



Dear Pirate Community,

Did you know that one day per week in Advisory, our Juniors have the opportunity to practice ACT skills through an online program called AlbertIO? Please take time to talk to your junior about the importance of taking advantage of this opportunity in school, but also using this program and other available programs to prepare for this required Junior Year pre-college assessment. All grade levels continued working on developing healthy habits this week and how they can grow from dependent to independent by incorporating these habits.

Please remember that Monday 9/30 is a Teacher Workday and there is no school for students. We will see our children back on Tuesday 10/1.

Be sure to catch our Band of Pirates in action at every home football game. Last weekend they earned high praise at the Union County Band Preview and this weekend they are heading to two performances on Saturday, first at Mount Pleasant and then to Hickory Ridge HS. Be sure to check our athletics webpage for coach contact information and see the schedule in this Pirate Press. Those students interested in Winter Track should attend the meeting on Thursday October 3 immediately afterschool in the cafeteria from 3:00 - 3:30. If you cannot attend, please see Coach White in the counseling office. Tonight is our Conference Varsity Football game against East Meck. Let's pack the stadium for this game and watch our Pirates prevail - kickoff at 7:30!! Students are planning a jersey-out! A big shout out to our Band, our Basketball players, our Student Council, and our Parenting and Child Development students who helped out this week when we had a surprise visit from Porter Ridge Elementary School. They showed great Pirate spirit and we are proud of them!

Senior families - do you need money for college? - Financial Aid Information Night for you and your parents will be on Thursday, October 3rd in the auditorium at 6:30pm. Learn how to apply and the types of aid available. Speaking of college - Juniors and Seniors interested in taking college classes in the spring through South Piedmont Community College should complete the google form sent to your school email. If students or parents have questions, please call your school counselor for answers! All grade levels are invited to The Union County College Fair which will be on Sunday, October 6 from 2-4pm at Wingate University. This is a great opportunity to learn about colleges. See the Pirate Press for a lot more information on colleges for our students and parents! Parents did you know that All Sophomores will take two college assessment pre-assessments? Our sophomores will have the opportunity in school to take the PSAT on 10/16 and the Pre-ACT on 10/23. All Juniors will have the opportunity to take the actual college assessments, the ACT and SAT in February and March respectively.

Union County is fortunate to be the home of several successful manufacturers, each bringing a unique perspective to this region. Next week, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, manufacturers in Union County will open their doors to the community to tour their facilities and learn more about manufacturing for Manufacturing Awareness Week. We are encouraging all of our students and families to attend to see what career opportunities are available right here in Union County! You must register for Open House tours at <http://makeitinunioncounty.com>.




Homecoming Week is October 7th-12th and we hope that if you have an older child that graduated from PRHS that you will encourage them to come out to our Homecoming game and support the Pirates. Our student council has prepared a lot of fun activities that week and we hope that you will encourage your students to prepare next week for the great activities we have during Homecoming!

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. The Pirate Press, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home.

Go Pirates!!! Dr. Fissenne



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	<p><b>PRHS Pirates Vs. East Meck @PR 7:30 Kickoff Jersey Out</b></p>
	



# PRHS 2019 Fall Athletics Info

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

## This Week's Sports Schedules !

### Volleyball

9/28	Saturday	SFTC Tourney	Latin		TBD
10/1	Tuesday	Butler	Home	4:30	6:00
10/3	Thursday	Indy	Away	4:00	5:30

### Varsity Football

9/27	Friday	East Meck	Home		7:30
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### Tennis

9/30	Monday	East Meck	Away		4:00
10/1	Tuesday	Myers Park*	Away		4:00

### Soccer

9/30	Monday	Rocky River	Home		5:30
10/2	Wednesday	Myers Park	Away	4:30	6:00

### Field Hockey

10/2/2019	Wednesday	SMHS- JV	Matthews Sportsplex	Field 3	5:45 PM
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**Golf Tournament**

**PR ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**



# **2nd Annual Golf Tournament**

*Hosted by PRHS Baseball & Softball Teams*

**OCTOBER 12, 2019 | EMERALD LAKE GOLF COURSE | 9AM  
PLAYER \$100 | TEAM \$360 | HOLE SPONSOR \$100**

Register online at [porterridgeabc.org](http://porterridgeabc.org)  
<http://www.porterridgeabc.com/>



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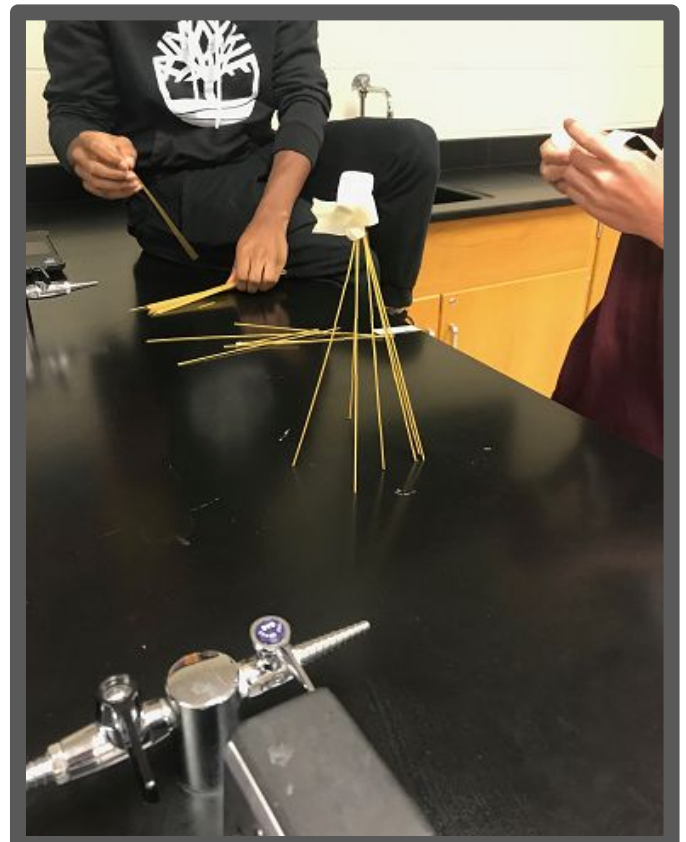
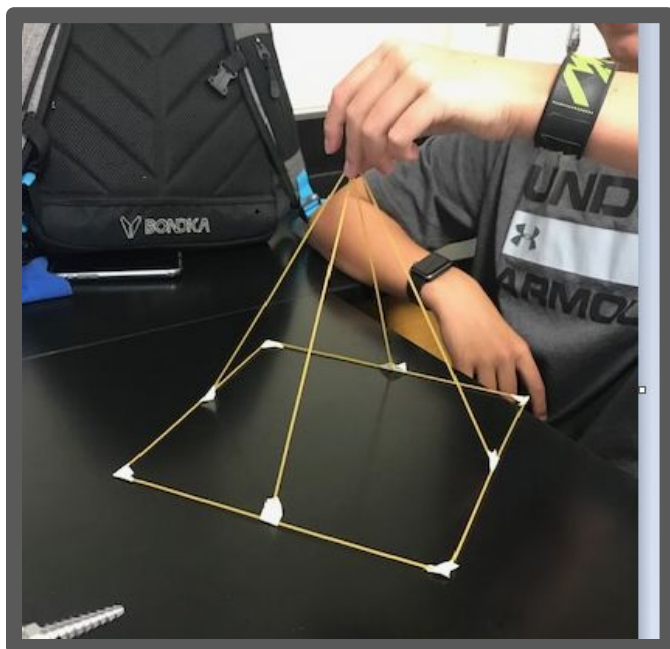
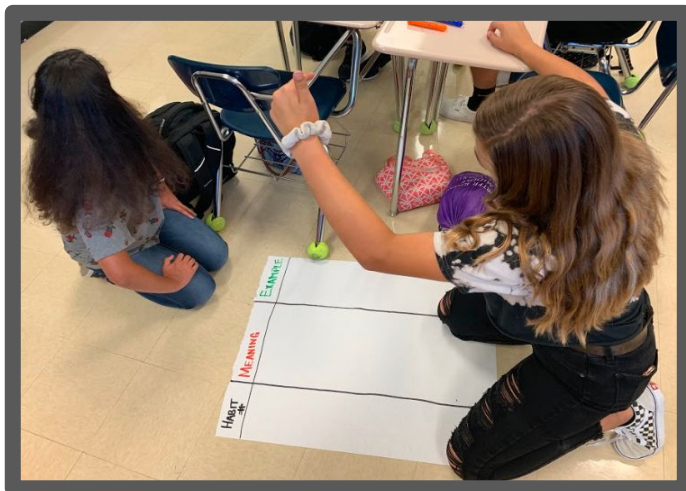
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[Registration Link Here](#)



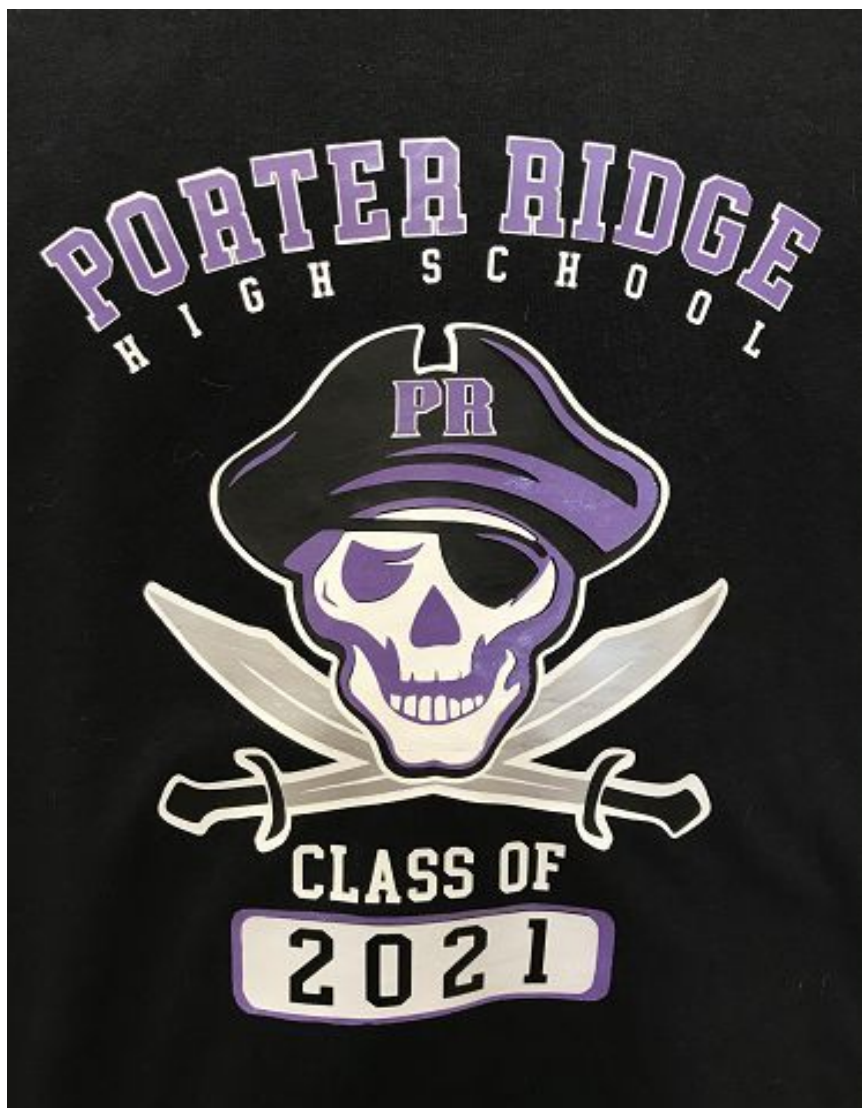
## This Week in Advisory. #Watchthemlead

Pirate Advisory! This week in advisory students learned all the seven habits of highly effective teens! The students also talked about how those habits work with dependence, independence & interdependence! Teachers and students were involved in many engaging activities throughout the week!





INFO from the PTO

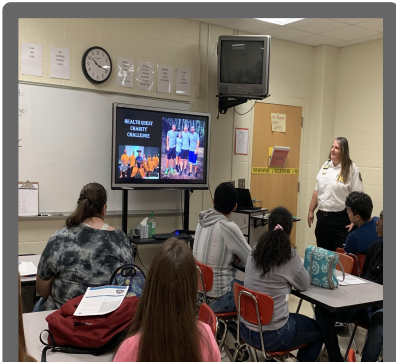


Class T-Shirts are available to order through the PTO! T-shirts are \$20.00 each! Order below!

**[PTO T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS](#)**



Check IT OUT!



Mr. Raynor's Public Safety classes learning about EMS careers!!



New ART Mural!

*Enchanted Forest*  
 PRHS Homecoming Dance 2019  
 October 12th  
 8:00-11:00pm  
 In The Main Gym

Tickets sold at all lunches  
 September 16th-27th  
 \$20 per person

THE PORTER RIDGE STUDENT COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

**Homecoming 2019**  
 A Survival Guide  
 October 7th — October 12th

*Enchanted Forest*  
 Saturday- Dance 8-11

<p><b>Monday</b>  <b>Class Wars</b>          Freshmen-Black          Sophomores-White          Juniors- Grey          Seniors- Purple</p> <p><b>CLASS WARS</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Pajama Day</b>  <b>Half Day!!</b></p> <p><b>PPF</b>  <b>POWDERPUFF</b>          @ 5:30  <b>\$2 TO WATCH</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>  <b>SLEEP IN</b></p> <p>ZZZ</p> <p><b>PPH</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>  <b>Mathlete VS. Athlete</b></p> <p>VS.</p> <p><b>LUNCH ACTIVITIES!!!</b>  <b>Game Night @ 5</b></p>	<p><b>Friday</b>  <b>HAWAIIAN DAY!</b></p> <p>Tailgating in the Parking Lot @ 5:00  <b>HC Game @ 7:30</b>  <b>Black Out!</b>          (HC court at halftime)</p>
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# Homecoming Info!



Ms. Craig's class collaborating and presenting!



## Announcements

Any student wanting to take an AP test for a course in which they are not enrolled please see Ms. Davison in guidance no later than October 2nd. The cost is \$94. Checks should be made out to PRHS. If you are taking the class you do not have to see Ms. Davison.

This year's Homecoming Game vs. Independence will take place on Friday, October 11th. Before the game, there will be a tailgate in the parking lot near the football stadium beginning at 5:30, before the game starts at 7:30. There will be free food, drinks, and games! We hope to see you there.

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(<https://forms.gle/HKEVc5tfQqrRNtCk7>)

Attention all National Art Honor Society members! Just a reminder about our Informal Inductions TONIGHT, October 1st at 4:30. Please come in by the student lot doors and make sure to bring your \$3 for pizza. See Mrs. Crowley with any questions.

Attention all newly invited NHS members! Due to the teacher work day on Monday, Mr. Crider is extending the due date for submitting your NHS form to Weds., Oct. 2nd at 3pm. Please see Mr. Crider in room F108 with any questions ASAP.

NC Governor's School Are you interested in learning more about NC Governor's School? Each year informational sessions (one hour in length) are held throughout the state for anyone who is interested. The following meeting dates and locations, near us, have already been confirmed: Tuesday, October 1, 6:00pm: Statesville area- Statesville High School Mac Gray. Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 pm: Charlotte area- E.E. Waddell Language Academy Auditorium

The Union County College Fair will be on Sunday, October 6 from 2-4pm at Wingate University. This is a great opportunity to learn about colleges. We encourage all students to attend.

Anybody interested in Winter Track there will be an interest meeting on Thursday October 3 immediately afterschool in the cafeteria from 3:00 - 3:30. If you cannot attend, please see Coach White in guidance.

The Fairview Elementary PTO is looking for volunteers to help with a Fall Fest at Fairview Park on Hwy 601, on October 5th between 9:45 -1pm or 1pm-5pm. Interested students should email [fvespto@gmail.com](mailto:fvespto@gmail.com) with the times you can volunteer.

Attention Powderpuff Sophomore players, you will be practicing on Monday, October 1st from 3-4 o'clock in the boneyard. Players will meet in the cafeteria right after school before heading out to the field. We hope to see you there!

The Fall Blood Drive will be held on October 30th. If you are wanting to donate scan the QR code on the flyer located on each classroom door and fill out the questions! If you need a 16 year old parent consent form those are located in the front office. Make sure you bring those back to Ms. Clontz in E212 signed before the blood drive.







# Union County College Fair

Register at <http://bit.ly/UCcollefair2019>

Students,

The Union County College Fair will be on October 6th @ Wingate University from 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity meet with admissions representatives and learn about different colleges from both in and out of state. See attached flyer for a list of colleges who will be in attendance.

**Union County**  
**College Fair**

**Date:** Sunday, October 6  
**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Where:** Wingate University  
McGee Center  
220 N. Camden Street  
Wingate, NC 28174

### Which colleges and universities will be in attendance?

- Appalachian State University
- Averett University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Benedict College
- Bluefield College
- Brevard College
- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
- Campbell University
- Carolinas College of Health Sciences
- Catawba College
- Charleston Southern University
- Chowan University
- Clemson University
- Clinton College
- College Foundation, Inc.
- Concord University
- Converse College
- East Carolina University
- East Tennessee State University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Emory & Henry College
- Fayetteville State University
- Ferrum College
- Full Sail University
- Gardner-Webb University
- Georgia State University
- Glenville State College
- Greensboro College
- Guilford College
- High Point University
- Hollins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lander University
- Lees-McRae College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Liberty University
- Limestone College
- Living Arts College
- Livingstone College
- Louisburg College
- Mars Hill University
- Meredith College
- Mid-Atlantic Christian University
- Mississippi State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Carolina State University
- North Greenville University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pfeiffer University
- Presbyterian College
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Radford University
- Randolph Community College
- Roanoke College
- Salem College
- South Piedmont Community College
- St. Andrews University
- Sweet Briar College
- The University of Alabama in Huntsville
- UNC Chapel Hill
- UNC Greensboro
- The University of Tennessee Knoxville
- UNC Asheville
- UNC Charlotte
- University of Alabama
- University of Kentucky
- University of Lynchburg
- University of Mount Olive
- UNC Pembroke
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts
- UNC Wilmington
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Carolina Lancaster
- Wake Forest University
- Warren Wilson College
- West Virginia University
- Western Carolina University
- William Peace University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Winthrop University
- Wofford College



This is a CACRAO event hosted by Wingate University.

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## Student College Prep Series



# PREPARE

## FREE ON-DEMAND AND LIVE CONTENT

UCPS students have access to free on-demand and live content through Naviance and Kaplan. See below for upcoming events and registration links.

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### College Essay Essentials with Story2

Start with finding a topic.  
Finish with a full essay.  
Admissions experts from Story2 teach you how to write powerful college essays using proven storytelling methods.

OCT  
6

### Skills You Need for Success in College

What does it take to be successful in college?  
Check out a seminar and let our experts guide you to better decisions on your journey.

NOV  
4

### How Standardized Tests Work

Our seminars give you the inside scoop on the exams, so you'll understand everything you need to succeed.

To register for these events and see additional details, visit <https://www.kaptest.com/partner/naviance/free/academic-skills>.

For more information or to view additional events, visit <http://bit.ly/UCPScollegecalendar>.



## School Counseling

### School Counseling Information

Put first things first!  
Prioritize!

#### 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 are now available and accessible through Pirate Press, the school counseling webpage, and senior emails.

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.

**NC State** - [Park Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

**UNC Charlotte**- [Levine Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE September 26, 2019

**Davidson College**- [Belk Scholarship](#) Apply [here](#) DUE October 17, 2019

**University of Virginia**- Jefferson Scholarship Apply [here](#) DUE November 14, 2019

**Colleges Visiting PRHS**-- Seniors and Juniors may sign up to attend the presentation to colleges they are interested learning more about. Students must sign up at least 2 days prior to the visit through your Naviance Student account.

1. Log in to your my.ncedcloud.org account
2. Click on "C" for Clever
3. Click on Naviance
4. Select "Colleges"
5. Select "upcoming visits"
6. Click the "Sign Up" button for the chosen schools.

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This form is for students to self-nominate for Governor's School. You must be a Junior to attend Governor's School. If you are a Sophomore you may only attend in the area of Choral Music, Instrumental Music, or Dance. If you are interested please complete the form by October 4, 2019.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oo6eELwstjhDRQhCnLWTJpGQiLj7yQjrt-lzxUyPXx8/edi>

Looking for information about the college application and scholarship process? Check out the **UCPS College Readiness page**. They are hosting a Paying for College information event on October 14, 2019. Find more information on the website.

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6376>

All **Sophomores** will take:  
PSAT on 10/16  
Pre-ACT on 10/23  
All **Juniors** will take:  
ACT on 2/25  
SAT on 3/25



## School Counseling Information

This week we started our senior one-on-one meetings to discuss post-secondary plans, applying to college, and financial aid. All of the information can be found on the school counseling [webpage](#) and an email was sent to all seniors with handouts to review the information. We are enjoying the process of connecting with our seniors and answering questions to provide more information as they prepare for life after high school. Seniors who are not taking English or American History will still be meeting with a counselor soon.

Seniors, check your emails for important information about scholarships and deadlines. Check out our new scholarship newsletter and look on the PRHS School Counseling Scholarship webpage for more information as well.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/12mqaEqXhv-MfLvLOqA4d6RtJDkMcciBYqj5Aug\\_bzZg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12mqaEqXhv-MfLvLOqA4d6RtJDkMcciBYqj5Aug_bzZg/edit?usp=sharing)

Students, you are invited to the **African-American Prospective Program (2APP)** on Monday, October 21, 2019. This free event gives select students a first-hand view of Appalachian.

“Students will experience our beautiful location, learn about our strong academic programs and merit scholarships, and explore campus resources and organizations for diverse students. While on campus, they'll have the opportunity to engage with faculty, meet current students and apply for admission at no cost! They'll also hear about a special orientation program designed to give students the opportunity to become leaders on Appalachian's campus and within the Multicultural Student Development office.” Registration link:

<https://ugrad.appstate.edu/register/?id=76a34f5c-9799-4a68-8a68-cf2fbcf86c57>

The **Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) Program** is inviting parents and students to attend bilingual workshops which include information on high school graduation, college readiness, higher education institutions, college application process, financial aid process and opportunities, bachelor and associate degrees, and trade and vocational program.

More information about these opportunities can be found here: <https://www.lawanc.org/high-school-series>

Prospective candidates who plan to major in a STEM or education discipline at NC State and reside in a North Carolina household with a pre-tax annual gross income (AGI) of less than \$110,000 are eligible to potentially receive an invitation to apply to the Goodnight Scholars Program's Class of 2024. [Click the link here to learn about additional requirements and important deadlines for the Class of 2024 application process.](#)

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 school counselor, Mr. James to sign up.**

Do you like to help people? Are you the kind of person who likes to craft, make, tinker and break things? Have you been wondering if engineering might be for you, but you're not sure? Do you like spooky things? We've got the perfect immersive event for you Oct. 25-26: **Explore Engineering, an overnight event for high school girls at Sweet Briar College.**

Participants will work in teams with engineering professors and students to imagine and bring to life a [computer-controlled, interactive Halloween device](#). The event is hands-on, stresses teamwork and creativity, and is **perfect for both experienced students and newbies to engineering.**

Sound eerily up your alley?

[Get more information and register](#)

### Upcoming SAT and ACT dates outside of school day:

#### SAT

November 2 (register by October 3)

December 7 (register by November 8)

#### ACT

October 26 (register by September 20)

December 14 (register by November 8)

#### Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

FAFA Opens—October 1, 2019

PRHS Financial Aid Information Night—October 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm AT PRHS

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019



### Information from our CTE Department.

#### **“Make It in Union County – Manufacturing Awareness Week”**

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For more information, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Sarah Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).



#### **“Career of the Week – Diagnostic Medical Sonographer”**

A Diagnostic Medical Sonographer specializes in creating images of the body’s organs and tissues. They tend to work closely with physicians or surgeons before, during, and after medical procedures. Some of their job duties include, reviewing images or test results to check quality and adequate coverage of the areas needed for diagnoses, analyze diagnostic information to provide a summary of findings to doctors, and record findings and keep track of patients’ records. Abdominal, Breast, Musculoskeletal, Pediatric, Obstetric and Gynecologic Sonographers are some of the different types of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. To become a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, one needs some formal education, such as an associate’s degree or a postsecondary certificate and most employers prefer graduates of programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Diagnostic Medical Sonographer’s average salary for the state of North Carolina is \$63,860 and \$69,650 for the nation. Employment of a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer is projected to grow 26% from 2014 to 2024.



## 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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