



Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Families,

We had a great turnout for our Club Fair last week and this week. Many students were able to look over the Clubs information and decide what club might be a good fit for them. Being involved in a club, team, or activity during high school is so important for our students. Studies show that involvement increases engagement and commitment to achieving goals. We have information on our website, in this newsletter and on daily announcements in school about meeting times. We hope to see everyone at upcoming athletic events. Next Friday, 9/28, is our Cluster Football Night where PR will take on Butler and we will celebrate ALL of the Porter Ridge Elementary and Middle Schools. Please join us for this fun night!! A shout out to our athletic teams as they continue to power through our Fall Athletic Season! Go Pirates!!

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. 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

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...



Homecoming 2018

A Survival Guide

October 9th – October 13th

City Lights

NO
SCHOOL
MONDAY!

TWIN
TUESDAY

Volleyball @ 4 at
Carolina Courts - Free

CLASS WARS
COLORS

SENIORS – PURPLE
JUNIORS – BLACK
SOPHOMORES – GREY
FRESHMEN – WHITE

Class Wars
Competition During 4th
Block - \$2

SUPER HERO
vs. VILLAIN

WONDER
WOMAN

Powder Puff @ 6 at
PRHS Football Stadium
- \$2 to watch

Alter Ego

TAILGATE
@ 6 - Free

Dance
Sat. 8:00



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/I6XqSDydeoAyuJA83>

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: Tuesday, September 25, 6:00pm: Statesville area- Statesville High School Mac Gray Auditorium

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 1st. <https://goo.gl/forms/yDzqgw5smVMBa9tP2>

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.

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](#)

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR ATTENDEES

Union County College Fair

- Sunday, October 14th 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.

SAT & ACT Registration Deadlines

- SAT: Sept. 7th is deadline for Oct. 6th test date ACT: Sept. 28th is deadline for Oct. 27th test date
- ALL Juniors at PRHS will take BOTH the ACT and SAT during school, for free, this year!!

Colleges Attending:

Appalachian State University	Concord University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	UNC School of the Arts
Arcadia University	Converse College	Limestone College	UNC Wilmington
Auburn University	East Carolina University	Living Arts College	University of Alabama Huntsville
Barton College	East Tennessee State University	Livingstone College	University of Georgia
Belmont Abbey College	ECPI University	Louisburg College	University of Mount Olive
Berry College	Furman University	Mars Hill University	University of North Carolina
Bluefield College	Gardner-Webb University	North Carolina State University	Asheville
Brevard College	Greensboro College	Pfeiffer University	University of North Carolina
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	High Point University	Queens University of Charlotte	Greensboro
Campbell University	Hollins University	Radford University	University of South Carolina
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Johnson & Wales University	Randolph Community College	University of South Carolina
Catawba College	Johnson C. Smith University	Saint Augustine's University	Lancaster
Charleston Southern University	Lander University	Salem College Admissions	University of Tennessee
Coastal Carolina University	Lees-McRae College	Shaw University	Virginia Commonwealth University
College Foundation, Inc. (CFNC)	Meredith College	St. Andrews University	Wake Forest University
Columbia College	Methodist University	Stanly Community College	Warren Wilson College
Elizabeth City State University	Mid-Atlantic Christian University	The University of Alabama	Western Carolina University
Fayetteville State University	Mississippi State University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	William Peace University
Ferrum College	Mitchell Community College	UNC Charlotte	Wingate University
Francis Marion University	North Carolina A&T State University	UNC Pembroke	Winston-Salem State University
Full Sail University	North Carolina Outward Bound School		Winthrop University
			Wofford College



Athletics

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

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 9am 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
Thu 9/27	Cross Country AT Metrolina TBD;Tennis vs CATA 4:00; Volleyball vs Independence 6:00 ;JV Football AT Butler 6:30
Fri 9/28	Tennis vs EM rescheduled to Friday September 28 at 3:30
Mon 10/1	Soccer AT Hickory Ridge 6:00; Volleyball AT HR rescheduled
Tue 10/2	Volleyball AT Garringer 5:30; Tennis AT Myers Park 4:00
Wed 10/3	Golf Conference Tournament AT the Divide 12:00; Soccer vs East Meck 6:00
Thu 10/4	Tennis vs Hickory Ridge 4:00; Volleyball vs Porter Ridge 6:00; ; JV Football vs Independence 6:30
Fri 10/5	Varsity Football AT Independence 7:00





Homecoming

Events for the week of Homecoming (Oct 8-13):

10/8 Monday: No School

10/9 Tuesday: Twin Tuesday; Volleyball @ Carolina Courts 4:00-6:00 pm (free to watch)

- ★ Teams (of 5 players) Sign up @ lunches September 17th-21th--\$5 per team

10/10 Wednesday: Class Warfare- Fr. white, So. grey, Jr. black, Sr. Purple; staff tie dye Class Wars during 4th block (Ticket sales in advance at lunch \$2)

- ★ Tickets sold during lunches September 24-27----\$2

10/11 Thursday: Superhero vs.Villain; Powderpuff 6:00pm \$2 tickets at the gate

- ★ September 10-21: Player Sign-ups will take place at all lunches-- \$15

10/12 Friday: Alter Ego; Tailgate 6:00-7:00 @ the boneyard (free food and games)

- ★ hotdogs, chips, candy, and drinks

10/13 Saturday: HoCo Dance: City Lights \$15 tickets sold in advance:

- ★ September 10-21st (\$15 per ticket)
- ★ September 25-26th (\$20 per ticket)

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). All are welcome to come watch the event for free! Hope to see you all there :)

Powderpuff Football is this Fall, Thursday October 11th, during Homecoming Week! Come join us for an exciting night where ladies take the field to play flag football. 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.

Join the PTO

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

Questions, please email Kim Pace at 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, near us, have already been confirmed:
 - 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
 - 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.
 - Join us at the boneyard at 6:00pm before the Homecoming Football game on October 12th for a Tailgate! Enjoy free food, games and fun!
 - FBLA 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.
 - Senior 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). The deadline for the lowest prices is 10/31.
 - Yearbooks are now on sale for \$75. The last date to take advantage of this discounted price is 10/24 when prices will increase! Take advantage of savings now! You may order on (www.Jostens.com) or grab an order form in Ms. Watson's room (G205).
 - Union County College Fair - Sunday, October 14th @ Wingate University from 2:00-4:00pm. College admission representatives from throughout the state will be in attendance. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.
- The first meeting of the Porter Ridge chapter of the National Honor Society will held Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 7:35am in the auditorium. All current members must attend this meeting. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Mr. Crider in room F108 or reach out to one of your NHS officers.
 - Robotics Club will meet Wednesday September 26 in Room G104 from 3-4 pm. All students interested in participating are welcome to join us. Please have Club from and dues turned in by Wednesday, October 10.
 - If you are traveling with Pirates Abroad and Mr. Boyles to Italy in the spring, and you did not attend the parent meeting, please see Mr. Boyles in G112 as soon as possible to receive some important paperwork.
 - FCCLA Meeting Monday 24 , 3 - 4: 15 Room D101
 - The Porter Ridge High School Site-Based Team is looking for two representatives. This is a great leadership opportunity that provides a chance for students to have their opinions heard and have a say in decisions that impact the school in a variety of ways. This is an excellent opportunity for a job and college resume builder as well. If you're interested in joining the Site-Based Team, please nominate yourself by emailing or speaking with Mr. Ferron today. The opportunity to self-nominate yourself will end today at dismissal. If there are more than two students interested in joining the Site-Base Team then the student body will vote to determine the representatives.
 - FFA officer interviews will be held today after school in room E203. Anyone who wishes to hold a leadership position for the 2018-2019 school year is expected to be there. If you have any conflicts with this, please let Ms. Starnes know.
 - Regular price ticket sales for the City Lights Homecoming Dance have been extended until Wednesday, September 26th. The cost is \$15. Last chance tickets will be sold on Thursday and Friday the 27th and 28th for \$20. Guest forms are due on the last day of ticket sales, Friday September 28th.
 - Attention all French Students. Please make sure to remind your parents about the Paris Trip meeting tonight in room F108 from 6-7pm. It is imperative that all parents attend so that the club can finalize the trip plans. If you have any questions/concerns, please speak with either Mr. Crider or Mrs. Myers today.
 - Umoja is sponsoring a SAT Preparation class on 3 consecutive Wednesdays starting on September 26th (Reading Room G109C); on October 3rd (Math Room E102); and on October 10th (Writing Room G106) from 3-4. Please email earlene.hoff@ucps.k12.nc.us to register for section(s) in which you're interested.
 - The Graphic Design club will have their next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26th right after school in Room E105C.
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Pirate Events

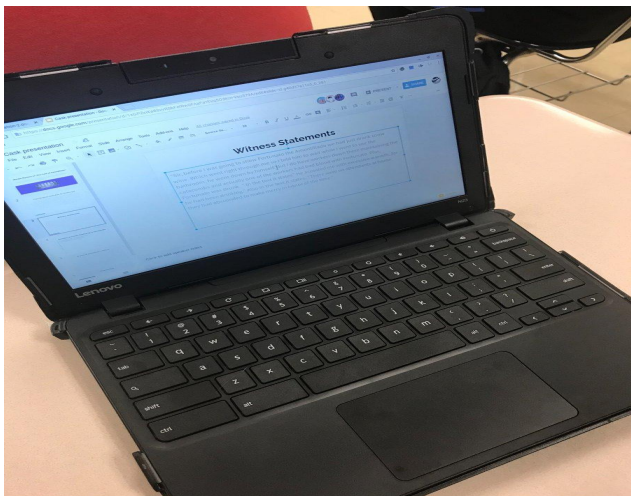
- Fri 9/21** English III Common Assessment;
Teachers will send home Progress Reports with students
- Mon 9/24** GSA Meeting F108 3:00-4:00;
FCCLA Meeting D101 3:00-4:00
- Tue 9/25** Physical Science Common Assessment
- Wed 9/26** National Honor Society meeting in auditorium 7:30-7:50;
HOSA interest meeting 7:30am E212
- Thu 9/27** National Honor Society meeting in auditorium 7:30-7:50
- 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

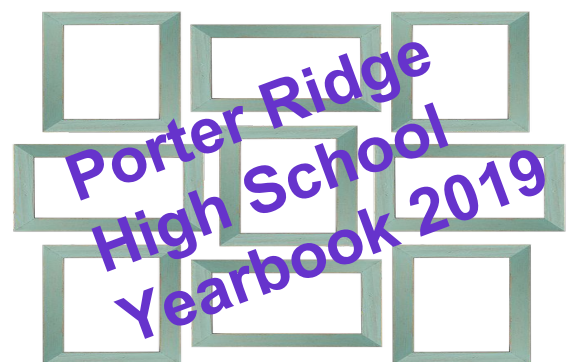


Chromebooks are out in full use at PRHS! If you experience any problems with your chromebook, visit our Desktop Support Engineer - Mr. Love in his office outside of the Media Center.

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) 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). 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

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@PRHSCareer @prhs_athletics

Follow us on Instagram: porterridgehs



The Band of Pirates rehearse the field show.



Students in Mr. Miller's Math 3 class work with positive and negative numbers.