



Dear Pirate Community,

Our annual Pirate Cove Classic will be held here at Porter Ridge High School tomorrow, Saturday ! Our own Band of Pirates will take the field and perform at 5:30pm. Come out and support our Band Of Pirates! Our Theatre Arts group is presenting two shows this week - Tracks and The Actor's Nightmare next Friday and Saturday at 7:00. Check out the flyer in the Pirate Press. Volleyball will host the 1st round of the state playoffs at Porter Ridge at 7:00pm tomorrow against Page. Congratulations to the Volleyball team for finishing second in the SW4A Conference Tournament. Come Cheer on our Volleyball team tomorrow at 7!! Victoria Riabsteva made it to the NCHSAA tennis state championship in singles this week. This is the first time in a decade that a PRHS athlete has qualified for the state tennis tournament . Jacob Laney, Caroline Fagan, and Dominic Conroy competed in the SW4A Cross Country Conference tournament and earned all-conference. Way to go Pirates! Makenzie Toth is going to the NC Golf State Championship this Monday! Way to go! Shout out to our JV Football team for their big win over Rocky River last night. Don't forget to come support Varsity football tonight at 7:30pm against Rocky River. It is a Pink out! Tonight is also cluster night where we will be recognizing our amazing cluster schools! Progress reports for the second six weeks come out this Wednesday 10/30. If your child could be doing better, please contact their teacher to find out when their office hours are to meet with students for extra help. -Our Blood Drive is this Wednesday, October 30th during the school day. If you are interested in donating in one of the largest high school blood drives in North Carolina please contact Mrs. Clontz to sign-up! - Our annual Fall Fest will be on Tuesday 10/29 from 5:00 - 7:30. All elementary-age children in the PR cluster are invited to attend for trick or treating and fun games. This was a big hit last year with the young children and the teenagers who decorated and set up fun stations. The Fall Fest is held inside the school so it is rain or shine! Come on out and visit us dressed as your favorite character or in your best costume. Please arrive by 7 at the latest to go around as our HS students do need to pack up at 7:30.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters are sent on a weekly basis so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne



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**Varsity Football**  
**10/25@ 7:30pm**  
**@ PRHS**  
**Pink Out**





2019 Fall Blood Drive

OCTOBER 30TH

# BLOOD DRIVE

*16 year olds can donate with  
parent consent form.*

*Anyone 17 or older can donate  
without a form!*

**Sign up to donate today!**



**<https://bit.ly/2m1RTrk>**





## Future 49ers Teach Day

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders...Are you interested in pursuing a career in teaching? Join us in attending UNCC 49ers Teach Day on Thursday November 14 from 9am – 1pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet current faculty and students in the education program and attend sessions related to the teaching field. Students will need to bring lunch money. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders can pick up a permission form in the main office. Forms are due by Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>. The trip is limited to 15 students so turn it in before the deadline.

# FUTURE 49ERS TEACH DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY DEDICATED TO  
BECOMING A TEACHER IN NORTH CAROLINA!

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 9:00-1:00 P.M.  
CONE CENTER | UNC CHARLOTTE MAIN CAMPUS



- ENGAGE IN BREAK OUT SESSIONS
- MEET OUR FACULTY AND CURRENT STUDENTS
- HEAR FROM UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
- TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
- PLAY GAMES AND WIN PRIZES
- LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A TEACHER AND A NINER ALL IN ONE DAY

Teacher Cadet classes, school groups, individual students and families and all prospective students in grades 11-12 are welcome to attend. Documentation of a college visit will be available upon request.

Contact the Cato College of Education recruitment office at [trecruitment@uncc.edu](mailto:trecruitment@uncc.edu) for more information.





## PRHS FFA Poinsettia Fundraiser

### Porter Ridge FFA **POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER**

**6 ½" Plant - \$10**

**Colors Available: Red and White**

All orders and money due by November 4th

**Pick up date & location:**

**Wednesday, November 21st**

**@ the Porter Ridge High School Greenhouse**

Email [cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us) with questions.

*Make checks payable to Porter Ridge FFA*



FALL FEST



# Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 29th

5:30-7:30pm in F and G hall



**Join us for fun, costumes, games,  
prizes and more!**

All PRHS cluster elementary students are invited!



## Winter Sports Tryout Info



### PRHS 2019 Winter Athletics Tryout Info

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

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. Check with your coach to see if it is valid. All rising 9th graders will need to submit a physical. Physicals are not transferred over from the middle school.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.
- IF you tried out or are playing on a Fall Sports team, you must still get a Winter Tryout Ticket, but you DO NOT need to register again.

#### **TRYOUT TICKET Dates:**

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during ALL LUNCHES. Parents or guardians must pre-register online. Athletes cannot register themselves.

Thursday	October 24
Monday	October 28
Tuesday	October 29

**PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR ATHLETE'S PHYSICAL FOR YOUR RECORDS**





## Winter Tryout Dates

### **Men's Basketball** - Tryout by grade level

Questions email Coach Malone [Garrett.Malone@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Garrett.Malone@ucps.k12.nc.us)

9th and 10th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:00 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 4:30 Main Gym

11th and 12th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

### **Women's Basketball** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach James [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

Wednesday October 30 5:00 - 6:30 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 4:30 - 5:45 Main Gym

### **Wrestling** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Durbin [randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

### **Winter Tack** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach White [Tondra.White@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Tondra.White@ucps.k12.nc.us)

November 5 and 6 3:00 - 5:00 Track

### **Winter Cheer** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Chopelas [porterridgecheer@gmail.com](mailto:porterridgecheer@gmail.com)

October 28 and 29 Tryout Workouts 3:30 - 5:30 Cafeteria

Tryouts October 30 6:30 - 8:30 Main Gym

### **Men's and Women's Swim** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Mac [coachbrendamac@gmail.com](mailto:coachbrendamac@gmail.com)

Swim Workouts

Dryland at PRHS weightroom October 14 and 16 4:30 - 6:00

Pool Workouts Monroe Aquatic Center

Monday October 21 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 23 6:00pm - 7:15 pm

Friday October 25 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday October 28 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Tryouts

Wednesday October 30 6:00pm - 7:15 pm



## Check IT OUT!



Dr. Fissenne with the superintendent's advisory council!



Culinary cooks to serve staff lunch!



Wearing Orange for Unity Day!



PRHS Superintendent Advisory council!



PTO providing staff lunch!







## Check IT OUT!



Discrete Math  
creating  
Euler's Circuits  
using  
embroidery



Dominick Conroy, Caroline Fagan,  
and Jacob Laney all conference  
cross-country runners!

CTE Classes enjoy  
learning at the state fair!

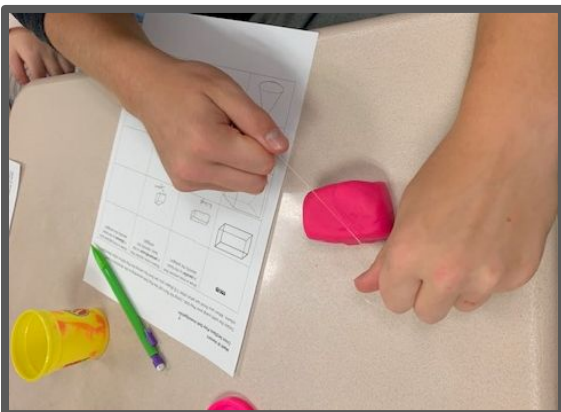


Students dissect and arrange a 52 stanza poem in Ms.  
Cloer's AP Lit class.

Students in advanced  
functions and modeling  
collaborate and research in  
math!



Makenize Toth qualifies for  
the State Golf Championship!



Math 3 Honors Exploring  
cross sections of 3D figures  
using playdoh





## Announcements

The Fall Blood Drive will be held on October 30th. If you are wanting to donate scan the QR code on the flyer located on each classroom door and fill out the questions! If you need a 16 year old parent consent form those are located in the front office. Make sure you bring those back to Ms. Clontz in E212 signed before the blood drive.

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$80. Visit [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) or visit Ms. Watson's room F105-C for an order form. Be sure to order before prices increase!

Senior Ads are now on sale to be featured in the yearbook. This is a great way to make your mark in this year's book! Visit [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) to order or see Ms. Watson in F105-C.

FCCLA members registered for the district meeting on 10/28 please meet at the bus lot at 7:15, dressed in black, white and red -no jeans.

Attention all NHS members! The next meeting will be Oct 29th It is at 7:35 am in the auditorium. This is a required meeting for all members. New members will get important information about their requirements for 2019-2020. You must clear any absence with Mr. Crider prior to the meeting.

Join us for a night of drama and comedy as Porter Ridge High School presents "The Actor's Nightmare" and "Tracks" November 1st & 2nd at 7:00 PM in Porter Ridge High School's Auditorium. Tickets are \$7

Attention all Mu Alpha Theta (a.k.a. Math Honor Society) members! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 AM in E-210. We will be discussing our plans for the rest of the year. Be there or be A plus B squared.

Interested in learning about playing in sports in college? If so, parents should register to attend the College Recruiting for Athletes session on Thursday November 21 at Monroe High School at 6pm.

Porter Ridge Athletic Boosters Club is hosting the 2nd annual Sock Trot 5K on 11/16 to help support PR Athletic Programs and Heart of Monroe. Wear your wackiest pair of socks and help a great cause! We are partnering with Heart for Monroe and ask that participants bring new packs of clean, warm socks as a donation for those in need.

Cost -  
\$20 Students  
\$30 Individuals  
\$100 Teacher Teams (Maximum 5 People. Only open to NC/SC Teachers, Staff and Administrators of Accredited School Systems)

There will be an NEHS and Creative Writing club meeting after school on Monday, October 28th to finalize plans for Fall Fest. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions or concerns.







## Wingate University Health & Wellness Fair



# Wingate University Health & Wellness Fair

**Saturday, Nov. 16**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Monroe Middle School**  
601 E. Sunset Drive

*Sponsored by*



BlueCross BlueShield  
of North Carolina

*Connecting families with community health resources!*

### FREE Services

Flu shots  
Health screenings & education  
Vision & oral screenings  
Wellness van  
Counseling

### Activities & Prizes

Zumba & Yoga  
Face painting  
Photo booth  
Raffles  
Free tote bags (limited quantity)

**FREE  
FOOD**

**FREE CLOTHES**  
Shop for your family  
at The Closet

**KID  
ZONE**

*Hosted by*



HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY  
at MONROE MIDDLE SCHOOL



HEART  
for MONROE

For details, contact: Carolyn Ford at [cford@wingate.edu](mailto:cford@wingate.edu)





## School Counseling

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PRHS families have been given an opportunity to support families in need with weekend food bags. This program is sponsored by "Food for Families" and is provided at no cost to you. The food bags will be given to your student on Friday afternoons to take home for the weekend. **If you would like to benefit from this program, please contact your child's school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.**

The Union County Christmas Bureau is accepting applications for holiday assistance. They are located at the new Union County Human Services building, 2330 Concord Ave, Monroe, NC 28110. The hours for application are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday. You will need proof of ID, Income information, social security cards for the family, and proof of address. **The deadline to apply for the Christmas Bureau is November 22nd.**

### Scholarships & Opportunities

The application deadline is fast approaching for **2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**. This award is an excellent opportunity to celebrate high school students who have excelled in volunteer service. Honors are granted at the local, state and national level. Top honorees in each state receive a scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C. The deadline to apply is **November 5, 2019**.

[Apply using this link:](#)

The **NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (AiC)** honors 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary for their computing-related achievements and interests, and encourages them to pursue their passions. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education. Applications are due **November 5, 2019**.

Apply: <https://www.aspirations.org/recognitions/AiCAward>

**DAR Good Citizens Award** -- Seniors, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The senior selected as the DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of **dependability** (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); **service** (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); **leadership** (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and **patriotism** (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation) to an outstanding degree. As the DAR Good Citizen, the student will also be eligible to participate in the scholarship contest. If you would like to be our DAR Good Citizen for this year, **please submit this form and complete your resume in Naviance by Friday, October 25 at 3:00 PM**. If you have questions, see Ms. Carly Patterson in the counseling office. **DAR Good Citizens Application Form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev9-gX3F4koWb4UozsyVpTA7BY3AWJysXHcSJqf\\_Z2vcN\\_w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev9-gX3F4koWb4UozsyVpTA7BY3AWJysXHcSJqf_Z2vcN_w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our **October Scholarship Newsletter** and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNNtzoYhOk\\_jEC5p0HVJwCY\\_b25Y-Qk7MxuAWhJ1juY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNNtzoYhOk_jEC5p0HVJwCY_b25Y-Qk7MxuAWhJ1juY/edit?usp=sharing)

Prospective candidates who plan to major in a STEM or education discipline at NC State and reside in a North Carolina household with a pre-tax annual gross income (AGI) of less than \$110,000 are eligible to potentially receive an invitation to apply to the **Goodnight Scholars Program's Class of 2024**. [Click the link](#) here to learn about additional requirements and important deadlines for the Class of 2024 application process.



## School Counseling Information

### Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

#### SAT

November 2

December 7 (register by November 8)

#### ACT

October 26

December 14 (register by November 8)



### From the Counseling Office

We had the opportunity to take an awesome group of 30 students to UNC Greensboro on October 17. Students learned about the UNCG admissions process and toured the beautiful campus. If you have questions about future college visits, please see your counselor!

Chance to win a **FREE Prom Ticket**: Seniors, submit your FAFSA confirmation page to Ms. Patterson by November 1 to be entered into a drawing for a FREE Prom ticket!

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### Upcoming Dates

**PRHS 9th-11th grade College Information Night**- We will be hosting College Information Night for students in grades 9-11 on November 12 at 6:30 PM. This event will have sessions in English and Spanish, so mark your calendars for a wonderful night of information.

**National Bullying Prevention Month** -- October is National Bullying Prevention month. Every day thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends and family, and within your school or community. If you see something, say something. If you are experiencing bullying or if you know someone who is, tell a teacher, counselor, administrator, or trusted adult.

**FAFSA** for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! Begin filling out your applications as soon as possible to make sure you receive needed financial aid to pay for school. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

#### Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

FAFSA Opens—October 1, 2019

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019

The **Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) Program** is inviting parents and students to attend bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program. More information about these opportunities can be found here: <https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series>



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### Major Scholarships

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. The applications are now available and accessible through Pirate Press, the school counseling webpage, and senior emails.

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.

#### University of Virginia- Jefferson Scholarship

Apply [here](#)

DUE November 14, 2019

#### Gardner Webb University- Tucker Scholarship

If you are interested, please see Ms. Patterson by October 31, 2019.

More information [here](#)

### College Readiness

**Colleges Visiting PRHS**-- Seniors and Juniors may sign up to attend the presentation to colleges they are interested in learning more about. Students must sign up at least 2 days prior to the visit through your Naviance Student account.

1. Log in to your my.ncedcloud.org account
2. Click on "C" for Clever
3. Click on Naviance
4. Select "Colleges"
5. Select "upcoming visits"
6. Click the "Sign Up" button for the chosen schools.

Looking for information about the college application and scholarship process? Check out the **UCPS College Readiness page**. They are hosting a College Entrance Exams 101 information event on November 1, 2019.





## School Counseling Information



**What?** A five-day program on NC State's campus that exposes students to STEM opportunities, leadership, and personal growth

**Who?** High school sophomores from across North Carolina with an interest in STEM

**When?** Camp this year runs **May 9th -13th, 2020**

**Where?** North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina

**Why?** To experience college at one of our nation's best institutions – from staying in a dorm, to learning from professors, to meeting other students from across the state

**How?** Students must apply by **February 28th, 2020**



The mission of Satellite is to provide students from rural high schools in North Carolina with:

- opportunities to explore and engage with current issues and career paths in the sciences and in technology-related disciplines through innovative lectures and hands-on laboratory experiences
- exposure to the university experience through on-campus housing accommodation, tours of university facilities and seminars with current students and university staff
- personal development activities related to leadership, diversity and cultural awareness
- motivation for continued educational pursuit and achievement



Apply and find out more at: <https://go.ncsu.edu/satellite>



## PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.



Looking for part-time work; Carolina Made is seeking **part-time warehouse workers** in Indian Trail, NC. We have immediate openings and a variety of shifts available! We are open Monday-Friday with **no weekend work**. The positions are not seasonal and can result in long term jobs or career opportunities.

Responsibilities for this job include:

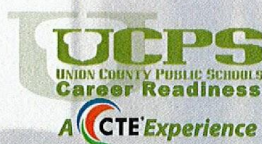
- Picking and packing in a warehouse environment
- Ability to meet physical demands of standing and walking for the entirety of the shift
- Ability to repeatedly lift 10-20 pounds and up to 50 pounds on occasion
- Maintain safety, cleanliness, quality and productivity standards within the distribution warehouse
- Attention to detail and accuracy in picking and packing orders is required.
- No warehouse experience required.

For more information, please call Carolina Made directly at 704-821-1152.





Information from our CTE Department.



## ***YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED***

*The Career Readiness Department (Career & Technical Education) is looking for feedback to complete a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment.*

*The information collected from this anonymous survey will be used to help guide future UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) decisions and improvements.*

## ***There are three ways to fill out the survey:***

- 1. Look for an email from Survey Monkey and follow its instructions***
- 2. Go to [https://bit.ly/CTE\\_CLNA](https://bit.ly/CTE_CLNA)***

***3.***



***Scan QR code with your smartphone.***





## Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: [PorterRidgeHS.NC](https://www.facebook.com/PorterRidgeHS.NC)

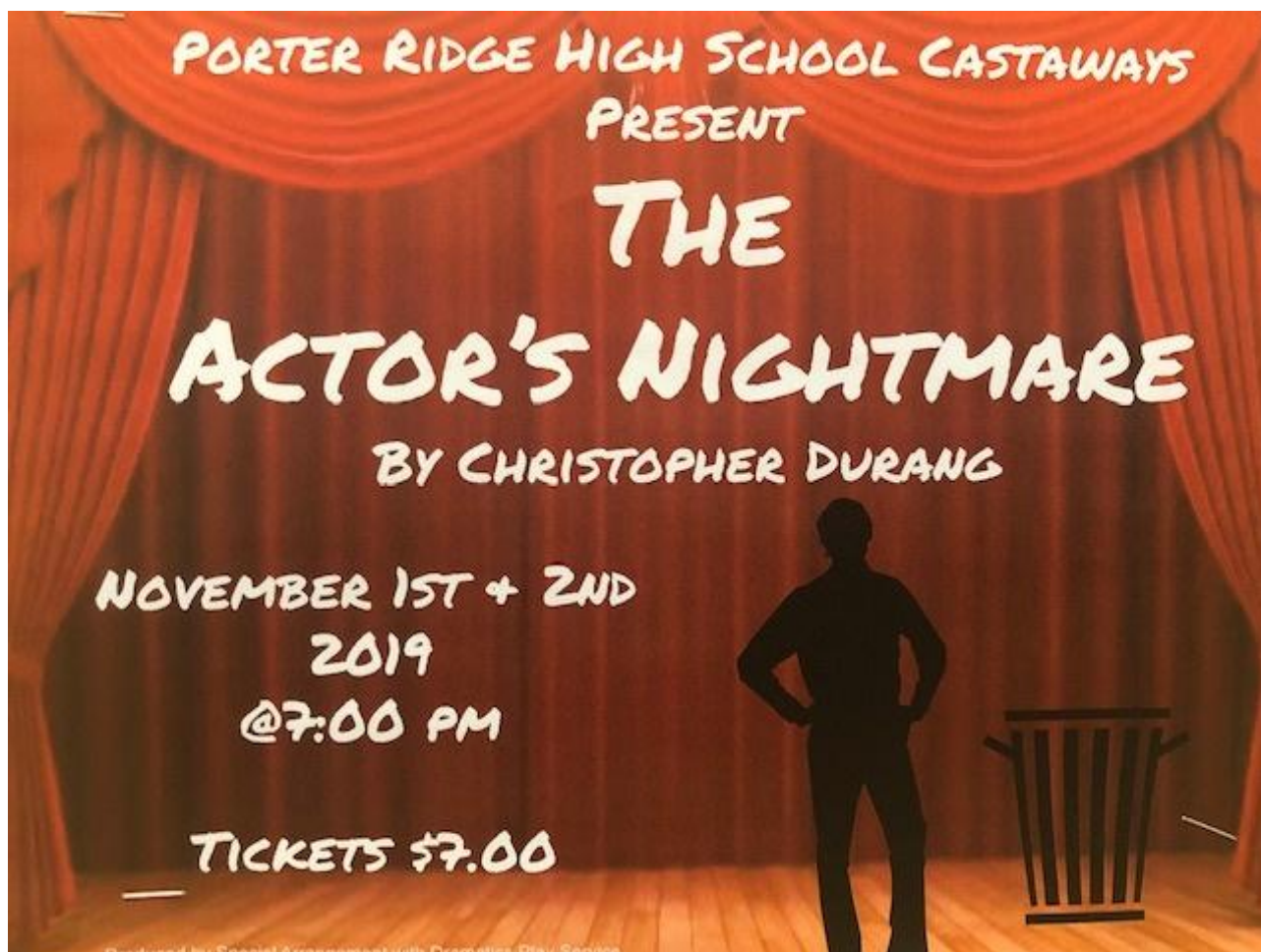
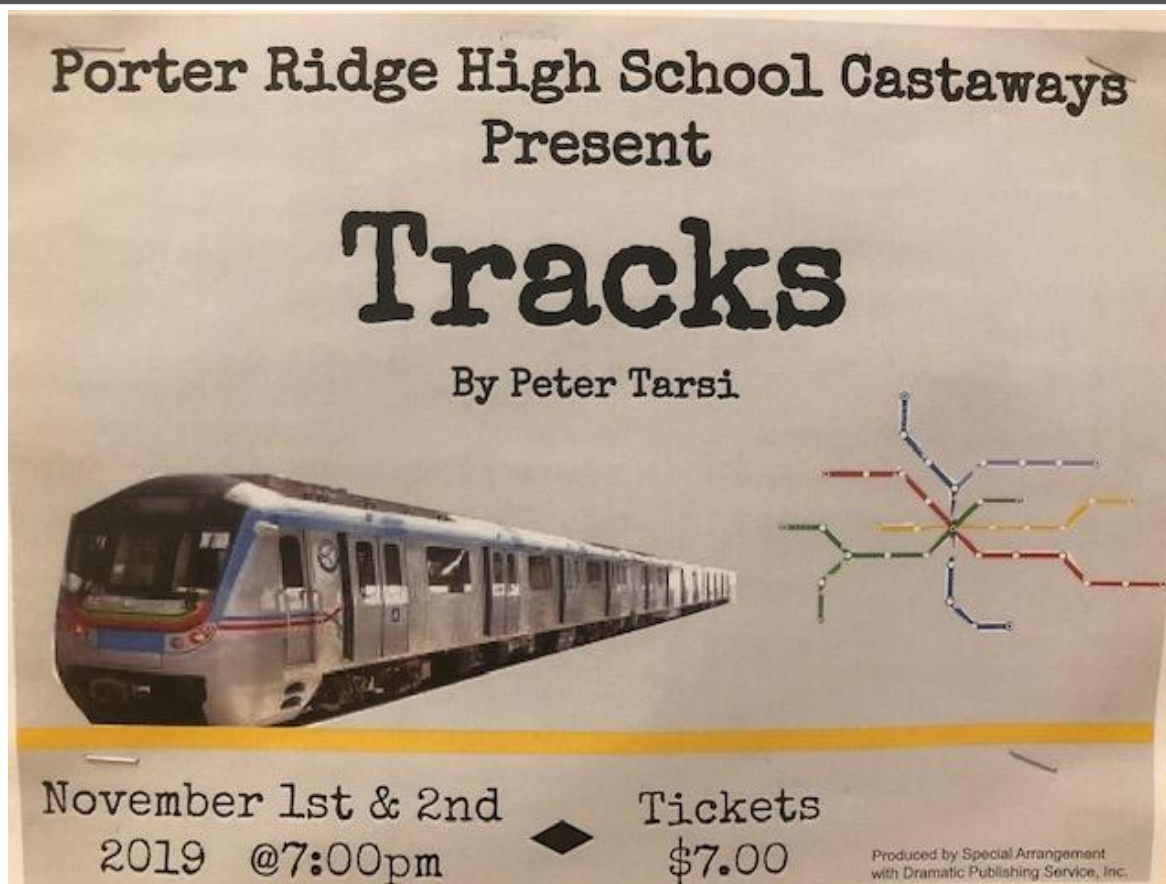
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@prhsffa (Future Farmers of America club)

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Theatre Arts Productions





# SECOND ANNUAL SOCK TROT



HEART  
for MONROE

PORTER RIDGE  
ATHLETICS

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

**SUPPORT 2 GREAT CAUSES WHILE WEARING  
YOUR WACKIEST PAIR OF SOCKS!  
RACE STARTS 9 AM AT PRHS  
ADULTS \$30 STUDENTS \$20 TEACHER TEAM \$100**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

Each Participant is asked to donate new socks for Heart of Monroe