



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

Our students did an amazing job participating in the Special Olympics at Cuthbertson High School. Student athletes were lead out to their bus by the drumline and cheered on by students lining the hallway. We could not be more proud of our Special Olympians and their spirit. Their school-mates were very impressed with the many ribbons and medals that they won! A shout out to Interact Club for sharing in this special day by being Olympic Buddies during the events. You are all awesome!

**Don't miss out!!!** Only 56 yearbooks are left to purchase. You can order yearbooks online ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)) or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205. We are excited to welcome rising 8th graders next week with their parents for the PR Ninth Grade Welcome Voyage where students and families can see our school and learn about high school on Monday and Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Our Spring Blood Drive is on April 10th. See the flyer in this edition of the Pirate Press and sign up to donate and save a life.

Calling current juniors (rising seniors for 19-20 school year) who would like to **mentor** a rising freshman. We are looking for rising seniors who may have had some difficulties in transitioning to High School but overcame and had a **successful** time socially, academically, and organizationally. Pick up the application in the front office. Application deadline is April 19th. We want YOU!!

**Congratulations** to senior Aidan Joyce Who has been named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program which honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies!

Remember to be at school to learn. If you are a student who is in a course with a Teacher-made exam please know the exam exemption policy: 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 2 unexcused absences 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 1 unexcused absence in the class.

Students are expected to take all other assessments given at the school.

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





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Porter Ridge High School

**Annual Spring Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, April 10th**  
**8:00am - 1:30pm**



## How to Donate

**To Schedule a life-saving appointment , please contact Mrs. Hayley Clontz**  
**hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us** or enter sponsor code **"PorterRidgeHS"** on **redcrossblood.org**



## Important Reminders!



16 year olds need parent consent form signed .



Eat Breakfast!



Bring a valid identification such as a driver's license, DMV identification card, passport, etc.



Hydrate well the week of!







# School Counseling

- Great Summer Opportunities for High School Students are on the school websites under guidance
- 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.

**SAT Blitz on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ PRHS.** Use this link: <https://goo.gl/KgS4uG>. to sign up! Spots are limited. It's a great way to get **FREE** SAT prep before the UCPS mandatory SAT on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Burgess & Ms. Patterson have started their 9<sup>th</sup> grade Motivational Group that is held after school each week.

Mr. James is working with students to allow them extra time after school to catch up on their Apex courses.

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



Staff learning about all the information Discovery Education has to offer for the classroom!!



Pirate Praise



### Summer Leadership

Students looking for summer opportunities? Check out the NC Community Development Initiative's **Summer Youth Leadership Program**. Applications are due April 8. Application and information can be found [here](#). This is a great opportunity for any student looking to sharpen leadership skills and also demonstrate a commitment to leadership on college applications. The program comes with a \$750 stipend. Many similar programs charge the student to participate. Check it out!

PRHS just held its first Kindness Week. Our amazing Student Council organized and implemented the events. The students fully embraced the concept. Activities included a "Random Acts of Kindness" Day where students acknowledged gestures of kindness with a smiley sticker, a community services project (from our Pirate community to the outside community) of gathering donated teddy bears to deliver to children at Levine Children's Hospital, and a yellow out day when the school wore yellow to celebrate kindness.

### Class Registration

Counselors continue to see 9-11<sup>th</sup> graders in one-on-one meetings to review the student's course selections. Counselors and students are having good discussions about career goals, college plans, course pathways, and all that goes into a thoughtful selection of courses. Parents are asked to approve their student's course selection. After his or her meeting with the counselor, the student will bring home a list of selected courses for a parent/guardian to approve with a signature. Remember – we build our master schedule based on student course requests. If a student gets a requested class on his or her schedule, the schedule will not be changed in the fall. These one-on-one meetings will continue through April.

Counselors will visit 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms today to begin the registration process with our rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We will also meet individually with each student to review their courses requests and a parent/guardian will be asked to approve the selections with a signature.

Some of our students did not make course selections in Powerschool before the deadline. They are now locked out and cannot make selections. Counselors will work with those students at the end of our registration process. These students will **not** be at any disadvantage in getting their preferred classes.

### College and Career Promise

Students who are **currently** enrolled in Career and College Promise at SPCC will be meeting with Ms. Davison next week to discuss future classes. Students new to CCP will meet with Ms. Davison at a later date.

### Online Classes

If your child are Interested in online courses for summer or next school year applications are now available in the counseling office. Spaces for online classes are limited. Application deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>. As students consider summer classes please know the courses are very intensive and demand 3-4 hours per week day of work. The classes also require access to wifi. In the past students have been surprised by the demands of summer courses and have struggled. Families planning on vacations during the course should plan on their students continuing to dedicate 3-4 hours per day and have reliable wifi.



# **An Exceptional Children's Parent Awareness Night**

*For Parents of EC students of all ages*

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

Location: **Union County Agricultural Center**

*3230 Presson Drive, Monroe, NC 28112*

*"Embracing Transition: Preparing for your child's future"*

Find out about services that are available for children with disabilities in Union County.

Parents will also have the opportunity to attend two 40 minute sessions.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Prime Moore**

Prime will share his journey from school to adulthood with the collaboration of School, Community and Family. His story of challenges & successes on the journey of "Embracing the Future" will INSPIRE you!

*Be prepared to BE INSPIRED!!!*

Listed below are some of the participating agencies:

*NC VR Benefits*

**SPCC Compass Education**

*Union County Clerk of Court*

*A Special Needs Plan*

**Cardinal Innovations**

*ARC of Union*

*First In Families*

**SSI Benefits Information**

*Autism Society*

**ARC of Cabarrus/Union/NC**

**CHS Union Project SEARCH**

**NC Vocational Rehabilitation**

**ADEPT**

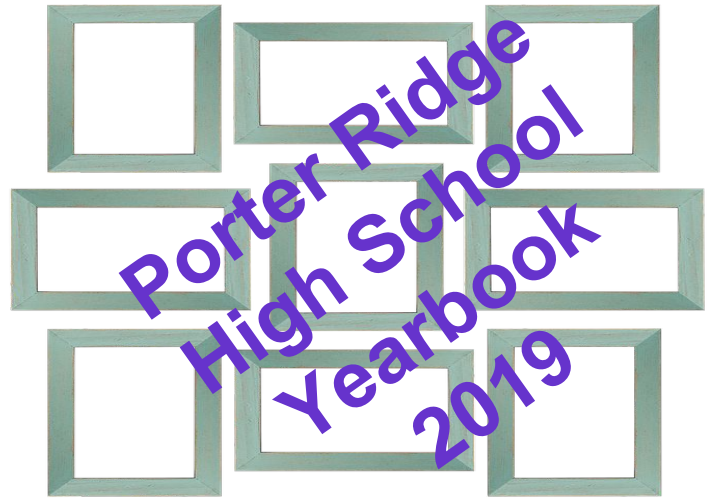
**Exceptional Children's Assistance Center and others!**



**Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 56**

**YEARBOOKS left!!** 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)).



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	<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





# Announcements

- Would you like to tour the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in uptown Charlotte, and obtain information about financial literacy? Well here is your chance. FBLA is sponsoring a field trip to the Federal Reserve on Wednesday, May 1st. Seats are available on a first come first serve basis. The cost of the trip is \$20.00 which covers transportation. Permission forms are available in F100, and money and forms are due to Ms. Ellis no later than Friday, April 5th, 2019.
- Interact will be having a meeting Thursday, March 28th at 7:40am to go over blood drive information. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping at the blood drive.
- HOSA will be having a meeting Tuesday, March 26th at 7:40 a.m. in E212 to go over blood drive information. Please plan to attend if you are interested in helping at the blood drive.
- Spring Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, April 10th! Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets on all the classroom doors! Three lives are saved for every pint of blood collected!
- The Gay Straight Alliance club is hosting an awareness week with the Knitting/Crochet club and the Girl Up club. This week is for Porter Ridge students to learn about and become more aware of different groups of people within our school. Awareness Week begins April 8. Stay tuned for details.

## Porter Ridge Career Pathways:

PRHS has a host of **career pathways** that support students as they select their courses throughout their high school years. Each of these pathways includes careers students can explore and related courses offered at PR. These pathways assist students in choosing courses as they prepare for future studies and the workforce.



**Pathways at Porter Ridge High School** include: JROTC, Animal Science, Architect, Arts, Business Management, Culinary, Digital Media, Education, Engineering, Finance, Health Science, Law & Public Safety, and Liberal Arts.

**Academies** include:  
 Culinary Arts  
 Veterinary Assisting  
 Pharmacy Technician  
 Architecture, Eng. & Design  
 Digital Film

[Click here for more info](#)





## PRHS Career Spotlight ~ Veterinary Assistant

The Veterinary Assisting academy offered at Porter Ridge provides students who show an interest in learning about veterinary medicine an opportunity to receive exposure and skills related to animal care. Students are exposed to proper veterinary practice management and client relations, pharmacy and laboratory procedure, advanced animal care, and surgical/radiological procedures.

Students will be prepared and have the opportunity to earn their Certified Veterinary Assistant Level I certification by sitting for the Certified Veterinary Assistant Level I exam and fulfilling 500 hours of hands on training working with live animals.



## 2019 - 2020 CTE Internship

Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, one being a level 2, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Mrs. Webb. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

## Academy Pathway

### Applications for 2019 - 2020

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 school year are now open. 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 Mrs. Webb in guidance.

\*\*Please note that the Cosmetology and Nurse Aide Academy application will close the week of April 15th. The signed application for either of these academies must be returned to your counselor or Mrs. Webb no later than Thursday, April 18, 2019. Anyone turning in an application for either Cosmetology or Nurse Aide after Thursday, April 18, 2019 will be put on a waiting list.

**APPLY NOW!**  
**2019 Youth Leadership Program**  
*Celebrating 12 years of Youth Leadership Development*

- ◆ Three-week, paid leadership development program for rising high school seniors
- ◆ Field trips and leadership training sessions in the Raleigh area
- ◆ Connect with peers from diverse backgrounds as well as community, state and business leaders
- ◆ Opportunity to work with a team of peers and compete for best project
- ◆ \$750 stipend

Apply online by April 8, 2019  
[www.ncinitiative.org/leadership-development/youth](http://www.ncinitiative.org/leadership-development/youth)

**Questions?**  
 Contact Barron or Katrina Damon  
 Phone: 919.756.5106  
 Email: [grants@ncinitiative.org](mailto:grants@ncinitiative.org)  
 Website: [www.ncinitiative.org](http://www.ncinitiative.org)




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



# Athletics

Fri 3/29	Soccer vs East Meck 6:00; Baseball vs Garinger 4:30
Sat 3/30	Baseball AT Providence 11:00
Mon 4/1	Tennis AT Indy 4:00; Baseball AY Rocky River 4:30' Men's LAX vs Sun Valley 6:30 Senior Night
Tue 4/2	Women's LAX vs Myers Park 4:00; Softball AT Butler 5:30; Soccer AT Butler 6:30; Baseball AT Rocky River 5:00
Wed 4/3	Soccer vs Porter Ridge 6:30; Softball AT Charlotte Catholic 4:30; Baseball vs Queens Grant 4:30
Thu 4/4	Tennis vs Rocky River 4:00; Men's LAX 6:30; Women's LAX 5:30
Fri 4/5	Union County Track Championship AT Cuthbertson 1:00; Soccer vs Indy 6:30; Softball vs Indy 4:30; Baseball vs Rocky River 4:30
Sat 4/6	Baseball AT South Meck 11:00
Mon 4/8	Golf vs Latin Sycamore 3:00
Tue 4/8	Tennis Conference Tournament AT East Meck 3:00; Baseball vs Myers Park 4:30; Softball AT Garinger 5:00; Women's LAX AT Butler 5:00; Soccer AT Garinger 5:30; Men's LAX AT South Meck 7:00
Wed 4/10	Golf vs Catholic Divide 4:00 Sr night; Soccer AT Myers Park 6:00; Softball AY Myers park 5:00
Thu 4/11	Tennis vs Hickory Ridge 4:00
Fri 4/12	Track AT Providence 3:00; Softball vs Rocky River 4:30; Soccer vs Rocky River 6:30; Baseball AT Myers Park 7:00

## Pirate Events

Tue 4/2	Robotics Club G104 3:00
Wed 4/3	Spanish Club F102 3:15; Quidditch Club Meeting in Boneyard
Fri 4/5	Rho Kappa meeting
Mon 4/8	GSA meeting F108 3:00
Tue 4/9	Government Studies Club 7:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club G111 3:00
Wed 4/10	Blood Drive 8:00; AG Day 8:00
Thu 4/11	Knitting & Crocheting Club G106 3:00; Gaming Club E102 3:00; The Great Race