



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Families,

We had a great turnout at club meetings this week. If your child has not joined a club yet, encourage them to check out our website and listen/look at our daily announcements with club information and decide what club might be a good fit for them. This is the time of year for Seniors to fill out Financial Aid forms for college - We hope all Seniors and parents will attend our FAFSA Night on October 4th at 6:00 at Porter Ridge. Wingate University is hosting the UC College Fair with schools from across NC on 10/14. A list of schools is in the Pirate Press. This 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! A special shout out to our Cross Country Team for their hard work, dedication, and compassion for a fellow NC student this week!

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. Students continue to work hard in classes and teachers are creating and delivering engaging lessons throughout the building. Teachers continue to work in their Professional Learning Communities to discuss best strategies.

Our Athletic Booster Club will be hosting an inaugural Golf Tournament on 11/10 and our inaugural 5k on 11/17. Information on the Golf Tournament is contained in this newsletter and info on the 5k will be out next week! Please support the Pirates. Our Band Booster Club will be starting their annual famous Fruit Sale on 10/4! Find one of our 200 Band Students or check back in the Pirate Press during the sale for more information. Our Interact Club will be hosting our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on 10/19. Details and how to donate is in the newsletter! Let's beat last year's total!!

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/l6XqSDydeoAyuJA83>

## 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/yDzqgw5smVMBa9tP2>

## 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 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.

### 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
Chowan University	Lees-McRae College	Shaw University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Coastal Carolina University	Meredith College	St.Andrews University	Wake Forest University
College Foundation, Inc. (CFNC)	Methodist University	Stanly Community College	Warren Wilson College
Columbia College	Mid-Atlantic Christian University	The University of Alabama	Western Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University	Mississippi State University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	William Peace University
Fayetteville State University	Mitchell Community College	UNC Charlotte	Wingate University
Ferrum College	North Carolina A&T State University	UNC Pembroke	Winston-Salem State University
Francis Marion University	North Carolina Outward Bound School		Winthrop University
Full Sail University			Wofford College





# Union EMS Explorers

Union EMS Explorer post has been preparing upcoming EMS personnel for over two decades. Union County Emergency Services serves along side other agencies to give Explorers the best outlook for what EMS and Public Safety is all about, in all aspects. Come join our fast paced, hands-on, EXCITING program to see for yourself!

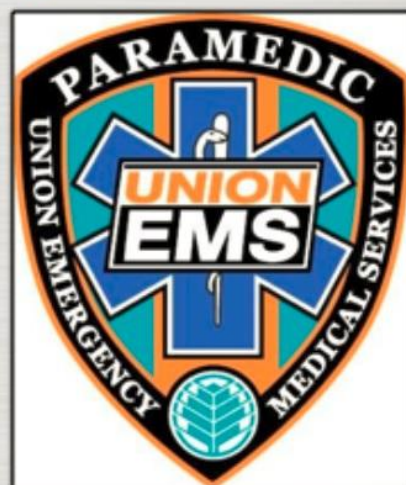
First Meeting is Monday, October 1, 2018  
6pm-8pm

Located at Union EMS Base  
1403 Dove Street Monroe NC 28112

- Must be in 9th-12th grade
- Must have good academic standing with at least a "C" in classes
- Must wear issued uniform shirt in class and "ride-a-longs"
- Small fee to join, paid to Boy Scouts of America. (We operate under their post, information provided)

Offered:

- CPR certification (AHA) taught through EMS
- Exposure to life saving concepts
- Knowledge of EMS, ambulances, and equipment
- Basic Life Support
- Teamwork and leadership skills





# Athletics

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

<b>Fri 9/28</b>	<b>Tennis vs EM rescheduled to Friday September 28 at 3:30</b>
<b>Sat 9/29</b>	<b>XC @ Mcalpine 8:00</b>
<b>Mon 10/1</b>	<b>Soccer AT Hickory Ridge 6:00; Volleyball AT HR rescheduled</b>
<b>Tue 10/2</b>	<b>Volleyball AT Garringer 5:30; Tennis AT Myers Park 4:00</b>
<b>Wed 10/3</b>	<b>Golf Conference Tournament AT the Divide 12:00; Soccer vs East Meck 6:00</b>
<b>Thu 10/4</b>	<b>Tennis vs Hickory Ridge 4:00; Volleyball vs Porter Ridge 6:00; ; JV Football vs Independence 6:30</b>
<b>Fri 10/5</b>	<b>Varsity Football AT Independence 7:00</b>
<b>Sat 10/6</b>	<b>Cross Country at Wendy's Invitational, McAlpine Park 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mon 10/8</b>	<b>Soccer AT Butler 4:30</b>
<b>Tue 10/9</b>	<b>Volleyball AT Myers Park 4:30, Field Hockey vs Marvin Ridge at Matthews Sportsplex: Field 1</b>
<b>Wed 10/10</b>	<b>Soccer vs Garinger 4:30</b>
<b>Thu 10/11</b>	<b>Volleyball vs Hickory Ridge 4:30, JV Football AT Garinger 6:00</b>
<b>Fri 10/12</b>	<b>Homecoming Football vs Garinger 7:30</b>





# 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 [kimp99@gmail.com](mailto:kimp99@gmail.com)





# Announcements

- 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.
- Juniors and Seniors are able to miss up to two school days for college visits per academic year. A letter from the college showing you attended for a visit, must be turned into the office following your visit.
- Senior Ads are on sale now to be featured in the yearbook. Be sure to make your mark in this year's 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.
- 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](http://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.
- 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](mailto:earlene.hoff@ucps.k12.nc.us) to register for section(s) in which you are interested.
- Join the Media Center's Fall 2018 Book Contest! Fill out the Google form linked on the Media Center page of the PRHS website and you will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! Hurry-contest ends Oct. 18th! Winners will be announced on the scrolling announcements in the cafeteria and should come to the Media Center during lunch to pick up their prize and get their picture taken.
- 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 link on the PRHS website by October 1st. <https://goo.gl/forms/yDzqgw5smVMBa9tP2>
- Who wants to save the world? An interest meeting for the Greener Earth Organization will be held Oct. 2nd in Mr. Dewsbury's room E202 after school.
- Come and make a pumpkin or ghost spooky jar Thursday, October 25th 3-4 p.m. in the Media Center! All supplies and light refreshments will be provided. Sign up on the Google form linked on the Media Center page of the PRHS website.
- Attention all current, future and former French students!! We still need a few more students for our trip to France. Please see Mr. Crider or Mrs. Myers with any questions before Friday, Sept. 28th. It will be a trip of a lifetime.
- Interact Dues and T-shirt money is due this Friday, September 28th. Please turn money into Mrs. Clontz or pay online.
- Attention all Future Business Leaders Of America Members! There will be a first official FBLA meeting on the morning of October 4th in F100 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Anyone is still able to join just make sure your forms are turned in as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend the meeting make sure to inform Mrs. Ellis or one of the officers.
- The Fall Blood Drive is October 19th! Please consider donating if you are 16 or older. Be on the look out for sign-up information soon! If you have any questions please see Mrs. Clontz in E212.
- Our Band of Pirates will be attending a Band Competition this Saturday at Mount Pleasant HS! We wish them the best - Go Band of Pirates!!

**Student Council is taking on a huge event this year to work toward our goal of building Porter Ridge Cluster Spirit! PRHS will be hosting a Fall Fest on 10/26 that will be expanded to include ALL clubs and teams that would like to participate! This is an event that we hope every club/team/band/class will participate in. We will be extending the invitation to ALL of our Cluster Elementary Schools for an afternoon of Yard games, Face painting, Pumpkin painting, Trunk or treat, Decorations contest, and Costume contest. Students this is a great way for you to create a fun and safe environment for our elementary school students to have and for you to enjoy some activities that you did when you were younger. So decorate your trunk in a theme that shows off your club, or a favorite character or movie that our students think the elementary students will like! Talk to your club advisor, band director, coach, or classroom teacher today and ask them to sign you up! They all got the link in their announcements!**



## “Make It in Union County – Manufacturing Awareness Week”

Union County is fortunate to be the home of several successful manufacturers, each bringing a unique perspective to this region.

During the **Week of Oct. 1-4**, manufacturers in Union County will open their doors to the community to tour their facilities and learn more about manufacturing for Manufacturing Awareness Week.

Porter Ridge High School has an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 technology grant for their participation in the open house events and showcase. For each open house students, parents, teachers, counselors, career development coordinators, assistant principals, and principals attend points will be awarded to Porter Ridge High School.

You **must register** for Open House tours at <http://makeitinunioncounty.com>.

For more information, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Sarah Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

## Porter Ridge High School



**Annual Fall Blood  
Drive  
Friday, October 19th  
8:00am - 1:30pm**



## How to Donate

**To Schedule a life-saving appointment ,  
please contact Mrs. Hayley Clontz  
[hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:hayley.clontz@ucps.k12.nc.us) or enter  
sponsor code "PorterRidgeHS" on  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**



# Pirate Events

**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**  
**Interact Club - money due**

**Sat - 9/29**

**Band Competition AT Mt Pleasant - 3:30**

**Wed - 10/3**

**Umoja Meeting in E102 - SAT Prep - 3:00**

**Thu - 10/4**

**Future Business Leaders of America F100 - 7:30**

**Tue - 10/2**

**Greener Earth Organization E202 - 3:00-**

**Mon - 10/10**

**Umoja Meeting in G106 - SAT Prep - 3:00**

**Sun - 10/14**

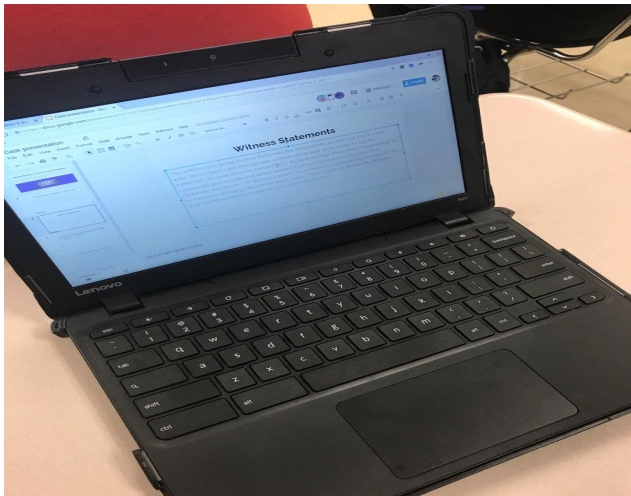
**Union County College Fair at Wingate University 2:00-4:00**

**Fri - 10/19**

**Blood Drive - Main Gym - 8:30-1:30**

**Fri - 10/26**

**Fall Fest**

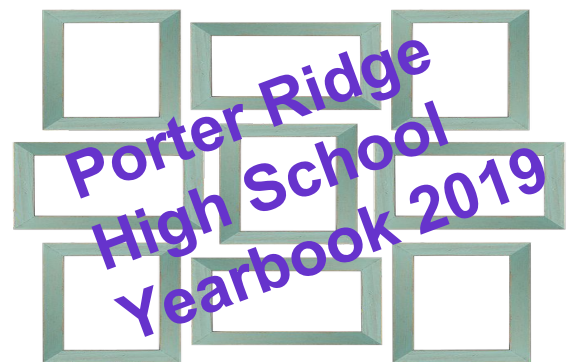


Chromebooks are out in full use at PRHS! If you experience any problems with your chromebook, visit our Desktop Support Engineer - Mr. Love in his office outside of the Media Center.

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)

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

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@PRHSCareer @prhs\_athletics

Follow us on Instagram: porterridgehs



**Mr. Setzer's classes investigate a mock crime scene in Forensic Science**



# INAUGURAL PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Hosted by Baseball & Softball programs

Email your teams or hole sponsorships to Coach Cooke at [daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:daniel.cooke@ucps.k12.nc.us) (below info needed)

OR

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

### PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, November 10**

**9:00am**

**Shotgun Start**

**Emerald Lake Golf Club  
9750 Tournament Drive  
Matthews, NC 28104**

**\$80.00 per player**

**\$320.00 per team**

**\$100 per hole sponsor**

**Make checks payable to: PRABC**

**Deadline for Registration  
November 1**

**Entry fee includes lunch,  
range balls, and goody bag**

**Mulligans, raffle and door  
prizes will be offered**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS!**