



Dear Pirate Community,

Good luck to our Varsity football team tomorrow as they take on the Lake Norman Wildcats in the first round of the NCHSAA 4A playoffs! The game will start at 7:30pm at Lake Norman High School. We hope to see you there!

Our winter sports teams are beginning their competitive seasons this week, Swim starts off at Providence High School tomorrow at 6. Basketball home opener is Tuesday against Weddington with JV starting at 4:00pm. Wrestling begins their season on Wednesday 11/20 here at Porter Ridge at 6pm. As we head into the winter sports season, please remember to park in the student parking lot for all home events. Please do not park in the bus lot. We have ordered amazing new signs for the whole PR campus and hope to have those installed prior to the New Year. We are excited!

We are always looking improve our systems here at Porter Ridge High School. We are currently looking to decrease tardiness across our school. Most of our tardies occur in the morning. Parents, you will now be receiving automated phone calls when your student is tardy more than one time in a day. Please talk to your students about the importance of being on time! This shows respect for their education, their classmates, and their peers!

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 @
Lake Norman
11/15 @ 7:30pm
1st Round of Playoffs**





Post-Secondary Planning



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

Counselors are offering evening appointments
to assist parents & students with
post-secondary planning

- Monday's between 4-7pm
- 45 min appointment with a counselor
- Must schedule appointment through the following link:

<https://calendly.com/shari-davison/45min>



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WANT A CAREER
AFTER HIGH
SCHOOL?!

NEED TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT WHAT'S AFTER
PRHS?

4-YEAR, 2-YEAR,
TRADE/TECHNICAL
SCHOOL, MILITARY,

WORK?

YOUR COUNSELOR CAN
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Winter Athletic Schedules

[Full Season Schedules can be found here!](#)

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Basketball

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Girls JV	Boys JV	Girls Varsity	Boys Varsity
11/19	Tuesday	Weddington	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
11/22	Friday	Parkwood	Away	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30

Wrestling

Wednesday	11-20	Cuthbertson/Monroe Tri	6:00pm	Porter Ridge
Thursday	11-21	Weddington Dual	6:00pm	Weddington

Swim

11/15/19	Friday	Indy, RR, HR	Providence	6:00
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**UCPS College Readiness
Parent Series:
College Recruiting for
Athletes**

Thursday, December 5th

Monroe High School

1 High School Drive, Monroe, NC 28112
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

To register visit: <http://bit.ly/collegerecruitingforathletes>

All UCPS students in grades 9-12 are invited.

For more information, visit
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/2916>.



Check IT OUT!



Nicole Cristy, Makayla Cuthbertson, Wes Turley, and Mason Gore at our Fall Athletic Signing!



Dominic and Caroline Compete at the NCHSAA 4A XC State Championship!



Women's Basketball starts off strong in scrimmages!



Varsity Football Captains at Senior Night.



Ms. Ellis receiving the first PRHS #CaptureACaptain Leadership award!



Mr. Jeff Atkinson from Wingate University shadows Dr. Fisenne as Principal for a day!





Announcements

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.

It's time for togas! The Junior Classical League will meet on Thursday, November 21 in G111 after school to plan a celebration in December and take the club picture for the yearbook. Bring a bed sheet or blanket to make your toga.

HOSA will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 7:40am. We will be discussing the our service project for December.

The ASVAB will be given on December 6th. ASVAB stands for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is a multiple-choice test that helps you identify which Military Occupational Specialties would be best for you. Interested 10th-12th grade students must sign up at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/8sLJfsKYBxTghDC56>

There will be a meeting for all girls interested in playing soccer this spring on Tuesday, Nov 19th after school in room E104. If you have any questions or can't attend the meeting, please see Coach Ladimir in room E104.

On Monday, November 25th at 8am we will have an information session on the US Naval Academy from a current senior at the US Naval Academy. Any student interested in learning more about the US Naval Academy or other service academies may sign up to attend at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/peFKCndUNDbUFT1QA>

Pirates it cold outside! The FBLA "Give a Kid a Coat" drive starts Monday, November 18th through Friday, November 22nd. Pirates are asked to bring in new or gently used jackets, , sweaters, hoodies, and coats of all sizes to donate to the Union County Christmas Bureau for this upcoming holiday season. Please bring all donations to room F100.

Musical Auditions

Come out and audition for James and the Giant Peach this year's spring musical on Nov. 20th & 21st from 3:00-5:00. Please prepare a short song and a monologue for auditions. All experience levels are welcome.

As you know there are many service members that do not get to come home for the holidays. Take a few moments and write a letter to a service member that Rho Kappa will mail for you. Turn in letters or a message in a card by Nov 15th to F201. It can be something simple such as saying thank you and sharing your favorite holiday tradition.





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



For details, contact: Carolyn Ford at cford@wingate.edu



School Counseling

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From the Counseling Office

PRHS Counselors are offering Monday appointments between 4-7pm for parents and students to meet about post secondary planning. Meetings are for 45 minutes. To sign up for a meeting visit

<https://calendly.com/shari-davison/45min>.

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.**

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.**

Upcoming Dates

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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

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 the College Recruiting for Athletes information session on November 21 and the ACT/SAT Huntington Learning Center Blitz on November 23.



School Counseling Information

Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

SAT

December 7 (register by November 8)

ACT

December 14 (register by November 8)

Scholarships & Opportunities

The **Triangle Youth Leadership Conference** is organized by NCSU Student Organization Triangle Youth Leadership Services, and is now in its eleventh year! Every year, they organize the Triangle Youth Leadership Conference, a two-day conference that brings high school students from across the state to NC State's campus for two days of leadership development. The conference includes hands-on workshops designed to hone leadership skills, as well as opportunities to hear from an inspiring keynote speaker and explore NC State's campus. TYLC will immerse students in hands-on workshops, empower them to develop action-focused service projects, and give them a chance to explore NC State's campus and interact with like-minded peers from across North Carolina. Learn more about Triangle Youth Leadership Services and the conference here: triangleleadership.com
TYLC11 will be held January 24th and 25th, 2020 on NC State's campus, [STUDENT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!](#)

Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our **November Scholarship Newsletter** and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RKkz2RqJIXGWjA5Sqq0p_Kni0NDsCU4plz2SudUliNc/edit?usp=sharing

The first year after a teen gets their license is one of the most dangerous years of their life. That's why Discovery Education and Toyota created the **TeenDrive365 Video Challenge**, which encourages high school students across the country to send a powerful message to fellow teens about the dangers of driving distracted, for the chance to win incredible prizes. Submit a 30-60 second distracted driving PSA and be entered to win up to \$15,000. Students, begin brainstorming soon because the challenge closes on February 26, 2020.

University of Miami Jenkins Scholarship- This prestigious scholarship is awarded to three high school graduates who have overcome significant adversity to achieve academic excellence. Nominated students should demonstrate a strong work ethic through participation in school and community activities and have a high financial need. The Jenkins Scholarship award covers the full cost of attendance. It is valued at more than \$70,000 for the academic year and more than \$280,000 over four years. All required materials to be considered for the scholarship are available at miami.edu/jenkins and must be submitted by **December 1**.

There is less than one month left to submit to The Phoenix's Emerging Writers Contest! The Emerging Writers Contest is open to **all high school students**, which includes a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year pending acceptance to Pfeiffer University and separate cash prizes of up to \$250 (doubled upon matriculation to Pfeiffer University)! Not to mention, the student could also be published in the forthcoming 61st issue. For more information, visit their website. The deadline is **December 1, 2019**.

<http://www.pfeiffer.edu/picma-competition-emerging-writers>



PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.

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ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

FALL ROBOTICS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
COMPETITION STARTS AT 8:30AM

2019

UNION COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & EVENTS CENTER

3230-D PRESSON RD
MONROE, NC 28112

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<http://www.ucpscte.org>



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