



Dear Pirate Community,

Congratulations to all students who successfully passed their final exams from semester 1. We are proud of their efforts and know that our discussions about beginning with the end in mind are having a positive effect. As we start second semester we will continue to encourage our students to put first things first by evaluating and prioritizing all that they have to do. Please remember to check out your teacher's syllabus available on the public page of their Canvas site. You can access this page by going to the staff directory on the PRHS website. In order to best track attendance and encourage students' daily attendance at school we are requiring that any parent absence note be turned in within 5 school days of the student return to school. Parent notes submitted after this will not be accepted. Thank you for adhering to this.

We are looking forward to talking to our students this week during our second semester safety assemblies. Please remind your students to talk to a counselor, teacher, or administrator if they are having any concerns at school. Parents - students will get their first semester report cards tomorrow. There are so many great things happening here at Porter Ridge High School. We continue to talk to our students about career opportunities and courses that they can take in order to get a feel for that field of study. We hope that you will check out our Career Pathways posters on our website. These are available for students in our counseling suite and in our halls as well. Encourage your children to take a look as we will begin course registration for next year over the next couple of months. Our Student Council are planning some amazing events coming up - Gatorball.... Color Run.... GooseChase....


Don't forget to come and watch our amazing theatrical ensemble perform "The Mousetrap" this Friday and Saturday - buy tickets in advance online (link on our website) or at the door. Congratulations to our senior athletes as some winter sports are hosting their final home events. We appreciate all that you have done to represent Porter Ridge High School with honor and dedication. Come check out our basketball team on Tuesday and see our newest spirit additions!

Go Pirates!!!

Dr. Fisenne


Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present

Agatha Christie
The Mousetrap



Jan. 31st & Feb 1st
7:00 PM
Porter Ridge High School
Tickets \$7.00
Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

Buy in advance and pick your seats at
<http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz>
Or Scan



**Varsity Basketball@
PRHS
1/28 @ 6:00
Womens & 7:30 Mens
VS. Butler**





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.



Goose Chase

February 10 to March 6

Sign-Ups
January 27 to February 5
\$1 per person

MOBILE SCAVENGER HUNT
(4 person teams)

GATOR BALL TOURNAMENT

\$25 For 5-7 Person Team
Ticket Sales January 27th - February 7th

Tuesday, February 25th
@ 6:00 PM
Porter Ridge High School



The Great Race

The GREATRACE

- Parents, community members, and local businesses, help us fund this exciting annual event this year! Any donation amount helps tremendously, is TAX DEDUCTIBLE, and we thank you in advance for your support! Click here to give: <http://give.livingtree.com/c/the-greatrace>
- Ms. Yearick is looking for adults who would like to help out the night of the race from 6:00-8:30! Please click this link to find DETAILS, a commercial, and to sign up: <https://sites.google.com/ucps.k12.nc.us/thegreatrace/home>
- Ms. Yearick is looking for about 20-25 GREATRACE student crew members to help set up the Race on April 2nd. You cannot run the Race if you are on the set up crew. You will meet with her several times in the weeks prior to the Race to help plan and organize. Also, you would report to E107 right after school and work until about 9:00 the evening of the Race. Please see her ASAP in E107 to pick up an application if interested. You will receive service hours for your contribution!
- Students interested in running The GREATRACE on a 4-person team should keep their eyes and ears peeled for upcoming announcements. Team registration will begin in March!



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!

PRHS Counseling Department

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Winter Athletic Schedules

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

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Basketball

WJV

MJV

WV

MV

1/28	Tuesday	Butler	Home	5:00	4:00	6:00	7:30
1/31	Friday	Indy	Away	4:30	3:30	6:00	7:30

Wrestling

Saturday	1-18	Parkwood Duals	9:00am	Parkwood
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Swim

1/31/20	Friday	Regionals	Huntersville	TBA
2/1/20	Saturday	Regionals	Huntersville	TBA

Winter Track

1/28	Tuesday	Weddington High School	Matthews, NC	4:00
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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

Attention Juniors! You will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, February 25th. This is an opportunity to take the ACT free of charge and have your scores sent to any college of your choice. Please be prepared to bring a calculator on the day of. All information regarding testing will be given to students through Advisory leading up to test day.

Class Wars is back! Ticket sales for the event start Monday, January 27 and end Friday, January 31 during all lunches. The cost is \$1 and spaces are limited. Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in this awesome 4th block event!

Attention Porter Ridge! Gatorball is back this year in full force! This year we are allowing teacher teams to play too! Teams are made of 5-7 people and each team must pay \$25 to enter the tournament on February 25th at 6 pm. Entries begin today and ends February 7th. Space is limited!

Enter the Media Center's Winter Book Contest for a chance to win a prize! See the Announcements section of the PR website to enter. Contest runs until Friday, Feb. 7th. One entry per student/staff. Remember that you must be logged into your UCPS Google account to enter. Prizes include a choice between Chick-Fil-A, Smoothie King, Chili's and Texas Roadhouse! Winners will be listed on the scrolling announcements that show in the cafeteria on Monday, Feb. 10th.

Improv club will not meet on Tuesday the 28th of January due to Mousetrap tech week. Regular meeting will resume on February 4th.

Come and learn how to decorate cookies by making borders, flowers, and hearts Thursday, Feb. 6th from 3-4 pm in the Media Center! See the Media Center page of the PR website to sign up. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

Join us for an evening of suspense as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" on January 31st and February 1st at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in advance at <http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz> or at the door for \$7. See Mr. Ford or scan the QR code on a Mousetrap poster for details.

Football off-season workouts started last week... all new players interested in playing football next season should see Coach Hertz in the gym area for details. Workouts will begin each day at 3 pm and end at 6 pm. All returning players that are NOT involved in a winter sport need to see Coach Hertz if they cannot attend.

Pirates, we are very excited to announce the return of the annual Color Run! This 5k race is fun for the whole family and will take place on Saturday, February 29th at 9 a.m. beginning in the Student Parking Lot! Signups will be held through January 31st at lunches and through an online payment service. The cost is \$16 and includes a T-shirt and race bib! Scan the QR code on one of the Color Run flyers around the school for more information.

Porter Ridge Student Council is presenting our first Goose Chase! Goose Chase is an interactive mobile scavenger hunt around our schools campus with teams of 4 where teams complete challenges to earn points. Team sign ups will occur during all lunches starting on Monday, January 27 and ending on Wednesday, February 5. Signups are \$1 a person and team spots are limited to 40. For more information, please visit the Goose Chase table during lunch and follow @prhsgoosechase on Instagram.





School Counseling

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

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.**

Scholarships & Opportunities

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/>

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)	



School Counseling Information

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State Employees Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship-- The State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the "People Helping People®" scholarship program to assist students across North Carolina with their educational goals. The PRHS Scholarship Committee will select two students as our school nominees. Those students' names will then be given to the district scholarship committee who will determine the winner from our school. That student will compete against nominees from other high schools for a limited number of scholarships. Please see Ms. Patterson if you have questions. **The deadline to apply is February 14, 2020.**

For more information: <https://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html>

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/BYXG4fsi3vVPSzZa8>

Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship-- The Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship was established in 2005 to benefit students who graduate from a public high school in Union County, North Carolina. This \$4,000 scholarship supports undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and is renewable each year. The scholarship committee will nominate one Porter Ridge High School senior to apply for this scholarship. Please see Ms. Patterson with any questions.

The deadline to apply is February 14, 2020.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/xZULLnmrKK8WCUt38>

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.**

Project Uplift is a special program that enables high-achieving rising seniors to experience college life on Carolina's campus. Project Uplift seeks to engage participants in an immersive, two-day experience that connects them with UNC-Chapel Hill and other four-year colleges and universities. Participants live on campus, interacting with faculty, staff and current students, participating in educational, cultural and social activities, and learning about admissions and college affordability. Project Uplift allows participants to experience the academic rigor and social climate of a top-ranked four-year institution. Project Uplift is designed to allow students to experience learning in a variety of different university contexts, from large lectures to small seminars and, most important, from the interactions with current Carolina students.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Ms. Patterson no later than February 5, 2020.

For more information: <https://diversity.unc.edu/access/summer/project-uplift/about-project-uplift/>

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>

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>



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.

UNION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

2nd Annual Job Fair

For Seasonal Employment at Cane Creek Park
15 Years Old and Up

FEBRUARY 15, 2020
10 AM - 2 PM

ADDRESS:
5213 HARKEY RD
WAXHAW, NC 28173

Seasonal Jobs Available

Outdoor Rec. Assistant (18 and up)	Office Attendant
Park Ranger (18 and up)	Lifeguard
Camp Counselor (18 and up)	Park Attendant I
Maintenance Tech (18 and up)	Head Lifeguard
Pontoon Boat Driver (18 and up)	Park Attendant II



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