



Pirate PRESS

Good day Pirates!! We had an amazing first week of school!

Remember that school is closed on Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day Holiday.

Get ready to Meet the Teachers on Tuesday, September 4th here at Porter Ridge High from 6-8:00.

Senior information Night for students and parents is September 4th from 7:00- 7:45. Come at 6:00 to meet your teachers and then meet in the auditorium at 7:00 for important college/community college/tech school planning information. Counselors will start individual Senior meetings mid-September.

Underclassman pictures on Wednesday 9/5/18. Forms went home today with students.

Parking passes can be purchased during lunch or after school.

Please check the counseling page for important information on college scholarships, financial aid, and testing deadlines.

A big shout out to our **Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Football, Cross Country, Field Hockey and Soccer Teams** on their success so far this season. We hope you will come out to watch a game soon. See the schedule in the Pirate Press. We will recognize our **current and retired military** at the **Friday, September 7th Varsity Football Game** vs. SVHS. Save that date! Kickoff will be early that night at 7:00 pm as we will be having a military chopper flyover to honor our military at approximately 6:40. Come early to be in the stadium in time for this awesome event. If you have not seen or heard our Band of Pirates performing on Friday night - you need to check them out!

Thank you to our Student Council that welcomed our students back to school with a “Welcome Aboard Pirates” themed rock. We appreciate all of your efforts to support our school!

Join the PTO during Meet the Teacher Night. Membership is \$10.00.

Please remember that classes are filled based on the requests that students made the prior year and we cannot accommodate changes. If there is an error on the schedule, we will do our best to correct the schedule. The schedule correction request form closes tomorrow, Friday 9/1 at 3:00 pm.

School day start—The bell to move to class rings at 7:50 am. The Tardy Bell rings at 8:00 am. If you are driving your child, or if your child is driving themselves, plan to arrive at the school by 7:30 to be sure you are on time due to traffic.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters are sent on a weekly basis so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. In order to make sure you are on the list to receive the newsletter, please update your email and phone number information at the school, or click here to [email our Data Manager, Ms. Lawwill](#). The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne



Reminder to authenticate chromebook for home internet use.

Union County Public Schools has implemented a new internet filter. When you log into your Chromebook **from home** and open a chrome browser a new webpage will appear and you will need to enter your username and password before you can navigate anywhere else. Your credentials will be stored on the device so you should only need to do this once.

Step 1.

Enter your Student ID followed by '@ucps.k12.nc.us' and click 'Sign In'



Step 2.

Enter the **same password you used to log into the Chromebook** and click 'Sign In'





Counseling Department

September 4th - Senior Parent Night at 7pm in Auditorium College Application 101

- Using Naviance for requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation Scholarships & Financial Aid **October 4th - Financial Aid Night at 6:30pm at PRHS** Complete the FAFSA with help from SPCC Financial Aid Office Parents/guardians and students should bring prior year tax information.

SAT & ACT Registration Deadlines

- SAT: Sept. 7th is deadline for Oct. 6th test date ACT:
- Sept. 28th is deadline for Oct. 27th test date

Counselors will be meeting with seniors individually beginning mid-September to review post high school plans.

Scholarships- Where to find

- Naviance – District list of scholarships and scholarship search engine
- Websites of colleges you are applying to
- Parents work or other organizations they may belong to

Visit <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4988> for a list of free scholarship search engines

Major Scholarships

- Some major 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 school 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 links to the applications of the individual scholarships. Please note the deadlines are designed to allow time for our scholarship committee to meet and review the student applications. These deadlines are final. No exception. 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. Burgess with any questions.

UNC Chapel Hill - [Morehead Cain Scholarship Application. Due September 15](#)

NC State - [Park Scholarship Application Due September 15](#)

UNC Charlotte - [Levine Scholarship Due September 22](#)

Davidson College - [Belk Scholarship Due Oct. 15](#)

University of Virginia - [Jefferson Scholar Application Due Nov. 3](#)



Athletics

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

**Thurs 8/30-- Tennis vs Garinger 4:00; Volleyball vs Butler
6:00**

Fri 8/31-- Football AT Weddington 7:30

**Tues 9/4- Tennis AT Rocky River 4:00; Volleyball AT
Independence 5:30**

**Wed 9/5-- Volleyball vs Olympic 6:00; Soccer vs CATA
6:00**

**Thurs 9/6-- Tennis vs Myers Park 4:00; Volleyball vs
Garinger 6:00; JV Football AT Sun Valley 6:30**

Fri 9/7-- Football vs Sun Valley 7:30

Mon 9/10-- Soccer AT East Meck 6:00

**Tues 9/11-- Tennis AT Hickory Ridge 4:00; Volleyball AT
Rocky River 5:30**

Wed 9/12-- Soccer vs Butler 6:00

**Thurs 9/13-- Tennis vs East Meck 4:00; Volleyball vs Myers
Park 6:00; JV Football vs Hickory Ridge 6:30**

Fri 9/14-- Soccer vs Marvin Ridge 7:30

Due to our facilities sharing the bus parking lot with the middle school, nobody may park in the bus lot at any time. All spectators and fans will need to park in the **STUDENT LOT**. Follow the sidewalk between the tennis courts and the building to the door to the right of the schools main back door entrance. This will be the only door that is accessible to enter for games.





PTO

Join the PTO !!!

The PRHS PTO has plans for the new school year!

Parents, we need your help!

Our board members are:

President: Kim Pace

Vice-President: Deb McTeague

Secretary: Cindy Summers

Treasurer: Linda Robinson

Membership Secretary: OPEN

Hospitality: OPEN

Mini-Grants: OPEN

We have some open positions this year and would love to have any parents join us that are able! Typically we meet on the first Monday of the month, during the planning period of our staff representative. PTO supports our teachers by providing mini-grants for needed classroom items, and we provide lunches and other treats for our teachers and staff.

You can also help by joining the PTO, either at our table during Open House, or by sending in the membership form that your child brings home the first week of school. Membership is \$10 and it includes a PR car magnet! Questions, please email Kim Pace at kimpace99@gmail.com



Announcements

The first meeting of the Porter Ridge GSA Club will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 4th from 3-4pm in room F108. This is the kick-off meeting where new officers will be elected and the year's agenda will be set. Please join us!

Are you a history buff or social studies scholar? Are you ready to inspire others and apply your knowledge to the community around you? If so join, Rho Kappa- National Social Studies Honors Society.

- This amazing opportunity is open to Juniors and Seniors with at least a 3.5 unweighted GPA and have taken a minimum of 4 semesters of social studies classes.
- Membership forms can be picked up at F 201 and returned to Ms. Crowell
The first meeting is Sept 7th at 3 pm.

The first book club meeting of the year will be on September 26th at 3:00 in the Media Center. We are reading And I Darken by Kiersten White. Bring a treat to share with the group.

First FCCLA Meeting -Officers will be elected on Sept 6, 2108 (3-4 p.m.)

Underclassman pictures 9/5/18

Attention all current and interested members of Mu Alpha Theta (the Math Honor Society): our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 AM in room E-210. If you have a passion for math, plan on attending and we hope to see you there!

The first Interact meeting will be Sept. 13th at 7:30AM in the auditorium. Club forms are located on the Interact board on F-Wing.

Spanish club is ready for new members. If you would like to be part of the Spanish club please stop by room F102, next Thursday and Friday after school, for information please see Sra.Koonce teacher in charge.

Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday 9/4 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Parents can meet your teachers and hear about your curriculum! All Grade Levels. Senior Night in auditorium 7:00 - 7:45 that same night. Seniors this is a very important meeting - grab your parent and meet us in the auditorium.



Ports of Information for Pirates === Follow us on social media...

2018-2019 will 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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