



Dear Pirate Community,

Our staff is back and gearing up for the 2019-2020 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students back in just over a week! Our fall athletic teams are ready to begin their seasons and have been working hard at practices and scrimmages! The hallways have been filled with the smiling faces and joyful sounds of our Band of Pirates! The Band of Pirates also introduced our new Alma Mater to our community, staff and students which can be seen by clicking the Band of Pirates link below. Our school counselors have been working diligently to make sure students schedules reflect the courses the students have requested. See the counseling link to check out information regarding schedule changes and our career pathways! In preparation to welcome our students back to school, we have opportunities this coming week for students to purchase parking passes, get a paper copy of their schedule, and obtain their bus passes. Our senior back to school opportunity is on Thursday August 22nd from 8am to 10am . The Junior and Sophomore back to school opportunity will be on Thursday August 22nd from 11am-1pm. All students and parents can download the Here Comes the Bus app on their smartphone and check information regarding transportation to and from Porter Ridge High School. We are excited to welcome the freshman class of 2023 to Porter Ridge High! On Friday, August 23rd we will have our freshman orientation led by our very own student council. Students will be able to pick up schedules and bus passes as well as learn all about PRHS from our amazing student council! Students will also be able to tour the building! There will be two sessions- the first session will be from 9am-11am and the second will be from 1pm-3pm. Please come to the session that best fits your time schedule! We look forward to welcoming the class of 2023! As our pirates return, they may notice some awesome changes to our school thanks to UCPS and the Board of Education. We have a new tennis court which is near completion, a resurfaced track, and a new hallway that joins the F/G Halls to the cafeteria. You may also notice new banners and flags around the school! We are excited to begin the 2019-2020 school year and continue to commit to being in it together!

Go Pirates! Dr. Fisenne

Parents and students - The PRHS Staff will be in required training on Monday 8/19 and Wednesday 8/21 from 8:00 - 3:00. This training includes all teachers, staff, office staff, counselors, and administrators. We will have a parent volunteer answering the phones and they can get a staff member out of the training for enrollments or withdrawals only. For all other inquiries they will take a message and someone will call you back after the training. Thank you so much for supporting our staff development. We are excited for this training to translate into excellence in our school!

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Dr. Fisenne welcomes our new pirate staff at New to the U!



Meet your 2019-2020 Administrative Team!



Dr. Kim Fisenne -
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Dr. Michelle Newnam
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Mr. Tyler Beard
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Seventh year at PRHS
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Back to School 2019-2020

First day of school is Monday
August 26th! See you then!

Be Proactive!

Upperclassmen Open House- 8/22

- ⚓ Parking passes, lockers, printed copy of schedules, bus information & spirit wear will be available.
- ☠️ **SENIORS** 8am-10am on August 22nd
- ☠️ **JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** 11am-1pm on August 22nd

Freshman Orientation- 8/23

- ⚓ Freshman orientation will take place on Friday, August 23rd from 9am-11am and another session from 1pm-3pm.
- ⚓ Students will be able to pick up a paper copy of their schedule, purchase lockers, receive bus passes and tour the school with the Pirate Student Council!

Meet the Teacher Night- Tues 9/3 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Senior College Information Night- Tues 9/3 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Chromebooks—

- ⚓ 2019-2020 All Porter Ridge High School students are required to use their chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. Students at PRHS are required to bring their chromebook to school every day. Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chromebook Student /Parent Agreement.

Student Parking Passes

- ⚓ Parking passes will be available according to the following priorities and times:
 - ☠️ **SENIORS** 8am-10am on August 22nd (NO one should be on campus prior to 7:00 am)
 - ☠️ **JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** 11am-1pm on August 22nd
- ⚓ ALL Students, MUST print the registration forms (PRHS website under “Students”) and bring a valid driver's license with you along with exact cash or check for \$40 made payable to Porter Ridge High School. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you can NOT reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in.
- ⚓ Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order. If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.
- ⚓ STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A PARKING STICKER TO ENTER THE STUDENT LOT and PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. Until you have a parking sticker you may NOT drive to school. Parking passes are not guaranteed to be available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. Students who are late to school, have behavioral issues, or are not passing classes may have their parking privileges suspended or revoked. Students will not get the parking fee back if their privileges are revoked.



PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

FALL SPORTS : AUGUST SCHEDULE

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent
Volleyball	8/19 8/22	JV 4:30pm; Varsity 5:30 pm HOME JV 4:30pm; Varsity 6:00pm HOME	vs. Monroe vs. Forest Hills
Women's Tennis	8/19 8/22	4:00PM HOME 4:00pm away	vs. Sun Valley @ Hickory Ridge
Mens Soccer	8/19 8/21 8/22	JV 4:30pm; Varsity 6:00pm away JV 4:30pm; Varsity 6:00pm away JV 4:30pm; Varsity 6:00pm HOME	@Charl Catholic vs. Piedmont HS vs. Weddington
Varsity Football	8/23	7:30pm HOME	Marvin Ridge
JV Football	8/22	6:30pm away	@ Marvin Ridge
Field Hockey	8/20 8/23	3:45 pm away at Ortho Carolina Fields in Pineville 5:00pm away at Matthews Sportsplex	Charl Catholic South Meck
Cross Country	8/24	8:00 am away	@ Metrolina

[Full Season Schedules can be found here!](#)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>
Football Head	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Women's Golf	David Scholl	dscholl1@gmail.com
Cross Country	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Branden Chopelas	porterridgecheer@gmail.com
Women's Field Hockey	Colleen Evans	rozomom@yahoo.com (pay to play through the booster club)



PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

Parking Regulations for Home Games- BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING:



ALL Spectators should use the *student parking lot*. Follow the sidewalk behind the school and past the tennis courts. The door to enter is the door to the right of the school's main back entrance (the one with the overhang). There is NO Entry from the bus lot. This is reserved for the visiting team bus and officials.

PR Athletic Boosters - 2019-2020 Sponsorships opportunities are available now by purchasing space in the Athletics Program or Stadium and Gym Banners. <http://bit.ly/PRABCSPon>. Any questions can be directed to prabc.sponsorship@gmail.com Athletics start This Week! Want to save money & support the booster club? Purchase a Pirate Pass online at <http://porterridgeabc.org>. Cost \$100, Pass gets you into all PR home regular season games

JV Football Game Announcer - PRHS athletics is looking for an announcer for all JV home football games. If you are interested, please contact athletic director Ina Thompson at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

**Think win-win!
Have an everyone
can win attitude!**



Varsity Soccer Team!



JV & Varsity football @ the first scrimmage of the season!



Varsity Volleyball Team!



Your Fall 2019 student section leaders!



PRHS 2019-2020 Pirate Pass



2019-2020 PIRATE PASS



Benefits of the PIRATE PASS:

- *****SUPPORTS ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE*****
- Admission to Home Booster Club Sponsored Sports & High School Regular Season Home Games for the 2019-2020 Season
- 50-yard-line reserved seating at PRHS regular-season home football games
- Your **PIRATE PASS** can be used by a student or a friend
- Automatically enrolled as an Athletic Booster Club member (\$40 value)
- Purchase a **PIRATE PASS** and receive a free **PARKING PASS!**

*(The **PARKING PASS** provides you VIP parking to all regular-season home football games)*

Cost:

- **PIRATE PASS:** \$100 per person

There is potential savings when attending all sporting events during the 2019-2020 season and you are helping support all sports at Porter Ridge, please see sporting event cost run down on PRABC online store @ porterridgeabc.org

PIRATE PASSES AND PARKING PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT HOME FOOTBALL GAMES OR ONLINE @

porterridgeabc.org

PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A PIRATE PASS AND/OR DONATING TIME AND/OR MONEY TO THE PRABC TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

For additional information and/or questions contact: Paul Cimino

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phone:704-877-8658



PRHS 2019-2020 Spirit Wear

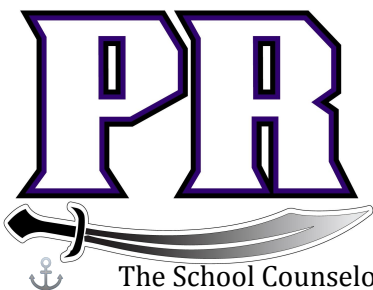


Short Sleeve \$18.00

Long Sleeve \$20.00

Hats \$25.00

Available back to school 2019!



School Counseling

Put first things first!
Prioritize!

The School Counselors have been working hard this summer on student schedules, and we are all looking forward to seeing students back in the building as the school year begins!

Senior College Information Night will be on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Students who received "Please See Counselor" and were unable to attend the scheduled days to make changes will receive information during the first week of school to request a schedule change.

Counselors will begin senior one-on-one meetings during the month of September to discuss post-secondary plans.

This year, we welcome a new counselor to our department, Tondra White. Coach White also serves as the track coach for PRHS.

Students should begin looking in Naviance for scholarship and college information. Individual colleges and universities will also have information regarding scholarships and application deadlines.

Major Scholarships

- Some universities have competitions to select students for full-ride scholarships. These are highly competitive. At Porter Ridge, students apply to be considered as the PRHS nominee. Students complete an application and our school scholarship committee, consisting of school counselors, an administrator and teachers, reviews the applications of students and chooses our school nominee(s). The student(s) selected as our school nominee then applies directly to the institution for the larger competition.

Below are the links to information about the individual scholarships. Applications will be available soon.

Some of the scholarships allow students to self-nominate if they are not chosen as their school's nominee. Please see the individual scholarship websites for more information. Feel free to contact Ms. Patterson with any questions.

UNC Chapel Hill- [Morehead Cain Scholarship](#)

NC State- [Park Scholarship](#)

UNC Charlotte- [Levine Scholarship](#)

Davidson College- [Belk Scholarship](#)

Join us for a Parent
Workshop
All K-12 Parents Welcome

Union County Education Foundation &
Cuthbertson Middle School
9/5/2019
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
1520 Cuthbertson Rd. Waxhaw,
NC 28173



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"Excellent Class!" - John & Monica M.

"Highly Informative!" - Bill & Renee M.

"The presentation was excellent; I was impressed as a counselor and a parent." - Patrick C.

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"By my calculations, over the course of four years the evening we spent will save our family \$126,180." - John S.

Eventbrite

To RSVP, please [Click Here](#)
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Meet the Founder: Brook T. Jolly, CFP®, ChFC®, CLU®, ChTFC, CASL®, OFBS®, is a Financial Advisor and regular educator in community and professional groups on college financing, tax reduction strategies, and retirement planning. He practices in helping families implement creative long-term financial strategies to fund college and retirement with minimal out-of-pocket cost. Brook is a graduate of the University of Virginia. For additional questions, please feel free to call Brook at 703-424-2401.



Bus and Lunch Information

Download The Here Comes the Bus App for all of your Transportation information! Students can still come in and get a bus pass on Back to School Opportunity Days! Please email Mr. Tyler Beard at : tyler.beard@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions.



Signing up for the free and reduced breakfast/ lunch program is simple. Click on the below link:

<https://www.lunchapplication.com/>

- o Make sure you have your student's ID number
- o Make sure you have income information for everyone in your household
- o Your session will timeout after 20 minutes of inactivity
- o If your session times out, you will need to use a different email address to create a new user ID and password to begin a new session
- o Your application is complete only when you electronically sign the application
- o Your application will be sent from the secure website directly to UCPS
- o You will receive a determination letter after your application has been processed

Note: Computers or laptops will be available at UCPS School Nutrition Services (407 North Main Street, Suite 100, Monroe NC 28112) AND all UCPS school front offices for you to complete an online application. Please note that a limited number of paper applications will also be available at your child's school.



Club News



If your student received an invitation letter to apply for NHS, please read the instructions carefully. The letter includes the web page address where your student will find the application form and all the information needed to complete the required steps.

A hard copy of the application must be delivered to Mr. Crider (room F108) on or before Sept. 10th. No late submissions will be accepted. If your student has any questions, please ask them to see Mr. Crider at PRHS.



Interact will be hosting its first meeting of the year on September 19th at 7:30am in the Auditorium. Please email Mrs. Hayley Clontz at hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc with any questions!



Health Occupation Students of America will be hosting its first meeting of the year on September 17th at 7:30am in the Auditorium. Please email Mrs. Hayley Clontz at hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc with any questions!



Band of Pirates!



Waves of Commitment

The Porter Ridge Alma Mater

All hail Porter Ridge.
To you we sing our praise.
As we go through life's deep waters,
May we sail above the waves.

Purple and black may your flag wave high
Over the ragin' sea!
So the world will always know that
WE ARE PR
And we commit ourselves to thee!

Check out our NEW Alma Mater, written and composed by our very own Mr. Ross, Mr. Drake, Ms. Cook, and Mrs. Tomberlin! Our Band of Pirates played the Alma Mater for the first time ever at our PRHS community night on August 13th! The Band of Pirates also gave the community a preview of their Fall 2019 show entitled "Grow Til' Tall."





Events from Summer 2019!



Band of Pirates plays our New Alma Mater while staff and students sing along!



Our Community came out to support our band and athletics at Pirate Community Night!



Pirate athlete relay at our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



Students, Parents, and Staff helped in our very successful campus beautification day!



Dr. Esienne, Board Chair Melissa Merrell and Administrators from our Cluster schools open our New Pirate Track! Thanks to PRHS Cheer for holding the ceremonial ribbon!



Ports of Information for Pirates:

2019-2020 will still feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students. If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

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Follow us on Instagram: @porterridgehs @porterridgefb @porterridgecheer @prhs.piratenation (student council) @prhss_2020 (student section) @porterridgebandofpirates

