



Dear Pirate Community,

This week we had the honor and privilege to recognize our three teacher of the year finalists! Mr. Crider, Mr. Leath, and Mrs. Hill were our three finalists recognized at our October staff meeting! Each of these teachers have made tremendous contributions to the students at Porter Ridge and to the culture of our school and we treasure each of them. We are proud to announce that Mr. Leath has earned the title of Porter Ridge High School's Teacher of the Year! Mr. Leath, a 2007 graduate has been teaching in the social studies department at Porter Ridge since 2014. Mr. Leath is also a soccer coach and lacrosse coach. Mr. Leath is also a member of the team of teachers introducing the Leader in Me program here at PR this year. Mr. Leath exemplifies Porter Ridge's vision of commitment and dedication. Congratulations to all of our finalist and congratulations to Mr. Leath who will represent PRHS in the county teacher of the year competition.

Earlier this week we had our first and very successful lockdown drill of the year. Our staff is committed to putting the safety and security of our students and staff first. We are very thankful for Officer Humphrey and our partnership with the Union County's sheriff's office for their tireless efforts to make safety and security at Porter Ridge a top priority. Both students and staff did an excellent job during the drill as they do every day of creating a culture of respect and safety in our school.

Many teachers, students, and staff participated in Adv. Manufacturing Week in Union County. Students created new marketing for the event and two of our students are finalists in the competition. Check out the Pirate Press to see our proud teachers displaying their work!

Tonight our JV Football team takes on Butler at home - kickoff at 7:00. Friday varsity football is at Butler HS - kickoff at 7:00. Shoutout to Volleyball for sweeping Butler this week & Soccer for defeating Myers Park this week. As I record this our Tennis Team is working hard on the courts against Hickory Ridge. Prior to the match we celebrated our Tennis Seniors - seven young ladies who have given their all for the team and our school during their time at PRHS!! Info on winter tryouts is in this week's Pirate Press.

Next week is Homecoming week! Our student council has been working hard on making this week a fun and exciting week for our students! Each day has a different dress up theme. Check the pirate press for all of the different daily themes. Monday starts out with Class Wars - All **9th grade should wear black**, **10th grade white**, **11th grade grey**, and **12th grade purple**. After school activities include Powderpuff football on Tuesday at 5:30pm and Game Night on Thursday at 5pm. Our homecoming game will be on Friday, October 11th at 7:30pm. Come support your PRHS Varsity football team, your varsity cheer squad, and your Band of Pirates! Our homecoming dance is this Saturday, October 12th at 8:00pm. Thank you to the Porter Ridge student council for making our homecoming week!

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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Homecoming 19-20!

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Homecoming 2019

A Survival Guide

October 7th – October 12th



Enchanted Forest

Saturday- Dance 8-11

Monday

Class Wars

Freshmen-

Black

Sophomores-

White

Juniors- Grey

Seniors-

Purple

CLASS WARS

Tuesday

Pajama

Day

Half Day!!



POWDERPUFF
@ 5:30
\$2 TO WATCH

Wednesday

NO SCHOOL!

SLEEP IN



Thursday

Marble VS.

Athlete



VS.



LUNCH
ACTIVITIES!!!

Game Night @ 5

Friday

HAWAIIAN DAY!



Tailgating in the
Parking Lot @
5:00

HC Game @ 7:30

Black Out!

(HC court at halftime)

Enchanted Forest

PRHS Homecoming Dance 2019

October 12th

8:00-11:00pm

In The Main Gym

Tickets sold at all lunches

September 16th-27th

\$20 per person





Athletic Info

TO Kick off homecoming week all STUDENTS have FREE admission to the soccer and volleyball home game on Monday 10/7/19. Students must get a pass from Coach Thompson during their lunch period.



**Varsity Football @
Butler Kickoff at 7pm
Neon Out**





Winter Sports Tryout Info



PRHS 2019 Winter Athletics Tryout Info

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

To receive a TRYOUT TICKET, the following must be completed:

- 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 on June 1, 2019 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. All rising 9th graders will need to submit a physical. Physicals are not transferred over from the middle school.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.
- IF you tried out or are playing on a Fall Sports team, you must still get a Winter Tryout Ticket, but you DO NOT need to register again.

TRYOUT TICKET Dates:

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during ALL LUNCHESES. Parents or guardians must pre-register online. Athletes cannot register themselves.

Thursday	October 24
Monday	October 28
Tuesday	October 29

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR ATHLETE'S PHYSICAL FOR YOUR RECORDS



Winter Tryout Dates

Men's Basketball - Tryout by grade level

Questions email Coach Malone Garrett.Malone@ucps.k12.nc.us

9th and 10th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:00 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 4:30 Main Gym

11th and 12th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

Women's Basketball - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach James alouallen@yahoo.com

Wednesday October 30 5:00 - 6:30 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 4:30 - 5:45 Main Gym

Wrestling - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Durbin randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

Winter Tack - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach White Tondra.White@ucps.k12.nc.us

November 5 and 6 3:00 - 5:00 Track

Winter Cheer - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Chopelas porterridgecheer@gmail.com

October 28 and 29 Tryout Workouts 3:30 - 5:30 Cafeteria

Tryouts October 30 6:30 - 8:30 Main Gym

Men's and Women's Swim - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Mac coachbrendamac@gmail.com

Swim Workouts

Dryland at PRHS weightroom October 14 and 16 4:30 - 6:00

Pool Workouts Monroe Aquatic Center

Monday October 21 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 23 6:00pm - 7:15 pm

Friday October 25 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday October 28 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Tryouts

Wednesday October 30 6:00pm - 7:15 pm



Athletics Schedule

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

This Week's Sports Schedules !

Volleyball

10/3	Thursday	Indy	Away	4:00	5:30
10/7	Monday	Garinger	Home	4:30	6:00
10/10	Thursday	Rocky River	Away	4:00	5:30

Varsity Football

10/4	Friday	Butler	Away	7:00
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Tennis

10/3	Thursday	Hickory Ridge*	Home	4:00
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Soccer

10/7	Monday	Hickory Ridge	Home	4:30	6:00
10/9	Wednesday	East Meck	Away	4:30	6:00

Cross Country

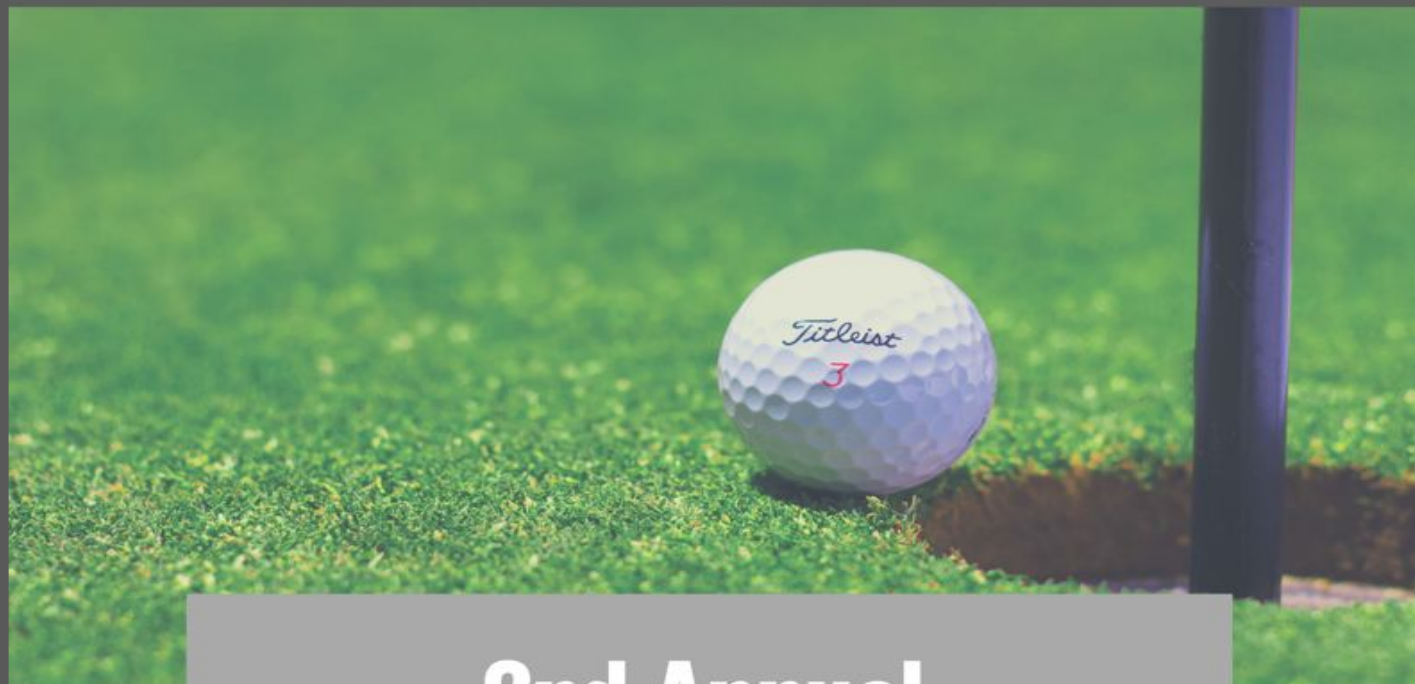
10/12/19	Saturday	Cuthbertson Autumn Nite Invite	TBD	Sam
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Golf Tournament

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
<http://www.porterridgeabc.com/>



SOCK TROT

SECOND ANNUAL
SOCK TROT



HEART
for MONROE

PORTER RIDGE
ATHLETICS

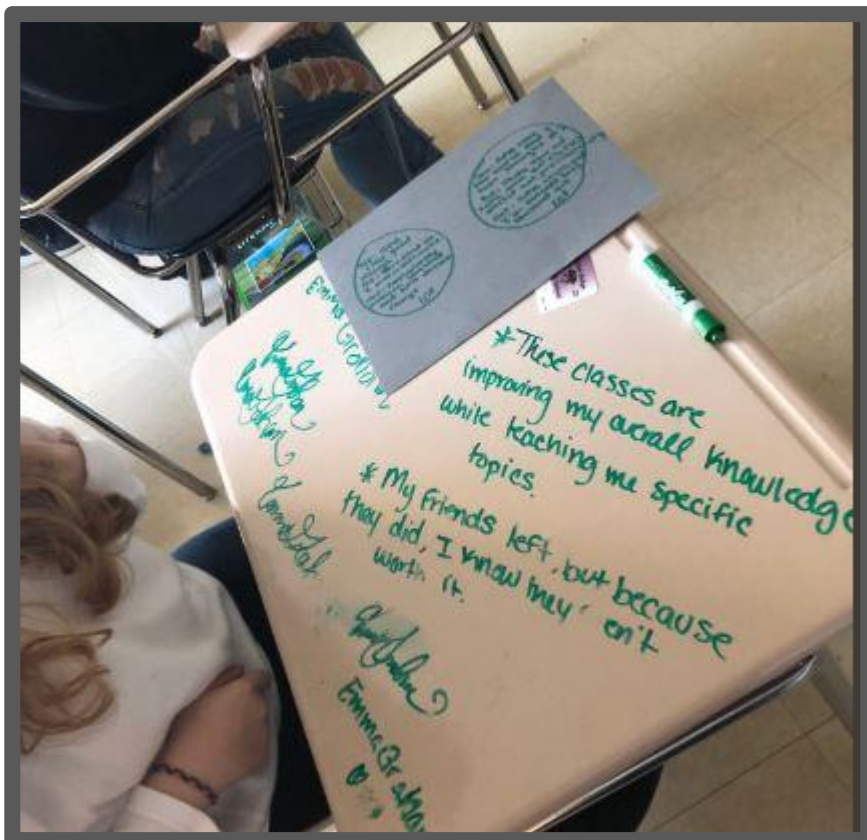
NOVEMBER 16, 2019

[Registration Link Here](#)



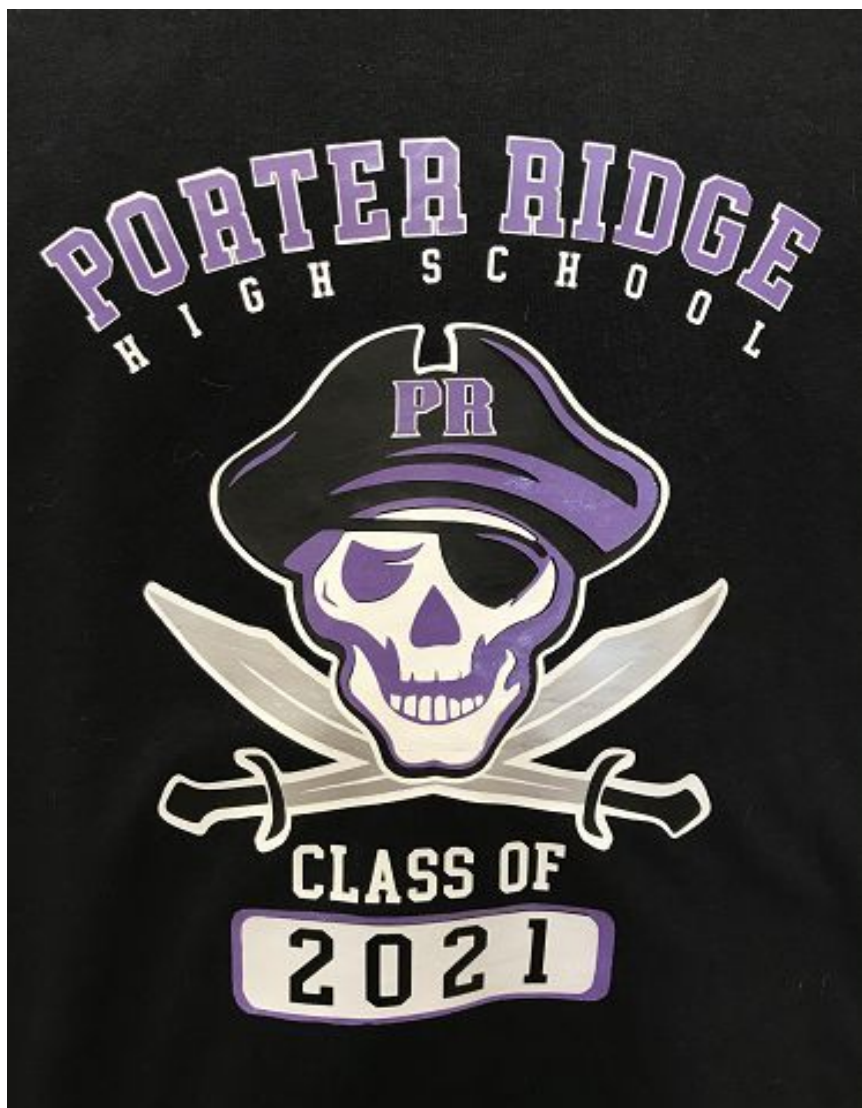
This Week in Advisory. #Watchthemlead

Advisory this week was all about paradigm shifts. Students discussed and modeled how to change a negative behavior to a positive behavior and mindset. See - Do - Get . See- observe the pattern of behavior, Do - practice and be patient. Get - get the results.





INFO from the PTO



Class T-Shirts are available to order through the PTO! T-shirts are \$20.00 each! Order below!

[PTO T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS](#)



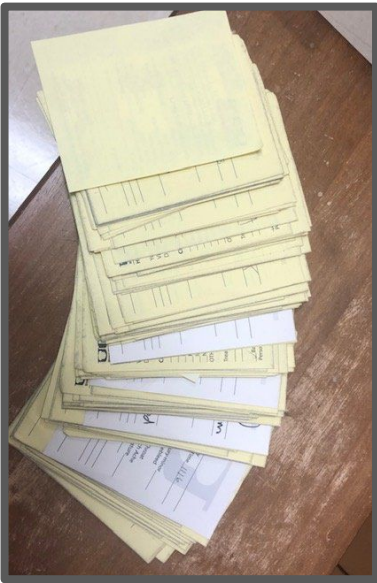
Check IT OUT!



School Counselors meeting with seniors about post-secondary plans!



Liam Rose and some PR Alum at Wingate University Wind Ensemble



Sept. Nurse visits! Nurse Williams ensures are students are well and ready to learn!



More Campus beautification! Gravel to fill in the empty spaces in the parking lot!



Dr. Fisenne wins The UCPS October leadership award!

Two students in Ms. Taylor's Marketing class are finalists for their submission of ideas into the Make It In Union County competition. Coach McGhee was happy to be able to support his mentor.





Announcements

Attention all newly accepted NHS members. The deadline to turn in your acceptance form and payment has been extended to Friday, Oct. 4th. You must turn this form in to Mr. Crider in person - do not place in his mailbox or give to another teacher. If you do not turn in this form by this date, you will forfeit your acceptance in NHS. Please see Mr. Crider in F108 with any questions.

The Fall Blood Drive will be held on October 30th. If you are wanting to donate scan the QR code on the flyer located on each classroom door and fill out the questions! If you need a 16 year old parent consent form those are located in the front office. Make sure you bring those back to Ms. Clontz in E212 signed before the blood drive.

Attention potential NHS members. The deadline to submit an appeal has been extended to Friday, Oct. 4th. If you fail to turn in your formal appeal, you will forfeit your chance to be considered for NHS. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Crider in F108.

The next Robotics Club meeting will take place on Monday, October 7, from 3-4 in Ms. Batchelor's classroom, G104. All forms and dues are due at this meeting.

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$80. Visit Jostens.com or visit Ms. Watson's room F105-C for an order form. Be sure to order before prices increase!

Senior Ads are now on sale to be featured in the yearbook. This is a great way to make your mark in this year's book! Visit Jostens.com to order or see Ms. Watson in F105-C.

NC Governor's School Are you interested in learning more about NC Governor's School? Each year informational sessions (one hour in length) are held throughout the state for anyone who is interested. The following meeting dates and locations, near us, have already been confirmed: Tuesday, October 1, 6:00pm: Statesville area- Statesville High School Mac Gray. Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 pm: Charlotte area- E.E. Waddell Language Academy Auditorium

The Union County College Fair will be on Sunday, October 6 from 2-4pm at Wingate University. This is a great opportunity to learn about colleges. We encourage all students to attend.

Pirates, tickets for this year's Enchanted Forest homecoming dance are available at a last chance cost of \$25 this week! Make sure you get your tickets as soon as possible, as they are expected to sell out. Additionally, make sure all guest forms are submitted by October 4th to the table at lunch. Even if a ticket has already been purchased, the guest cannot be admitted to the dance without a verified guest form. Remember, only rubber soled shoes are allowed on the gym floor. We will provide a free coat check for your belongings and shoes, but you may want to bring flats or flip flops to wear during the dance if you plan on wearing heels.

Invitations to apply for Beta Club will be given out today in advisory to eligible 10th and 11th grade students. Students need to apply by October 15th. Any students who have questions should see Ms. Davison in the counseling office.

This year's Homecoming Game vs. Independence will take place on Friday, October 11th. Before the game, there will be a tailgate in the parking lot near the football stadium beginning at 5:30, before the game starts at 7:30. There will be free food, drinks, and games! We hope to see you there.





School Counseling

School Counseling Information

Put first things first!
Prioritize!

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/edit?usp=sharing

FAFSA is now open! Begin filling out your applications as soon as possible to make sure you receive needed financial aid to pay for school. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

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

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.

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.

All **Sophomores** will take:

PSAT on 10/16

Pre-ACT on 10/23

All **Juniors** will take:

ACT on 2/25

SAT on 3/25



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This form is for students to self-nominate for Governor's School. You must be a Junior to attend Governor's School. If you are a Sophomore you may only attend in the area of Choral Music, Instrumental Music, or Dance. If you are interested please complete the form by October 4, 2019.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oo6eELwstjhDRQhCnLWTJpGQiLj7yQjrt-lzxUyPXx8/edit>

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

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

Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

FAFSA Opens—October 1, 2019

PRHS Financial Aid Information Night—October 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019

Students, you are invited to the **African-American Prospective Program (2APP)** on Monday, October 21, 2019. This free event gives select students a first-hand view of Appalachian.

“Students will experience our beautiful location, learn about our strong academic programs and merit scholarships, and explore campus resources and organizations for diverse students. While on campus, they'll have the opportunity to engage with faculty, meet current students and apply for admission at no cost! They'll also hear about a special orientation program designed to give students the opportunity to become leaders on Appalachian's campus and within the Multicultural Student Development office.”

Registration link: <https://ugrad.appstate.edu/register/?id=76a34f5c-9799-4a68-8a68-cf2fbcf86c57>

The **Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) Program** is inviting parents and students to attend bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program.

More information about these opportunities can be found here: <https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series>



School Counseling Information

Do you like to help people? Are you the kind of person who likes to craft, make, tinker and break things? Have you been wondering if engineering might be for you, but you're not sure? Do you like spooky things? We've got the perfect immersive event for you Oct. 25-26: **Explore Engineering, an overnight event for high school girls at Sweet Briar College.**

Participants will work in teams with engineering professors and students to imagine and bring to life a [computer-controlled, interactive Halloween device](#). The event is hands-on, stresses teamwork and creativity, and is **perfect for both experienced students and newbies to engineering.**

Sound eerily up your alley?

[Get more information and register](#)

The **Union County College Fair** will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. This is a CACRAO event hosted by Wingate University. Reserve your spot now! A list of colleges will be published as soon as it is available.

More information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/union-county-college-fair-tickets-59926941094>

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 school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.**

UNC Greensboro College Visit-- Juniors & Seniors, we are planning a trip to UNC Greensboro to learn about their admissions process and tour the campus. We are excited about this opportunity and hope those who are interested will take advantage of this chance to gain access to this campus and all that it has to offer. UNC Greensboro was founded in 1891 to give women access to a college education. Now it's one of the largest co-ed, public NC universities. Despite their size, they are known for providing a welcoming and inclusive environment. Their students come from many ethnic, racial, religious, gender, and cultural experiences.

Our trip will be on Thursday, October 17, and we are taking the first 40 students who turn in a signed permission form and the fee of \$12. We will leave PRHS at 8:00 AM and arrive back to the school by 2:45 PM. The forms are available in the counseling office. **All signed forms and money must be returned to Mrs. Martinez by Friday, October 11.** If you have any questions, please see Ms. Patterson in the counseling department.

College Application Week- Applying to college doesn't have to be scary! During the week of October 21-25, we will be meeting with seniors to help them apply to school. In order to meet with the counselors, make sure you sign up using the form listed below. On the form, you will indicate your top 3 choices, and we will do our best to accommodate your requests. This is also Free College Application Week, so check out the list of schools who will be waiving their application fees! Please see your counselor with any questions.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/nZpAJC5NnHXTmniH9>

Colleges Waiving Application Fee:

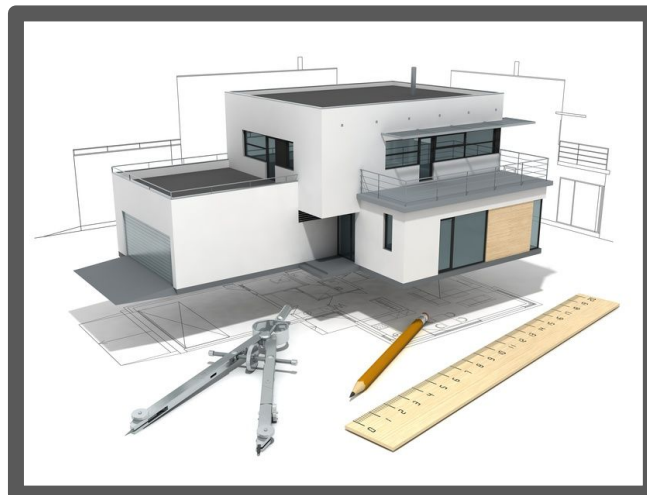
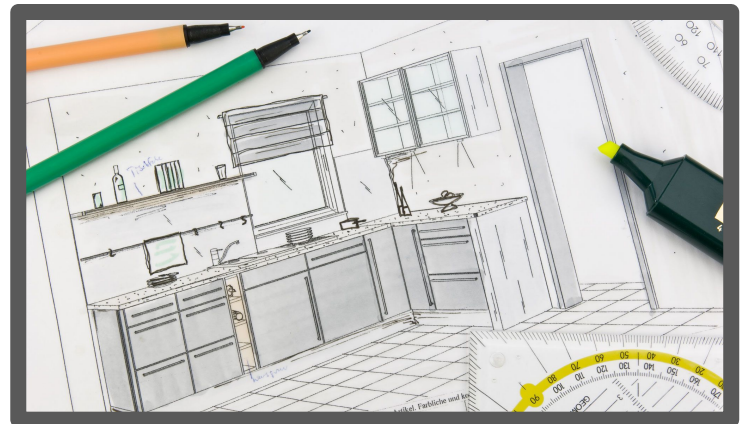
https://nccountdowntocollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/nc_college_application_fees_for_c2c_2019.pdf



Information from our CTE Department.

“Career of the Week – Architect”

An architect is a person who plans and designs houses, factories, office buildings, and other structures. Typically an architect meets with clients to determine what needs to be built and what the requirements are for the building, work either on a computer or draw by hand a scale of the building, make sure building contractors have the contracts, visit worksites to make sure the builders are following their architectural plans, etc. Most architects earn their professional degree through a 5-year Bachelor of Architecture degree program, as well as, earn a master’s degree in architecture. All states require architects to be licensed, which typically includes completing a professional degree in architecture, gaining relevant experience through a paid internship, and passing the Architect Registration Examination. Architects average salary for the state of North Carolina is \$78,660 and \$76,930 for the nation.





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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Follow us on Instagram: @porterridgehs @porterridgefb @porterridgecheer @prhs.piratenation (student council) @prhss_2020 (student section) @porterridgebandofpirates @PR_volleyball @prhsffa (Future Farmers of America club)

