



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Community,

This week was Law Enforcement Officers appreciation week. Thanks to Officer Humphrey, our HS SRO, and Officer Lorenz, our MS SRO, for all they do for Porter Ridge.

Our Band Program had the Big Show last Thursday and it was a huge success with music from around the world. The Band had an amazing end of year performance.

Senior week starts tomorrow with Seniors dressing like they did back in Middle School. In the afternoon Seniors have the Volleyball Tournament off campus. Parents please remember that ALL Seniors should be to PRHS Tuesday morning as we will have Graduation Practice during first period. After practice seniors will view the senior slideshow, have brunch, and see the Razzies presentation. At 11:30 on Tuesday all Senior parents are invited to watch our Academic Signing and Awards event. Every Senior will be recognized for their post-high school choice and some seniors will be recognized for awards. See the Pirate Press for a complete list of events for the week.

High School Musical was a huge success last week. Congratulations to all theatre cast members and band members who provided live music.

Congratulations to **Nick Sutton** who placed 19th in the state golf tournament. Congratulations to the following track students who placed in the 4A Midwest Regionals: Emily Rittenberger 4th in the 400; Casenia Tucker 5th in the 400; Brandon Benitez 5th in the 400; Deshawn Scarboro 5th in the High Jump; Serraia Goodman 3rd in the Triple Jump, 3rd in the Long Jump and 200, and 5th in the 100.

Congratulations to Emily Rittberger and Serraia Goodman for qualifying for States yesterday.

Students who need to recover attendance were notified this week. See inside for more information. There will be a **Free Field Hockey Clinic** Sponsored by Charlotte Ambush for high school girls interested in playing Field Hockey Monday May 20th at 4 pm on the Middle school football field. Shin Guards are required. Questions email terry@charlotteambush.com.

PR Yearbook is looking for enthusiastic and hard working candidates for next year's staff. If this is you, please fill out an application by visiting bit.ly/PRYB2020. Applications are due ASAP, so don't delay!

Are you interesting in working with the **PTO** next year. PTO parent help is needed next year on the board. Most of this year's board members have graduating seniors. The time commitment is minimal and only one meeting per month. Please click on the following link to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0845a5a72daaff2-ptoboard>

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





Attendance Recovery

Pirates! If you have over 7 **unexcused absences**, you **MUST** attend recovery after school or on Saturdays between now and June 1st!

Recovery started **Saturday, May 11** with the opportunity to earn back 2 class sessions from 9:00 am- 12.

Recovery will continue **every weekday after school** for 1 class session from 3:00-4:30 and each Saturday **EXCEPT** May 25 and May 27 when we are closed for Memorial Day.

All recovery must be **finished** by Saturday, June 1st at Noon.

Check with each of your teachers to see if you need recovery time!

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

SENIOR WEEK A Survival Guide



Class of 2019

May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
<p>Monday</p> <p>Middle School Monday</p> <p>Volleyball @ 5 PM</p> <p>Justice</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>A New Frontier</p> <p>GRAD PRACTICE @ 8:00 AM</p> <p>SLIDESHOW/ RAZZIES & BRUNCH</p> <p>Academic Signing @ 11:30 am</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Senior Citizen</p> <p>Senior Switch</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Hawaiian Day</p> <p>CAP & GOWN CLASS PIC @ 8:15 AM</p> <p>Elementary Crawls</p> <p>SENIOR LUAU DURING 3RD BLK</p> <p>GAME NIGHT AT 5PM</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>CLASS WARS 4TH BLK</p> <p>FRESHMEN ~ WHITE</p> <p>SOPHOMORES ~ GREY</p> <p>JUNIORS ~ BLACK</p> <p>SENIORS ~ PURPLE</p>



Senior Information

Dear Class of 2019,

We are very proud of every one of you. For the remainder of this spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. We hope you will have fond memories of PRHS and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your senior year and want to be sure you know all necessary information.

Caps and Gowns: Were delivered on Monday 4/15 during lunches. See the office staff if you did not pick up your order.
Individual Cap and Gown pictures: Thursday 4/18 – the sign up link was emailed to all seniors at the start of this week. Please be on time to your appointment.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Cabarrus Arena (4751 NC Highway 49 Concord, North Carolina 28025). Please arrive no later than 3:00pm to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. Due to limited parking we urge you to drive with your parents. A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at PRHS are only permitted to wear PRHS-issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Senior Week is May 20-24 (When no activities are listed seniors will be in regular classes):

Monday 5/20:

- *Middle School Monday Spirit Day.*
- *STUCO Volleyball Tournament 5:00 pm. (signup info will be available).*

Tuesday 5/21:

- *A New Frontier – College/Career Shirts Spirit Day.*
- *Graduation Practice 8:00 am (required).*
- *Senior Slideshow and Senior Brunch to follow.*
- *Senior Academic Signing for all Seniors (parents invited) 11:30 am in main gym. All seniors will be recognized for future plans, scholarships and other awards.*

Wednesday 5/22:

- *Senior Citizen Spirit Day*
- *Senior Switch Day (must apply in advance)*

Thursday 5/23:

- *Hawaiin Spirit Day*
- *Senior Class of 2019 Picture 8:15 – must be in cap and gown*
- *Elementary School Visits – Graduates in Caps and Gowns to follow*
- *Senior Luau 3rd block*
- *Game Night 6:30 pm at PRHS*

Friday 5/24:

- *Class Spirit Day – Seniors wear Black*
- *Class Spirit Rally – Stadium – whole school fourth block*



Senior Academic Signings: Our school will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career (on 5/21 11:30 am – see above). Signings will also include scholarship recognitions and Department Awards as warranted. All senior parents are invited to attend. Parents of those receiving awards will receive a separate notification.

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Tuesday 5/21 at 8:00 am in the gym. ALL Seniors must attend if you plan to participate in graduation. If you normally flex, you must be here at school for this practice. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not wear your cap and gown to practice.

Senior CLASS of 2019 Cap and Gown Picture: Thursday May 23rd 8:15 am. You must have your cap and gown to be in the picture (we strongly recommend that you do NOT bring your tassel as it is easy to lose and we do not have replacements).

Yearbooks: Our plan is to issue yearbooks to seniors during Senior Week. More information to follow.

Graduation Speeches: Information on auditions will be provided over the school announcement system. Please pay attention for announcements.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make all payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid prior to receiving tickets for graduation.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale starting 5/21 after the Academic Signing Ceremony. Tickets will continue to be sold in the main office through June 5th during normal office hours. Each senior will receive five (5) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$10.00 a ticket until we reach venue capacity.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their free tickets until after graduation practice.

Extra Information about graduation day:

- Cabarrus Arena will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that noisemakers are not permitted in the arena. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Graduates must arrive by 3:00 pm.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the arena, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the arena and will use the arena tunnels to exit to the back of the arena where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is your responsibility to mail it to your college. The school does not mail the final transcript – it is provided to you and it is your responsibility to mail after graduation.
- Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the arena for pictures and our school must exit the arena parking areas 30 minutes after the ceremony concludes.

Seniors, remember that graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Please continue to attend to your classes and finish your high school career strong! Continue to make yourself, your family, and your school proud!

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal



Champ Camp

Video Link about Champ Camp:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYLuYr9iCD0&feature=youtu.be>

Flyer:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1onqNBKliGFdXdKCG9-yyV5ZeyRFawnvL8wW3LR08_Hs/edit

What is Champ Camp?

Champ Camp is a leadership opportunity for Union County Public Schools high school students.

What do you do at Champ Camp?

At this event, students will hear from 2 dynamic speakers who will share information about how they decided on their career; what they love about their career, and what it took to get to where they are. After the 2 speakers, students will work in groups with a mentor to discuss different aspects of leadership and engage in an activity around leadership principles.

When is Champ Camp?

May 23, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where is Champ Camp?

Champ Camp is held at Longview Country Club in Waxhaw, NC.

How do I sign up?

Visit <http://bit.ly/champcamp2>

Seniors if you have not already filled out the UCPS Senior Survey in your Naviance Account, please fill it out as soon as possible. This survey is very important as your School Counselors use this to ensure that you are recognized for your accomplishments during the Senior Academic Award/Signing Ceremony on May 21st. Your counselors will also use this information to ensure that your FINAL transcript is sent to the correct organization upon graduation.



School Counseling

**Are you interested in attending or learning about Historically Black Colleges & Universities?

Campus Connections is an outside program that works with high school students in grades 10 and 11 to increase their awareness of the educational and cultural opportunities available to them at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Campus Connections will have an information meeting on May 20th during Pirate Prep in the Media Center. Interested 10th & 11th grade students must sign up by **5/17** to attend at the following link: shorturl.at/dwzFI.

AP Testing is Underway

Students are taking AP exams to earn college credit. The exams take place at a neighboring church. Thanks to all proctor volunteers!

**Counselors are still meeting one-on-one with all Pirates to go over their course requests for 2019-20. Counselors have used these meetings to select courses but also engage in conversations about post-graduate plans and goals, career pathways, UCPS academies, graduation requirements, and more. Students who were absent on the day their 2nd block class came to Counseling or who did not put in their own requests before the deadline, will get meetings with counselors. Parents, your student will bring home their list of requests and ask you to approve it with a signature. Please note any changes you want on the list of courses.

After the meetings and the parent signatures, no further changes will be made to course requests.

**Counselors are planning the PRHS Senior Award Ceremony for later in May. Stay tuned for details!

**For families making decisions about colleges and financial aid packages, here is a helpful [article](#).

**Parents, some students don't truly focus on life after high school until graduation is right in front of them. If your student is undecided, please have them reach out to their school counselor. We can help with applications to community college, with identifying potential trades, connecting with some local employers, and laying a longer term plan for attending a 4-year college. Whatever direction your student chooses, counselors are here to support.

Scholarship Information

- Students continue to apply for scholarships. Information is available through internet searches, Naviance, and our Local Scholarship List. To access the list now click [here](#). The list is continuously updated when new information is received. Please encourage your student to check email daily as counselors push out scholarship that comes in through student emails.
- Please let Ms. Ponder know if you have received any scholarships. We cannot count a student's scholarship toward the PRHS total without documentation. You worked hard for your scholarships -- let us recognize you!

Summer Opportunities To learn more about the Great Summer Opportunities for High School Students, please visit the [PRHS School Counseling Page](#).



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Free Sports Screenings for Student-athletes

Novant Health Competitive Edge sports screenings are free to all UCPS, rising 7th grade and above, student-athletes. The sports screening includes medical history review and cardiovascular screening, as well as general medical, musculoskeletal and vision exams.

- These sports screenings fulfill the NCHSAA pre-participation sports physical exam requirement.
- **Registration is required**
- **Please register at ppezoom.com between April 28th and May 26th**
- Space is limited
- Open to rising 7th-12th graders
- For more information, please visit novanthealth.org/sports or see your school's athletic trainer

Event details

Saturday, June 1st, 8:00am to Noon.

**Novant Health Southern Piedmont
Primary Care**

**1995 Wellness Blvd, #110, Monroe, NC
28110**

**Forest Hills, Monroe, Piedmont, Porter
Ridge, Sun Valley, CATA**

**Novant Health Waxhaw Family
Physicians & Sports Medicine**

**3614 Providence Road S., Waxhaw, NC
28173**

**Cuthbertson, Marvin Ridge, Parkwood,
Weddington, CATA**



Design our PRHS 2019 – 2020

Student Section T- Shirt

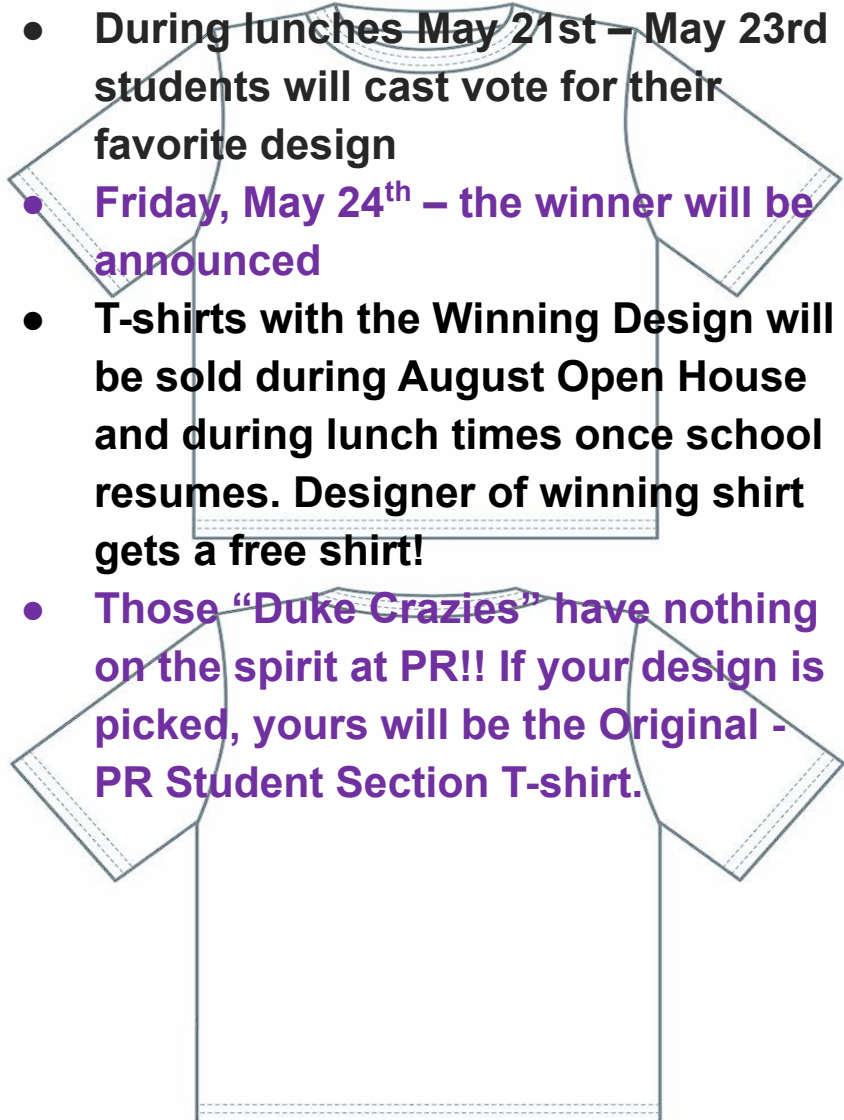
Yearbooks -- \$85. ONLY 25

YEARBOOKS left!! 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)

Porter Ridge High School Yearbook 2019

- During lunches **May 21st – May 23rd** students will cast vote for their favorite design
- **Friday, May 24th – the winner will be announced**
- T-shirts with the **Winning Design** will be sold during **August Open House** and during lunch times once school resumes. **Designer of winning shirt gets a free shirt!**
- Those **“Duke Crazies”** have nothing on the spirit at PR!! If your design is picked, yours will be the **Original - PR Student Section T-shirt.**





2019 - 2020 Academy Pathway Applications

Academy applications for the 2019-2020 school year are still 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.

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 ==>](#)



CONMET JOB FAIR

When: Wednesday, 5/22 & 5/29 from 3:00-8:00pm

Where: 780 Patton Ave, Monroe, NC 28110

Interviews for 20 minute time slots

Call Niki Gawlik at: (704) 226-5358

What to bring:

- Up to date resume
- ID for site visit
- Appropriate attire (business casual)
- Positive attitude!



CONMET Job Fair

CONMET is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, May 22nd & Wednesday, May 29th from 3:00-800 p.m. at 780 Patton Ave, Monroe, NC 28110.

Positions they are looking for include, but are not limited to:

- Foundry and Assembly Operators (previous experience preferred but not required)
- CNC Operators
- Maintenance Technicians
- Forklift & Shipping/Receiving Associates

CONMET offers opportunities for lateral job changes and promotions for leads, group leads, and supervisors

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



Athletics

Tue 5/21	Spring Sports Awards Night Auditorium 6:30
Thu 5/22	Fall Women's Tennis interest meeting B107 3:00

Pirate Events

Mon 5/20	GSA F108 3:00; STUCO Volleyball Tourney 5:00
Tue 5/21	Government Studies Club 7:30; Academic Signing Day Gym 11:30; Robotics Club G104 3:00; Latin Club E101 3:00
Wed 5/22	Graphic Design Club E105 3:00; Spanish Club F102 3:15; Underclassman Yearbook Distribution
Thu 5/23	Gaming Club E102 3:00; Knitting and Crocheting Club G106 3:00; Game Night Cafe 5:00; FFA Banquet Media Center 5:00
Fri 5/24	Class Wars Stadium 1:30, Theatre Banquet 6-8:00