



Dear Pirate Community,

Happy New Year! Students and teachers have been working diligently this week preparing for exams next week. All semester long courses will have a final exam next week. Yearlong classes will take both their Aday and Bday midyear assessments during the exam block. First period is on Monday with second period review session starting at 12:30. Second period exam is on Tuesday with third period review session that afternoon. Third period exam is on Wednesday with fourth period review session that afternoon. Fourth period exam is on Thursday morning and will end at about 12:30. PRHS Administration and staff strongly encourage all students to attend their review sessions from 12:30 - 2:15 each day through Wednesday. Students will have quiet study time from 2:15 until regular dismissal. If you as their parent choose to have your child dismissed after exams your child must turn in a note PRIOR to the exam starting with their name and dismissal option (12:30 or 2:15) listed, along with a valid number that we can verify the note. We cannot accept phone calls or email requests to dismiss. If a note is not sent in the child cannot be dismissed. Again - it is our strong preference that students spend the review session at school studying so we respectfully ask that you do not ask for them to be dismissed early. The same rule about a dismissal note will apply to Thursday when exams end. We will have community activities for those students staying at school until regular dismissal on Thursday. Friday is a day for any student who missed their exam to come to school to make it up. All students are welcome at school but due to the make up testing they will not be with their regular course teacher that day.

Monday 1/20 we have off from school to honor the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday. Tuesday there is no school for students. Wednesday 1/22 is the first day of second Semester. Students will start in their Advisory class where they will receive their schedule and then they will proceed to their first period class. We will have our second semester safety assemblies with students during the week of January 27th.

Fall sports are going strong with basketball vs Rocky River tonight, swimming at their conference meet tonight and wrestling at Piedmont tomorrow. Additionally the Band will host the South Central District Band Auditions and we are honored to be approved to host!

Go Pirates!!!

Dr. Fisenne



**Varsity Basketball@
PRHS
1/10 @ 6:00 Womens &
7:30 Mens
VS.Rocky River**



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Final Exam Info

Fall Semester Exam Dates 2019-2020

Friday, January 10

1st period review during class

Monday, January 13

8:00 – 12:30 1st period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 2nd period review**

1st Lunch: 12:50 – 1:15

2nd Lunch: 1:20 – 1:45

****Exam Reviews 1/13-1/17: Teacher-Led Review is required for all students** from 12:35–2:15. This will be followed by Student Study Time from 2:15–2:55. Students wishing to leave prior to Student Study Time must turn in a parent-written note to their exam teacher prior to the start of the exam. See add'l info on dismissals below.

Students exempt from a Teacher-Made exam are not required to attend the Review or Exam Session for that course.

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 – 12:30 2nd period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 3rd period review**

1st Lunch: 12:50 – 1:15

2nd Lunch: 1:20 – 1:45

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 – 12:30 3rd period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 4th period review**

1st Lunch: 12:50 – 1:15

2nd Lunch: 1:20 – 1:45

Thursday, January 16

8:00 – 12:30 4th period exams in all classes

12:35 – 2:55 Community Building & Lunch

Friday, January 17 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:00 to start.



Final Exam Info Continued

Type of Exams: We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

Exam Exemptions for Teacher-Made Exams ONLY:

High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class.

Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions (only students who are excused from exam and review sessions for a course are those who are exempt). Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 17** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between January 13 and January 17. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made.

Score Results: All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester.

Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity: Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions. If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

Early Dismissals During Testing Week: NO student may be dismissed during the four hour testing window. NO notes will be accepted for this. In order to best support the success of all of our students - **ALL students are required to attend the Teacher-Led Review Session**, but may leave prior to the Student Study Time with a documented Parent Note. ALL parent notes must be given to the exam teacher prior to the exam starting. NO notes will be accepted via email or phone call during exam week. Parent Notes will be verified for dismissal as needed. If the note cannot be verified, it will not be approved.



YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1453593>

Last day for senior parents to order a senior ad is Feb. 12th. Go to the link above to directly get to the site for parents to create and pay for their Seniors Ad.



PRHS 2020 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

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

PRHS 2020 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

If you have tried out for a Fall or Winter Sport you still need to pick up a Spring tryout ticket. See below for dates and times that you can pick up your ticket.

Those that have not tried out for a sport at PRHS this year must complete the following:

- 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 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.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.

TRYOUT TICKET Dates:

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during all lunches.

Tuesday February 4

Tuesday February 11

Wednesday February 12

Tryout Dates

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Tryout Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Baseball	Shane Brown	shane.brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12 & 13	3:00-6:00
Men's Golf	David School	djscholl1@gmail.com	February 12 & 13	The Divide Golf Course Time TBD
Men's Lacrosse	Justin Leath	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12 & 13	TBD
Women's Lacrosse	TBD	gstavish@carolina.rr.com Chelo Stavish Parent Rep	February 12 & 13	TBD
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12, 13, 14	3:00-5:00
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	February 12 & 13	3:00-5:30
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	February 12 & 13	3:00-5:00
Track & Field	Tondra White	tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 19 & 20	3:00-5:00



Post-Secondary Planning

For your
convenience -
Monday Night
Family
Appointments
Available!



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
HELP!

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Winter Athletic Schedules

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

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Basketball

WJV

MJV

WV

MV

1/10	Friday	Rocky River	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
1/17	Friday	Hickory Ridge	Home	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30

Wrestling

Saturday	1-11	Piedmont Duals	9:00am	Piedmont
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Swim

1/10/20	Friday	Conference/Tournament	TBA	TBA
1/11/20	Saturday	MAC	Weddington, Parkwood	3:00





At PRHS all Juniors have time in Advisory each week to work on ACT prep assignments. ALL PRHS Students can work on ACT and SAT prep at will using Albert!

Prepare for the ACT/SAT with Albert



All UCPS students have access to an Albert account for self-paced ACT and SAT practice.

Click on Albert for a tutorial on accessing a student account.



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Growing Possibilities...



Announcements

“Seniors please make sure to see Mrs. Martinez before or after school in guidance to check the spelling of your name for diplomas. You may also see her in the cafeteria during your lunch.”

Want to have some fun and learn some acting skills. Come join us for Improv club every Tuesday from 3-4 in the auditorium.

Attention all NHS Members! Your T3 community service hours are due no later than Jan. 17th at 3pm. You must submit your hours via the online form on our NHS google page. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Crider in F108 before the due date.

Students taking college classes. - Beginning in January 2020, CCP students will be responsible for picking up and returning their textbooks for their SPCC courses. Please see your email for the information on how to pick up your books.

Applications for the Student Council Leadership Class are now available right outside Ms. Yearick's room (E107). To apply for the class, you must currently be in 10th or 11th grade and in good standing regarding grades and conduct. Please see Ms. Yearick with questions. Completed applications are due January 29th by 3:00.





School Counseling

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From the Counseling Office

Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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>.

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.**

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Upcoming Dates

****All Juniors will take the ACT at school on February 25th and the SAT on March 25th at no cost.**

Upcoming SAT and ACT National Saturday test dates - Students must register online to take these exams. There is a fee for that Saturday exam. Fee waivers are available for juniors & seniors who qualify. Please see your counselor.

SAT	March 14 (register by February 14)	May 2 (register by April 3)	June 6 (register by May 8)
	February 8 (register by January 10)		April 4 (register by February 28)
	June 13 (register by May 8)		July 18 (register by June 19)
ACT			



School Counseling Information

Scholarships & Opportunities

2020 Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship-- This scholarship is open to high school seniors who will be graduating in the Spring 2020. Seniors do not have to be enrolled to a 2 or 4-year higher education institution in the fall of 2020. The Weddington Optimists are looking for individuals who will be enthusiastic and optimistic that the scholarship will help you meet your life goals as you embark on new life experiences. **If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please see Ms. Patterson in the counseling office by February 28, 2020.**

North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM) offers summer programs for students who are rising 5th-graders through high school seniors. With specialized coursework in areas such as artificial intelligence, biomedical sciences, and engineering, students have the opportunity to engage in real-world, hands-on experiences. Accelerator courses for 10th - 12th graders are conducted over three weeks. The first two weeks of each course take place virtually, at the student's own pace. The third week of each course takes place on campus, either in Durham or Brevard, NC. **Register by February 1, 2020 to receive \$100 off tuition.** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. Check out the website to learn more. <https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/accelerator/accelerator-10th-12th>

Savannah College of Art & Design Design Distinguished Scholars Award- The SCAD Distinguished Scholars Award is a \$20,000 annually renewable scholarship for students who maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0. Offering more than 100 degree programs, SCAD champions outstanding students who will go on to shape the future of creative professions. Life at SCAD is engaging within and beyond the classroom, and boasts a university experience that includes programs and activities to promote student interaction, leadership and community service. If you are interested in being nominated for the SCAD Distinguished Scholars Award, complete your resume in Naviance and **see Ms. Patterson no later than January 17, 2020.**

Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our **January Scholarship Newsletter** and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/188jgZnPWL7-5gH8SD0QTbwauc6YVZ116XemserYHh1w/edit?usp=sharing>

Meredith College offers an annual **women's leadership conference** for high school juniors who are interested in developing and sharpening their leadership skills. The Meredith College Office of Student Leadership and Service, in conjunction with the Office of Admissions, will be hosting this free conference on Saturday, February 1, 2020. If you are interested and feel you may benefit from this event, you can register [here](#) by the registration deadline - **Friday, January 24, 2020.** A confirmation email with additional details will then be sent.

Opportunities for **AP Computer Science** students-- College Board has announced exciting scholarship, internship, and summer program opportunities for students who are taking AP Computer Science. College Board has teamed up with business and industry leaders in computer science—including Amazon, Facebook, and Google—to **send students customized emails with links to opportunities they qualify for.** Students will simply click the links in the emails to apply. If you have taken AP Computer Science or are currently enrolled, check your email regularly for exciting opportunities. If you are interested in taking AP Computer Science and learning more about the scholarships and programs you may be eligible for, please see your counselor.

The application for the **2020 Martha Guy Summer Institute** opens December 1st, 2019, with all application materials due by February 28th, 2020. The program includes instruction on Appalachian State University's campus in Boone, North Carolina, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Appalachian is the premier public undergraduate institution and boasts the largest business school of the 17 campuses in the University of North Carolina System. We are seeking students who have a **sincere interest in business as a college major** and demonstrate leadership potential. Students who embrace and appreciate new people, opportunities and experiences are ideal for MGSi. If you are interested, **you must apply by February 28.** For more information: <https://marthaguy.appstate.edu/>



Information from our CTE Department.

“Academy Pathway Applications for 2020-2021”

Academy applications for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the [UCPS Career Readiness](https://ucpscte.org/) (<https://ucpscte.org/>) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.



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