



Pirate PRESS

Good day Pirates!!

We are excited to welcome our Staff, Teachers, and Students back to school on 8/27.

Get ready to Meet the Teachers on September 4th here at Porter Ridge High from 6-8:00

Senior information for students and parents is September 4th from 7:00- 7:45

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](#).

School starts on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Back to School Days are drop in for students to get Parking passes, lockers, bus info, spirit wear will be available.

- **Seniors: Tuesday 8/21 8:00 am—10:00 am for parking passes and more**
- **Juniors and Sophomores Tuesday 8/21 10:00 am—12:00 pm and more!**

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.

Ninth Grade Orientations (parents are welcome to attend):

- **Freshmen: Wednesday 8/22 9 - 11 am (9th graders morning option)**
- **or Thursday 8/23 6:00 - 7:00 (9th graders evening option)**

Join the PTO during open house or the beginning of school. Membership is \$10.00

· **Chromebooks for ALL students—Please see important information inside the newsletter.**

Schedules and Schedule Corrections— Schedules were mailed home August 15th (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



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.



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.



Athletics

Come join the Porter Ridge Field Hockey Team

- No Experience necessary
- Work outs at the middle school field from 7-9 AM
- It's a lot of fun and worth trying!
- We would love to get some underclassmen to come play.
- Our coach is Katie Garner and her contact information is below!

704-219-3620 garnerkatiem@Gmail.com

Upcoming Pirate Events

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

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

Fri 8/17-- Football AT Cuthbertson 7:30

Sat 8/18 - Cross Country AT Cuthbertson HS men 6:15, women 7:00 pm

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

Volleyball vs SVHS 6:00

Tues 8/21—Tennis AT East Meck 4:00

Wed 8/22—Soccer AT Richmond 6:30; Volleyball vs. Cuthbertson 5:30

Thurs 8/23—Tennis vs. Butler 4:00; Soccer vs Piedmont 6:00;

Volleyball AT CATA 6:00; JV Football AT Piedmont 6:30

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

Mon 8/27— Volleyball AT Piedmont 6:00

Tues 8/28— Volleyball AT East Meck 5:30; Tennis AT Independence 4:00

Wed 8/29— Soccer AT Forest Hills 5:30

Thurs 8/30— Tennis vs Garinger 4:00; Volleyball vs Butler 6:00

Fri 8/31— Football AT Weddington 7:30





PTO

Join the PTO !!!

**The PRHS PTO has plans for the new school year!
Parents, we need your help!**

Our board members are:

President: Kim Pace

Vice-President: Deb McTeague

Secretary: Cindy Summers

Treasurer: Linda Robinson

Membership Secretary: OPEN

Hospitality: OPEN

Mini-Grants: OPEN

We have some open positions this year and would love to have any parents join us that are able! Typically we meet on the first Monday of the month, during the planning period of our staff representative. PTO supports our teachers by providing mini-grants for needed classroom items, and we provide lunches and other treats for our teachers and staff.

You can also help by joining the PTO, either at our table during Open House, or by sending in the membership form that your child brings home the first week of school. Membership is \$10 and it includes a PR car magnet!

Questions, please email Kim Pace at kimp99@gmail.com



Ports of Information for Pirates ===

Follow us on social media...

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

Follow us on Facebook: @PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC

@PRHSCounseling @PRHSCareer @prhs_athletics

Follow us on Instagram: porterridgehs



Band of Pirates Marching Band Camp has been a HUGE success! The halls and fields at PRHS have been filled with music over the past week and we could not be more excited for the upcoming Band Season!!

Way to go Band of Pirates!





Campus Clean-up Gets PRHS Athletic Fields Ready for Competition!

Athletes from many different sports teams came together to clean-up, trim, mulch, and beautify our athletic fields and surrounding areas! Many thanks to our Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club for funding the majority of this project and to our student-athletes, coaches, and families for doing the work! We were even able to spruce up the main entrance to the school. As we welcome competing schools to our campus we can be proud of our campus. Thank you to all for being #Committed!

Work on our campus will continue over the next week so that we are ready to welcome all of our students back on August 27th.

