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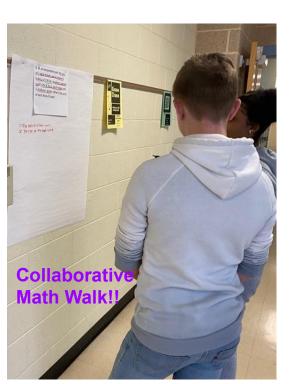
Dear Pirate Community,

Important Attendance information for student-athletes is included in this Pirate Press and will also be posted on our website. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year student-athletes will need to meet the attendance guidelines outlined in this letter. The attendance that will be counted for next Fall's season is from this current semester. Attendance matters and student-athletes must make sure that they are at school as much as possible. For the athletic guidelines all absences count, whether excused or unexcused, and recovery doesn't change attendance for the purpose of athletics. For all students, in order to best track attendance and encourage students' daily attendance at school we are requiring that any parent absence note be turned in within 5 school days of the student return to school. Parent notes submitted after this will not be accepted. Thank you for adhering to this.

We met with all grade levels this week during our second semester safety assemblies. Please remind your students to talk to a counselor, teacher, or administrator if they are having any concerns at school. Safety at Porter Ridge is important and we are all a part of maintaining our safe school.

Parents - students got their first semester report cards tomorrow. There are so many great things happening here at Porter Ridge High School. We continue to talk to our students about career opportunities and courses that they can take in order to get a feel for that field of study. We hope that you will check out our Career Pathways posters on our website. These are available for students in our counseling suite and in our halls as well. Encourage your children to take a look as we will begin course registration for next year over the next couple of months. Our Student Council are planning some amazing events coming up - Gatorball.... GooseChase.... Class Wars..... Don't forget to come and watch our amazing theatrical ensemble perform "The Mousetrap" this Friday and Saturday - buy tickets in advance online (link on our website) or at the door.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fisenne







Important Attendance Information for Student Athletes



Porter Ridge High School Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal 2839 Ridge Road Indian Trail, NC 28079 Phone 704.292.7662 Fax 704.296.9733 http://prhs.ucps.k12.nc.us/

Date 1/31/20

RE: Athletic Attendance Policy for 2020-21

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Beginning in 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). The NCHSAA now allows LEA's to determine their own attendance policies for athletic purposes.

The policy will begin being enforced for the 2020-21 school year and will use attendance from the 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year to determine attendance eligibility for next school year. PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition which may have created an attendance hardship. A committee will be formed to review and rule on these appeals.

This information has been shared with all students. We ask for your support in helping our student athletes understand the attendance requirements necessary to participate in athletics beginning in 2020-21. Their attendance during the 2nd semester of this school year will directly impact their ability to play. If you have additional questions, please contact our athletic direction, Ms. Ina Thompson, by telephone at 704-292-7662 or by email at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Fisenne Principal Important Information @ Student Athletic Eligibility for Student Athletes that you need to read now....



Porter Ridge High School's Castaways Present

Cigalla Christie The Mousetrap



Jan, 31st & Feb 1st 7:00 PM

Porter Ridge High School

Tickets \$7.00

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

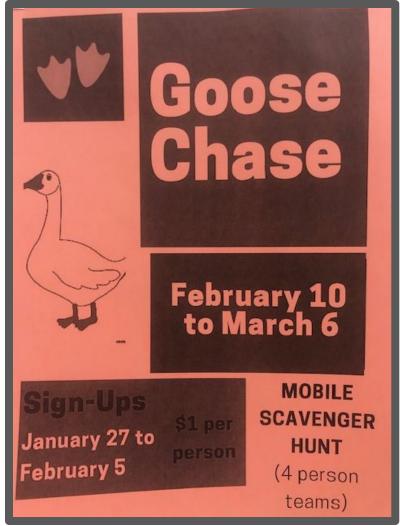
Buy in advance and pick your seats at http:://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz

Or Scan











This years Color Run has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS

https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateId=1453593

Last day for senior parents to order a senior ad is Feb. 12th. Go to the link above to directly get to the site for parents to create and pay for their Seniors Ad.





The Experience Young Drivers Need

Teens Behind The Wheel with First Responder Instructors

The StreetSafe Lifesaving Driving Experience Presents a One Day Event at Piedmont HS - Enroll Now!



Pre-Registration is Required

WHEN: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Piedmont High School

3006 Sikes Mill Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

REGISTER at: www.streetsafeus.com

Students must have completed Drivers Ed to participate
For more information:

Email tara@streetsafeus.com or call 910-612-9030

Register Today - Spots Are Limited!

StreetSafe is a 501(c)3 organization



The GREATRACE

- Parents, community members, and local businesses, help us fund this exciting annual event this year! Any donation amount helps tremendously, is TAX DEDUCTIBLE, and we thank you in advance for your support! Click here to give: http://give.livingtree.com/c/the-greatrace
- Ms. Yearick is looking for adults who would like to help out the night of the race from 6:00-8:30! Please click this link to find DETAILS, a commercial, and to sign up: https://sites.google.com/ucps.k12.nc.us/thegreatrace/home
- Ms. Yearick is looking for about 20-25 GREATRACE student crew members to help set up the Race on April 2nd. You cannot run the Race if you are on the set up crew. You will meet with her several times in the weeks prior to the Race to help plan and organize. Also, you would report to E107 right after school and work until about 9:00 the evening of the Race. Please see her ASAP in E107 to pick up an application if interested. You will receive service hours for your contribution!
- Students interested in running The GREATRACE on a 4-person team should keep their eyes and ears peeled for upcoming announcements. Team registration will begin in March!

PRHS 2020 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

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

PRHS 2020 Spring Athletics Tryout Info

If you have tried out for a Fall or Winter Sport you still need to pick up a Spring tryout ticket. See below for dates and times that you can pick up your ticket.

Those that have not tried out for a sport at PRHS this year must complete the following:

- 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 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.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.

TRYOUT TICKET Dates:

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during all lunches.

Tuesday February 4

Tuesday February 11

Wednesday February 12

Tryout Dates

<u>Sport</u>	Coach	<u>Email</u>	Tryout Date	<u>Time</u>
Baseball	Shane Brown	shane.brown@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12 & 13	3:00-6:00
Men's Golf	David School	djscholl1@gmail.com	February 12 & 13	The Divide Golf Course Time TBD
Men's Lacrosse	Justin Leath	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12 & 13	TBD
Women's Lacrosse	TBD	gstavish@carolina.rr.com Chelo Stavish Parent Rep	February 12 & 13	TBD
Women's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 12, 13, 14	3:00-5:00
Softball	Andy Myers	AMyers@mayerelectric.com	February 12 & 13	3:00-5:30
Men's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net	February 12 & 13	3:00-5:00
Track & Field	Tondra White	tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us	February 19 & 20	3:00-5:00



Post-Secondary Planning

For your
convenience
monday Night
Family
Appointments
Available!





PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

to assist parents & students with

post-secondary planning

- Monday's between 4-7pm
- 45 min appointment with a counselor
- Must schedule appointment through the following link:

https://calendlv.com/shari-davison/4cmin





WANT A CAREER AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?!

NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT'S AFTER PRHS?

4-YEAR, 2-YEAR, TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MILITARY,

WORK?

YOUR COUNSELOR CAN HELP!

PRHS Counseling Department

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Winter Athletic Schedules

Full Season Schedules can be found here!

This Week's Sports Schedules!

		Bas	ketball	w jv	M JV	wv	M V
1/31	Friday	Indy	Away	4:30	3:30	6:00	7:30
2/4	Tuesday	Garinger	Home	5:00	4:00	6:00	7:30
2/7	Friday	Rocky River	Away	4:30	3:30	6:00	7:30

Wrestling

Saturday	2-1	Conference Tournament	ТВА	Myers Park
Tuesday	2-4	1st & 2nd Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Thursday	2-6	3rd Round Playoffs	ТВА	TBA

Swim

2/1//20	Saturday	Regionals	Huntersville	TBA
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Winter Track

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2/8	Caturday	Cuthbertson High School	Waybay NC	0.00
2/0	Saturday	City Championships	Waxhaw, NC	9:00



Athletic Updates

Congrats to Winter Track on several great accomplishments in their meets.

At the Champion Fast Track Invitational -

Jacob Laney placed 4th in the 1600 and he is the #2 Freshman in the state in 1600 and 5th in the nation.

Weddington Invitational

Brandon Benitez qualified for the state meet in the Long Jump and 300 meter dash, 1st Long Jump, 1st Triple Jump 1st 55 hurdles and the 1st 300 meter dash

Dionna Brockington 4th in the triple jump

Boys 4x200 meter relay team 4th (Michael Burks, Andy Paredes, Jordan Brigman and Daelen Bows)

Jacob Laney was 3rd in the 1600

Swim -

Nick Figiel has qualified for the 100 backstroke and Porter Ridge qualified for the following relays:

200 Medley Relay Woman

200 Medley Relay Men

200 Free Relay Woman

200 Free Relay Men

400 Free Relay Woman

400 Free Relay Men



At PRHS all Juniors have time in Advisory each week to work on ACT prep assignments. ALL PRHS Students can work on ACT and SAT prep at will using Albert!

Prepare for the ACT/SAT with Albert



All UCPS students have access to an Albert account for self-paced ACT and SAT practice.

Click on Albert for a tutorial on accessing a student account.





Growing Possibilities...

Announcements



Attention Juniors! You will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, February 25th. This is an opportunity to take the ACT free of charge and have your scores sent to any college of your choice. Please be prepared to bring a calculator on the day of. All information regarding testing will be given to students through Advisory leading up to test day.

Class Wars is back! Ticket sales for the event start Monday, January 27 and end Friday, January 31 during all lunches. The cost is \$1 and spaces are limited. Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in this awesome 4th block event!

Attention Porter Ridge! Gatorball is back this year in full force! This year we are allowing teacher teams to play too! Teams are made of 5-7 people and each team must pay \$25 to enter the tournament on February 25th at 6 pm. Entries begin today and ends February 7th. Space is limited!

Enter the Media Center's Winter Book Contest for a chance to win a prize! See the Announcements section of the PR website to enter. Contest runs until Friday, Feb. 7th. One entry per student/staff. Remember that you must be logged into your UCPS Google account to enter. Prizes include a choice between Chick-Fil-A, Smoothie King, Chili's and Texas Roadhouse! Winners will be listed on the scrolling announcements that show in the cafeteria on Monday, Feb. 10th.

There will be a National English Honor Society meeting after school on Feb. 4th in G112. All those interested in joining are also welcome to attend. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.



Come and learn how to decorate cookies by making borders, flowers, and hearts Thursday, Feb. 6th from 3-4 pm in the Media Center! See the Media Center page of the PR website to sign up. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

Join us for an evening of suspense as Porter Ridge High School's Castaways present Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" on January 31st and February 1st at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in advance at http://porterridgehs.seatyourself.biz or at the door for \$7. See Mr. Ford or scan the QR code on a Mousetrap poster for details.

Football off-season workouts started last week... all new players interested in playing football next season should see Coach Hertz in the gym area for details. Workouts will begin each day at 3 pm and end at 6 pm. All returning players that are NOT involved in a winter sport need to see Coach Hertz if they cannot attend.

Gaming Club is resuming it's weekly meetings starting this Thursday, the 30th. We meet from 3-4:30pm and are always welcoming new members. Please see Mr. Sweet with any questions.

Appalachian State University will be at PRHS on Feb 6 during all lunches. All students are welcome to visit their table in the cafeteria at lunch to get more information about their programs.

Porter Ridge Student Council is presenting our first Goose Chase! Goose Chase is an interactive mobile scavenger hunt around our schools campus with teams of 4 where teams complete challenges to earn points. Team sign ups will occur during all lunches starting on Monday, January 27 and ending on Wednesday, February 5. Signups are \$1 a person and team spots are limited to 40. For more information, please visit the Goose Chase table during lunch and follow @prhsgoosechase on Instagram.

HOSA will be having its monthly meeting in E212 on Feb. 18th at 7:40am. We will be discussing upcoming events this semester.



School Counseling

Follow us on Twitter: @PRHSCounseling

From the Counseling Office

Counselors will begin presenting to 9th grade students in Health & PE this semester to go over academics, options for career and college, and our attendance policy. Each counselor will also meet with their students in small groups for a "Getting to Know You" session. We are looking forward to this opportunity to connect with our students!

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.

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.

PRHS Counselors are offering Monday appointments between 4-7pm for parents and students to meet about post secondary planning. Meetings are for 45 minutes. To sign up for a meeting visit https://calendly.com/shari-davison/45min.

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's school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.

FAFSA for the 2020-2021 school year 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.

March 14 (register by February 14) May 2 (register		ril 3)	June 6 (register by May 8)	
February 8 (register by January 10)		April 4 (register by February 28)		
June 13 (register by May 8)		July 18 (register by June 19)		



School Counseling Information

Scholarships & Opportunities

The <u>Summer Immersion Program</u> at Wake Forest University is an immersive, week-long experience for rising high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and incoming college freshmen designed to provide an introduction to college life and the opportunity to explore a potential career pathway or field of study. To apply, visit <u>immersion.summer.wfu.edu</u> and complete the free, online application. The application requires a recommendation from a teacher, school counselor or principal, and the completion of two short essays. Applications are open and reviewed on a rolling admissions basis.

State Employees Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship-- The State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the "People Helping People®" scholarship program to assist students across North Carolina with their educational goals. The PRHS Scholarship Committee will select two students as our school nominees. Those students' names will then be given to the district scholarship committee who will determine the winner from our school. That student will compete against nominees from other high schools for a limited number of scholarships. Please see Ms. Patterson is you have questions. The deadline to apply is February 14, 2020.

For more information: https://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.htmlApply here: https://forms.gle/BYXG4fsi3vVPSzZa8

Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship-- The Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship was established in 2005 to benefit students who graduate from a public high school in Union County, North Carolina. This \$4,000 scholarship supports undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and is renewable each year. The scholarship committee will nominate one Porter Ridge High School senior to apply for this scholarship. Please see Ms. Patterson with any questions. The deadline to apply is February 14, 2020. Apply here: https://forms.gle/xZULLnmrKK8WCUt38

2020 Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship-- This scholarship is open to high school seniors who will be graduating in the Spring 2020. Seniors do not have to be enrolled to a 2 or 4-year higher education institution in the fall of 2020. The Weddington Optimists are looking for individuals who will be enthusiastic and optimistic that the scholarship will help you meet your life goals as you embark on new life experiences. **If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please see Ms. Patterson in the counseling office by February 28, 2020**.

Project Uplift is a special program that enables high-achieving rising seniors to experience college life on Carolina's campus. Project Uplift seeks to engage participants in an immersive, two-day experience that connects them with UNC-Chapel Hill and other four-year colleges and universities. Participants live on campus, interacting with faculty, staff and current students, participating in educational, cultural and social activities, and learning about admissions and college affordability. Project Uplift allows participants to experience the academic rigor and social climate of a top-ranked four-year institution. Project Uplift is designed to allow students to experience learning in a variety of different university contexts, from large lectures to small seminars and, most important, from the interactions with current Carolina students.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Ms. Patterson no later than February 5, 2020. For more information: https://diversity.unc.edu/access/summer/project-uplift/

North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM) offers summer programs for students who are rising 5th-graders through high school seniors. With specialized coursework in areas such as artificial intelligence, biomedical sciences, and engineering, students have the opportunity to engage in real-world, hands-on experiences. Accelerator courses for 10th - 12th graders are conducted over three weeks. The first two weeks of each course take place virtually, at the student's own pace. The third week of each course takes place on campus, either in Durham or Brevard, NC. **Register by February 1, 2020 to receive \$100 off tuition**. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. Check out the website to learn more.

https://www.ncssm.edu/summer-programs/accelerator/accelerator-10th-12th

The application for the **2020 Martha Guy Summer Institute** opens December 1st, 2019, with all application materials due by February 28th, 2020. The program includes instruction on Appalachian State University's campus in Boone, North Carolina, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Appalachian is the premier public undergraduate institution and boasts the largest business school of the 17 campuses in the University of North Carolina System. We are seeking students who have a **sincere interest in business as a college major** and demonstrate leadership potential. Students who embrace and appreciate new people, opportunities and experiences are ideal for MGSI. If you are interested, **you must apply by February 28**.

For more information: https://marthaguy.appstate.edu/



PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.

"Academy Pathway Applications for 2020-2021"

Academy applications for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness (https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

UNION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

2nd Annual

For Seasonal Employment at Cane Creek Park 15 Years Old and Up

FEBRUARY 15, 2020 10 AM - 2 PM

ADDRESS: 5213 HARKEY RD **WAXHAW, NC 28173**

Seasonal Jobs Available

Outdoor Rec. Assistant (18 and up)

Office Attendant

Park Ranger (18 and up)

Lifeguard

Camp Counselor (18 and up)

Park Attendant I

Maintenance Tech (18 and up)

Head Lifeguard

Pontoon Boat Driver (18 and up)

Park Attendant II









Pirate Ports of Information



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