



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Families,

**We hope that ALL Pirates stayed safe during Hurricane Florence. Due to the weather related issues, Tuesday 9/18 has been changed to an optional teacher workday and there is NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday or Wednesday, September 19th- which already was a teacher workday. If any family has needs that we can assist with, please call our school and ask to speak with your child's counselor. As some of you know our school was opened as an additional shelter for the American Red Cross, but flooding in the area prevented it from being used. We would like to commend the numerous staff, particularly our custodial staff, Athletic Director, and Coaches, who worked hard prior to the storm to make sure our campus was as protected as possible! Way to go!! We did have to cancel and/or reschedule numerous events and we have tried to put updated information in this issue of the Pirate Press. We were sad that our First Friday Night Futbol (soccer) event was cancelled, but we will be moving the festivities surrounding this event to another game. More details soon!**

We are continuing to focus in on **College AND Career Readiness with all of our grade levels** through our **Wednesday Pirate Advisory** where students meet with their Advisor and work on college/career readiness skills, social-emotional learning, and study and communication skills. Last week Juniors got logged in to our **ACT preparation program** that they can use during these meetings AND at home! Freshman and Sophomores worked on creating SMART goals to focus in on what they need to do to be successful this year. Seniors started working on their resume and Brag Sheet to help with college and career plans. Counselors have been meeting individually with Seniors and will continue this over the next month to help support their future plans.

Please check the **counseling page** for important information on college scholarships, financial aid, and testing deadlines. Encourage your students to check out our announcements over the PA and on the screens at school.

Club Fair will continue this Thursday and Friday during lunches. Please encourage your child to join a club. We encourage every student to get involved in a club, group, or athletic team. Participation is an important part of our students' development.

**Senior Picture Makeup** occurred on 9/13, but due to the weather related closing of school those scheduled for 9/14 will have their senior picture makeup opportunity on 10/22. Contact Ms. Watson for more information ([savanah.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:savanah.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

Student Council is planning many events for Homecoming week, including Spirit Days, a Student Tailgate before the Homecoming Football Game, Homecoming Dance, Beach Volleyball Games, and PowderPuff Football. See the announcements section of the Pirate Press for all info!!

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



# Counseling Department

## FAFSA Night on October 4th at 6:00pm at PRHS

Complete the FAFSA with help from SPCC Financial Aid Office. Parents/guardians and students should bring prior year tax information. Please sign up to attend at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/l6XqSDydeoAyuJA83>

## NC Governor's School

Are you interested in learning more about NC Governor's School? Each year informational sessions (one hour in length) are held throughout the state for anyone who is interested. The following meeting dates and locations, near us, have already been confirmed:

Thursday, September 20, 6pm. Still at E.E. Waddell Language Academy (7030 Nations Ford Rd.,

Charlotte)4The **Union County College Fair** will be held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Wingate University. College admission representatives from throughout the state will be in attendance. We encourage all students and parents to attend.

## Interested in taking college classes in high school?

Seniors or juniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher may be eligible to take college classes in the spring through SPCC. Interested student not currently taking classes should fill out the following link by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

<https://goo.gl/forms/yDzqqw5smVMBa9tP2>

## North Carolina of School Science and Mathematics

Are you interested in learning more about the NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM)? An admissions rep will be at Marvin Ridge High School on September 18th to share information about their residential, online, and Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics programs. The presentation will begin promptly at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

## SAT & ACT Registration Deadlines

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

## 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 all JV times](#)

- Thurs 9/20** JVFB vs East Meck 6:30 at HOME  
Volleyball vs East Meck JV 4:30 Varsity 6 at HOME  
Tennis vs Indy 3:30 at HOME  
Field Hockey vs Weddington at Matthews Sportsplex Field 1 4:30
- Fri 9/21** Varsity Football AT East Meck at 7 pm  
Tennis AT Butler 3:30  
Soccer AT Indy JV 4:30 & Varsity 6:00
- Sat 9/22** Cross Country at Hare and Hounds AT McAlpine Boys 9 am Girls 9:30
- Mon 9/24--** Golf AT Rolling Hills Country Club 1:00; Soccer AT Rocky River 6:00;  
Volleyball AT Sun Valley 6:00
- Tue 9/25--** Tennis AT Garringer; Volleyball AT Butler 5:30
- Wed 9/26--** Golf vs Butler AT Divide 3:30; Soccer vs Myers Park 6:00
- Thur 9/27--** Cross Country AT Metrolina TBD; Tennis vs CATA 4:00; Volleyball vs Independence 6:00; JV Football AT Butler 6:30

**Upcoming RESCHEDULED** events not shown above:

Volleyball at HR rescheduled to Monday October 1 at HR 4:30 & 6.

Tennis vs EM rescheduled to Friday September 28 at 3:30

Soccer vs MRHS from Friday 9/14 - CANCELLED

## Pirate Events

Tues 9/18-- Teacher Workday

Wed 9/19-- Teacher Workday

Thur 9/20-- UNC-Chapel Hill Visit in the media center 9:30-10:00

Fri 9/21-- English III Common Assessment; Teachers will send home Progress Reports with students

Mon 9/24-- GSA Meeting F108 3:00-4:00; FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00-4:00

Mon-Fri 9/24-9/28-- Physical Science Common Assessment

Tues 9/25-- National Honor Society meeting in auditorium 7:30-7:50; HOSA interest meeting 7:30 am E212

Wed 9/26-- Book Club in Media 3:00-4:00

Fri 9/28-- USC visit in Media 9:30-10:00; English I, II & IV Common Assessment; NC Honors Chorus Auditions AT UNCG 7:30-4:00

Homecoming Week - 10/9 - 10/12

Homecoming Dance 10/13

Union County College Fair (hosted at Wingate University) - Sunday 10/14 from 2:00 - 4:00pm



# Career of the Week

## Computer Programmer

A Computer programmer writes and tests codes that allow computer applications and software programs to function properly. Software developers and engineers create programs and give them to a computer programmer to create instructions that the computer can follow in order for the program to run properly. Newly created applications must be tested to make sure that the expected results are being produced and programmers are the individuals that test them. If the computer programmer finds mistakes in the code, they are in charge of fixing them. Most Computer Programmers have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or a related subject; however, some employers hire workers with an Associate's degree. Computer Programmers average salary for the state of North Carolina is \$85,000 and \$79,000 for the nation.



Augusta Ada King( Ada Lovelace) is an English Mathematician and associate of Charles Babbage. Charles Babbage created the first prototype of a digital computer, the "Analytical Engine", for which Ada Lovelace created the program. While Babbage only built a small part of his prototype, Ada Lovelace's detailed description of how his Analytical Engine could be programmed beyond pure calculation, is the reason she has been called the first computer programmer. The computer programming language Ada, was named after Ada Lovelace in honor of her contribution to the field.

## Join the PTO

**Membership** is \$10 and it includes a **PR** car magnet!

Questions, please email Kim Pace at [kimpace99@gmail.com](mailto:kimpace99@gmail.com)



# Announcements

- Are you interested in the medical field? If so, **HOSA** is the club to join! We will be having an interest meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:30 am in Ms. Clontz's room E212.
- Are you interested in learning more about **NC Governor's School**? Current Juniors-Application packets are now available - see Ms. Ponder in Counseling as soon as possible. Each year informational sessions(one hour in length) are held throughout the state for anyone who is interested. The following meeting dates and locations:  
Thursday, September 20, 6:00pm: Charlotte area- E.E. Waddell Language Academy Auditorium  
Tuesday, September 25, 6:00pm: Statesville area- Statesville High School Mac Gray Auditorium
- Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend visits to **PRHS by college admission representatives**. We have many colleges scheduled to visit our school. Please sign up for visits in Naviance under the Colleges Tab.
- If you are interested in accruing community service hours, making college visits, and need focused preparation for adulthood, then **Umoja** could be right for you. Open enrollment begins Monday September 10th and ends Wednesday October 10th. See Mrs. Hoff in E105F for forms and details.
- **Gaming Club** will have its interest meeting this Thursday from 3-4:30 in E102. All are welcome to attend. Please see Mr. Sweet with any questions.
- **FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)** membership forms and payment are due Friday, September 21st to Ms. Ellis in F100.
- Attention all mathletes! Applications for **Mu Alpha Theta (the Math Honor Society)** are now open until Friday, September 28 at 3:00 PM. New members must have completed Math III and have a "B" average in all math courses taken at PR. To apply, come and scan the QR code on Mr. Howard's door in E-210.
- **HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES 10/9-10/13:**
- Our biannual **Beach Volleyball Tournament** is going to be taking place on Tuesday, October 9th from 4-6pm at Carolina Courts (240 Chestnut Pwky, Indian Trail, NC). Sign-ups will begin on September 17th-21st and will be held during ALL LUNCHESES. We will have a google form you can fill out with your team name and the name of all your teammates. Teams will need to consist of 4-5 people and the cost per team is \$5. You are also welcome to come watch the event for free! Hope to see you all there :)
- **Powderpuff Football** has been moved to this Fall, Thursday October 11th, during Homecoming Week! Come join us for an exciting night where ladies take the field to play flag football. Sign-ups will take place September 11-14, and they are first come first serve! Tickets to watch will be sold at the stadium gate, for \$2. Hope to see you there! If any males are interested in being a cheerleader, please come see STUCO at the sign up table.
- **Dress Up Days for 2018 Homecoming week:**  
10/8 Monday- *No School*  
10/9 Tuesday- Twin Tuesday  
10/10 Wednesday- Class Wars
  - Freshmen- White
  - Sophomores- Grey
  - Juniors- Black
  - Seniors- Purple10/11 Thursday- Superhero vs. Villain  
10/12 Friday- Alter Ego Day
- **Student Tailgate Homecoming Football Game 10/12** - sponsored by Student Council in the Boneyard!!
- **Homecoming Dance** - Saturday 10/13 at PRHS - tickets on sale now! \$15 through 9/21, then \$20 per ticket.

Have you wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Don't have any experience - *sew what!* The **PR Knitting and Crocheting Club** welcomes all levels of expertise to our group! We provide snacks for our monthly meetings! Additional supplies are provided to get you started or, if you have your own supplies, we ask that you bring them in to G106 the morning of our meetings. \*Please note: If you bring your own knitting needle(s) or crochet hook(s), you **MUST** take them to G106 prior to school starting!\* Come and *unwind* with our group!



# Announcements

**CUSTOM TUMBLERS** **ONLY \$25**  
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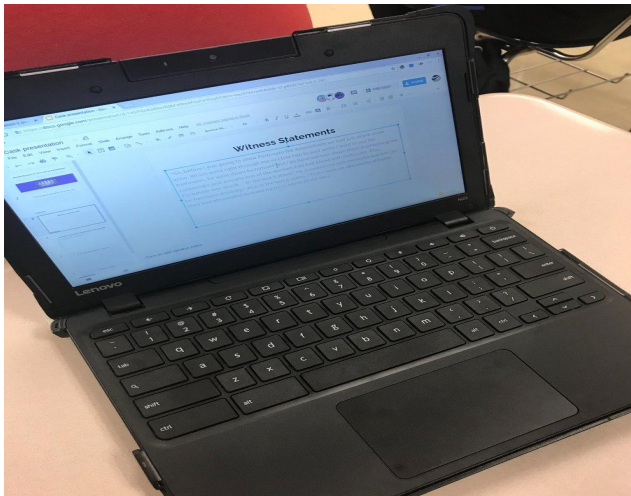
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Band Boosters are selling Porter Ridge Tumblers. The cost is \$25. Checks should be made out to the PRBB sent to the front office. Be sure to include your name and phone number with your check, when ordering.

For questions or more info, please email

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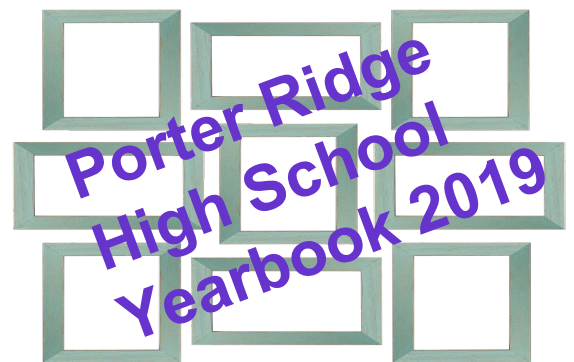


Chromebooks are out in full use at PRHS! If you experience any problems with your chromebook, visit our Desktop Support Engineer - Mr. Love in his office outside of the Media Center.

Parents if you have any chromebook concerns, please email Administrator, Mr. Chris Lacy, and he will be happy to look into your situation.

yearbooks are currently on sale -- \$75. The last day to take advantage of this price is October 24th. After this date, prices will increase. 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. Be sure to make your mark in this years book! Order forms are available in the front office, in Ms. Watson's room (G205), and online @ ([www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com)). The deadline for the lowest prices is 10/31.





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

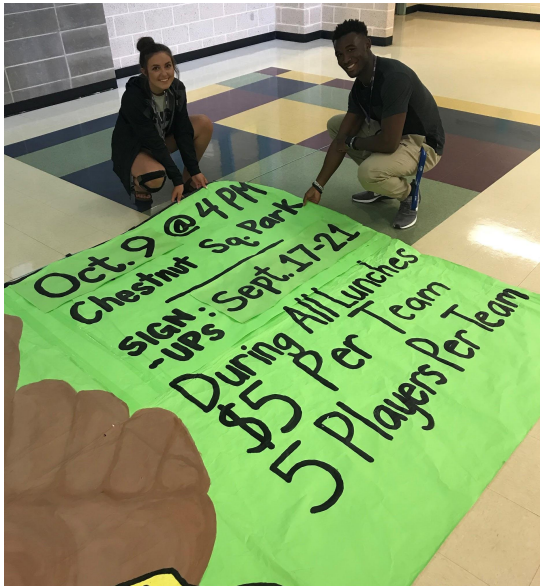
2018-2019 will feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students.

If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to [carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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Student Council prepares for the Week of Homecoming

Students in Mrs. Cloer's English II class analyze literal and figurative language using an Iceberg graphic organizer.

