

## A Note From the Desk of Dr. Fisenne

*As we continue this semester we urge all families to continue to stress the importance of learning with our children. This pandemic has certainly provided us with some unique challenges to how we have 'normally' learned at school, but I appreciate students, teachers and parents rising to the occasion to continue to excel. For those that are behind and struggling to make the transition, I encourage you to reach out to your teacher, your counselor, or an administrator at school so that we can work with you to get back on track. There are still opportunities to recover if your child is not where they need to be. This pandemic has provided for some opportunities as well: more time with family, learning to overcome barriers, finding new strengths, reflecting on where we are and what we miss about more 'normal' times.*

*As we begin to progress toward a return to normal at some point in the (hopefully near) future, I would encourage your child to think about ways that they can get more involved in school now and once we are back to a more normal routine. Socialization with others and participation in activities and groups at school is vital for building a healthy sense of self, and for learning to develop respectful relationships!*

*What opportunities exist at Porter Ridge High School for your child?*

- *Get involved in a student organization. You can find information about all of our clubs/organizations [by clicking here](#). Students can talk to their counselor, or the group advisor to get involved. Many of these groups are meeting virtually as well!*
- *Challenge yourself with a rigorous course load in our [AP Capstone Diploma Program](#)! Or ask your counselor about how to take classes at the local community college.*
- *Attend a College Info Night (see flyer in this newsletter) or set a meeting with your counselor to talk about 2 or 4 year school options!*
- *Investigate Career Options with our Career Development Coordinator, Sarah Webb, by emailing her for an appointment to talk about your interests! Or look over all of the Career Pathways and Academies at PRHS by [clicking here](#)!*
- *[Come to any athletic event](#) to support the Pirates! It is an opportunity to be outside enjoying the fresh air, snacking on some concessions, and cheering on your fellow Pirates!*
- *Create some new goals and set up time to refresh your emotional well-being by meeting with your counselor in-person or virtually. Email your counselor if you need help with this!*
- *Check out an awesome book to read, just for the sake of reading, by [checking out our media center collection](#)!*

*We are excited to continue to be a part of this amazing Porter Ridge community in so many great ways and we hope that you are too!*



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# Band Fundraiser

The Porter Ridge Band of Pirates is excited to bring a little holiday joy to our community! Starting Monday 3/15 the Band of Pirates will be providing personalized easter egg hunts or "Pirate EGGscursions" to families in the Indian Trail and Porter Ridge communities. For very a low price our students will plan and execute surprise egg hunts for children of our community. This fun and new idea will bring joy to everyone involved while supporting a great cause. Ordering will be available starting March 15th and can be at [www.porterridgeband.org/egghunts](http://www.porterridgeband.org/egghunts) . Click the flyer below to see it enlarged .

**PR**

**EASTER PIRATE EGGSCURSION**

**WE DO THE WORK. YOU REAP THE REWARD**

<b>25 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found Easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 1 Easter Basket</li><li>• 1 Tally sheet for counting your bounty</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>60 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 2 Easter Baskets</li><li>• 2 Tally sheets for counting your bounty</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>100 EGGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eggs are hidden after 7:00 pm to be found easter morning at your home.</li><li>• 4 Easter Baskets</li><li>• 4 Tally sheets for counting your bounty</li><li>• 1 Oversized golden surprise-filled egg</li><li>• Personalized message in a bottle to start your hunt</li><li>• Contactless delivery of services</li></ul>	<b>\$75</b>

**ORDER ONLINE @ [WWW.PORTERRIDGEBAND.ORG/EGGHUNTS](http://WWW.PORTERRIDGEBAND.ORG/EGGHUNTS)**

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# HOMECOMING 2021

## 2021 Homecoming King and Queen



Samantha  
Jones  
(center L)

Dalton  
Yandle  
(center R)

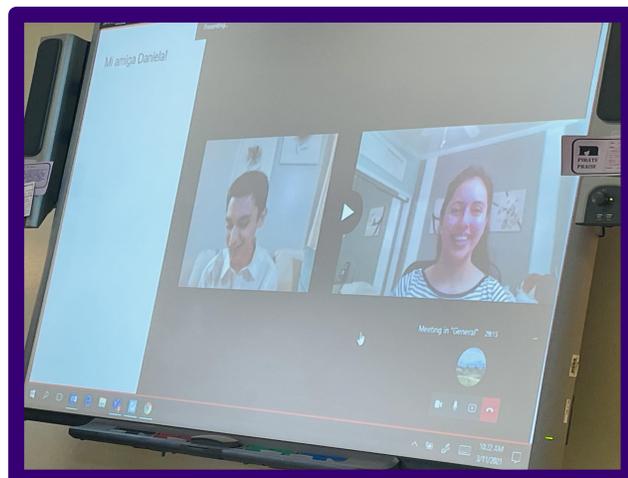


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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

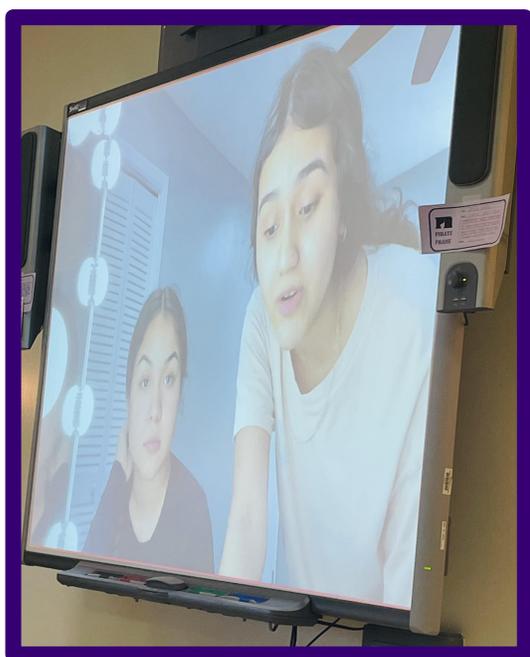
Ms. Grello's students celebrate International Women in their Spanish 4 Class with self-made videos, slide shows and interviews.



Remote and face to face students got to participate.



Some women highlighted were Moms, Grandmas, Oprah Winfrey, Dolores Huerta and Ada Lovelace





# THIS WEEK'S STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Name: Montele Burton

Grade: 11th

### 1. Future Plans: (college you want to attend or will attend in the Fall)

My college plans are indecisive all because I have various options and I'm very grateful for that. Although my top choices are Clemson, Alaska Fairbanks, Morehouse, and NCA&T.

### 2. What is your Dream Job?

Sports Medicine Physician

### 3. Sports, clubs, Organizations you are a member of at Porter Ridge

I've been a part of the Porter Ridge Football, Wrestling, Track and Field team. I'm also a part of the PR Band of Pirates and Interact club, Beta Club, and Student Council 21-22.

### 4. What's the best advice you have ever gotten and who was it from?

My best advice comes from my mother and she said "If it was easy everybody would be doing it."

### 5. What words of wisdom do you live by?

"When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe then, you will be successful." - Eric Thomas

### 6. What is your biggest takeaway from the 20-21 school year?

Although Covid-19 has taken a toll on everyone my biggest takeaway has been that you never know what's gonna happen so you have to stay ready so you don't have to get ready.

### 7. What is your Favorite memory so far as a student at PRHS?

My favorite memory as a pirate has been wrestling varsity for Porter Ridge and going to the playoffs with my brothers also winning matches against opponents.



# A NOTE FROM NURSE MASSEY

March is National Nutrition Month, so see the healthy eating tips below or visit [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)

## Eat Right

Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics



### 20 Health Tips

- 1. Eat Breakfast**  
Start your day with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Try making a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, low-fat cheese, salsa and a whole wheat tortilla or a parfait with low-fat plain yogurt, fruit and whole grain cereal.
- 2. Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables**  
Fruits and veggies add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber to your plate. Make 2 cups of fruit and 2 1/2 cups of vegetables your daily goal. Experiment with different types, including fresh, frozen and canned.
- 3. Watch Portion Sizes**  
Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods. Complete the meal with a serving of fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt. Measuring cups may also help you compare your portions to the recommended serving size.
- 4. Be Active**  
Regular physical activity has many health benefits. Start by doing what exercise you can. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day, and adults at least two hours and 30 minutes per week. You don't have to hit the gym – take a walk after dinner or put on music and dance at home.
- 5. Get to Know Food Labels**  
Reading the Nutrition Facts panel can help you choose foods and drinks to meet your nutrient needs.
- 6. Fix Healthy Snacks**  
Healthy snacks can sustain your energy levels between meals, especially when they include a combination of foods. Choose from two or more of the MyPlate food groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, and protein. Try raw veggies with low-fat cottage cheese or hummus, or a tablespoon of nut or seed butter with an apple or banana.
- 7. Consult an RDN**  
Whether you want to lose weight, lower your health-risks or manage a chronic disease, consult the experts! Registered dietitian nutritionists can help you by providing sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice.
- 8. Follow Food Safety Guidelines**  
Reduce your chances of getting sick with proper food safety. This includes: regular hand washing, separating raw foods from ready-to-eat foods, cooking foods to the appropriate internal temperature, and refrigerating food promptly. Learn more about home food safety at [www.homefoodsafety.org](http://www.homefoodsafety.org).
- 9. Drink More Water**  
Quench your thirst with water instead of drinks with added sugars. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water, especially if you are active, an older adult or live or work in hot conditions.
- 10. Get Cooking**  
Preparing foods at home can be healthy, rewarding and cost-effective. Master some kitchen basics, like dicing onions or cooking dried beans.

- 11. Order Out without Ditching Goals**  
You can eat out and stick to your healthy eating plan! The key is to plan ahead, ask questions and choose foods carefully. Compare nutrition information, if available, and look for healthier options that are grilled, baked, broiled or steamed.
- 12. Enact Family Meal Time**  
Plan to eat as a family at least a few times each week. Set a regular mealtime. Turn off the TV, phones and other electronic devices to encourage mealtime talk. Get kids involved in meal planning and cooking and use this time to teach them about good nutrition.
- 13. Banish Brown Bag Boredom**  
Whether it's for work or school, prevent brown bag boredom with easy-to-make, healthy lunch ideas. Try a whole-wheat pita pocket with veggies and hummus or a low sodium vegetable soup with whole grain crackers or a salad of mixed greens with low-fat dressing and a hard boiled egg.
- 14. Reduce Added Sugars**  
Foods and drinks with added sugars can contribute empty calories and little or no nutrition. Review the new and improved Nutrition Facts Label or ingredients list to identify sources of added sugars.
- 15. Eat Seafood Twice a Week**  
Seafood – fish and shellfish – contains a range of nutrients including healthy omega-3 fats. Salmon, trout, oysters and sardines are higher in omega-3s and lower in mercury.
- 16. Explore New Foods and Flavors**  
Add more nutrition and eating pleasure by expanding your range of food choices. When shopping, make a point of selecting a fruit, vegetable or whole grain that's new to you or your family.
- 17. Experiment with Plant-Based Meals**  
Expand variety in your menus with budget-friendly meatless meals. Many recipes that use meat and poultry can be made without. Vegetables, beans, and lentils are all great substitutes. Try including one meatless meal per week to start.
- 18. Make an Effort to Reduce Food Waste**  
Check out what foods you have on hand before stocking up at the grocery store. Plan meals based on leftovers and only buy perishable foods you will use or freeze within a couple of days. Managing these food resources at home can help save nutrients and money.
- 19. Slow Down at Mealtime**  
Instead of eating on the run, try sitting down and focusing on the food you're about to eat. Dedicating time to enjoy the taste and textures of foods can have a positive effect on your food intake.
- 20. Supplement with Caution**  
Choose foods first for your nutrition needs. A dietary supplement may be necessary when nutrient requirements can't be met or there is a confirmed deficiency. If you're considering a vitamin, mineral or herbal supplement, be sure to discuss safe and appropriate options with an RDN or another healthcare provider before taking.

For a referral to a registered dietitian nutritionist and for additional food and nutrition information, visit [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org).

**eat right.** Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to improving health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy.

This tip sheet is provided by:

Authorized by Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics staff registered dietitian nutritionists.

## Important Vaccine Information - Please Read

In 2015, the State of North Carolina added Meningococcal vaccine to the school required immunizations. The first dose of Meningococcal vaccine, MCV, was given to this year's Juniors prior to the start of 7th grade as a school required vaccine. The second dose of this vaccine is required prior to the start of the Senior year, the 2021-22 school year.

If your child does not currently have evidence of the MCV vaccine, please contact your child's health care provider to obtain it. Following administration of the vaccine, please submit a copy of the record to the school nurse yet this school year. This documentation must be on file here at school prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year to meet this school enrollment requirement. Individuals born before 1/1/2003 are exempt from this requirement.

For complete details and explanations, please review the website <https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncruleslaws.htm> for NC general statutes 130A-157.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. If you have any questions, our school nurse will certainly be available to you as a resource.



## A NOTE FROM NURSE MASSEY

**Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church located at 503 Maurice Street , Monroe, North Carolina will be distributing free food boxes to families on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. They will also be providing free COVID-19 testing on site.**

**FREE  
FOOD BOX GIVE AWAY  
COVID TESTING  
COVID VACCINATION**



**New Covenant**  
Community Development Center

### **In Partnership:**

- Produce Alliance
- New Covenant Community Development Center
- Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church
- Union County Government

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2 pm – 4 pm**

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church  
503 Maurice Street, Monroe, NC 28112  
FRONT PARKING LOT

*For More Information Call: (704) 283-6342*

**GRATIS:  
CAJA DE ALIMENTOS  
PRUEBAS DE COVID  
VACUNACION DE COVID**



**New Covenant**  
Community Development Center

### **En Alianza con:**

- Produce Alliance
- Centro de Desarrollo Comunitario New Covenant
- Iglesia Misionera Bautista Elizabeth
- Gobernación del Condado Union

**Martes, marzo 16, 2021 2 pm - 4 pm**

Iglesia Misionera Bautista Elizabeth  
503 Maurice Street, Monroe, NC 28112

ESTACIONAMIENTO DEL FRENTE

*Para Mayor Informacion, Llame: (704)-283-6342*



# ACT WORKKEYS

## Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the ACT WorkKeys assessment during the week of March 15-19. Students that need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment have been notified by email this past week. Students please be sure to check your school email to see if you need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment.

## What is ACT WorkKeys?

ACT WorkKeys Assessments are the cornerstone of ACT workforce solutions. The assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).

## Why is ACT WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the ACT WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

## What do your ACT WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students who successfully complete the three WorkKeys assessments (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, & Workplace Documents) can earn the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, and silver levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

For more information about the ACT WorkKeys Assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, visit: [www.act.org/workkeys/](http://www.act.org/workkeys/)



**Spring Sports Kickoff!**

# *The Luck of the Pirates*

Join us Wednesday March 17 as we kick off our spring sports with HOME Women's Soccer at 4:30 & 6:00. We will also celebrate Cross Country Senior Night and have special performances with the Band of Pirates and Pirate Cheer! Purchase Tickets on the Athletic Website.



# Football Senior Night

50 Malik Jordan  
42 Jacob Folio  
34 Matt McCarter  
27 Yosef  
Abdurahman



15 Jordan  
Blackwell  
12 Josh  
McLemore  
4 Brandon  
Perry  
3 Mylan Cason



91 Jon Gamoneda, 81 Stephan Valentine, 52 Joe  
Dannun, 75 Jason Gonzalez, 55 Damien Jackson



## Interested in Track



Track and Field Season is right around the corner. Any interested athletes, please complete the [PRHS Track & Field Athlete Form](#). Practice starts April 12. In order to participate you must register online through [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file. Check out the athletics website for more info or See Coach Bundick or Coach Tanferno.



# ATHLETICS

## Tryout Information

To be eligible to participate in sports the athlete must pass their 1st semester classes and register in [FamilyID](#) and have a current physical on file.

**If you have any questions, contact Coach Thompson, the Athletic Director, at [ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

Sport	Coach	Email	Tryout Dates
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	<a href="mailto:tjmcqueen@earthlink.net">tjmcqueen@earthlink.net</a>	April 12 & 13
Wrestling	Randy Durbin	<a href="mailto:randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us">randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>	April 12 & 13
Baseball	Shane Brown	<a href="mailto:Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us">Shane.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us</a>	April 12 & 13
Men's & Women's Track	Tim Beckerman	<a href="mailto:tb2006itnc@gmail.com">tb2006itnc@gmail.com</a>	April 12 & 13

*Dates and Times will be updated as each season gets closer.  
If you have any questions, feel free to email the coach.*



# COLLEGE NIGHT INFO

Please sign up to attend at <https://rb.gy/ccp0lo>. A zoom link will be emailed to you.

PRHS COUNSELORS PRESENT  
FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

## COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us for a virtual session  
to learn more about:

- Planning for college after high school
  - college admissions requirements
  - college search programs
  - how to pay for college
- Options for college credit in high school
  - AP Capstone
  - AP Courses
  - College and Career Promise

**TUESDAY, MARCH  
23RD AT 6PM**

Please sign up to attend at  
<https://rb.gy/ccp0lo>. A zoom link  
will be emailed to you.



## Who is your counselor?

**Tondra White** – last names A-Cou

tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min>

**Carly Patterson** - last names Cov-Hek

carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours>

**Bryan James** – last names Hel-Mc

bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours>

**Cassidy Lippert**– last names Me-San

[cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Schedule a meeting; <https://calendly.com/cassidy-lippert/appointment-with-ms-lippert>

**Shari Davison** – last names Sap-Z

shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting - <https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours>

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. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Los consejeros estan aqui para apoyarte con la escuela. Pueden pedir una reunion para hablar con su consejero sobre tus planes academicos, profesionales, universitarios, posteriores a la escuela secundaria o necesidades personales. Cada consejero ha establecido un calendario de citas a traves del cual pueden programar una reunion, ya sea virtual o en persona, para un dia y una hora que se adapte a su horario. Si solo tiene una pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electronico a su consejero.

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# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## SENIOR INFO



Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications, while others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are.

Senior Check In form (please complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

Estudiantes de el grado 12, comienzan a recibir ofertas de admision de colegios y universidades ...Felicidades! Han estado trabajando duro y este es un momento emocionante para todos. En el futuro, tendran que tomar decisiones importantes y, si tienen preguntas sobre una carta de admision y lo que significa para usted, consulte a su consejero.

Hemos creado varios videos para ayudarlos a planificar sus actividades despues de la escuela secundaria. Sabemos que muchos de ustedes estan trabajando en solicitudes para la universidad, sin embargo, otros estan considerando otras opciones. Les pedimos que vean los videos que coinciden con sus objetivos para obtener informacion importante sobre los proximos pasos. Luego complete el siguiente formulario de Google para informarnos cuales son sus planes actuales.

Formulario de registro para estudiantes de grado 12 (complete) - <https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8>

## CHECK OUT THESE SITES FOR VALUABLE INFORMATION

- PRHS Counseling Canvas - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAq/view?usp=sharing>
- Four Year College Information - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzlTR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing>
- Major Clarity - career research program - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing>
- Scholarships - how to research scholarships - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RjyGuNx8ap6opAokl2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing>.



# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## SCHOLARSHIP INFO

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to [carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Si reciben ALGUNA beca , notifiquen a la Sra. Patterson con el nombre de la universidad o beca y la cantidad. Si no asisten a esa escuela o no aceptan el premio, todavia notifique a la Sra. Patterson. Pueden imprimir la carta y entregar en la oficina de consejeria o enviar el correo electronico a [carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us).

### March Deadlines

#### **Prestigious Pearls of Anson County**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline to apply: March 16, 2021**

#### **Questbridge College Prep Scholars Program**

For more information:

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

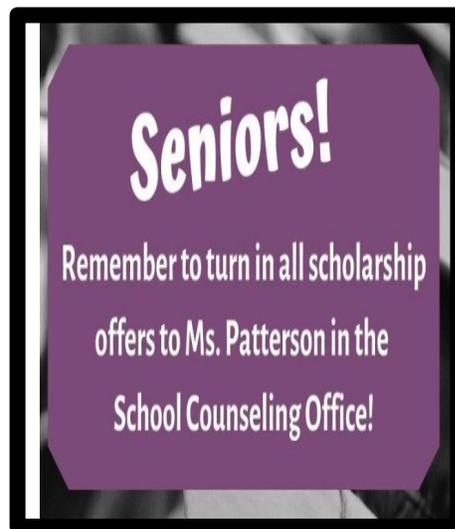
**Deadline to apply: March 24, 2020**

#### **UNC Charlotte STEM Pre-College Program- Summer Research Internship Experience**

For more information:

<https://cstem.uncc.edu/5-12-stem-student-programs/stem-pre-college-program/summer-research-experience>

**Deadline: March 31, 2021**



### April Deadlines

#### **Union County Association of Educators Scholarship**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline to apply: April 13, 2021**

#### **NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation**

See Ms. Patterson for full application details.

**Deadline to apply: April 15, 2021**

#### **State Employees Association of North Carolina Scholarship**

For more information:

<https://www.seanc.org/scholarship>

**Deadline to apply: April 15, 2021**





# PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

## Upcoming Events

### NC Merit Scholarships Information Sessions

Interested high school students, families, school counselors, and college advisors are invited to join the following North Carolina scholarship programs for an informational evening via Zoom. Program representatives will provide an overview of each scholarship and answer questions. Below are dates the sessions will be held and we hope you can join us for one!

- Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 19)
- Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 19)
- Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before March 22)
- Monday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 9)
- Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 9)
- Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (register before April 12)

During the sessions, you will hear from:

- Christina Garrett, Cheatham-White, NC Central University
- Margaret Turner, EC Scholars, East Carolina University
- Abey Dessie, Levine Scholars, UNC Charlotte
- Justine Okerson, Morehead-Cain, UNC Chapel Hill
- Reneé Tutchton, Park Scholarships, NC State University

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/NCScholarships-Spring2021>.

SAVE THE DATE

### Career & College Promise Program

SPCC will be hosting virtual Information Sessions to learn about the Career and College Promise Program every second Monday at 6pm during the spring semester. Contact Ms. White if you have any questions ([tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

Dates: 4/12, 5/10

<https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/>.

### PRHS Counselors Present: College Planning Student Webinars

- Scholarships & Financial Aid
  - Friday 3/12 @ 10:30 AM

### BigFuture Days- Virtual College Fair

- BigFuture Day Southeast, Thursday, April 29, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Sunday, April 18, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day West & Southwest, Tuesday, March 30, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

### [UCPS College Readiness Parent Series](#)

Check out the webinars at the link above offered by the UCPS College Readiness Office.

March 12, 2021- Finish the FAFSA On-Demand

April 19, 2021 - College Recruiting for Athletes

May 1, 2021- SCOIR for Junior Parents and Students.



## General/ Community Info

### Food Pantry Assistance

- **Common Heart** has a mobile pantry at Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Families can come once a month.
- Also on Thursdays at **Light It Up Monroe** (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more! Families can come each week.

### Esta informacion es para familias que ocupen asistencia de despensas de comida.

- **Common Heart** tiene una despensa movil en Mill Grove United Methodist (7311 Mill Grove Rd., Indian Trail) los Lunes de 7:00 a 8 pm. Las familias pueden venir una vez al mes.
- Tambien todos los Jueves en **Light It Up Monroe**(1411 Helms St, Monroe) de 6: 00-7: 30 pm hay despensas de comida, ropa, comida caliente (servida esa noche), cafe (Blessed Beans), baloncesto (nuestra entrenadora de baloncesto Sra. James generalmente asiste) y mas! Las familias pueden venir cada semana.

**Male Students-** 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](http://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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center;  
Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson;  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30- 8:45 am and  
Mon-Thurs 10:15- 12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr.  
Walden by email

[jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us)

PORTER RIDGE FFA  
**Spring Pet Photo Contest**  
Send your photos by either:  
Email: [cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
Instagram Messenger: @prhsffa  
\*You can submit as many pets as you wish!\*

Submit pictures by:  
March 25th  
Winner Announced:  
March 26th

PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!

Join us as Oscar Wilde's classic "The Importance of Being Earnest" is thrust into a modern Zoom based performance in "The Importance of Being Earnest During a Pandemic" on March 30th at 7 PM. Tickets will be \$5 for a zoom link and a video of the performance and are available at [porterridghs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridghs.seatyourself.biz).

Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present Takeout Theatre

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST DURING A PANDEMIC** A Stay-At-Home Play

BY Don Zolidis

March 30th 7:00 PM

Tickets \$5 purchase at [porterridghs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridghs.seatyourself.biz)  
For ticket price you will receive a link to the show and a video.

Produced by special arrangement with Playrights, Inc.

Join us for two mornings of student written works as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present a virtual performance of The Beginning Theatre Showcase 2 on March 18th and 22nd at 10:15 AM. For a mere three dollars you will receive a link to the performance of your choice and have a video of that performance shared the same day. Tickets are available at [porterridghs.seatyourself.biz](http://porterridghs.seatyourself.biz). Wed./Thurs Cast will perform on the 18th & Mon./Tues. cast on the 22nd. See Mr. Ford for details.

Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present Takeout Theatre

For just \$3 watch a live stream and receive a video of

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Mon./Tues. Group Livestream 3/22 10:15 AM

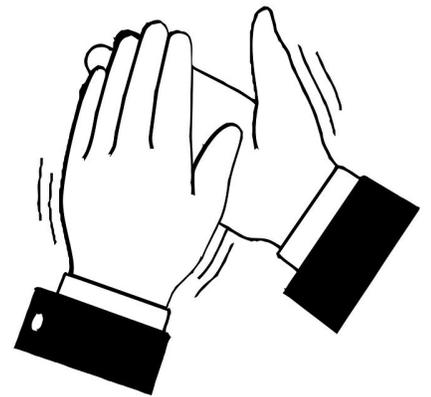
Link will be sent out the day of show and the video the day after. Buy Tickets at [Porterridgehigh-school.seatyourself.biz](http://Porterridgehigh-school.seatyourself.biz)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who came out and played in Team Trivia last Tuesday! In an intense gamble our first place winner was the Big Steppas. Coming in at a close second place was the Bill Clinton's Fan Club. Finally coming in at third place was Mensa. We hope you had an amazing time and hope to see you again next year!

Congratulations to Madeline Kesner for placing 3rd in the NC State Beta Convention 12th Grade Math Academics Competition.



The following colleges are having virtual visits for Porter Ridge students: March 12th - UNC Greensboro, North Carolina Central and East Carolina, March 19th UNC Asheville, and April 16th University of South Carolina. Sign up in SCOIR to get the link to attend. Access Scoir on the high school student start up page.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/ucps-secondary-startup-page/high-school>



# GRADUATION DATES

## Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



## GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parlowood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parlowood High Stadium
Piedmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Piedmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (Live stream not available)



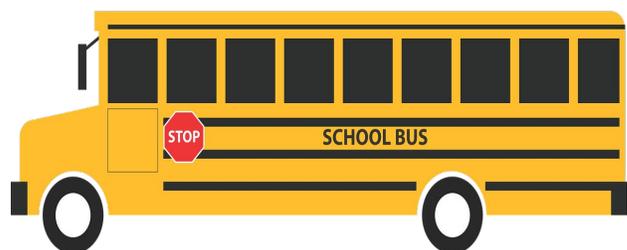
[ucps.k12.nc.us](http://ucps.k12.nc.us)





## Transportation Info Fall 2020

**Attestation Forms MUST  
be filled out Weekly!**



### Transportation

**Weekly Attestation Form** – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

- [Printable form](#)      [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#)      [Google form in Spanish](#)

**Parent Acknowledgement Form** – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

- [Printable form](#)      [Printable form in Spanish](#)
- -OR-
- [Google form](#)      [Google form in Spanish](#)

**[Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up](#)**

**[Transportation FAQ](#)**

**Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.**