



Dear Pirate Community,

As we end the third week of school I want to give a shoutout to all of our students for their dedication and commitment to academics, athletics, and extra-curriculars. Make sure to check out a few of the awesome things our students are doing in various places in the pirate press. Today we had the first day of our two day club fair! Students signed up and met with current club members during lunches. Over 200 students signed up for a new club! Our Leader in Me program kicked off this week in advisory. Every Tuesday and Thursday students will spend time with their peers and their advisors to learn, discuss, and practice the seven habits of highly effective teens. This program is a great way for students to have time during the week to learn about leadership and life skills. This week we worked on developing and maintaining habits for success. Great discussions were had throughout the school.

We hope that you will come out and support our Athletic Program by attending a game or by participating in the 2nd Annual PRHS Golf Tournament on October 12 or the 2nd Annual 5k Sock Trot on November 16th. We are so proud of the hard work that our student-athletes are putting in at school and on the field. All fall sports are highly successful this year! We hope to see everyone out at a game soon. This Friday is our Varsity Football game against Sun Valley to be played here at PRHS. This year is SVHS year to host, but due to construction at their school we will play here. This will still be considered a SVHS home game and Pirate Passes will not work. Tickets are \$7 and are being pre-sold at lunch on Friday.

Counselors will be going into senior classrooms this week to begin talking about the college application process and navigating Naviance. Naviance is the career and college planning program that all UCPS middle and high school students have access to. Counselors will also begin senior one-on-one meetings later this month to discuss post-secondary plans. Students should see their counselor with any application questions before then. Seniors should check their emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Service Academy Day will be on September 21, 2019 at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from each service academy (U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy) If your child is interested in any service academy they should speak to their counselor to discuss and should definitely attend this day if they are able.

Our yearbook staff has been busy catching photos of students in action here at PRHS. Yearbooks are currently \$70 until THIS Friday 9/13. After Friday they will increase to \$75! Orders can be placed at Jostens.com or students can see Ms. Watson in F105-C for an order form.

Be sure to catch our Band of Pirates in action at every home football game. The Band is doing an awesome job with their halftime performance, providing spirit music for the games, and for playing our Alma Mater at the end of each game - win or lose. We hope you stay and join in on this great tradition.

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



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Join us for Friday Night Football at PRHS tomorrow night against SVHS @7:30pm



PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

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

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Volleyball

9/16	Monday	Olympic	Home	4:30 JV	5:30
9/17	Tuesday	Rocky River	Home	4:30 JV	6:00
9/19	Thursday	Myers Park	Away	4:00 JV	5:30

Varsity Football

9/20	Friday	Marvin Ridge	Home	7:30
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Tennis

9/16	Monday	Sun Valley	Away	4:00
9/17	Tuesday	Butler*	Away	4:00
9/19	Thursday	Indy*	Home	4:00

XC

9/14/19	Saturday	Parkwood Rebellion XC Invite	Parkwood HS	8am
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Soccer

9/16	Monday	East Meck	Home	4:30 JV	6:00
9/18	Wednesday	Butler	Away	4:30 JV	6:00

Field Hockey

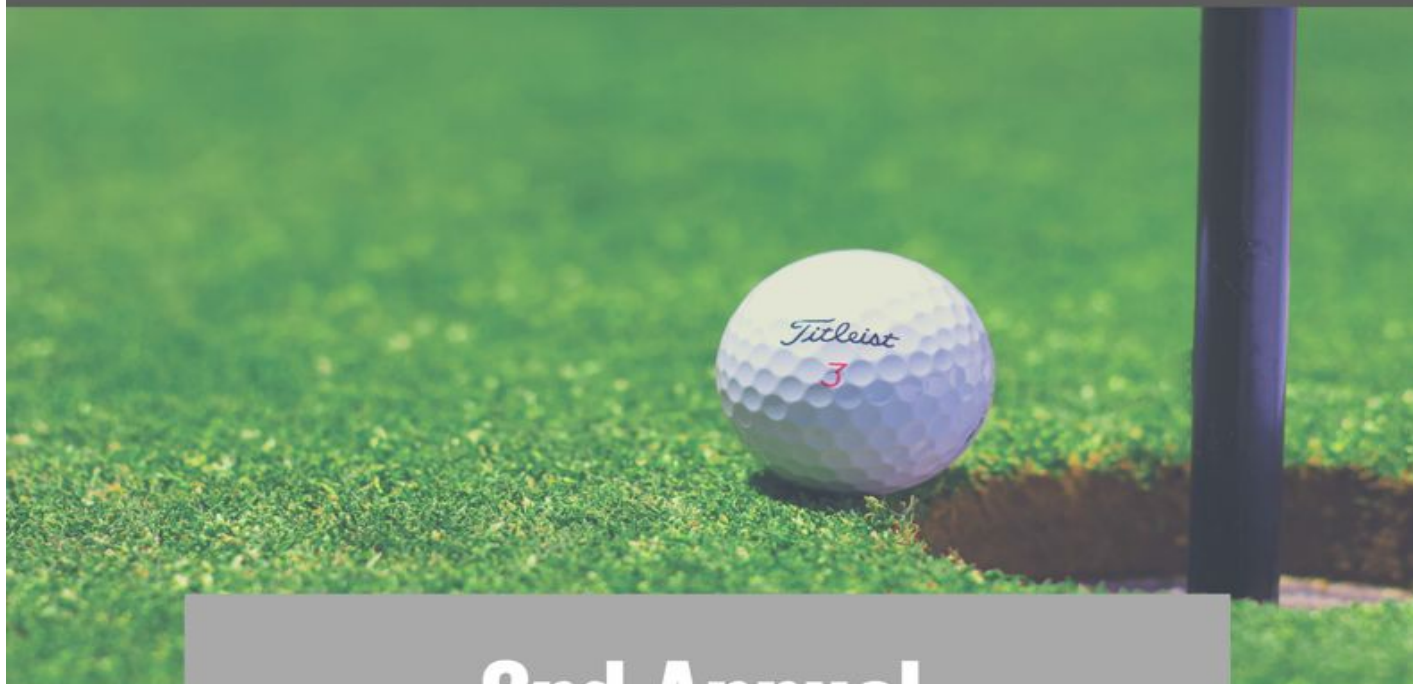
9/17/2019	Tuesday	CTK- JV	Porter Ridge Middle School	Practice Field	5:00 PM
9/19/2019	Thursday	MRHS- JV	Marvin Ridge High School	Marvin Ridge High School	4:30 PM





Golf Tournament

PR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Hosted by PRHS Baseball & Softball Teams

**OCTOBER 12, 2019 | EMERALD LAKE GOLF COURSE | 9AM
PLAYER \$100 | TEAM \$360 | HOLE SPONSOR \$100**

Register online at porterridgeabc.org



SOCK TROT

SECOND ANNUAL SOCK TROT



HEART
for MONROE

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETICS

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Registration info
to come.

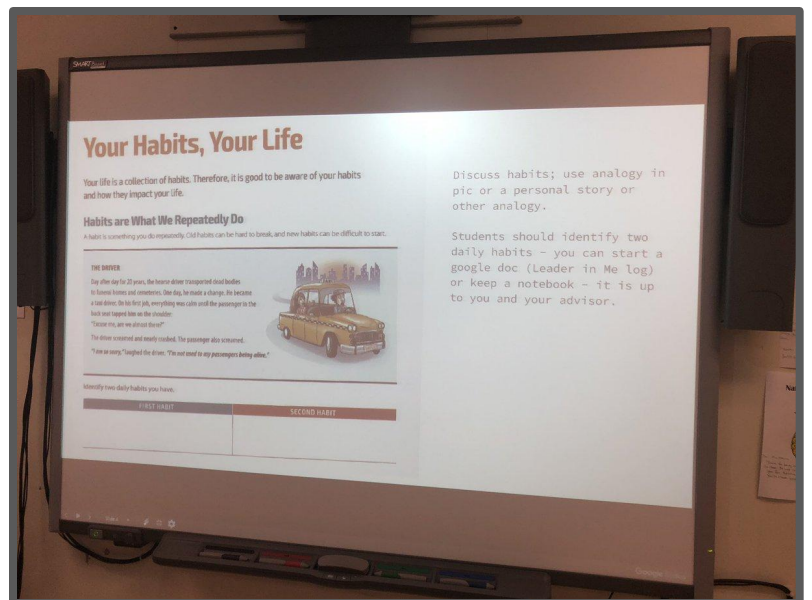
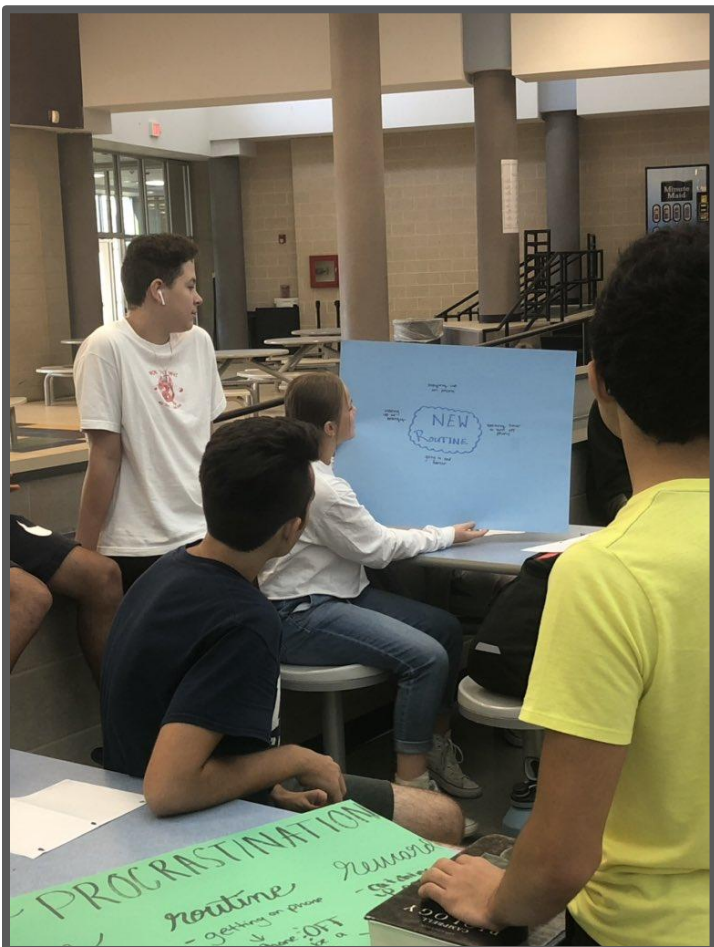
Think win-win!
Have an everyone
can win attitude!



Leader in Me - PRHS is a Leadership High School



Porter Ridge High School is proud to begin the journey as a Leader in Me School. Porter Ridge will be the first High School in Union County to adopt the Leader in Me Program. As a Leadership High School, students will be engaging in discussions and activities that center around highly effective habits and leadership. Today in advisory, students discussed effective habits and how to turn habits that bring you down into habits that yield a reward! Next week students will be discussing effective leadership and how they can be a 'leader of self' and a 'leader of others'. Great work today Pirates! More information can be found at <https://www.leaderinme.org/>





Ready, Set, App!



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an NCBCE initiative sponsored by Lenovo

**Registration Now Open for
NCBCE's Newest Initiative!**



The top three teams will win Lenovo-branded prizes.

[Learn More + Register](#)

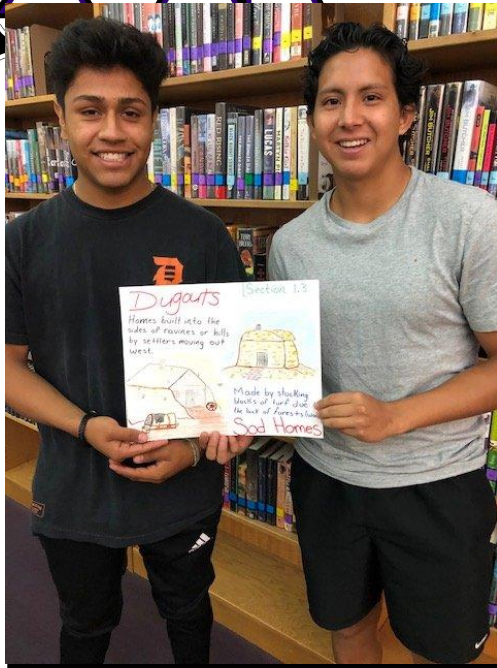
Participants must be 9-12 grade students enrolled in a North Carolina public or public charter high school. Students participate in teams of 3-5, and each team must have an educator serving as its advisor.

Registration closes November 1st, but teams will be notified on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to start early!

No previous experience is required.

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Gallery Vocabulary Review in Mr. Forman's class.



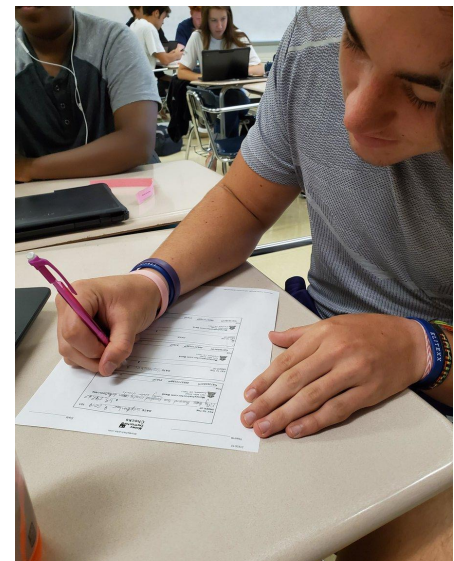
Ms. Batchelor's Robotics class creating and collaborating!



Chef Templeton's Culinary classes get a lesson in baking!



Collaborating and researching in Mr. Gardiner's Class.



Learning to Write Checks in Mrs. Greer's class.



Club News

HOSA will have its first meeting September 17th at 7:30am in E212. If you are interested in the medical field this is the club for you!

Attention all interested Math Honor Society candidates: if you would like to apply for the Mu Alpha Theta chapter at PRHS, please complete the Google form posted on Mr. Howard's door (room E-210) by September 20th at 3:00 PM. In order to be considered, you must have completed Math III and have maintained an unweighted 3.0 GPA in your high school math classes.

<http://bit.ly/PRHSMAT>

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) -First meeting and Officer Elections September 11, Collecting for dues, 18 dollars to Mrs. Goldberg D101, forms outside door

The Fairview Elementary PTO is looking for volunteers to help with a Fall Fest at Fairview Park on Hwy 601, on October 5th between 9:45 -1pm or 1pm-5pm. Interested students should email fvespto@gmail.com with the times you can volunteer.

Philosophy Club will meet on Monday 9/16 in Ms. Stegall's room, G109c.

There will be an interest meeting for this years Philosophy Club next Monday, September sixteenth in G109 at 3 o'clock.

Appalachian State will be visiting PRHS on September 20th. Seniors & juniors sign up in Naviance to attend.

Service Academy Day will be on September 21, 2019 at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from each service academy (U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy) See information on the school counseling website under upcoming events.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) applications are now available on the FBLA bulletin board in the upper F-wing hall or on the F100 door. Forms and membership dues are due Friday, September 20th to Ms. Ellis in room F100.

Interact will be having its first meeting on September 19th at 7:30am in the auditorium. We will be discussing membership and events this semester.

The first Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:15am in room F100. FBLA club members should come by F100 to receive a pass for that date to enter the building prior to the morning bell to attend the meeting. The FBLA event calendar will be discussed and light refreshments will be served.

Colleges are visiting PRHS. Seniors and Juniors this is your opportunity to speak to and hear from college reps. Must sign up to attend through Naviance 2 days in advance of the presentation.

Campbell University	Wed September 18
Hollins University	Wed September 25
UNC Charlotte	Fri September 27
UNC Asheville	Fri October 4

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More Club News

Have you ever wanted information about hair styles and self love; then you should think about joining the Natural hair & Image Club. There will be an interest meeting after school on Monday, Sept. 16th at 3:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Seniors: The deadline to apply for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill is Thursday, September 19 at 5:00 PM. Other scholarship deadlines are also quickly approaching, so make sure you are checking your student emails, the school counseling web page, and Pirate Press for more information. If you have any questions regarding scholarship applications, please see Ms. Patterson.

Attention all National Art Honor Society Students! The first NAHS meeting will be in Crowley's room G201 on Monday after school. If you haven't already checked, the list of new members are posted on Baucom and Crowley's doors. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions!

Attention All International Exchange Students!
Please see Mr. Crider or Mrs. Myers in F108 regarding the Sept. 16th meeting today.



Rho Kappa has a board in Upper F-Hall that tells you all about this month in history. Featured this month is Patriots day on September 11th and Constitution week on September 17th-23rd



Our Club Fair kicked off this Thursday 9/12. Students have the opportunity to join clubs and talk to current club members. Tomorrow is our final day of the club fair! Students! Come check out everything relating to our Clubs!



School Counseling

School Counseling Information

Put first things first!
Prioritize!

- ✚ Counselors will be going into senior classrooms this week to begin talking about the college application process and navigating Naviance. We will also begin senior one-on-one meetings later this month to discuss post-secondary plans. Please see your counselor if you have application questions before then.
- ✚ Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our new scholarship newsletter and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well.
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/12mqaEqXhv-MfLvLOqA4d6RtJDkMccIBYqj5Aug_bzZg/e/dit?usp=sharing
- ✚ The Blumenthal Performing Arts Junior Ambassador Program: The Junior Ambassador program is designed to give a select group of high school juniors and seniors a look inside the world of the performing arts industry. In this program, students have the opportunity to usher for many performances at BPA, including touring Broadway shows, symphonies, local theater companies, and so many other great performances. Students will also attend seminars to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at a performing arts center. Other seminars include career planning and resume help. For more information [click here](#). [Application](#) deadline is September 16. We want you to remember that when you turn 17.5 to 18, it's the law that you register with Selective Service.
- ✚ Registration with Selective Service is your civic responsibility and keeps you eligible for student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states. Get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at www.ss.gov. You can even register with your smart phones. If you have any questions regarding registration, talk to Mr. James. He's your Selective Service Registrar.
- ✚ Students, apply for a FREE trip to Washington, DC. The NC Electric and Union Power Cooperatives will be selecting three High school juniors to receive a one week all-expense paid trip to Washington DC with 1,800 student from across the nation. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2019. Find more information [here](#).
- ✚ Prospective candidates who plan to major in a STEM or education discipline at NC State and reside in a North Carolina household with a pre-tax annual gross income (AGI) of less than \$110,000 are eligible to potentially receive an invitation to apply to the Goodnight Scholars Program's Class of 2024. Click the link below to learn about additional requirements and important deadlines for the Class of 2024 application process.
- ✚ https://goodnight.ncsu.edu/apply/?utm_source=GS%3A+Goodnight+Scholars+NC+High+School+Counselors&utm_campaign=33f8e72a71-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_07_24_05_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7e8cb759b1-33f8e72a71-87488381



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Major Scholarships

Some universities have competitions to select students for full-ride scholarships. These are highly competitive. At Porter Ridge, students apply to be considered as the PRHS nominee. Students complete an application and our school scholarship committee, consisting of school counselors, an administrator and teachers, reviews the applications of students and chooses our school nominee(s). The student(s) selected as our school nominee then applies directly to the institution for the larger competition.

Below are the links to information about the individual scholarships. The applications are now available and accessible through Pirate Press, the school counseling webpage, and senior emails.

Some of the scholarships allow students to self-nominate if they are not chosen as their school's nominee. Please see the individual scholarship websites for more information. Feel free to contact Ms. Patterson with any questions.

UNC Chapel Hill- [Morehead Cain Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 19, 2019

NC State - [Park Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

UNC Charlotte- [Levine Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

Davidson College- [Belk Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE October 17, 2019

University of Virginia- Jefferson Scholarship Apply [here](#) DUE November 14, 2019

Colleges Visiting PRHS-- Seniors and Juniors may sign up to attend the presentation to colleges they are interested learning more about. Students must sign up at least 2 days prior to the visit through your Naviance Student account.

1. Log in to your my.ncedcloud.org account
2. Click on "C" for Clever
3. Click on Naviance
4. Select "Colleges"
5. Select "upcoming visits"
6. Click the "Sign Up" button for the chosen schools.

Looking for information about the college application and scholarship process? Check out the UCPS College Readiness page. They are hosting a Getting Ready for College event on September 14, 2019. Find more information on the website.

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6376>

Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

SAT

November 2 (register by October 3)

December 7 (register by November 8)

ACT

October 26 (register by September 20)

December 14 (register by November 8)

Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

FAFA Opens—October 1, 2019

PRHS FAFSA Information Night—October 3, 2019

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019



Ports of Information for Pirates:

2019-2020 will still feature a weekly electronic newsletter emailed to families and students. If you need to update your email at school, please send your updated email to carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us

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