

Porter Ridge High School

Pirate Press

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Welcome Back to School

Good day Pirates!! We are excited to welcome our Staff, Teachers, and Students back to school in a month. There is a lot of activity at the school now to prepare for the school year! Our custodial staff is working hard to make our school look sparkling clean and many of our teachers have been here working on curriculum. Way to go Pirates!

- **School starts on Monday, August 27, 2018.**
- **Athletics and Marching Band** are preparing to start our season—see inside for important information on registration for athletic tryouts and for information on Band of Pirates Camp. Tonight, Thursday is the last time to get your tryout tickets—from 6-8.
- **Back to School Days. Parking passes, lockers, bus info, spirit wear will be available.**
 - **Tuesday 8/21 8-12 (10th – 12th grades)**
 - **Wednesday 8/22 9 – 11 am (9th graders morning option)**
 - **Thursday 8/23 6:00 – 7:00 (9th graders evening option)**
- **Parking passes will be available according to the following priorities and times:**
 - **Seniors may purchase Tuesday 8/21 8:00 am—10:00 am**
 - **Juniors and Sophomores may purchase Tuesday 8/21 10:00 am—12:00 pm**
 - All Student Parking Passes will cost \$40. Students may not purchase a parking pass until all unpaid fees are paid. If you have questions if you have outstanding fees, please call the school office.
- **Parent email and phone contact information**—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. You will receive a form for changes with the student's back to school paperwork. You may also email with any changes to our [Data Manager, Ms. Lawwill](#).
- **Chromebooks for ALL students—Please see important information inside the newsletter.**
- **Schedules and Schedule Corrections— Schedules will be mailed home starting August 14th (along with Bus Information).** Please remember that classes are filled based on the requests that students made the prior year and we cannot accommodate changes. If there is an error on the schedule, we will do our best to correct the schedule. SEE Schedule Information on the next page for important information!!
- **School day start**—The bell to move to class rings at 7:50 am. The Tardy Bell rings at 8:00 am. If you are driving your child, or if your child is driving themselves, plan to arrive at the school by 7:30 to be sure you are on time due to traffic.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. In order to make sure you are on the list to receive the newsletter, please update your email and phone number information at the school, or click here to [email our Data Manager, Ms. Lawwill](#). The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne

Another issue to arrive
mid-August... Keep a
weather eye for the
Pirate Press!!

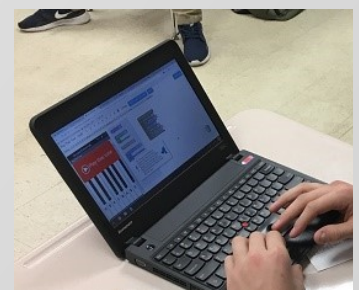
Class Schedule

Schedules for 2018-2019

- ◆ Counselors have worked diligently to give students the classes they requested last spring.
- ◆ Students have either received the classes they selected during the registration process last spring or students will see "Please See Your Counselor" on their schedule. This year we will not randomly give 10-12 grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter "Please See Your Counselor" as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict we need to discuss with the student.
- ◆ If a student has "Please See Your Counselor" on the schedule, there will be an opportunity for students to meet with a Guidance Counselor prior to the start of school (during the afternoons of 8/22, 8/23, and 8/24— from 12:30—3:30 pm).
- ◆ If a student does not have "Please See Your Counselor" on the schedule, the student received the classes he/she requested in Spring 2018 and cannot request any changes prior to the start of school.
- ◆ Information will be shared with students on the first day of school as to how to request a schedule change for a valid specified reason.
- ◆ We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes throughout the summer as Guidance Counselors do not work full time in the summer and when they are here they are working on registering and completing schedules for the incoming ninth grade students and new students.
- ◆ They look forward to filling holes (noted by "Please See Your Counselor") in late August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted this year. The only way to request a correction to the schedule will be an electronic form that students must complete during school hours the first five days of classes.

Chromebooks— 2018-2019

- ⇒ **All Porter Ridge High School students are required to use their chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students.**
- ⇒ **This year our PRHS students will receive a new Chromebook to use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will again benefit from. Students at PRHS are required to bring their chrome book to school every day.**
- ⇒ **Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. EVERY student will receive a form on the first day of school. The form will be due back the next morning (Tuesday 8/28). Students will not be able to receive a chrome book on Tuesday 8/28 unless the form is signed.**
- ⇒ **There is NO required technology user fee this year!! All we need is your signature.**
- ⇒ **Forms will also be available during all Student Back to School events the week before school, or you may stop in the front office any time this summer to complete this form in advance so that your student can get their chromebook upon their return to school.**



PRHS 2018 Fall Athletics Tryout Info



To try out for a Fall 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 2018-2019 UCPS Eligibility Packet to the Athletic Director. Note: If you had a No-vant physical on June 2, 2018 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. Also beginning July 1st UCPS no longer requires a notary signature on the proof of insurance. It is now included on FamilyID.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.

FamilyID – Is a new system PRHS went to LAST SCHOOL YEAR for Winter and Spring Sports. All 2017-2018 winter and spring athletes are RETURNING athletes. Any fall athlete last school year that did not play a Winter or Spring sport, you are TECHNICALLY A NEW ATHLETE AND WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT even though you are a returning athlete in your sport. If you are unsure please email Coach Thompson the Athletic Director: ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

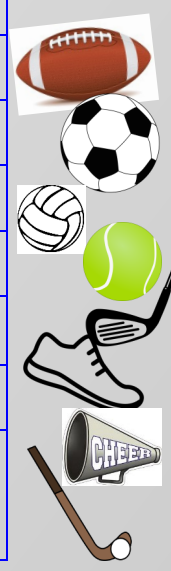
TRYOUT TICKET Dates:

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates and times in the high school media center. Parents or guardians may pre-register online or register on site using the school computers to receive assistance. Athletes cannot register themselves.

- Tuesday July 10 - 6 pm - 8 pm
- Tuesday July 24 - 8 am - 11 am and 6 pm - 8 pm
- Thursday July 26 - 6 pm - 8 pm

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

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Date	Time
Football Head	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us	July 30-31	7:30 am—noon
Men’s Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	July 31– Aug 3	8:00 am—10:00 am
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us	July 30-31	9:30 am—noon
Women’s Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	July31—Aug 1	8:00 am—10:00 am
Women’s Golf	TBA (contact AD)	ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us	Aug 1	TBD
Cross Country	Jennifer Gardner	Jennifer.Gardiner@ucps.k12.nc.us	Aug 6	8:00 am—10:00 am
Cheerleading	Branden Chopelas	porterridgecheer@gmail.com	July 30-31	6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Women’s Field Hockey (Booster Club Pay-sport)	Katie Garner	garnerkatiem@gmail.com	TBD	TBD



Overall Questions about Athletics? Call our Athletic Director—Coach Ina Thompson or email at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Student Parking Passes

Parking passes will be available during the times above according to the following priorities and times:

- Seniors may purchase Tuesday 8/21 8:00 am—10:00 am
- Juniors and Sophomores may purchase Tuesday 8/21 10:00 am—12:00 pm



- ⇒ ALL Students, MUST print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for \$40 made payable to Porter Ridge High School.
- ⇒ Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you canNOT reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms that will be available soon on the [PRHS website under "Students"](#).
- ⇒ Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- ⇒ If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change. STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A PARKING STICKER TO ENTER THE STUDENT LOT and PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. Until you have a parking sticker you may NOT drive to school.
- ⇒ Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation.
- ⇒ Students who are late to school, have behavioral issues, or are not passing classes may have their parking privileges suspended or revoked. Students will not get the parking fee back if their privileges are revoked.



Band of Pirates

Welcome to Marching Band Season!!!! Welcome to our new Directors at Porter Ridge!

Head HS Band Director—Mr. Emmanuel Ross & HS Band Director Ms. Ashleigh Cook!

ALL students are required to participate in marching band AND are required to be at Band Camp. Students will need to bring a lunch every day and are NOT allowed to leave campus during camp. Students will need to bring their instrument and music every day to camp. Band Students should wear comfortable clothes within school dress policy i.e. tennis shoes. **Bring a water bottle DAILY and stay hydrated.** Eat a good breakfast every day – please avoid dairy. Camp Schedule

- August 1-3 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Freshman, Percussion & Color Guard Camp
- August 6-9 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm - Full Band Camp
- Friday - August 10th - NO CAMP
- August 13-14 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm - Full Band Camp
- August 14th—Parent Preview 6:00 pm

**Band Parent Preview
Save the Date
August 14th
6:00 pm**

Upcoming Pirate Athletic Events

Varsity times listed here; [see Athletic website for JV times](#)

Starting week of 7/30 Athletic Tryouts—see page 3...

Tuesday 8/7 6:30 pm Fall Sports Mandatory Meeting; check in from 5:45—6:30 pm

Mon 8/13—Soccer vs. Charlotte Catholic 6:00; Volleyball vs. Piedmont 6:00

Wed 8/15—Tennis vs. Parkwood 4:00; Soccer vs. Parkwood 6:00; Volleyball vs. Parkwood 6:00

Thurs 8/16—Soccer AT Weddington 6:00; JV Football vs Cuthbertson 6:30

Fri 8/17—Varsity Football AT Cuthbertson 7:30

Mon 8/20—Tennis AT SVHS 4:00; Soccer vs SVHS 6:00; Volleyball vs SVHS 6:00

Tues 8/21—Tennis AT EastMeck

Wed 8/22—Soccer AT Richmond ; Volleyball vs. Cuthbertson 6:00

Thurs 8/23—Tennis vs. Butler 4:00; Soccer vs Piedmont 6:00; Volleyball AT CATA; JV Football AT Piedmont

Fri 8/24—Varsity Football vs Piedmont 7:30 Kickoff



Ports of Information for Pirates ===

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2018-2019 will 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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