



PIRATE PRESS 2020-2021



IMPORTANT DATES



Elementary Plan D Application Period Via Scribbles
(Sept. 25 – Oct. 4)

Teacher Workday (no school for students)
(Sept. 28)

Students currently enrolled in Plan B will attend school two days a week. Please contact your school with questions.
(Beginning Sept. 29)



All families were emailed about the day their child attends in person. It was sent to parent email on file and all student ucps email accounts.
This starts week of 9/29!

**We don't know exactly what this year will bring, but we know our teachers need our support!
Please consider joining PTO this year!**

[PTO Membership Form!](#)



Spirit Wear



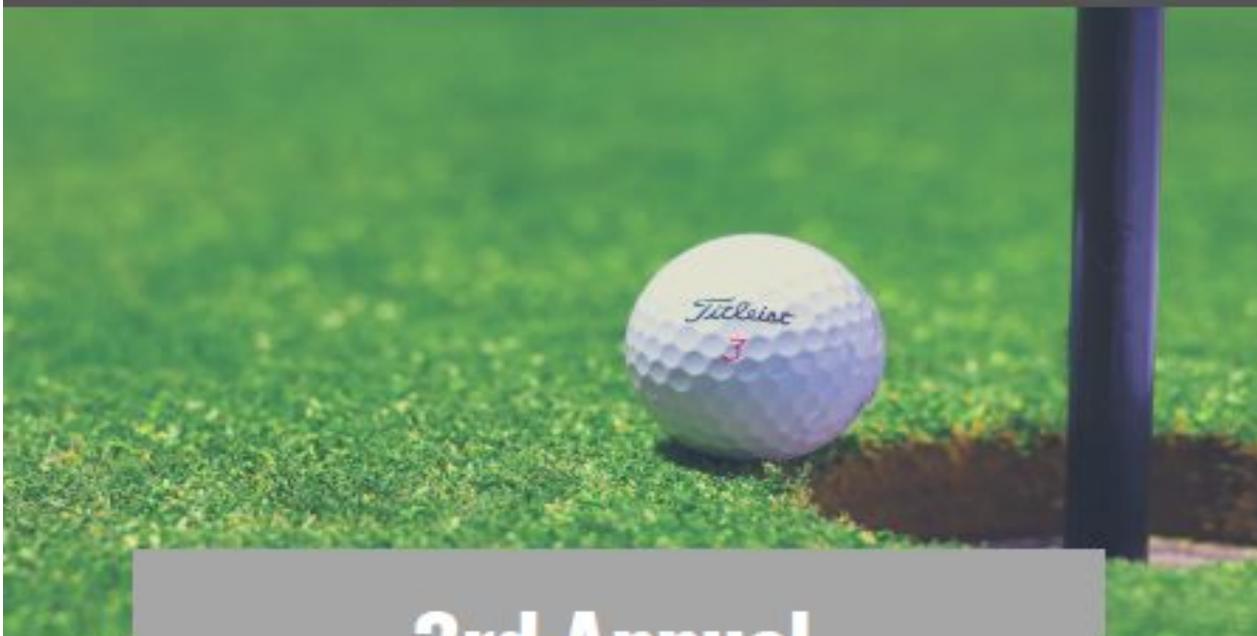
Spirit Wear On Sale Until Oct 8

[Spirit Wear](#) – On Sale online now until October 8th. Merchandise will come into the school and pick up will be on October 27 from 4pm – 7pm.



Golf Tournament

PR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



3rd Annual Golf Tournament

**NOVEMBER 14, 2020
| EMERALD LAKE GOLF COURSE | 9AM
PLAYER \$100 | TEAM \$400 | HOLE SPONSOR \$100**

Register online at porterridgeabc.org

Porter Ridge Athletic Booster Club 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday November 14 at Emerald Lake at 9am. We are looking for foursomes and hole sponsors. [Click Here](#) to register online. Cost is \$100 per player and \$100 for hole sponsors.



Picture Day

PIRATES

Order your 2020-2021 Yearbook!

Take advantage of savings now!
Click on the link below to order!



Images from jostens.com

Buy now for a special deal of \$75, plus free icon personalization!
Offer ends Sept. 18th!

Go to jostens.com

Underclassman Picture Day

Yearbook pictures will take place the week of September 21st-24th on your assigned school day. Virtual students' pictures will be taken on Friday, September 25th.



[See this link to pre-order picture packages from LifeTouch](#)
Use your Picture Day ID: EVTDTQVMS

The photo schedule for students on Friday 9/25 was emailed to the parent email address on file. It is also available through students' Canvas announcements.





Fall Blood Drive

Porter Ridge High School has always had one of the **LARGEST** school blood drives in North Carolina! Help us continue to provide life-saving blood to our community by showing up to donate!! Sign up Below!!

Porter Ridge High School



**Annual Fall Blood
Drive
Friday, October 9th
8:00am - 2:00pm**



How to Donate

**To Schedule a life-saving appointment,
please go to:**

[The Red Cross Website](#)



Pet Costume Contest - FFA



PORTER RIDGE FFA PET COSTUME CONTEST

Send your pet's photo in their Halloween costume to cassidy.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us with your name and your pet's name!

You can submit as many pets as you would like!

Winners will be announced on October 19th!

•There is a prize for the winner!•





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GOOSE CHASE

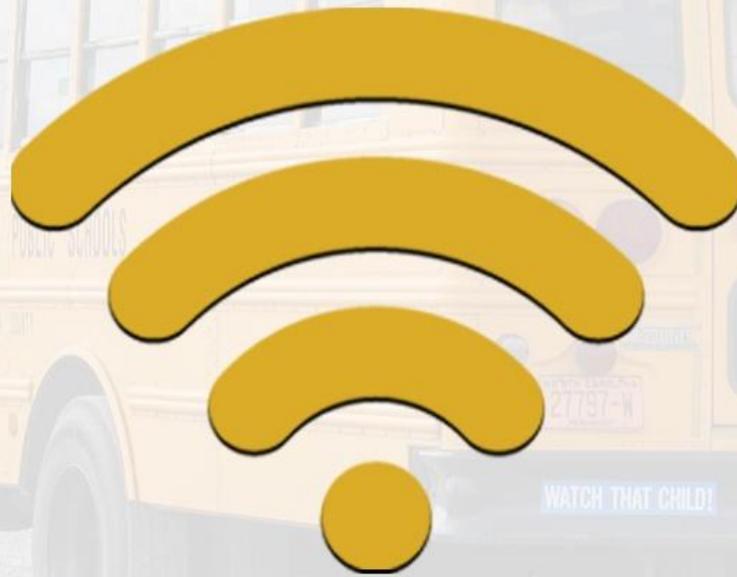
October 5th-12th
40 spots available!
4 person teams

Sign Up via Google Form
Sept 21st- 25th



Free Wi-Fi and Internet access for students

**Monday – Thursday • 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday • 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**



-  **Riverside Community**
-  **Suburban Estates Community**
-  **Creekridge Community**
-  **Icemorlee Apartments**



Senior AD information



Porter Ridge High School

Calling all proud parents

Celebrate your student's journey with a yearbook ad.

Create and purchase online by 11/20/2020

jostensadservice.com

Jostens





SCOIR



Parents can now access Scoir!

What can you do with a Scoir account?

1. See which colleges your child is following.
2. Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
3. Complete a personalized financial aid calculator to receive a custom price estimate.

How do you get a Scoir account?

Your child must invite you!

Students should:

- Log in
- Visit "My Profile"
- Click on "Invite a parent"

Students will need their parent's email address.

Parents

+ Invite a Parent

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.

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COLLEGE
READINESS

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

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

Paying for College.....	September 21, 2020
Getting Ready for College.....	October 19, 2020
College Entrance Exams 101.....	November 16, 2020
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	December 8, 2020
Scoir for Underclassmen Parents.....	January 11, 2021
Paying for College.....	February 8, 2021
College Entrance Exams 101.....	March 8, 2021
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	April 19, 2021

*All webinars will be held at 6:00 pm.
Dates are subject to change.*

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Make it in Union County

Make It in Union County – Manufacturing Awareness Week”

Union County is fortunate to be the home of several successful manufacturers, each bringing a unique perspective to this region. This year Make It In Union County will be going virtual with video tours, job fairs, and much more next week, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. To view video tours and learn more about the different manufactures in Union County, visit the Union County Make It In Union County website

<https://www.makeitinunioncounty.com/>. To register for the Union County Virtual Manufacturing Job Fair, visit Centralina Workforce Development website <https://centralina.easyvirtuallfair.com>.





Announcements

Students download the Canvas Student app on your phone for easy upload of documents that you have taken pictures of on your phone. How to log in with the canvas student app.

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Trouble-shooting/Logging-into-the-Canvas-Student-App/ta-p/259443>

Pirates remember to Wear your mask, wait six feet apart, and wash your hands frequently. Remember that the small u shaped halls in EFG are one way only. If you have not yet received your free pack of masks, see one of the administrators during lunch to get your pack.

Students, please make sure to check your school email. Last night an email was sent to you regarding the days of the week that you will attend school beginning September 29th.

All students need to activate their SCOIR account. Click on the Scoir icon on your student startup page and login with your UCPS Google account. Through Scoir you can research college options and sign up for virtual college visits.

Seniors!

Remember to turn in all scholarship offers to Ms. Patterson in the School Counseling Office!

Attention all returning NHS members! The required 3 hours of community service for the 1st grading period is being extended to Oct. 16th at 3pm. Please submit your hours via the reporting form on or before the 16th. Late submission will result in probation. Please visit our web page and see the list of opportunities available online. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Crider in F108 or email him directly.

Do you love art and want to share your artistic abilities with your school and community? National Art Honor Society applications are available NOW! We are doing a virtual application and it's available on the PRHS website. All students applying need to have an overall 3.0 GPA and be currently enrolled for the fall semester or have already taken Visual Arts 1. Applications are due by Oct 2. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions!

Robotics Club will have its first in person meeting on Tuesday, September 29, immediately after school in G104. Anyone interested in joining Robotics Club is welcome to join us, in person or through Teams. Please email Ms. Batchelor with any questions.

The Spanish Club Mundo Unido would like to invite new members and prior members to contact Sra.Koonce or Sra.Fiallo for information about club meetings, and activities for this year. If you are interested in being part of the Spanish Club and you are attending school, stop by Sra.Koonce's room (F102) for more information.

Attention Seniors! Interested in purchasing a senior advertisement for the 2021 yearbook? Visit jostensadservice.com to purchase and build your own senior ad. Please see Miss Moore or any yearbook staff member with questions.

Interested in attending a US Military Service Academy? Representatives from each of the five service academies will be available to answer any questions you may have in an information session on September 26th from 10am-12pm. Email your name, school, and the academy (or academies) you are interested in to Chris.Maples@mail.house.gov to get the link to attend the virtual session.

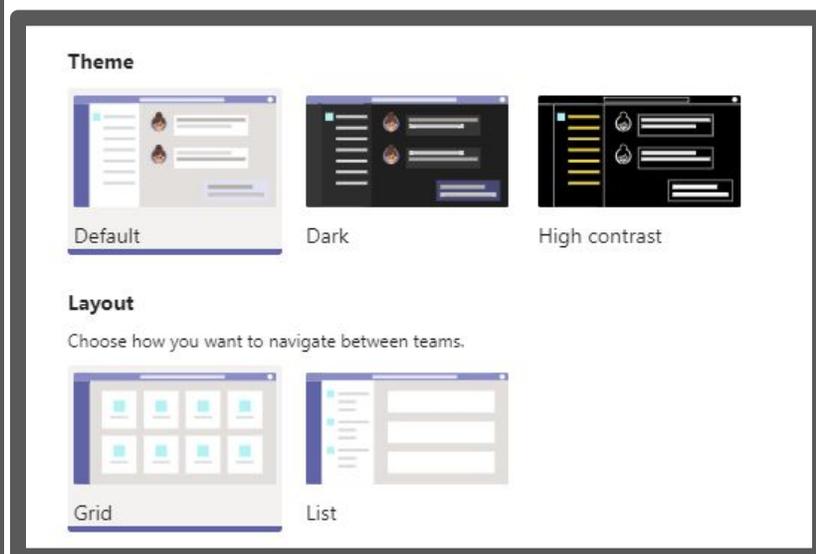
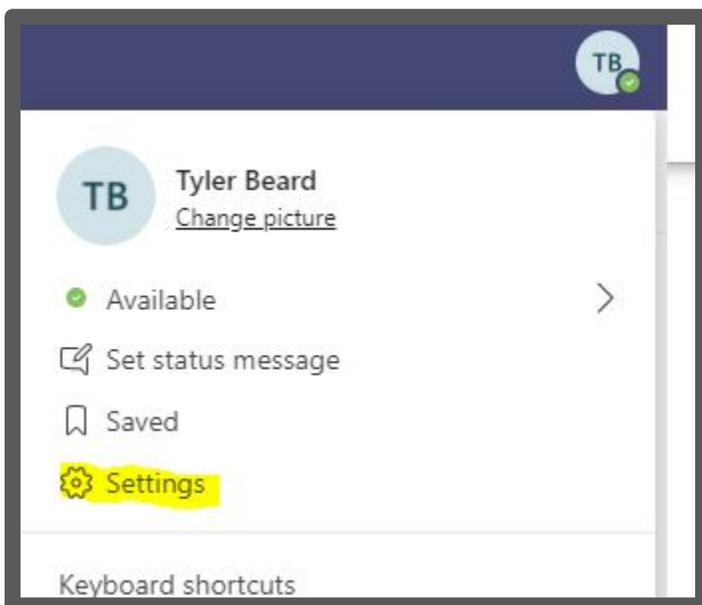




Tech Tip Thursday



Dashboard View- You can switch your Canvas homepage to list view or recent activity. List view will list your homepage in a list format like a to do list. Recent Activity will show you assignments, announcements and discussions. To change your dashboard go to the three dots next to the UCPS logo on your Canvas homepage!



Theme Change in Microsoft Teams - Click your initials in the upper right corner. Go to settings. You can change your layout and your theme for accessibility.



Counseling Food Drive



PRHS Counseling Department Canned Food Drive

Please help the counseling department support families during this critical time by donating canned and shelf-stable food items. The counseling food bank serves many families in need within our community.

Drop off your items in the counseling office every Tuesday between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Items needed include canned vegetables, canned fruits, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, and juice.



School Counseling

From the Counseling Office

We hope all students have had a successful start to this school year, and we want to let you know we are here to support you throughout the school year with academic, career/college, and social/emotional needs. If you would like to set up a meeting with your counselor, you can reach out by sending an email or filling out the form linked below.

School Counselor Meeting Form-

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXG8TVu3qUCbtUrF2YxvpSrtXfYxTgt1Xkyu8Jd53w164WGQ/viewform>

Meet Your Counselor

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[Spring 2020 Grade Correction Request](#)

Students who were in Grades 9-11 in 2019-20 who passed a class in spring 2020 had a choice of either the numerical grade or PC19. Students who did not make a choice in the spring and want to change what they received may do so up until October 16, 2020. If you choose numeric average, you are choosing the higher of T4 or T4/T5 average as your final grade and it will count in your GPA. If you choose the PC19 the grade will not count in your GPA calculation. Please note the final day to process this form is Friday, October 16, 2020 at 8:00am.

Upcoming Events

Are you interested in taking SPCC courses and earning college credit? For 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders: Fill out the form linked below no later than Friday, October 16 to gain access to more information about the Career & College Promise Program. <https://forms.gle/RbvqeCXcwcgK7Bhy8>

Register for the HBCU Summit Series by October 15-

Students will have the opportunity to choose and visit virtually with the HBCUs in attendance and get accepted on the spot by many of the participating schools. Attend workshops and be able to engage with recruiters and alumni to have all of your questions answered. Click for more [information](#) and [registration!](#)



School Counseling

Upcoming Events

CACRAO Virtual College Exploration- September 14-October 9

Learn more about 201 different colleges and universities from 26 states, Washington DC and 4 countries! You can choose from 280 information sessions to hear from admission officers and experienced admission counselors who will tell you what you need to know about college admissions.

Register here and find more information:

<https://www.cacrao.org/programs/2020-high-school-student-registration>

College Virtual Visits for PRHS students

You must register for the visits through your SCOIR account.

Scholarships & Opportunities

The **Governor's School of North Carolina** is a 5½-week summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and it does not involve credit, tests, or grades. Students are selected to attend through a competitive process after being nominated by their public school unit or non-public school. More information to come.

This is a quick overview of the North Carolina Governor's School program and how students can apply and be nominated and selected. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIOVyre4Ck>

Virtual Service Academy Event-Running from 10am-12pm on **September 26th**, this event will offer students the opportunity to learn about the eligibility requirements and application procedures for the five US Military Service Academies. On the call, Rep. Bishop will be joined by representatives from each of the five service academies who will be available to answer any questions your students may have. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by sending your name, school, and the academy (or academies) you are interested in to Chris.Maples@mail.house.gov.

The **Fall 2020 Scholarship Newsletter** is now available. View the link below for more information.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kxjiNyMVxhL_9ubG2p9nqRiGOzMgFxFxWv9QneMuACBY4/edit?usp=sharing

Some universities have competitions to select students for full-ride scholarships. These are highly competitive. At Porter Ridge, students apply to be considered as the PRHS nominee. Students complete an application and our school scholarship committee, consisting of school counselors, an administrator and teachers, reviews the applications of students and chooses our school nominee(s). The student(s) selected as our school nominee then applies directly to the institution for the larger competition.

Below are the links to information about the individual scholarships and their applications.

Some of the scholarships allow students to self-nominate if they are not chosen as their school's nominee. Please see the individual scholarship websites for more information. Feel free to contact Ms. Patterson with any questions.

Belk Scholarship at Davidson College due November 12

Application: <https://forms.gle/aSjZNdcz1fD11UEr5>.

September 18- Mercer University
September 18- Savannah College of Art & Design
September 18- Grand Canyon University
September 25- Davidson College
September 25- Pfeiffer University
September 25- High Point University
September 25- Furman University

October 2- Queens University
October 2- Lander University
October 9- UNC Asheville
October 16- Liberty University
October 30- University of Alabama at Birmingham



Free breakfast and lunch now available for all UCPS students until Dec. 31, 2020

Student ID numbers are required
for in-school meals.

A la carte items are also available for
purchase at regular prices.



Desayuno y almuerzo gratis ahora disponible para todos los estudiantes de UCPS hasta el 31 de Diciembre de 2020.

Se requiere el número de identificación de estudiante
para las comidas en la escuela.

Los alimentos a la carta también están disponibles
para su compra a precios regulares.





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.



Ports of Information for Pirates:

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