



Dear Pirate Community,

We hope you enjoyed your snow day and welcome back! Congratulations to Coach Malone, his staff, and the Men's basketball team. Men's basketball defeated Butler in a tough overtime game in the first round of the conference tournament last week. The boys varsity then went on to win a thriller vs. Hickory Ridge in the second round! On Saturday, they competed in a tough game against Independence. PRHS men's basketball took second place in the conference tournament, and they will play in the first round of the state tournament on Tuesday, February 25th at Harding at 7pm!

Congratulations to Noah and Nathan Carnes who completed in the Individual Wrestling State Competition this past week! Great job representing PRHS!

Winter Guard did a great job representing PRHS at the Winter guard competition at Mooresville High school. Varsity placed fourth in a new class! Shout out to Mr. Ross, Ms. Cook, and Mrs. Tomberlin and our winter guard for all of their hard work and dedication.

Seniors! Did you know? Our school counselors have made a scholarship newsletter that you can check out anytime on our counseling website. A variety of scholarships can be found here!

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A few reminders for test day: Students are responsible for bringing a calculator on the day of the test. Calculators will not be provided. Students will have a 15 minute break where bottled water and a granola bar will be provided to you. Feel free to bring your own snack to eat that day. Cell phones will be collected. Please look at the room assignments on the next page of the pirate press to see where you will be testing that day. Please report directly to this room when the bell rings.

NAHS and Culinary are teaming up to fight hunger with the Empty Bowls project. You can purchase your bowl and dinner ticket (Soup made by our Culinary Academy) [with this online link](#). The dinner will take place on April, 3rd at 7pm in the upper G. Atrium. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions!

Pirate Palooza is this week! Check the flyer on page three of the Pirate Press to see all of the fun activities that Student Council has created! We are looking forward to a fun week!

Porter Ridge High would like to extend our best wishes to our Cluster Elementary schools who will begin the UCPS Books and Brackets competition this week! Good Luck Sardis, Stallings, Porter Ridge, Poplin, and Hemby Bridge!

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

**Varsity Basketball@
Harding
2/25 @ 7:00pm
First Round of the
State Playoffs!**





Important ACT Info

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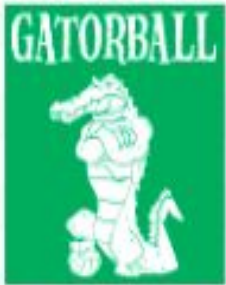
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Room	Students by Last Name
G105	A - BOWE
G106	BOWL - CL
G107	CO - D
G109C	E - FL
G110	FO - HAS
G112	HAT - JONES
G203	JOR - LOG
G204	LONG - MO
G205	MU - OSB
G206	OSE - P
G208D	R - SI
G209	SM - STE
G210	STO - WALK
G211	WALL - Z



Pirate Palooza

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



Junior Classical League Candy Grams



JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

CANDY GRAMS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Order from February 24th-28th

Before school in the cafeteria or the student
parking lot entrance.



\$2 donation for chocolate coins
Donations benefit food for families.



Donate food



- Canned vegetables,
- Peanut butter,
- Oatmeal,
- Crackers,
- Soup, etc



Candy will be delivered on March 17th during 4th block!



Submission from the French Club

Bonjour Pirates! Bonne Fête de Mardi Gras! Today, le 25 février, is "Fat Tuesday" (Mardi= Tuesday/Gras= fat) or Shrove Tuesday. This is a day people live it up because the following day, Ash Wednesday, begins the Christian season of Lent where many fast or give up a luxury (fat) item.



Artistic French Club members work to create a fun Mardi Gras atmosphere!

This Thursday the 27th, French club will provide a photo background for students to make and post Mardi Gras pix. Look for us in the cafeteria where masks and beads, as well as face painting, are available for your picture taking. And as they say in New Orleans: *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* Let the good times roll.



Registration Timeline

March 3rd - March 13th

- ★ Students will enter their course selections into PowerSchool through their student account

March 13th

- ★ All course requests are to be submitted online

March 16th - May 1st

- ★ Counselors will meet with students individually to review their course selections through their 2nd block classes
 - Students can bring questions about the courses they selected to this meeting
- ★ Students will return the signed course request form they received from their counselor to **THEIR** 2nd block teacher
 - Course requests **WILL NOT** be processed until their form is returned with their parent signature





SOUPER Bowl of Caring by Beta Club



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! MARCH 2ND-MARCH 6TH

BETA Club will be collecting money to help tackle hunger in the community!

Monetary Donations will be collected at lunch. Each administrator will have a jar, the "winner" will have to wear a costume at school all day!



Dr. Kraftson

Dr. Fisenne

Dr. Newnam

Mr. Beard

The background of the flyer is decorated with various colorful icons related to education, including a laptop, a backpack, a lightbulb, a ruler, a pencil, a stack of books, a graduation cap, a pair of scissors, a calculator, and a microscope.

Porter Ridge High School
invites parents to

Chat with the Counselors

Learn more about how PRHS
counselors can support your
students success.

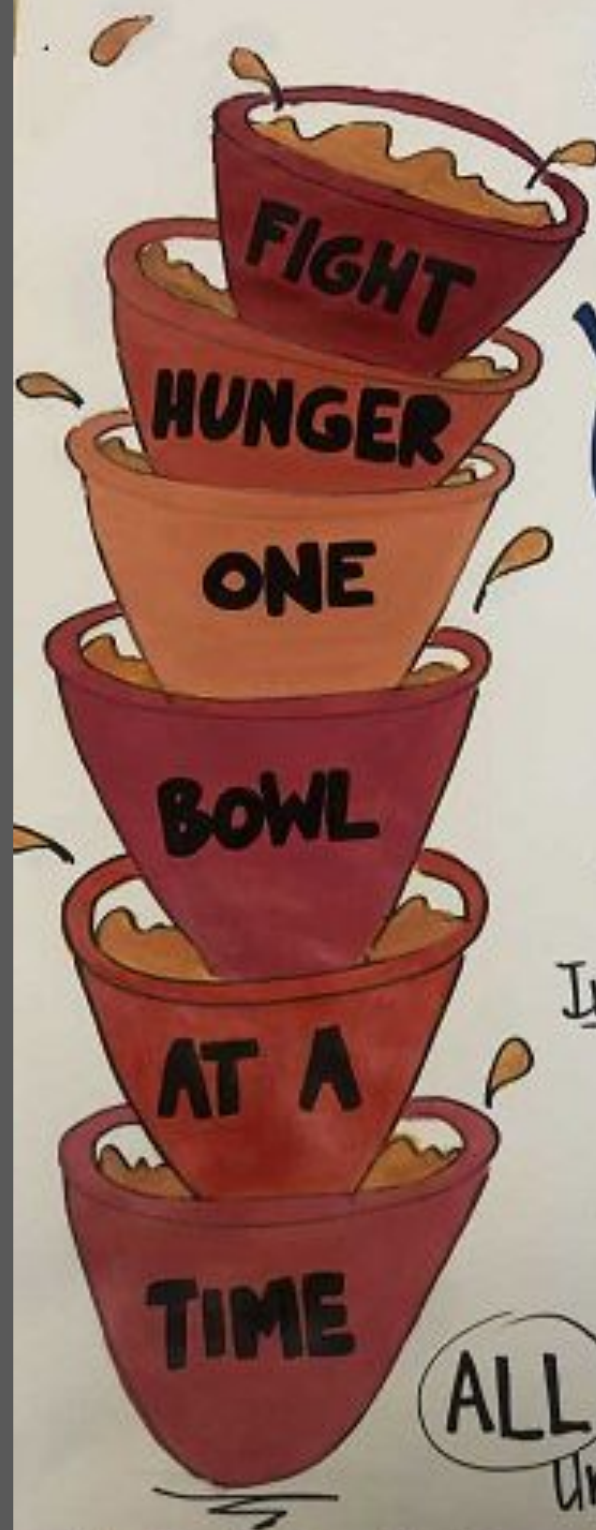
March 4th
8:15-9:15 am
PRHS Counseling Lobby

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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!



UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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.

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



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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BULLYING PREVENTION 101

Union County Public Schools is strengthening bullying prevention plans across the county. The district will offer five information sessions to help parents, employees and community members learn more about bullying behavior.

Student Support staff will define bullying, roll out the district's new bullying prevention plan and provide parents with resources to support their children.

The same presentation will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 5 • Forest Hills High School
- March 10 • Sun Valley High School
- March 12 • Parkwood High School
- March 17 • Cuthbertson High School
- March 19 • Piedmont High School



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



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.

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.

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!

Seniors!

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

Students interested in the Nurse Aide Academy and have completed or will complete it in the fall must turn in the completed application to Ms. Webb no later than Tuesday, February 25th. The academy application is located on the UCPS Career Readiness website. For more information, please see Ms. Webb in guidance.

The next meeting of the Porter Ridge NHS will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 7:35am in the auditorium. All members are required to attend. If you are unable to make this meeting, you must contact Mr. Crider prior to the meeting. In addition, all T4 community service hours are due by 3pm on March 5th. Please note students who fail to attend meetings and to submit hours are subject to dismissal from NHS.

The next meeting of the Porter Ridge GSA will take place on Monday, Feb. 24th from 3:00-3:45pm in room F108. Preparations for Awareness Week are underway. All are welcome to join in to help create equality for all.

The Junior Classical League is offering St. Patrick's Day chocolate coin candy grams for \$2 donations benefiting Foods For Families. Stop by February 24th-28th BEFORE SCHOOL at either the student parking lot entrance or near the front office area. Also drop off canned food to stock their pantry.

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

The following colleges will be visiting PRHS next week, University of Alabama in Huntsville on Feb 26th and Johnson & Wales on Feb. 28th. Sign up in Naviance to attend and learn about opportunities at these colleges.

The Computer Science Club will have an interest meeting March the 3rd after school in room E111 from 3-3:45 please come out and what this club has to offer.





Clemson Career Workshop



A summer program designed to support college readiness of high-achieving students from diverse populations and to get an inside look into Clemson University.

For Rising High School Seniors

Session 1: June 14 – 19, 2020

Session 2: June 21 – 26, 2020



College Preparation

Explore resources to increase preparation for your senior year



Learning Experience

Participate in academic learning experiences across multiple fields

Networking

Engage with Clemson students, faculty, staff and alumni



Residential Living

Know what it's like to live on Clemson University's campus

Application Deadline: April 13, 2020

For more information and to apply, visit clemson.edu/clemsoncareerworkshop



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School Counseling

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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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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>

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**

Information Security Undergraduate Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Criteria: Must be pursuing, or plan to pursue, a degree with a focus on cybersecurity or information assurance. Must have at least a 3.3 GPA.

To apply: <https://www.iamcybersafe.org/s/undergraduate-scholarships>

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.



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