



# Pirate PRESS

Dear Pirate Families,

**We hope that ALL Pirates will COMMIT to joining us this Friday Night 9/7/18 for our Friday Night Football Game against rival SVHS. In honor of Marine Week in Charlotte, we will have a Military Chopper Fly Over between 6:30-6:45 and then Kickoff at 7:00 pm. Please join us for the festivities and be IN the stadium by 6:15 to get a seat.**

Next Friday Night, **9/14/18**, is a special night as we will be having **Futbol Friday Night** featuring a thrilling soccer game between YOUR Porter Ridge PIRATES and the MRHS Mavericks. The first 100 Porter Ridge High School students to enter the stadium - dressed in Pirate gear or spirit wear will get a fantastic PURPLE Horn to cheer on our Pirates!! Come start this great tradition with us next week!

Thank you to all parents and students that came out to our **18-19 Meet the Teacher Night** earlier this week! It was great to meet you and welcome you to our school year! We had a record crowd at our **Senior Information Night** as well and followed that up with a Senior Meeting the following day to review some important Naviance Student Info with our Seniors. Individual **Senior Counselor Meetings** start next week. This year we are focusing in on **College AND Career Readiness with all of our grade levels**. We will be doing this through our **Wednesday Pirate Advisory** where students will meet with their Advisor and work on college/career readiness skills, social-emotional learning, and study and communication skills. Additionally our Juniors will be working on **ACT preparation** during these meetings. In order to support our student learning in their classes we are continuing our Pirate Prep time with class teachers during the school day.

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 meetings are starting and we encourage every student to get involved in a club, group, or athletic team. Participation is an important part of our students' development.

Please remember the **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.

**Senior Picture Makeup** are scheduled for 9/13 and 9/14 in the auditorium. You must have an appointment time slot to receive makeup pictures. If you need an appointment, please email Ms. Watson ([savanah.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:savanah.watson@ucps.k12.nc.us))

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/l6XgSDydeoAyuJA83>

## **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 13, 6:00pm: Charlotte area- E.E. Waddell Language Academy Auditorium

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

## **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

**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](#)

- Fri 9/7-- Football vs Sun Valley 7:00**
- 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**
- Sat 9/15-- Cross Country Heelsplitter Invitational AT Porter Ridge 9:00am**
- Mon 9/17-- Golf vs Weddington AT Divide 3:30; Soccer AT Independence 6:00; Volleyball AT Hickory Ridge 6:00**
- Tue 9/18-- Tennis AT Butler 4:00**
- Thur 9/20-- Tennis vs Independence 4:00; Volleyball vs East Meck 6:00**
- Fri 9/21-- Football AT East Meck 7:00**
- Sat 2/22-- Cross Country AT McAlpine 9:00am**





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



# Announcements

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.

The PSAT, a practice test for the SAT, will be given to all Sophomores at no cost on October 10th. Juniors interested in taking the PSAT may sign up for a fee of \$16. Please see Mrs. McCullough in E205 by September 12th.

Are you enrolled in Animal Science 1 or 2, or have taken one of those classes in the past? Are you interested in developing premier leadership, personal growth and career success? If you answered yes to those questions, then you should join the Porter Ridge FFA Chapter! For more information, a chance to join and a chance to take on a leadership role, please come visit Ms. Starnes in Room E203!

Interested in graphic design? The Graphic Design Club will have an interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12th at 3 p.m. in Room E105C. If you can't make it, please contact Mrs. Gordon ([keri.gordon@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:keri.gordon@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

Sophomores - Beta Club Applications and teacher recommendations are due this Friday Sept. 7th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Macera or stop by room F209.

Do you love writing and thinking creatively? If so, come join the Creative Writing Club! We meet every other Friday afternoon in G112. The first meeting is this Friday. See you there!

Robotics Club will have an interest meeting Monday, September 10 at 3:00 in Room G104. If you are unable to attend please see Ms. Batchelor.

Attention all NHS new candidates for 2018-2019. Remember that all application forms must be turned into Mr. Crider room F108 by 3pm on Monday, Sept. 10th. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Crider in advance of the due date.

National Art Honor Society Applications for the 2018-2019 will be available beginning on September 10th. You can pick up your application from the folder on the doors of both art rooms in G hall upstairs and downstairs beginning Monday, September 10th.

Yearbooks are currently on sale for the lowest price they will be this year-- \$70. The last day to take advantage of this price is Friday, September 14th. After this date, prices will increase. You can order yearbooks online ([www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)) or get an order form from Ms. Watson in G205.

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 ancient Rome, Latin or mythology? Join the Latin Club. The first meeting of the Latin Club is Tuesday, the 11th, from 3:00 to 3:30 in G111.



# Announcements

**CUSTOM TUMBLERS**

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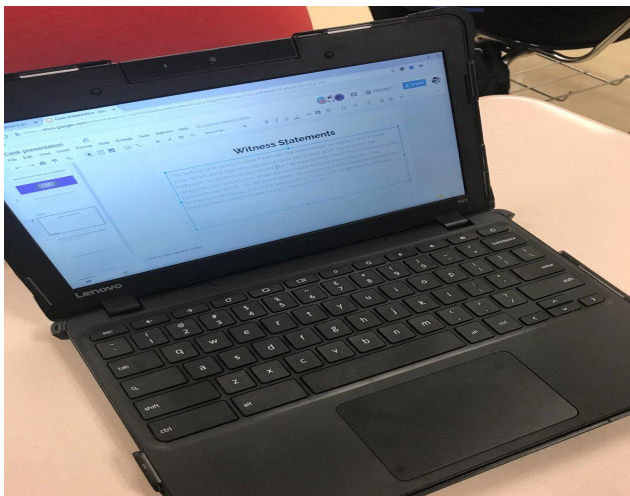


**GREAT GA AMERICAN**  
800-251-1542 Gafundraising.com

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

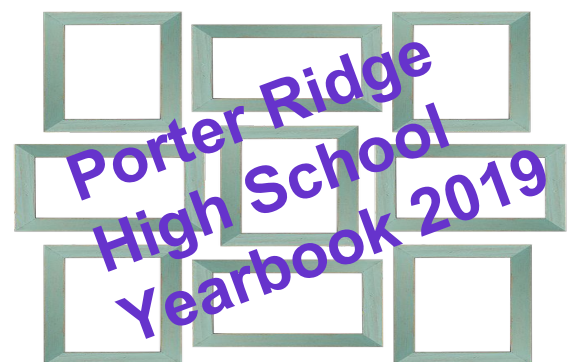
[dawdaw@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dawdaw@carolina.rr.com)



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.

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## 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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