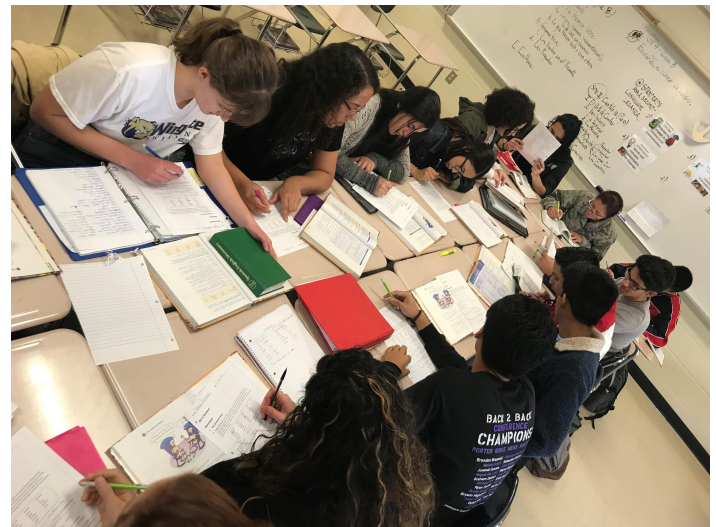


Pre-Apprenticeship Program Applications for 2019-2020”

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.



Our Pirate Pep Band helping students to cheer on our varsity women’s and men’s basketball players.



Collaboration is key in Ms. Grello’s Spanish IV class!