



Dear Pirate Community,

We have had quite a successful first week back! Students are busy learning in the classrooms and clubs and athletics are kicking into full gear! We thank you for being patient with the here comes the bus app as some technical issues are being worked out. We hope to see you at Meet the teacher night on September 3rd at 6:00pm! Teachers will be in their rooms to meet and talk with you after our opening presentation in the auditorium.

Remember that school is closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. We hope all of our families have a good extended weekend. Shout out to our student council for their fantastic job welcoming our freshman students last week. Our student council does so much work behind the scenes to make our school an exciting place to be.

Our car-rider line is moving smoothly in the morning, however, parents should arrive on campus by 7:40 am to ensure that their child can make it to class on time. Please adjust your departure time from home to make sure that your child is on time to class.

Students have received their syllabi, supply lists and chromebooks this week. In our Advisory periods they have reviewed some of our school and district policies. Next week we will be meeting with all grade levels for our safety and security assemblies. We look forward to discussing with your children how to create a culture of respect here at Porter Ridge High School.

We will be hosting our club fair the week of 9/9 in our cafe during lunches. Being involved at school is so important to a students' success in school.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters are sent on a weekly basis 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



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**Come to our home  
football game on  
Friday, August 30th  
against  
Weddington! Game  
starts at 7:30pm**



## Meet the Teacher Night!

September 3rd, 2019 6:00pm-8:00pm

- Come meet your PRHS Teachers!

Dr. Fisenne will begin the night with a brief presentation. Teachers will be in rooms once the presentation ends. Drop by for a visit with your student's teachers!

Seniors will have a college night presented by our school counselors starting at 7pm! Seniors and parents can meet the teachers from 6-7 and then head to the college presentation...





## Senior Makeup Pictures



### SENIOR MAKEUP PICTURES!

Passes for SENIORS will be given out during 1st blocks Tuesday 9/3 and Wednesday 9/4. This will be your LAST CHANCE to have your senior picture taken at school. All senior pictures and picture choices are due by November 10th. There is no sitting fee if you do not want to receive proofs. To receive proofs, Seniors will need to bring a \$25 sitting fee and 1 extra outfit. Formal Tux/Drape wear will be provided. Ladies may want to wear garments that can be pulled down their shoulders to accommodate the drape neckline. Lifetouch 704-628-4600 Questions about ordering for Senior Pictures 1-800-736-4775. Any students who are absent both days can schedule an appointment with the Lifetouch office at 704-628-4600 for another date. Seniors- Check your email for appointment times and directions!

SEE MS.  
WATSON WITH  
ANY  
QUESTIONS!





## Club News



Like action? Adventure? Story-telling?  
Problem-solving? Friendship? Elementary math!?  
Well, then, you should come to the interest meeting for a potential Dungeons and Dragons club on September 4th after school in G112 from 3:00-4:00. We will talk about what the club will involve and even build some characters!  
No experience needed!  
See Mr. Boyles with any questions!



The first meeting of the National English Honor Society and Creative Writing Club will be on Friday, September 6th in G112 immediately after school. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.



Gaming Club will be starting this Thursday, September 5th! We meet every week from 3 - 4:30pm in E102. Bring your favorite games and consoles. Please see Mr. Sweet with any questions



The PRHS book club will be meeting immediately after school in D100 on Wed., Sept 18th. We will be discussing, The 57 Bus, by Dashka Slater. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share! See you all there! See Ms. Yearick in E107 with any questions.



## PTO Info!

### **PTO Myths**

Myth: The PTO is just for stay at home parents.

**FACT:** The PTO is for everyone! We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full time; have kids at home or in college.

Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes up too much time.

**FACT:** Only YOU decide how much time you give. Even if you can help at just one event or task per year, it is greatly appreciated.

Myth: The PTO has the same volunteers every year and everyone knows each other.

**FACT:** We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, we also welcome new ones every year.

Membership dues supports our teachers and staff throughout the year. Because we are a PTO, 100% of your membership dues stay at PRHS. We do not have to pay any association fees. The membership allows us to support teachers and staff with lunches, classroom supplies, and treats for the year. Please consider supporting your 2019-2020 PTO!

**Proactive Parents + Talented Teachers = One Outstanding YEAR!**

### **Board Members**

President – Kim Pace

Vice President – Angie Figiel

Secretary – Brook Gay

Treasurer – Jessica Stewart

Membership Secretary – Kathy Jones

Member at Large – open

HELP THE PTO STOCK THE  
NURSES OFFICE!

[Sign-Up Here!](#)





## PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

[Full Season Schedules can be found here!](#)

### This Week's Sports Schedules !

Sport	Date	Time	Opponent
Volleyball	9/3/19 9/5/19	JV - 4:30pm V- 6:00pm JV - 4:00pm V- 5:30PM	East Meck @Butler
Women's Tennis	9/4/19	4:00pm	Forest Hills
Mens Soccer	9/4/19	JV - 4:30pm V - 6:00pm	Marvin Ridge
Varsity Football	8/30/19 9/6/19	7:30pm 7:30pm	Weddington @Piedmont
JV Football	9/5	6:30pm	Piedmont
Field Hockey	9/3/19 9/6/19	5:45pm @ Matthews Sportsplex 5:30pm	Myers Park @Charlotte Latin
Cross Country	8/31 9/7/19	8:00am 8:00am	@Metrolina @Myers Park XC Invite

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>
Football Head	Michael Hertz	Michael.Hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Volleyball	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Tennis	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Women's Golf	David Scholl	dscholl1@gmail.com
Cross Country	Tim Beckerman	tb2006itnc@gmail.com
Cheerleading	Branden Chopelas	porterridgecheer@gmail.com
Women's Field Hockey	Colleen Evans	<a href="mailto:rozomom@yahoo.com">rozomom@yahoo.com</a> (pay to play through the booster club)



## PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

### **Parking Regulations for Home Games- BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING:**



**ALL Spectators should use the *student parking lot*.** Follow the sidewalk behind the school and past the tennis courts. The door to enter is the door to the right of the school's main back entrance (the one with the overhang). There is NO Entry from the bus lot. This is reserved for the visiting team bus and officials.

**PR Athletic Boosters** - 2019-2020 Sponsorships opportunities are available now by purchasing space in the Athletics Program or Stadium and Gym Banners. <http://bit.ly/PRABCSPon>. Any questions can be directed to [prabc.sponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:prabc.sponsorship@gmail.com) Athletics start This Week! Want to save money & support the booster club? Purchase a Pirate Pass online at <http://porterridgeabc.org>. Cost \$100, Pass gets you into all PR home regular season games

### **PRHS-JV Field Hockey Season is in action!**

Friday, August 23rd the Pirates dominated the field against South Meck, scoring 3-0 for the "W"! The team used precision passes, fast sprints, and communication to capture the win. Field Hockey is one of the most physically demanding sports on the body. Hockey players have to be fit, fast, strong, and agile. The field is 100 yards by 60 yards and the game is 70 minutes long. Teams face off with eleven players each. The rules are similar to soccer except players must use their sticks instead of their feet. The only player allowed to use their hands and feet as well as their stick is the goal keeper. We have one of the best, Ava Guerrero. Come check out your Field Hockey Pirates in action!



**Think win-win!  
Have an everyone  
can win attitude!**



## PRHS 2019-2020 Pirate Pass



### 2019-2020 PIRATE PASS

#### **Benefits of the PIRATE PASS:**

- \*\*\*\*\*SUPPORTS ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE\*\*\*\*\*
- Admission to Home Booster Club Sponsored Sports & High School Regular Season Home Games for the 2019-2020 Season
- 50-yard-line reserved seating at PRHS regular-season home football games
- Your **PIRATE PASS** can be used by a student or a friend
- Automatically enrolled as an Athletic Booster Club member (*\$40 value*)
- Purchase a **PIRATE PASS** and receive a free **PARKING PASS!**

*(The **PARKING PASS** provides you VIP parking to all regular -season home football games)*

#### **Cost:**

- **PIRATE PASS:** \$100 per person

*There is potential savings when attending all sporting events during the 2019-2020 season and you are helping support all sports at Porter Ridge, please see sporting event cost run down on PRABC online store @ [porterridgeabc.org](http://porterridgeabc.org)*

**PIRATE PASSES AND PARKING PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED AT HOME FOOTBALL GAMES OR ONLINE @**

[porterridgeabc.org](http://porterridgeabc.org)

***PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A PIRATE PASS AND/OR DONATING TIME AND/OR MONEY TO THE PRABC TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ALL SPORTS AT PORTER RIDGE.***

***WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!***

For additional information and/or questions contact: Paul Cimino

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phone:704-877-8658





## PRHS 2019-2020 Spirit Wear



**Short Sleeve \$18.00**

**Long Sleeve \$20.00**

**Hats \$25.00**

**Available at All Home Football Games**



Put first things first!  
Prioritize!

### School Counseling Information

- Senior College Information Night will be on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- Counselors will begin senior one-on-one meetings during the month of September to discuss post-secondary plans.
- Students should begin looking in Naviance for scholarship and college information. Individual colleges and universities will also have information regarding scholarships and application deadlines.
- The Blumenthal Performing Arts Junior Ambassador Program: The Junior Ambassador program is designed to give a select group of high school juniors and seniors a look inside the world of the performing arts industry. In this program, students have the opportunity to usher for many performances at BPA, including touring Broadway shows, symphonies, local theater companies, and so many other great performances. Students will also attend seminars to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at a performing arts center. Other seminars include career planning and resume help.
  - o For more information [click here](#)
  - o [Application](#) deadline is September 16.
- Major Scholarships

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. The applications will be available on the school counseling page during the first week of school..

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.

If you want to be the Porter Ridge High School Nominee for one of these scholarships, check the links below!

Park Scholarship – due September 26

<https://forms.gle/TEdUnwv9ppsPBkqM8>

Morehead-Cain—due September 19

<https://forms.gle/ifjwnQy15UonC1fy9>

Belk Scholarship—due October 31

<https://forms.gle/nYsX1EGgsZNV2ubs5>

Levine Scholarship – September 26

<https://forms.gle/TcGgTsGyFt8bqsZu7>

More Info can be found here!

UNC Chapel Hill- [Morehead Cain Scholarship](#)

NC State - [Park Scholarship](#)

UNC Charlotte- [Levine Scholarship](#)

Davidson College- [Belk Scholarship](#)



## Ports of Information for Pirates:

2019-2020 will still 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](mailto:carolyn.lawwill@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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