



Dear Pirate Community,

Shout out to our Band for hosting the Union County Honors Band today and tomorrow. We were joined by middle and high school students who had been selected for this great honor. Congratulations also to our Winterguard who have been performing so well that their competition class was elevated this past week. Way to go! 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 got their progress reports this week. Please be sure to look at this - their grades are also available through the parent portal.

We wish the best of luck to Brandon Benitez who qualified for the NC 4A State Track competition in multiple events! Go Pirates!! Good luck to our Wrestling Team as our individual wrestlers head off to Regional Competition tonight! We hope to see everyone out for Basketball at Hickory Ridge tonight as well! UCPS is hosting a session for all UCPS student-athletes called "College Recruiting for Athletes" on March 18th at Cuthbertson HS. Please see the flyer below.

We recognized our Bus Drivers this week for their dedication to our students and appreciate their focus on safety and building good relationships. On Monday, which is a teacher workday, so no school for students, our teachers, along with all UCPS teachers will have the opportunity to come to PRHS to attend great professional development on instruction and learning.

Our student groups continue to work with others in our cluster to bring Porter Ridge spirit and a focus on education to the forefront. Later this month our students will be supporting the kickoff for Books and Brackets as well as providing support for elementary students who are working hard in their schools. 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..... & Dress-Up Days!

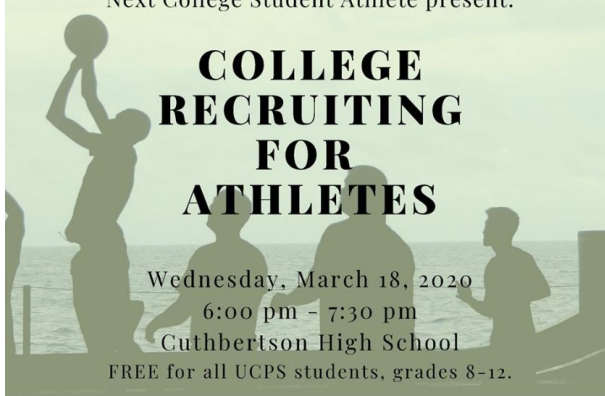
Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne

UCPS
Want to play sports in college?

UCPS Department of College Readiness
&
Next College Student Athlete present:

**COLLEGE
RECRUITING
FOR
ATHLETES**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Cuthbertson High School
FREE for all UCPS students, grades 8-12.

The background of the flyer features silhouettes of athletes in various sports: a basketball player, a soccer player, a tennis player, and a swimmer.

Register by visiting: <http://bit.ly/collegerecruiting4athletes>

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





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

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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

AMERICA'S
CLASS RING



TIME TO ORDER YOUR 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)

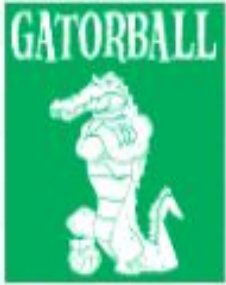
SAVE THE DATE!!

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



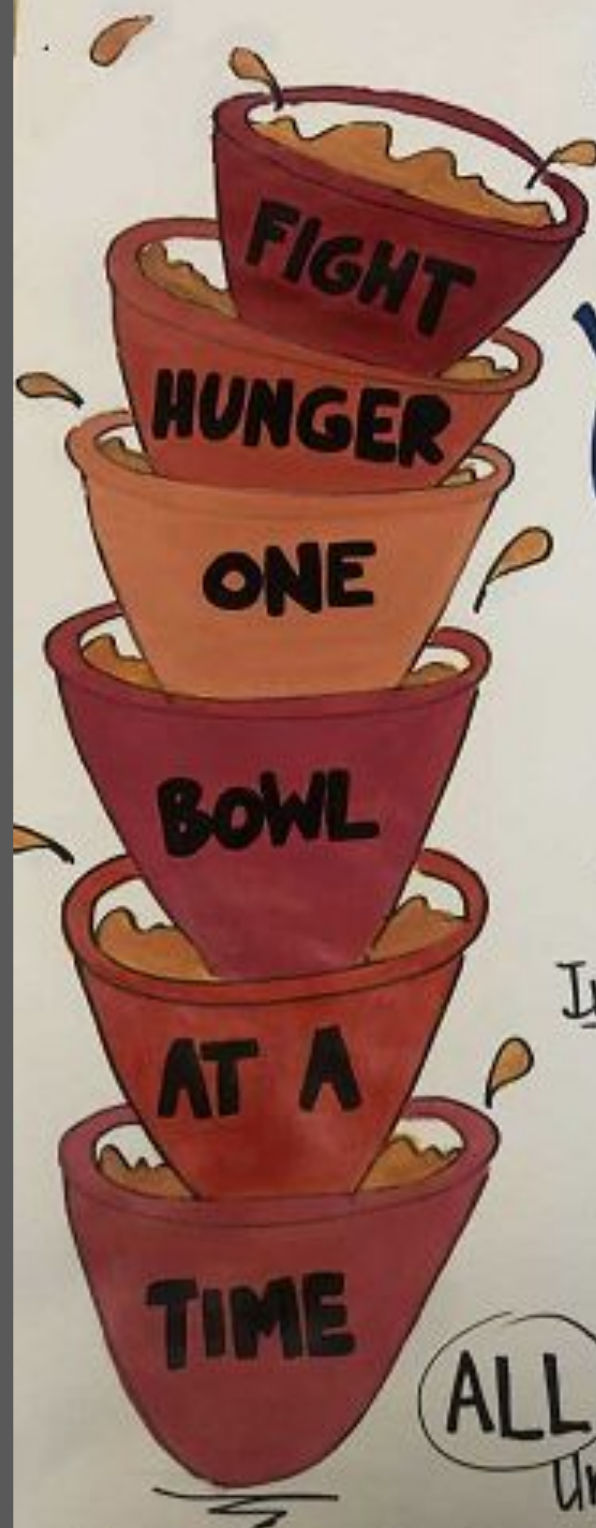
SENIOR
Neon

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!



The GREATRACE

- Ms. Yearick 20 more 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>

- 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>



Rising 9th Grade Welcome Voyage

Porter Ridge High School

Rising 9th Grade
Welcome Voyage

**March 18th or March 23rd
@ 6:30pm
PRHS Auditorium**

- ☞ Graduation Requirements
- ☞ PR Pathways
- ☞ PR Academies
- ☞ High School Schedule
- ☞ Leadership High School
- ☞ Extracurricular Activities
- ☞ Athletic Program
- ☞ Band Program
- ☞ Course Registration Process
- ☞ Course Levels - College Prep, Honors,
Advanced Placement
- ☞ AP Capstone
- ☞ PTO, Athletic & Band Boosters

Additional Questions Drop In @ PRHS:

3/23 from 8:15-9:15 &

3/26 from 3:15-4:15

Counselors will be available for
registration questions

School tours can be scheduled for students who do not attend
Porter Ridge Middle School. Please contact Ms. Martinez @
704-292-7662 to schedule an appointment



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.

We have several college visiting PRHS in the next few weeks. Please check your Naviance account to register to attend morning visits by UNC Greensboro on Wed 2/19, University of Alabama in Huntsville on 2/26 and Johnson & Wales on 2/28. Also Campbell University will be in the cafeteria at lunch on Tuesday 2/18.

Interested in helping to feed the hungry in our community? Purchase a ticket to the Art Department's newest charity event, Empty Bowls. We will be selling tickets for \$15 each until we reach 100 and sell out! The event takes place on April 3, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Each ticket allows you to choose a handmade clay bowl to keep. This bowl can be filled with delicious soup prepared by the culinary students to sit down and enjoy that evening.

100% of money raised will be donated to Union County Community Shelter to help the fight against hunger. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions and to buy tickets!

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

Interested in being recruited to play athletics in college? Parents and athletes are invited to a free seminar on college recruiting for athletes at Cuthbertson High School on March 18 at 6 pm. You must register online to attend. Registration info can be found on the school website..

Join us for some fun and games while improving your acting skills. Improv club meets every Tuesday in the auditorium from 3-4.

The Junior Classical League will meet on Thursday in G111 to plan our food drive. See Mrs. Kasler if you cannot attend.

Seniors!

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





School Counseling

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

From the Counseling Office

This week, counselors will be presenting to Sophomores in Civics/Economics 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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Follow us on Instagram: prhscounseling

Upcoming Dates

Colleges visiting PRHS - We have several colleges visiting PRHS in the next few weeks. Please check your Naviance account to register to attend morning visits by UNC Greensboro on Wed 2/19, University of Alabama in Huntsville on 2/26 and Johnson & Wales on 2/28. Also Campbell University will be in the cafeteria at lunch on Tuesday 2/18.

NACAC College Fair – Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 12-3pm at The Park Expo & Conference Center, Independence Hall, Charlotte. Register to attend at: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/charlotte-college-fair/>.

****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.

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



School Counseling Information

Scholarships & Opportunities

New scholarship opportunities have been added to the **Spring Scholarship Newsletter**. Featured scholarships include the Mary and Millard Kiker Scholarship, Kiwanis Club of Monroe, and Union County Education Foundation. Deadlines are quickly approaching and more information about each scholarship can be found on the Spring Scholarship Newsletter linked below. Please come see me if you have any questions!

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

Mary and Miller Kiker Scholarship

Criteria: Recipients of this scholarship should:

- Demonstrate substantial need for financial assistance
- Be a legal resident of Anson or Union County, NC
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)

To apply: <https://forms.gle/NM9oamMuLLHnYdU17> **Deadline: February 18, 2020**

Kiwanis Club of Monroe Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who is a resident of Union County and who possesses strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college. The purpose of the scholarship is to help a student who can be successful in college but may not be receiving financial assistance elsewhere. The recipient may pursue higher education at the institution of his/her choice.

To apply: Pick up an application from Ms. Patterson in the counseling office, or it can be printed/downloaded here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wDf5OWHsgbJGpjYSEUoG8mNlloBQURQI/view?usp=sharing>

Deadline: February 24, 2020

Union County Education Foundation

Amount: \$1,250/up to \$7,250

Criteria: Any UCPS senior may apply! All applicants are asked to create a 2-minute video tribute to a UCPS teacher.

To apply: <https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site//unioncounty20> **Deadline: February 24, 2020**

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/>

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.



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.

Students interested in the Nurse Aide Academy, your application must be signed and turned into Ms. Webb no later than Tuesday, February 25th.



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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