

Parents: This week administrators, counselors, and staff have been contacting students with low grades in their classes to help them get caught back up! If you have not spoken with a staff member about helping your students reach a passing average please call the school this week to discuss! Thank you!

PRHS Families - The following information was sent out to PRHS families, along with all UCPS MS and HS families. We have provided that message below, along with some additional information from Porter Ridge High School. UCPS Parent Message 10/28:

Dear middle and high school parents,

Union County Public School is providing a very important update about instructional models. In an effort to plan for second semester classes, teaching schedules and more, UCPS is launching a Virtual Academy Application for middle and high school students.

If your child will remain in or transition to the Virtual Academy (Plan D) for the second semester, you must complete the 6-12 Virtual Academy application via Scribbles. The application period will open Friday, Oct. 30 and close Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:59 p.m.

If your child will remain in or transition to Plan B for in-person learning at school, two days a week, there is no action for your family.

Under Plan B, students are expected to attend school (in person) on their assigned day. Students who do not attend school will be marked absent.

To access Scribbles, click [here](#) or visit the UCPS homepage and click on the I Want To section.

If you have questions, please contact your principal.

Additional Information from Porter Ridge High School:

Choosing a Plan:

Families have until 11/8 to apply to make their decision, once families have made their decisions about which plan to choose, PRHS Administrators will work with our master schedule to best meet the overall needs of our students. Please understand that there may be schedule changes based on this information and that we will provide updated second semester schedules prior to the start of second semester. We will not know in advance what courses will be offered through the Virtual Academy (Plan D). Our focus will be on providing access to graduation requirements in the Virtual Academy. Plan D will have a component of live instruction on a daily basis, so students will need to be accessing the course at the scheduled time of the class. Students must have reliable access to the internet to participate in Virtual Academy.

Attendance Expectations:

Students choosing Plan B for Second Semester: Under Plan B during Second Semester, students are expected to attend school (in person) on their assigned day. Students who do not attend school will be marked absent. We understand that there will be certain reasons, with appropriate documentation, that can allow for Students to temporarily be remote on their assigned days. When these situations arise, please contact your student's counselor or assistant principal for direction. If the district moves to Plan A during the second semester, students in Plan B will move to Plan A and will be expected to be in the building each day for school.

Students choosing Plan D - Virtual Academy at PRHS: Students not intending to attend school in person during the second semester should choose Plan D - Virtual Academy. Plan D will have a component of live instruction on a daily basis, so students will need to be accessing the course at the scheduled time of the class. Remember that if you choose to stay in or move to Plan D - you MUST follow the link above to complete the application by 11/8/20.



Return to Play Fundraisers

A collage of various sports-related images, including athletes running, a basketball game, a soccer field, a football helmet, and a baseball field. The text 'HELP PRHS RETURN TO PLAY!' is overlaid in large, bold, dark blue letters.

**HELP PRHS
RETURN TO
PLAY!**

Money raised will go directly to our programs and ensure that we can return to play!

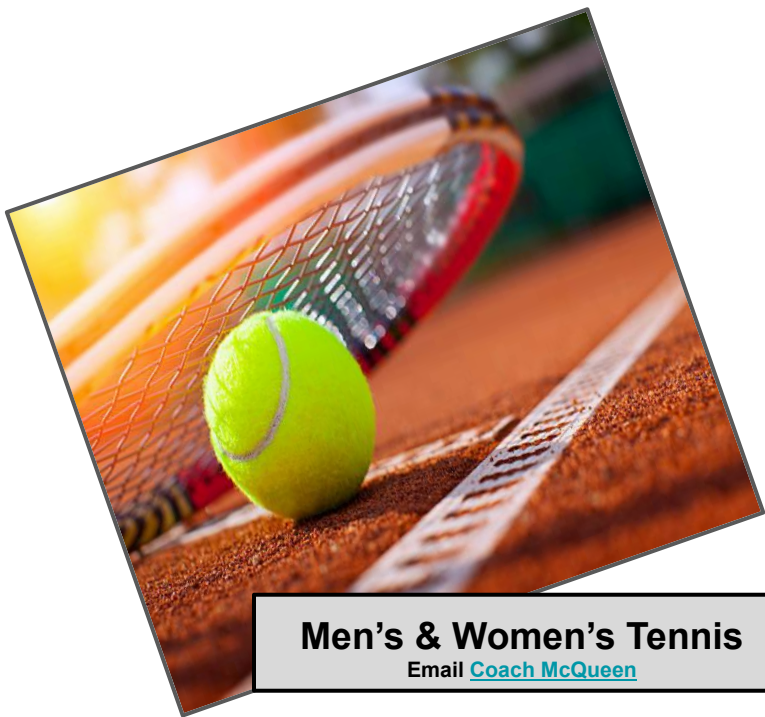
**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DONATING TO OUR CAMPAIGNS ON
LIVINGTREE.COM**

Help PRHS athletes return to play! Due to continuing restrictions we will experience a severe lack of revenue for all athletics this year. We want our athletes to compete and have what they need – officials, travel, equipment, field maintenance. Please donate to help us fund our PRHS Athletics Program! **We Are PR!**

<https://give.livingtree.com/p/porter-ridge-high>

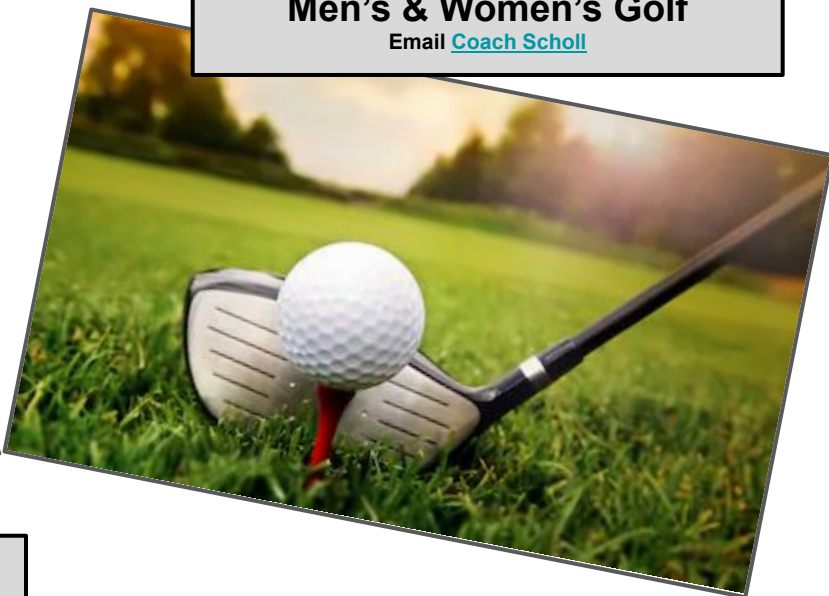


Looking For Players



Men's & Women's Tennis

Email [Coach McQueen](#)



Men's & Women's Golf

Email [Coach Scholl](#)



Women's Lacrosse Workout on 11/14

Email [Coach Lippert](#)



Men's & Women's Swimming Workout 11/2

Email [Coach McLuskie](#)



Sports Tryouts

Basketball Cheer Tryouts - Monday and Tuesday Nov 16 & 17 5pm – 6:30pm

Football Cheer Tryouts - Wednesday and Thursday Nov 18 & 19 –5pm- 6:30pm.

Cheer Workouts – Join us these days to learn the tryout routine

Monday November 9 – Basketball Cheer Tryout Workouts 5pm-6:30pm

Tuesday November 10 – Football Cheer Tryout Workouts 5pm-6:30pm

Questions Email Coach Chopelas porterridgecheer@gmail.com

Men's and Women's Swim Team Dryland Workouts

Monday Nov 2 3:30 – 5:15 Stadium

Tuesday Nov 3 5:30 – 7:00 Weight Room

Email Coach McLuskie coachbrendamac@gmail.com for more information.

Volleyball Tryouts November 4th and 5th 3:30 – 5:30 questions email Coach Welch

Cross Country Tryouts November 4th and 5th 3:30 – 5:30 email Coach Beckerman

Basketball Tryouts December 7th and 8th

December 7

JV Men's Basketball Tryouts – 3:30 – 5:00 Auxiliary Gym

Varsity Men's Basketball Tryouts 5:30 – 7:00 Main Gym

Women's JV and Varsity Basketball Tryouts

5:00 – 6:30 Auxiliary Gym

December 8

JV Men's Basketball Tryouts – 3:30 – 5:00 Auxiliary Gym

Varsity Men's Basketball Tryouts 5:30 – 7:00 Main Gym

Women's JV and Varsity Basketball Tryouts

3:30 – 5:00 Main Gym





Basketball Tryouts

Due to State limits in our facilities, we must have an exact count for those interested in trying out for Men's or Women's Basketball. Please complete this [FORM](#) by Tuesday 12/1

Tryout Dates & Times

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Varsity Men's Basketball Tryouts 5:30 – 7:00 Main Gym

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1. LOG-IN

- Your student should already have an account set up through their school.
- Check with your student to see which option they have used at school.
- Students can sign in with email or with the Google or Clever buttons.
- [Learn more here](#)

2. PRACTICE

- Students should click their username and select **My Subject Analytics**.
- Students can select one of the ACT[®] or SAT[®] subjects and click **Practice**.
- Students can answer questions and review feedback at their own pace.
- [Learn more here](#)

3. REVIEW DATA


- Ask your student to log in to their Albert account.
- Students should click their username and select **My Subject Analytics**.
- Select one of the ACT[®] or SAT[®] subjects and click **View Analytics**.
- [Learn more here](#)

[Click here to get started on Albert!](#)



A Message from the PTO

Help bring joy this season

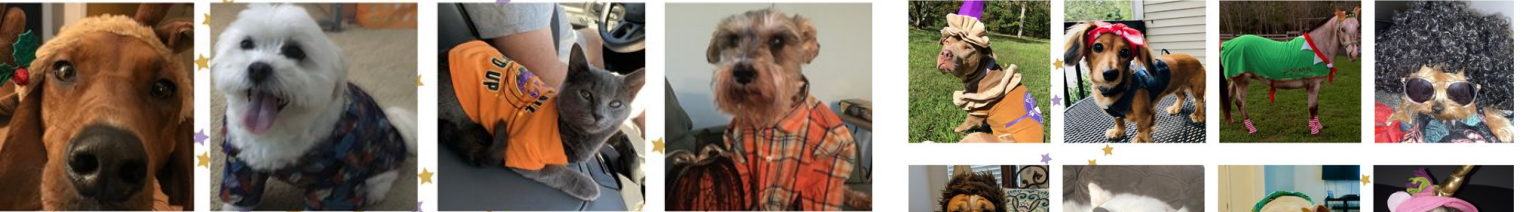
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and Amazon donates




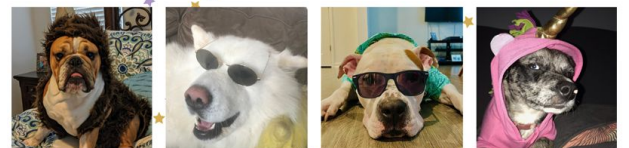
***You can make a difference
this holiday. Shop for gifts at
[smile.amazon.com/ch/46-
5725237](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5725237) to generate
donations for Porter Ridge
High School PTO.***



Return to Play Fundraisers



Porter Ridge FFA Pet Costume Submissions



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FFA POINSETTIA SALE



PORTER RIDGE FFA POINSETTIA SALE 6.5" Plant for \$12

PICK-UP WILL BE ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 1ST AT THE PRHS
GREENHOUSE FROM 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

TO ORDER:

Go to PRHS website → scroll down to quick
links → select 'online school payments' →
add items to your cart → check out!

Send questions to cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us





Announcements



We have two positions open on our Porter Ridge High School Site-Based Committee. We need a parent and a student who is a junior. If you are interested in volunteering to be on the committee email michelle.newnam@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Make-up pictures will take place on November 17th and 18th for any 9th-11th graders who still need to get their picture taken. Contact Miss Moore with questions.

The Porter Ridge FFA Poinsettia Sale has started! Poinsettias come in 6.5" pots with 5-8 beautiful red blooms! Send any questions to cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us and please see the flyer for more information. Thank you for your support!



Attention new NHS members! Many of you have not yet picked up your packet from Mr. Crider in F108. Please stop by to get your packet or email Mr. Crider if you need it left at the front desk for you. Please take care of this asap.

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!

Seniors: be sure to visit prestigeportraits.com to select which of your senior pictures you want in this year's yearbook. The deadline for selections is November 15th.





School Counseling

From the Counseling Office

Quote of the Week: "Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."

-- Stephen Covey, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Union County Christmas Bureau

For assistance with Christmas food and gifts/toys for children 18 and under, you may apply between September 29 and November 20, 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday by calling 704-296-4828.

Seniors-We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications however others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are.

Senior Check In form (please complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhw2fHw5l8AYAg/view?usp=sharing>
- Four Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzITR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing>
- Major Clarity - career research program - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RjyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>.

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Tondra White – last names A-Cou

tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min>

Carly Patterson - last names Cov-Hek

carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours>

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours>

Jillian Durante – last names Me-Sg

jillian.durante@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/jillian-durante/30min>

Shari Davison – last names Sh-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours>



School Counseling

Upcoming Events

College Application Weeks 10/19 - 10/30 October is NC Countdown to College Month

- The [College Foundation of North Carolina \(CFNC.org\)](http://CollegeFoundationofNorthCarolina.org) is hosting College Application Weeks from October 19th-October 30th when many of the NC private and some of the public 4 year colleges will waive the application fee for applying. [Click here for a list of the colleges.](#)
- Check out the [CFNC Live Virtual Events Calendar](#) for sessions on how to fill out FAFSA, RDS and applications.
- Check out [CFNC "How To" Videos](#) on many college application topics.
- PRHS counselors have set aside time to assist seniors with college applications during these weeks. Please sign up for assistance at the following link: <https://forms.gle/tpLr5j2AVot2ZzHX8>

UTI/NASCAR Technical Institute Virtual Tour of NC Campus- Take a virtual tour of the Mooresville, NC campus and learn about the programs offered, scholarships and financial aid. In support of the nationwide STEM initiative, Universal Technical Institute is offering complimentary demos for high school students! These demos showcase the importance and application of science, technology, engineering and math in the UTI curriculum while also highlighting the evolution of advancements within the automotive industry. **Join on Friday, October 30 at 10:00 AM using the link below.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uti.zoom.us/j/82278761811?pwd=azFTM2xGSIIWbGJrNU5WQU1JK3JkZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 7876 1811

Passcode: 370691

Niner for a Day- Thursday, November 19

This interactive and engaging virtual experience is an opportunity for high school students to experience UNC Charlotte and the Cato College of Education. Participants will engage in campus tours, class visits, Q&A's with current UNCC students, breakout sessions, and more!

This virtual event will take place on Thursday, November 19 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

If you are interested, **please fill out the form linked below by October 30, 2020.** Email Ms. Patterson (carly.patterson@ups.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.

<https://forms.gle/MkhHJGk1jsReR1HXA>

USC Lancaster Admissions Webinar Series - Sign up for one of the sessions using the link below. Choose from The A-Z Guide to USC Lancaster, Student Life: The USC Lancaster Way, Lancers SportsZone and many more!

Register here: https://www.sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/lancaster/apply/prospective_lancers/index.php

College Virtual Visits for PRHS students

You must register for the visits through your SCOIR account.

October 30- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

October 30- University of Alabama at Birmingham

October 30- Appalachian State University

October 30- Hampden-Sydney College

November 6- Moravian College

November 6- Johnson & Wales University

November 6- Eastern Nazarene College

November 13- Louisburg College



School Counseling

Scholarships & Opportunities

The **Career and College Promise Program Registration** for Spring 2021 courses at SPCC will begin on November 16. Students who are interested in taking course(s), click the link below to complete the google form to sign up for a registration meeting. If you have any questions please contact Ms. White (tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us) for more information.

<https://forms.gle/UyrGxXWC4LvQWdy58>

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program- Indian Trail Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2423 and Auxillary are proud to sponsor local area competition for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. The VOD program is an audio-essay contest designed to foster patriotism by allowing 9-12 grade students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a 3-5 minute essay. The 2020-2021 theme, *"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"* **All entries must be received by Saturday, October 31, 2020.** Entry details are at the link below. Please see Ms. Patterson for the official application. For more information, visit www.vfw.org under the Community/Youth & Education tab. The winner will receive a cash prize.

The Fall 2020 Scholarship Newsletter is now available. View the link below for more information.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kxjiNyMVxhL_9ubG2p9nqRiGOzMgFxFv9QneMuACBY4/edit?usp=sharing

Some 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 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 the links to information about the individual scholarships and their applications.

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. Patterson with any questions.

Belk Scholarship at Davidson College due November 12

Application: <https://forms.gle/aSjZNdcz1fD11UEr5>.

Jefferson Scholarship at University of Virginia due November 12

Application: <https://forms.gle/XP2aTQZWd51Wvgn39>

University Scholars Program at UNC Asheville due November 30

Application: <https://forms.gle/ppoxDzpacLQ4y62u8>



Transportation Info Fall 2020

**Attestation Forms MUST
be filled out Weekly!**



Transportation

Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

- [Printable form](#) [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#) [Google form in Spanish](#)

[Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up](#)

[Transportation FAQ](#)

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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