



Dear Pirate Community,

We are excited to welcome our staff, teachers, and students back to school in just over a month! This summer has been exceedingly productive as we have prepared for the 2019-2020 school year! Our custodial staff is ensuring that our school is sparkling clean! Our coaches and athletes have been pushing the limits in summer workouts! Our dedicated and award winning band is busy preparing for their 2019-2020 show! Band students and families should be sure to check the Band of Pirates website and facebook page for all of the important details about band camp. Our school counselors are busy preparing schedules for our students! Thanks to Union County Public Schools and the UCPS BOE you may see some changes to our athletic facilities! Our school and our PR Athletic Booster Club are working on even more updates!!

Back to School Day for Upperclassmen is scheduled for August 22nd - parking passes, lockers, printed copy of schedules and spirit wear will be available. Seniors will be from 8am-10am and Juniors and Sophomores will be from 11am-1pm. Freshman orientation will take place on Friday, August 23rd from 9am-11am and another session from 1pm-3pm. We strongly encourage every freshman to attend. Bus passes will be available for students on all of these days. There will be an opportunity for parents and students to talk to Transportation on July 30th to make sure they are ready to go with bus transportation this Fall. See the bus information in this newsletter. Pirate Community Day with athletic team meetings and the band preview is on 8/13, campus clean-up day is on 8/3, and information about our track ribbon cutting ceremony on 8/6 is in this newsletter, so please check it out! We would love to see you there!

These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. In order to make sure you are on the list to receive the newsletter, please update your email and phone number information at the school.. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. We are PR, committed and in it together!

Go Pirates! Dr. Fisenne



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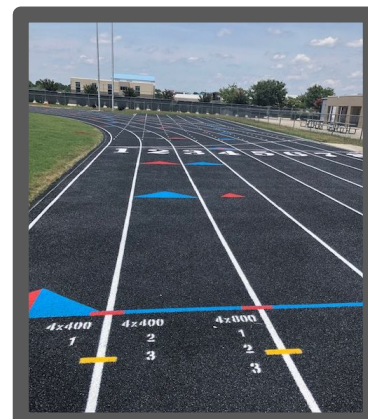
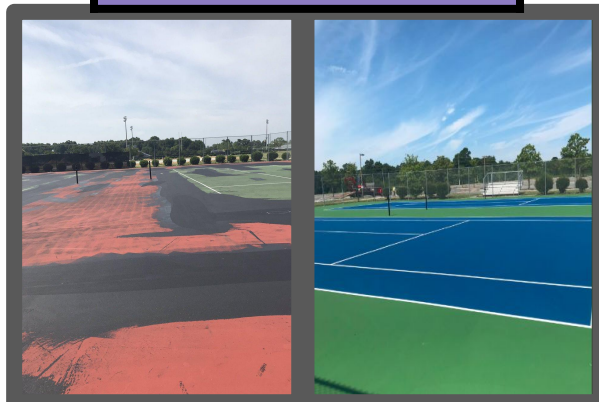
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**Tennis courts before
and after !**



**New Track
Resurfacing!**



Back to School 2019-2020

First day of school is Monday
August 26th! See you then!

Be Proactive!

Upperclassmen Open House- 8/22

- ⚓ Parking passes, lockers, printed copy of schedules, bus information & spirit wear will be available.
- ☠️ **SENIORS** 8am-10am on August 22nd
- ☠️ **JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** 11am-1pm on August 22nd

Freshman Orientation- 8/23

- ⚓ Freshman orientation will take place on Friday, August 23rd from 9am-11am and another session from 1pm-3pm.
- ⚓ Students will be able to pick up a paper copy of their schedule, purchase lockers, receive bus passes and tour the school with the Pirate Student Council!

Meet the Teacher Night- Tues 9/3 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Senior College Information Night- Tues 9/3 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Chromebooks—

- ⚓ 2019-2020 All Porter Ridge High School students are required to use their chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. Students at PRHS are required to bring their chromebook to school every day. Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chromebook Student /Parent Agreement.

Student Parking Passes

- ⚓ Parking passes will be available according to the following priorities and times:
 - ☠️ **SENIORS** 8am-10am on August 22nd
 - ☠️ **JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** 11am-1pm on August 22nd
- ⚓ ALL Students, MUST print the registration forms (PRHS website under “Students”) and bring a valid driver's license with you along with exact cash or check for \$40 made payable to Porter Ridge High School. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you can NOT reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in.
- ⚓ Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order. If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.
- ⚓ STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A PARKING STICKER TO ENTER THE STUDENT LOT and PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. Until you have a parking sticker you may NOT drive to school. Parking passes are not guaranteed to be available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. Students who are late to school, have behavioral issues, or are not passing classes may have their parking privileges suspended or revoked. Students will not get the parking fee back if their privileges are revoked.



To try out for a FALL Sport, you must get a TRYOUT TICKET from the Athletic Director BEFORE THE TRYOUT DATE AND TIME.

Fall Tryout Info!

To receive a TRYOUT TICKET, the following must be completed:

- Online FamilyID Registration completed by athlete's parent or guardian using the following link: https://www.ucpsathletics.com/eligibility
Submit the 2019-2020 UCPS Eligibility Packet to the Athletic Director.
Note: If you had a Novant physical on June 1, 2019 or your physical is valid (within the last 395 days) and on file with us, there is no need to submit a new one.
FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.
TRYOUT TICKET Dates:
Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates and times in the high school media center.
Tuesday July 23rd 6 pm - 8 pm
Monday July 29th 9 am - 1 pm
Wednesday July 31st 4pm - 8 pm

Table with 5 columns: Sport, Coach, Email, Tryout Date, Time. Rows include Football Head, Men's Soccer, Volleyball, Women's Tennis, Women's Golf, Cross Country, Cheerleading, and Women's Field Hockey.

Parking Regulations for Home Games- BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING:



Spectators should use the *student parking lot*. Follow the sidewalk behind the school and past the tennis courts. The door to enter is the door to the right of the school's main back entrance (the one with the overhang). There is NO Entry from the bus lot. This is reserved for the visiting team bus and officials.

Womens Golf Interest -



Anyone interested in participating in Women's Golf in the Fall, please contact Coach Thompson .

ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

PR Athletic Boosters

- 2019-2020 Sponsorships opportunities are available now by purchasing space in the Athletics Program or Stadium and Gym Banners. <http://bit.ly/PRABCSpon>. Any questions can be directed to prabc.sponsorship@gmail.com

First Home Games of the Fall Season-

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent
Mens Soccer	8/22	JV 4:30pm Varsity 6:00pm	Weddington
Varsity Football	8/23	7:30pm	Marvin Ridge
JV Football	9/5	6:30pm	Piedmont
Volleyball	8/19	JV 4:30pm Varsity 6:00pm	Monroe
Women's Tennis	8/19	4:00PM	Sun Valley



Volleyball on their way to camp @ Coastal Carolina









Think win-win!
Have an everyone
can win attitude!







Future Pirates enjoying PRHS Summer Basketball camp!

**Put first things first!
Prioritize!**

College Planning

-  Senior College Information Night- September 3rd @ 7pm in auditorium
Information about applying to college, as well as financial aid and scholarship information will be available
-  The following websites are general scholarship search engines you can use:
 -  www.Careeronestop.org
 -  www.Fastweb.com
 -  www.Bigfuture.collegeboard.org
-  Remember to check the Counseling Department website for more college planning help
Seniors it is important that you are updating and finalizing your resumes this summer to submit with your college and scholarship applications
-  It is also very important that you are checking college websites for open applications and following their deadlines for submission as colleges have different requirements and deadlines. Make sure to request that your transcript be sent through Naviance when school starts
-  Check each college for scholarship information, again each college has different requirements and deadlines

Schedule Information

-  School Counselors are diligently working on schedules throughout the summer, changes are happening regularly
-  Final schedules will be mailed the week of August 6th
-  If a requested class or alternate class was not available, your counselor has placed “Please See Your Counselor” on your schedule. You will need to meet with your School Counselor on one of the following dates
 - 8/13 from 12-3pm
 - 8/14 from 12-3pm
 - 8/15 from 9am-12pm
-  If a student does not have “Please See Your Counselor” on the schedule, the student received the classes he/she requested in Spring 2019 and cannot request any changes prior to the start of school.



School Counselors are busy this summer preparing for the 19-20 school year!

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Band, PTO, and Bus Information



Band camp is starting the last week of July so be sure that you have checked all the information available on the Band of Pirates facebook page. If you have any questions you can also check the Band of Pirates website at porterridgeband.org

You can also email our band directors at

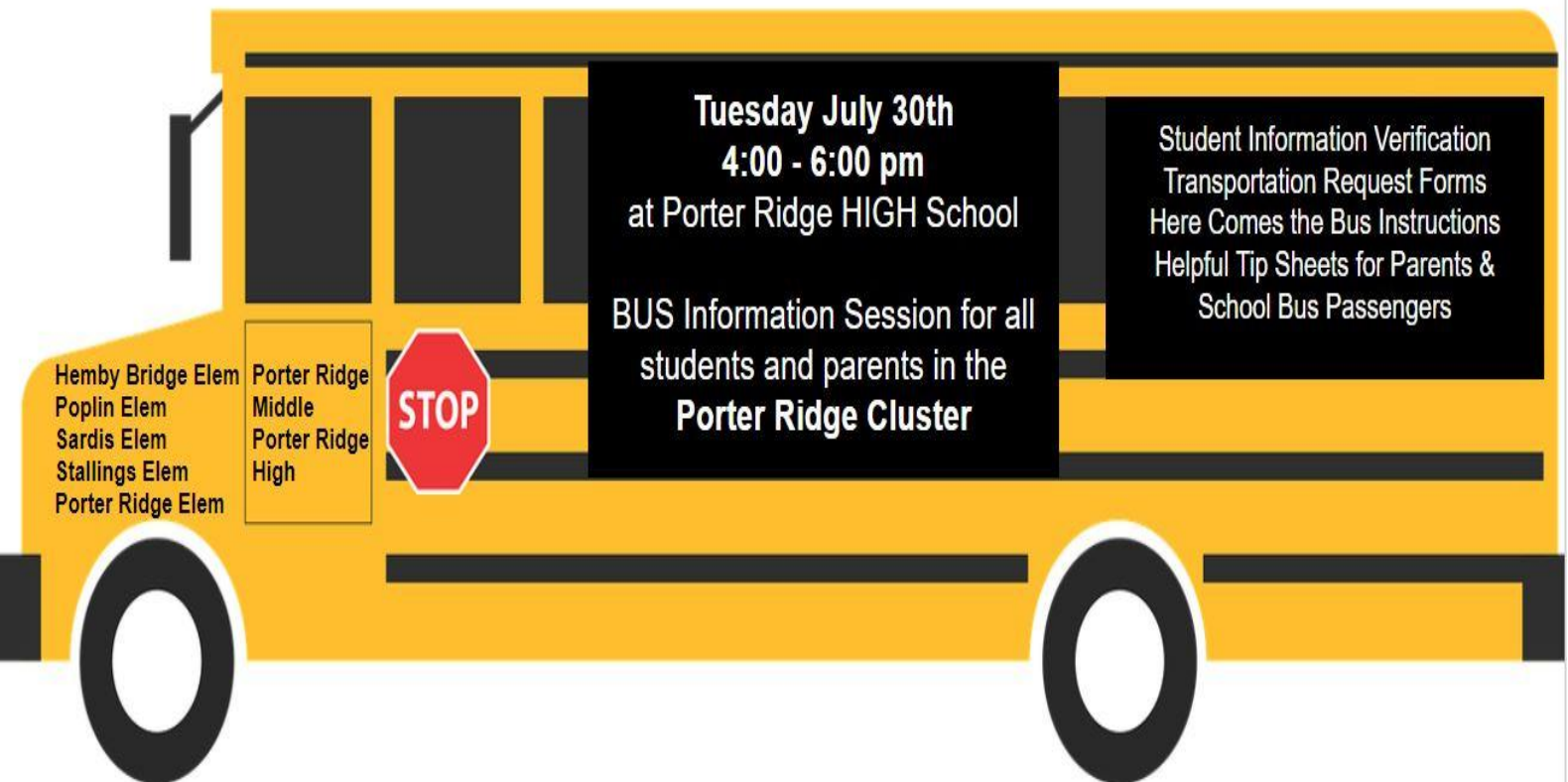
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The PRHS PTO has great things coming in August! Spiritwear, volunteer opportunities, and school year planning! More information to come! Email kimp99@gmail.com with any questions.



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Pirate Community Night

August 13th, 2019 at 5:30-8:30pm

Porter Ridge High School Community Night

Join us for a community night to support our athletics
and our Band of Pirates!



5:30 – Doors Open- Athletics in the
Main Gym.

6:00 -6:45 –Athletic breakout
sessions with teams, band meeting
in the cafeteria.

7:00 – 7:45- Band Preview

7:45-8:30 – Free hot dog and chips
for all

#committed #initttogether

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PR Campus Clean Up Day!

Porter Ridge High School Campus Clean Up Day

Saturday August 3rd – School Wide cleanup
8 am – 11 am

Meeting at the stadium. All members of the
community are encouraged to come and
help!



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Track Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

PRHS TRACK RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

AUGUST 6TH 7:00PM
@ THE PRHS TRACK!

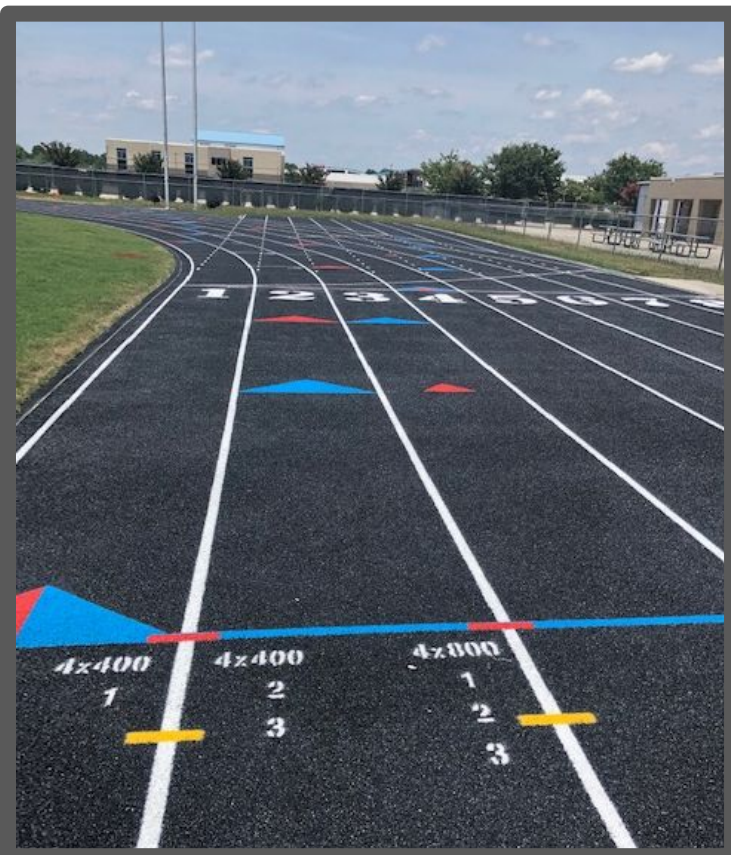
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY,
FUN RELAY RACES, FOOD, AND CELEBRATION!

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Enter to run a relay
here:
<http://bit.ly/PRRelay>

Tuesday, August 6 - Track ribbon cutting ceremony 7 pm – 8:30 . We will be doing a series of fun relays and walking the track! Porter Ridge Track Coaches will do a mini track clinic for the community and have free popcorn and ice pops available!



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Pirate Ports of Information



Ports of Information for Pirates

2019-2020 will still 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

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