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Friday, January 26th is the first day of the new semester. Let's have a great second semester and start!

REMINDERS

Tardies count- Students should arrive by 8:05 AM to get to class on time.

Attendance matters!

**Start strong the first day by setting goals for all of your new classes:
Engage, Complete Work, and High Expectations**

Student lunches are assigned by third period teachers. Go to third period for information from teachers.



- ❖ The **PRHS Schedule Correction Google Form** is now live. This form will stay open until Thursday, February 1st. You must use your UCPS email address for the form to work.
<https://forms.gle/osmfqyCvXIFk3IiS7>
- ❖ Buy your **yearbooks** at yearbookforever.com
- ❖ Attention juniors and seniors, don't miss out on the **HBCU College Fair** happening on Thursday, February 29th. This event is for 11th graders who are starting to explore their college options, as well as 12th graders who haven't made their decision on a college yet. If you want to secure your spot to attend the college fair please sign up now. The sign-up deadline is February 12th and you can find the sign-up link in the pirate press.
- ❖ Next **Sewing and Upcycling Club** meeting will be 2/8/24 until 4:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Spring track** will have an interest meeting on Wednesday, January 31st after school in room G203. Please see Coach Forrest for questions.
- ❖ **Growing Green's** next meeting will be January 30th. Meet in Ms. Goodine's room, E111, after school. They will be preparing for their fun and impactful events coming up.
- ❖ Come and make a cool **Valentine candy jar** for yourself or to give as a gift Thurs. Feb. 8th from 3:05-4 p.m. in the Media Center! Scan the QR code on the poster outside the Media Center to sign up. All supplies and refreshments will be provided.
- ❖ Join us for the **National English Honors Society and Creative Writing Club** meeting after school Monday, January 29 in Ms. Wright's room, F105c.

Students are reminded to continue to check the [Student Daily Announcement Page](#) to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our [PRHS Website](#). The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



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PRHS News & AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM

[CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM](#)



Hiring Students!

PORTER RIDGE HIGH



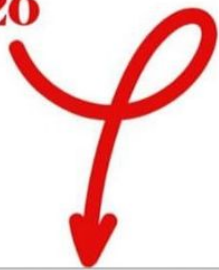
PORTER RIDGE WANTS TO INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF HIRING STUDENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL! HOURS MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR: SERVICE HOURS (CHECK WITH ADVISOR), RESUME, AND AS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. SOME JOBS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM YOUR TEACHER TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY/WEEK.

1 DAY left
to customize your yearbook!

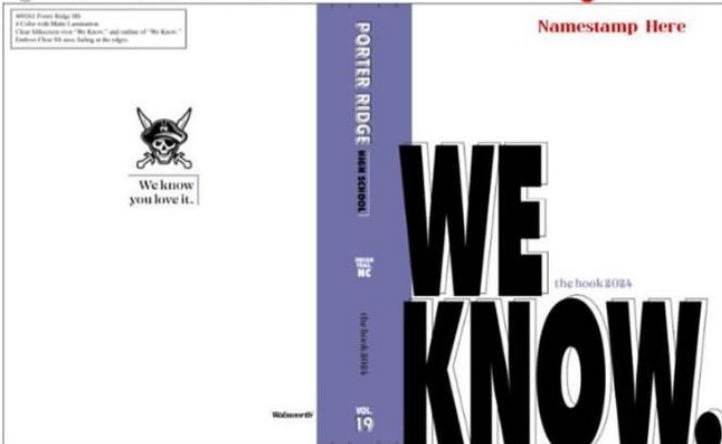
Order by: 1/26

- 1.) Scan the QR Code
- 2.) Choose your package - deluxe or basic

QUESTIONS? COME SEE US 3RD BLOCK ROOM G203 OR MESSAGE US ON INSTAGRAM



[@the.hook.student.media](https://www.instagram.com/the.hook.student.media)



PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

MENS TENNIS TRYOUTS



WED AND THURS FEB 14 AND 15
 3PM-5PM ON PRHS TENNIS COURTS

YOU MUST HAVE FAMILY ID COMPLETE TO TRY OUT

QUESTIONS? EMAIL COACH MCQUEEN
 TJMCQUEEN@EARTHLINK.NET



AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

Rallies others toward a common goal through creativity, integrity and determination. Works to connect with other people through empathy and partnership.



A RESILIENT PROBLEM-SOLVER

Capitalizes on productive struggle, inquiry, discourse and social learning to think critically and solve relevant and meaningful problems. Lifelong learning is driven by the desire for continuous improvement.



A KEY CONTRIBUTOR

Actively participates in the community and is civic-minded, independent, and financially literate. Meets the demands of future opportunities with resilience and generosity.



AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Accomplished in the skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and the use of technology. Possesses confidence and works in an organized manner.



A SKILLED COLLABORATOR

Works respectfully as a productive member of a team. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability for success in a rapidly-changing world.

THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS

- Be Proactive
- Begin With the End in Mind
- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw



Our school has many 8th to 9th grade transition programs throughout the school year for our rising freshmen. This week we had a Lunch Learn where rising 9th graders had the opportunity to eat lunch like a high school student and then visit an student program, club, and athletic fair. The same night parents were able to come in and meet with guidance about high school registration and programs.





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Senior

Announcements

Click on
 Ad to
 Order



Orders for Varsity Jackets can also be placed at this time. Jackets will ship home!

Shop
 Jackets

**ACADEMIC LETTER OR BAR??
 VARSITY ATHLETIC LETTER OR
 BAR? SHOW OFF YOUR
 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A
 VARSITY JACKET! THIS IS AN
 AWESOME OPPORTUNITY! BE
 PROUD!**



Class of 2024 Graduation
Tuesday June 11th 8:00 pm

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

PROM 2024

WELCOME TO

New York

04.27.24 | 8PM-12PM
 THE FILMORE
 CHARLOTTE





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Parent Information

JOIN PTO

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We'd love to have your help kicking off the PRHS PTO! We're looking for PTO Board members and chairs, parents willing to pay the \$10 membership fee to support the PTO's work, parents willing to donate items for teacher appreciation events, and parents willing to volunteer at teacher appreciation events.

Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy_dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at alanahwhite@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETICS

J a n 2 9 - F e b 3

29
MONDAY

No Events

30
TUESDAY

Basketball vs Marvin
Ridge
4/5/6/7:30

31
WEDNESDAY

Wrestling 2nd Rd
Duals State Playoff

1
THURSDAY

No Events

2
FRIDAY

Basketball @
Weddington
4/5/6/7:30

Swim Regionals

3
SATURDAY

Wrestling
Duals Championship

EVENTS WITH * REQUIRE ADVANCEMENT OR QUALIFICATION

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ATHLETIC
SCHEDULES

[BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL](#)

[GIRLS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[BOYS JV BASKETBALL](#)

[WRESTLING](#)

[INDOOR TRACK](#)

[SWIMMING](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR
HOME EVENT
TICKETS](#)

All tickets are sold on this
website or at the GATE by
credit/debit card.

PORTER
RIDGE
ATHLETIC
ZONE



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UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

! NEW PROTOCOLS FOR UCPS EVENTS

UCPS has experienced a number of safety incidents at athletic events around the county.

For winter sports, UCPS will implement the following protocols.

- Only clear bags, no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be allowed in events/games. Medical and baby bags are subject to search.
- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime of the final event.



prhs_volleyball



TRYOUTS MENS VOLLEYBALL

TUES & WED FEB 27 & 28
3-5pm in PRHS Main Gym

*Must have Family ID completed to tryout. Email Coach Welch heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions

PIRATE ATHLETICS



**AWAY BASKETBALL
PRHS VS SVHS**

1/29/24

**Come out and Cheer the Pirates
Varsity Girls at 6:00
Varsity Boys at 7:30**

PIRATE ATHLETIC RESULTS

Boys Basketball Loss to Carmel

Christian

**Boys Basketball win vs
Cuthbertson**

**Girls Basketball win vs
Cuthbertson**

**Girls Basketball win vs Legion
Collegiate Academy**

INDOOR TRACK CONFERENCE MEET

Yes! Men's and Women's teams placed 4th place overall at the Southern Carolina Conference Championships. All of the Athletes had amazing performances against tough competition. Cedric Blowe placed 2nd in the men's 55M. Landon Adams placed 2nd in the men's 55M hurdles. Margaret Garner placed first in the women's 500M. Our men's 4x200M relay placed 3rd and our women's 2nd.

Pirates wrestling seals the Duals team Conference Championship with a win over Weddington. Wrestling had a win over Cuthbertson with past week as well!



Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

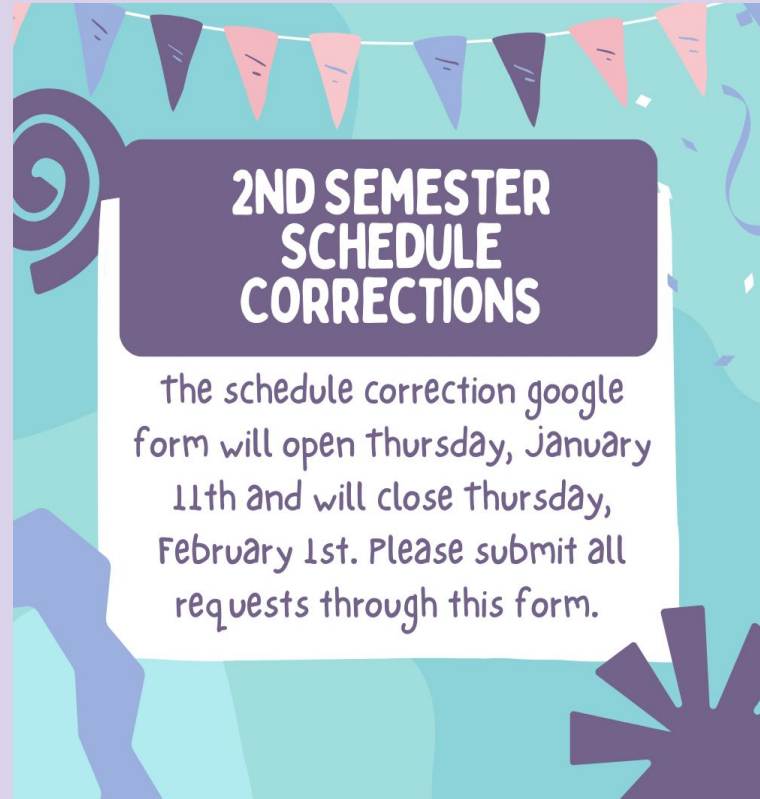
Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green- last names Sap-Z
alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

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<https://forms.gle/osmfqyCvXIFk3JiS7>



2ND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

The schedule correction google form will open Thursday, January 11th and will close Thursday, February 1st. Please submit all requests through this form.

2024-2025



CSS PROFILE

The CSS Profile is an online application used by colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal institutional aid.

Participating NC Schools

Duke
Davidson
Elon
UNC Chapel Hill
Wake Forest

Complete the CSS Application if you are applying to any of these schools!

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®

Alpha Alpha Chi Omega

2024- 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

[Click here to download application](#)

OR

[Scan here for application](#)



Scholarship Value: \$2,000

**Application Window:
January 15 - March 15, 2024**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Possess minimum G.P.A 2.5 or higher [non-weighted] or minimum G.P.A 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2023
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC

**Have a question? Email us at
aka@alphaalphachiomega.org**



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Attention Seniors!

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED
 ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?**

If so, please email ALL offers to
Ms. Lawson at
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

SENIOR

ANNOUNCEMENT

Seniors please check your email!! Ms. Lawson has sent info regarding the applications for the Kiwanis Scholarship, Monroe Union Breakfast Rotary Club Scholarship, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship! See Ms. Lawson with any questions!

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

FAFSA Day

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9am-12pm

Local colleges will be helping students and parents complete the **FAFSA.**

Local participating colleges

Please create your Studentaid.gov Account (formerly FSA ID) in advance.

UNC Charlotte
 CPCC - Levine Campus
 Wingate University



FAFSA DAY!

Let Us Help You Get \$\$\$ for College.

Jan. 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

South Piedmont Community College
 Old Charlotte Highway Campus
 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

For more information and a list of required documents, visit:
fafsaday.info.spcc.edu

Registration requested





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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

FAFSA day

WHAT YOU NEED
TO BRING WITH YOU:
Student and Parents

Name

Date of Birth

2022 Federal Tax Return/W2's
 Social Security Number/ITIN
 Number



Register Here!

NEED HELP
COMPLETING
YOUR
2024-2025 FAFSA?

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 27
9AM-12PM
@ WINGATE
UNIVERSITY

Be sure to select Wingate
 University as your desired
 location and your preferred
 time slot:
 9am, 10am, or 11am.

Reminder

FAFSA DAY IS
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT
 9AM-12PM



Register Here

COME SEE US AT WINGATE UNIVERSITY
 SO WE CAN HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR
 FAFSA!

Are you a Junior or a Senior who has not committed to a college yet? If so, this HBCU College Fair could be for you! PRHS will be providing bus transportation to the event. Please complete the google form below no later than February 12th to secure your spot!

[CLICK HERE](#)

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Experience CAROLINA

with the University Office for Diversity and Inclusion at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2024 Dates : June 1, 8, and 22

Project Uplift is an one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.

Engage in an essay writing workshop.

Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!

Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.



UPLIFT PLUS

2024 Dates : July 7 - July 20

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of leaders.



Participate in academic, social, cultural and experiential learning activities.

Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.

Receive one-on-one mentoring from current Carolina students.

Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUplift. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.
2. Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.

DEADLINES

We encourage you to start your application early!

Application Opens: January 15, 2024
 Application Deadline: March 15, 2024
 Decision Notification: April 2024

LEARN MORE AT [GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFT](https://go.unc.edu/projectuplift)



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Diversity and Inclusion



93RD SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION PRESENTS

FOCUS HBCU Fair

ON-SITE ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 S COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FOCUSHBCUFAIR2024](https://tinyurl.com/focushbcufair2024)

If you are currently enrolled in a **Spring SPCC course**, Student Agreement forms must be turned into Ms. Green in the Guidance Lobby before the start of finals!



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PRHS COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS



UCPS COLLEGE READINESS
 UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023-2024 UCPS College Readiness Series

For more info and to register visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions>

Live Events

- Scoir for Seniors - Aug.
- Practice SAT - Sept./Oct.
- ACT/SAT Blitz - Sept.
- College Entrance Exams 101 - Oct.
- Union County College Fair - Oct.
- HS Programs Expo - Dec.
- Paying for College - Dec.
- Practice ACT - Jan./Feb.
- ACT Blitz - Feb.
- Getting Ready for College - Mar.
- SAT Blitz - Apr.
- Writing a College Essay - May

On-Demand Library

Always available at the link above.

- Scoir for Underclassmen
- College Recruiting for Athletes
- Choosing the Right Path in HS



@UCPSCollegePrep



ucpscollegeready

Free ACT Practice Tests and Prep

Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person
Online content in between

PRETEST:

January 27th, 8 AM- 12 PM

POSTTEST:

February 10th, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at:
 Porter Ridge High School
 2839 Ridge Road
 Indian Trail, NC 28079

The registration form is set for only UCPS students to be able to complete it! Parents must ask their student to register themselves.

Register by January 24th:

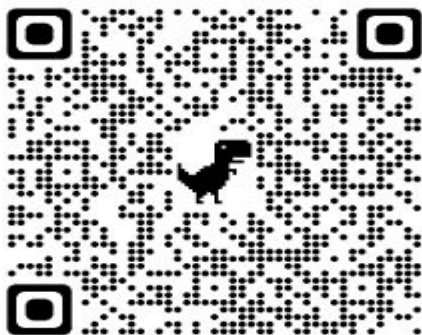
<https://bit.ly/24ACTpracticerequest>



Want to take SPCC classes in high school?
 Want to get a jumpstart on your career?
 Confused about next steps after graduation?

Let's Talk!

Scan below to schedule a meeting:



Shannon Minick
 SPCC Career Coach
sminick@spcc.edu



Need Career advice or direction?
Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer!

[Click here for more info...](#)

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TARDY POLICY

Parents, it is important that students are on time for classes throughout the day. In order to ensure that you are aware if your child is tardy to class we will begin to send home notifications via our ConnectEd communication tool when your child has an unexcused tardy. We do have consequences for excessive tardies at school and these can be found in our [PRHS Student Handbook](#). Staff at PRHS remind students that the expectation is to go directly from one class to their next class, by taking the most efficient route possible. While we allow 5 minutes for each transition, students should report to their next class as quickly as possible and do not need the full five minutes. We find that students who take the most direct path to get to class and do not go into different parts of the building are always on time to class. If tardiness is due to a late bus they will be given a pass to class and will have an excused tardy which does not count against them. Thank you for your support as we teach our children the importance of being on time.

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes should be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student can fail the course due to attendance.

Important Links

[School Forms- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Health and Safety Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[School Technology How to Page- CLICK HERE](#)

[Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK HERE](#)

[Transportation Information- CLICK HERE](#)

Transportation information can be found on the [UCPS Transportation pages](#).

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: [CLICK HERE](#)

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone [please follow this link](#). There is a great video for your reference here.

[Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook](#)

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the [meal application](#) (click here)

Click [here](#) for more information on meal prices.

Click [here](#) to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 this year that all students must pay. [Click here for the online payment system](#). Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.



HELPDESK HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

Start: 7:45am

End: 11:30am

Tuesday – Thursday

Start: 12:45pm

End: 3:00pm

- Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.
- Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR

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@growinggreen_prhs @porter_ridge_hs_pto @prhs_spanish.club @prhs.outdoors.club
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