

Dear Pirate Community,

For all students- 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. Important Attendance information for student-athletes is also included in this Pirate Press and will also be posted on our website. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year student-athletes will need to meet the attendance guidelines outlined in this letter. The attendance that will be counted for next Fall's season is from this current semester. Attendance matters and student-athletes must make sure that they are at school as much as possible. For the athletic guidelines all absences count, whether excused or unexcused, and recovery doesn't change attendance for the purpose of athletics.

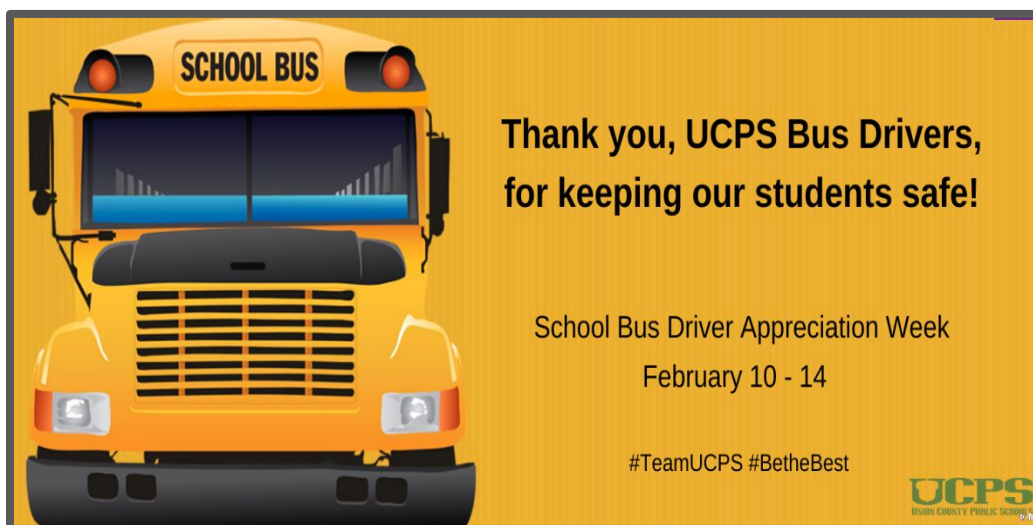
Shout out to our Theatre group for their great performances of Mousetrap recently and to our Winterguard for their outstanding performances at competitions recently. We continue to see great work and progress in our athletic teams this season and we wish all student-athletes the best of luck this week for spring sport tryouts.

Juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT this month on February 25th and there are some great opportunities to prepare listed in this Pirate Press. Juniors will have the opportunity to also take the SAT during the school day later this semester. Sophomores should pay attention to the upcoming Class Ring sale in order to get their school ring - the flyer is enclosed.

Parents - students will get their progress reports this week. Please be sure to look at this - their grades are also available through the parent portal. 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. Check out the Pirate Press for our Student Council events coming up - Gatorball.... GooseChase.... Class Wars.....

Go Pirates!!!
Dr. Fisenne

**Varsity Basketball@
Rocky River
2/10 @ 6:00
Womens & 7:30 Mens
VS.Rocky River**





Important Attendance Information for Student Athletes



Porter Ridge High School
Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal
2839 Ridge Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079
Phone 704.292.7662
Fax 704.296.9733
<http://prhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/>

Date 1/31/20

RE: Athletic Attendance Policy for 2020-21

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning in 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). The NCHSAA now allows LEA's to determine their own attendance policies for athletic purposes.

The policy will begin being enforced for the 2020-21 school year and will use attendance from the 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year to determine attendance eligibility for next school year. PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition which may have created an attendance hardship. A committee will be formed to review and rule on these appeals.

This information has been shared with all students. We ask for your support in helping our student athletes understand the attendance requirements necessary to participate in athletics beginning in 2020-21. Their attendance during the 2nd semester of this school year will directly impact their ability to play. If you have additional questions, please contact our athletic direction, Ms. Ina Thompson, by telephone at 704-292-7662 or by email at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Fisenne
Principal

**Important Information @
Athletic Eligibility for Student
Athletes that you need to read
now....**



ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) MOCK EXAMS

Register at: bit.ly/MOCKAP20

MARCH 28TH, 2020

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Sign-In opens at 8:00

Exams start at 8:30



Are you prepared?

ALL JUNIORS WILL TAKE THE ACT ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2020
AT SCHOOL

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Juniors!

Click on Albert from your student startup page **beginning February 10** to take a full-length, self-paced practice ACT exam. Choose your "ACT Last Name" course.

@UCPSCollegePrep #UCPSCollegeReady



SAT & ACT Blitz

OFFICE OF COLLEGE READINESS
PRESENTS

ACT & SAT BLITZ

Open to all UCPS High School Students



ACT BLITZ

FEBRUARY 22, 2020 | 10AM-12PM
HELD AT PARKWOOD HS

Register today by visiting <http://bit.ly/blitz2-22-20>

SAT BLITZ

MARCH 14, 2020 | 10AM-12PM
HELD AT CUTHBERTSON HS



Class Rings

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2022

TIME TO ORDER YOUR CLASS RING

AMERICA'S
CLASS RING



KENT GAITHER

144 Columbine Drive • Statesville, NC 28687
1-800-567-8367 • www.jostens.com/contact

PORTER RIDGE H.S.

These are the moments that matter.

Complete ordering information will be sent to you AT HOME by February 14th. Same info will be in the school office on February 17th.

Check out our payment options available.

Date: Thursday, February 20th

Time: Lunches

Place: At School (parents invited too)

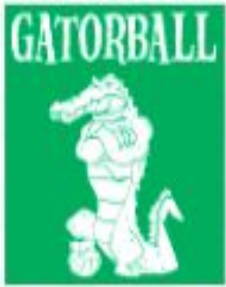
SAVE THE DATE!!

Attention Sophomores: The Class of 2022 will order Class Rings on Thursday, February 20th. Information is being sent to you at home!



Student Council Events

The Porter Ridge Student Council Proudly Presents...



Piratepalooza 2020



DRESS-UP DAYS

FEB 24 - FEB 29

Monochrome Monday



WEAR AN OUTFIT OF ALL ONE COLOR

Team Trivia @ 5:37pm in the Cafeteria
Free to Play!

Camo Tuesday



Celebrate FFA!

Gatorball is @ 6:00pm

Out of This World Wednesday



Tourist Thursday



Class Wars Themes

FRESHMAN
Jersey



SOPHOMORE
USA

JUNIOR
Hawaiian



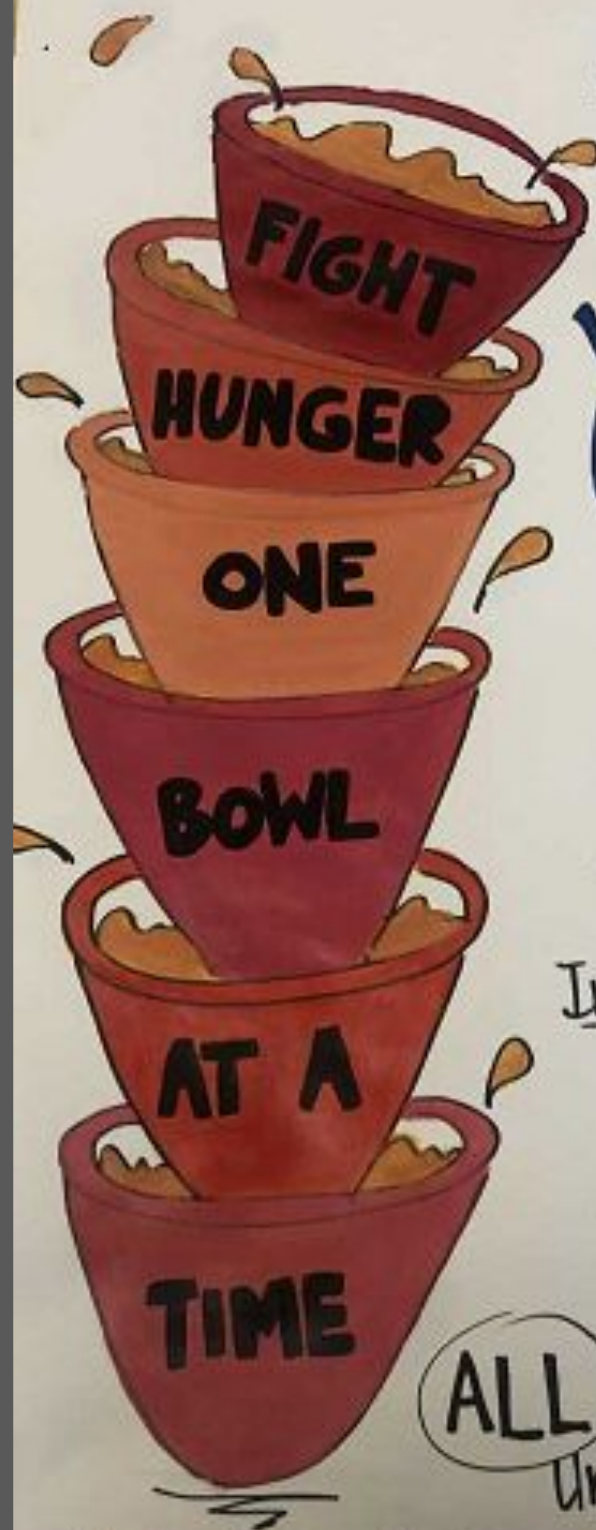
SENIOR
Neon

Class Wars held during 4th Block
\$1 to Watch



Empty Bowls Project

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Empty Bowls Project

APRIL 3, 2020

5:00 - 7:00

PRHS Upper G Atrium

Pre Sale Tickets Only! **\$15 each**

Includes:

- Handmade clay Bowl of your choice
- Soup / Sit Down Dinner in your bowl

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

Union County Community Shelter

mail- Nicole.Crowley@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions!



Street Safe



The Experience Young Drivers Need

Teens Behind The Wheel with First Responder Instructors

The StreetSafe Lifesaving Driving Experience Presents a
One Day Event at Piedmont HS - Enroll Now!



Pre-Registration is Required

WHEN: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Piedmont High School
3006 Sikes Mill Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

REGISTER at: www.streetsafeus.com

Students must have completed Drivers Ed to participate

For more information:

Email tara@streetsafeus.com or call 910-612-9030

Register Today - Spots Are Limited!

StreetSafe is a 501(c)3 organization



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

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

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.

Monday February 10

Tuesday February 11

Wednesday February 12

Tryout Dates

Due to weather tryout dates & times may change

Please check the website Tuesday February 11 for updates

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Date	Time
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 3:30-5:30
Men's Lacrosse	Justin Leath	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12 & 13	3:00-5:30 Middle School FB Field
Women's Lacrosse	Kelly Lippert Ariel Walker	gstavish@carolina.rr.com Chelo Stavish Parent Rep	February 12 & 13	6:00 - 7:30 Stadium
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	3:45 - 5:00 Meet in Cafeteria at 3:45 Tryouts will be in the middle school aux gym 4-5
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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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Tondra White - Students A-Cou
tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

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carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James - Students Hal-Mc
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Shari Davison - Students Sh-Z
shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us



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.

Bonjour Pirates! It's not too late to join French Club! We will meet Tuesday February 11th in F108 from 3 to 4 to make plans for Mardi Gras and the international festival at Stallings Elementary. A bientot!

Attention all Mu Alpha Theta members and potential candidates: the next math honor society meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 AM in E-210. If you are interested in joining, please plan on attending the upcoming meeting. In order to be considered for membership, you should have successfully completed Math 3 with a 3.0 grade-point-average in your math classes. See Mr. Howard in E-210 if you have questions.

HOSA will be having its monthly meeting in E212 on Feb. 18th at 7:40am. We will be discussing upcoming events this semester.

The next Beta Club meeting is on Wed. Feb. 12th at either 7:30am or 3:00pm in the Media Center.

The Graphic Design club will meet after school on Wednesday February 12th in E105C.

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!





School Counseling

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From the Counseling Office

This week, counselors will be presenting to Juniors in American History 1 this semester to go over academics, options for career and college, and our attendance policy. Each counselor will also meet with their students individually for a “Getting to Know You” session. We are looking forward to this opportunity to connect with our students!

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)
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ACT	April 4 (register by February 28)
June 13 (register by May 8)	July 18 (register by June 19)



School Counseling Information

Scholarships & Opportunities

The **Spring Scholarship Newsletter** is now available! This edition of our newsletter features scholarships that are available now through the end of the school year. Check back often as new scholarship opportunities will be added as they are received.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D47zGIKg0S0kjYh6r4agDo9r-RyRegQJ6plg3siyFXU/edit?usp=sharing>

The **Summer Immersion Program** at Wake Forest University is an immersive, week-long experience for rising high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and incoming college freshmen designed to provide an introduction to college life and the opportunity to explore a potential career pathway or field of study. To apply, visit immersion.summer.wfu.edu and complete the free, online application. The application requires a recommendation from a teacher, school counselor or principal, and the completion of two short essays. Applications are open and reviewed on a rolling admissions basis.

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 in 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.**

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.

“2020-2021 CTE Internship Applications”

Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, one being a level 2, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up a CTE Internship Interest Form from Mrs. Webb.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.



Information from our CTE Department.

“Summer Lifeguard Information”

Aqua Tech Pool Management Group will be at PRHS on Friday, February 21st during all 4 lunches to talk to individuals interested in becoming a lifeguard during the summer.

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





Ports of Information for Pirates:

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