



Dear Pirate Community,

A huge shout-out to the Band of Pirates Marching Band for their incredible success this Saturday at the North Lincoln HS tournament! We earned 1st place music, 1st place marching, 1st place General Effects, 1st place in class, Pit Crew award and runner-up Grand Champion! Thanks to Band Directors- Mr. Ross, Ms. Cook, and Ms. Tomberlin! Thank you to the parents who volunteer so many hours as well.

So far we have had a wonderful homecoming week. So many of our students have participated in dress up days and have attended our homecoming events. We started off with class wars on Monday afternoon. Over 700 students attended and the result was a close battle between the Seniors and Juniors. Ultimately, the class of 2020 prevailed! Powderpuff was Tuesday night and also resulted in a victory for the class of 2020 against the Sophomores! Game Night is currently underway! Of course, Friday is our homecoming game against Independence, we hope to see you there, the theme is a blackout! We will also celebrate our Homecoming Court that night - don't miss it! Tomorrow's spirit day is a Hawaiian out!

In athletic news, Victoria Riabtseva competed in the SW4A Tennis conference tournament championship finals today and has qualified for regionals in singles. Also qualifying in singles is Vivian Vassilski. Kimberly Tran and Stacy Vassilski both qualified for regionals in doubles. Congrats Ladies! Soccer player Nathan Ladimir has been named Charlotte Observer Athlete of the week. Nathan received over 21,000 votes. Congrats Nathan! Volleyball Senior night will be Tuesday vs. Myers Park @ 6pm here at PRHS. Field Hockey Senior night will be October 17th vs. Providence @ 5:45pm at Matthews Sportsplex. Soccer plays Monday at home vs. Butler. This is a huge conference match! Please come and support Pirate Soccer. The first 100 PRHS students to come to the game will receive a free PRHS vuvuzela.

Congratulations to all students who will receive an Academic letter and/or bar. Please remember, this is a student only event - names are listed in this issue of Pirate Press. Our current ninth graders will be eligible with qualifying grades for this honor after they have completed a full semester in high school.

Sophomore parents - remember that next week is the PSAT for all 10th graders during the school day on Wednesday. Please make sure your children are here and on time, with a good night's sleep and good breakfast. We want all of our students to try their best on this test next week. This week in Advisory our Juniors continued preparation for the ACT next semester, Seniors reviewed the new scholarship letter, learned more about financial aid deadlines for college, and heard about the free college applications offered the week of 10/21. See the Pirate Press for more info. Sophomores started to look at colleges in Naviance with the Super College Match feature and Freshman completed a Career Interest Profiler survey.

Our Fall blood drive hosted by our Interact and HOSA clubs will take place on Wednesday, October 30th. Parents who are donating should check in at Porter Ridge Middle School office as we will be using their gym for collection. This past year Porter Ridge was the largest high school blood drive in the state of North Carolina. Please consider donating! Contact Mrs. Hayley Clontz with any questions!

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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**Varsity Football  
Homecoming Game  
against  
Independence**







## Homecoming Spotlight

After a very close battle between the Seniors & Juniors, the seniors prevail in the 2019-2020 Class wars!



2019-2020 Game Night  
hosted by Student Council



Seniors were  
victorious in  
Powderpuff!





2019 Fall Blood Drive

OCTOBER 30TH

# BLOOD DRIVE

*16 year olds can donate with  
parent consent form.  
Anyone 17 or older can donate  
without a form!*

**Sign up to donate today!**



**<https://bit.ly/2m1RTrk>**







# Spring 2019 Bars and Letters Recognition

Aguilar-Leon, Gabriela Carolina  
 Al- Hossami, Ola  
 Aldred, Maria Faith  
 Alpaugh, Kayla Morgan  
 Andrade, Jean Carlo  
 Bishop, Gwendolyn Grace  
 Blanton, Aria Lyric  
 Bright, Mary Jewel  
 Brockington, Dionna Chantel  
 Byrum, Jocelyn Kate  
 Carroll, Myles Grayson  
 Cervantes Duran, Benito  
 Charlton, Maya Isabella  
 Cupp, John Douglas  
 Currie, Shauna Skylar  
 Davis, Gabriella Nicole  
 DelaRosa, Matthew Aldo  
 Ekey, Kyle Alexander  
 Faherty, Cyrus Sean  
 Gonsalves, Jordan Albert  
 Gonzalez-Torres, Alvaro Antonio  
 Greenberg, Camryn Danae  
 Guerrero, Ava Margaret  
 Jurca, Abigail Emily  
 Kimmert, Gage MacArthur  
 Kobe, Victor Patrick  
 Langlois, Isac Taylor  
 McGillivray, Jake Joseph  
 Medina Campos, Vanessa  
 Mejias, Tristen Philip  
 Moskowitz, Brandon Eric  
 Muratovic, Adina  
 Newstreet, Hunter Robert  
 Ortiz Vega, Genesis  
 Reagan, Jakob Cameron  
 Shynkaruk, Dennis Volodymyrovich  
 Sierra Rey, Caroline  
 Stansbury-Johnson, Ian Thomas  
 Swann, Bryson Tyler  
 Vazquez-Gonzalez, Allan Kevin  
 Vieyra-Cortez, Efrén  
 Zbodula, Daniel Robert  
 Anderson, Grace Nicole  
 Carver, Terry Luis  
 Cioppa, Maxim Christian  
 Decker, Gavin Dale  
 Eldridge, Carson Reid  
 Goodman, Madisyn Linda  
 Hastings, Alexander Daniel  
 Long, Jordyn Alisha  
 McDaniel, Emma Marie  
 Scrusse, Mya Jenise  
 Thompson, Cameron Austin  
 Walker, Kylie Alyssa  
 Calkins, Bailey Shea  
 Dragunov, Anna Maria  
 Evangelista-Ramos, Atlai Adriel  
 Figiel, Nicholas Ian  
 Green, Mia Noelani  
 Hernandez Sandoval, Ricardo  
 Hoover, Peyton Skylar  
 Huneycutt, Daniel Reece  
 Meadows, Blake Harrison

Moser-Perez, Samuel David  
 Steele, Zaria Lanay  
 Turley, Wesley Matthew  
 Vergara Tapia, Kenny Saul  
 Adubofour, Ama Dufie  
 Alexander, John Christian  
 Ansel, Audrey Lynne  
 Ansel, Molly Jeanne  
 Aristizabal, AnaKaren  
 Barzoff, Hayden Charles  
 Borbolla, Brielle  
 Bublitz, Courtney Ann  
 Burch, Lucy Caroline  
 Callender, Lorraine Ann  
 Carver, Sydney Marie  
 Castner, Emma Elizabeth  
 Cheek, Jada Aneice  
 Chew, Aidan Patrick  
 Clarke, Calvin James  
 Conroy, Dominic David  
 Cyr, Nicole Renee  
 De Souza, Julia Emily  
 Dela Cruz, Mia Katherine  
 Diggs, Aidan Walker  
 Dudina, Tatiana  
 Durbin, Kira Hannah-Louise  
 Egan, Caroline Rose  
 Fernandez, Viviana Maciel  
 Foy, Isabella Rose  
 Fuller, Mollie Christine  
 Garner, Sallie Ruth  
 Green, Jack Foster  
 Greer, Anna Elizabeth  
 Harris, Kaylynn Marie  
 Harvey, Joshua Thomas  
 Helms, Elizabeth Grace  
 Henning, Allyson Marie  
 Jones, Nicholas Ryan  
 Kobe, Nicholas Anthony  
 Krenz, Grace Elizabeth  
 Ladimir, Nathan Joseph  
 Lyons, James Michael  
 Mace, Rebekah Olivia  
 Martin, Micah Lewis  
 McIntyre, Hannah Joy  
 Medlin, Silas John  
 Mills, Zachary Ney  
 Montgomery, Michael Tanner  
 Myers, Sarah Diane  
 Neal, Cara Fair  
 O'Keef, Owen Michael  
 Pettinicchi, Melanie Jane  
 Rice, Christopher William  
 Rodriguez, Ashley Renee  
 Salameh, Nadeen Ahmed  
 Scaldara, Clinton Vincent  
 Shatak, Jocelyn Dee  
 Sloan, Michael Vance  
 Smith, Chloe Kathleen  
 Jeanette  
 Stout, Nathaniel Grady  
 Tapp, Kaitlyn Elizabeth  
 Tester, Mackenzie Grace  
 Thompson, Kobi Micheal  
 Tran, Shana Vy  
 Travis, Natalie Dana  
 Trofinoff, Luke Daniel  
 Turpin, Avery Brooke

Van de Riet, Virginia Hope  
 Vantoorenburg, Trinity Amaya  
 Vassilski, Stacy Joann  
 Via, Andrew Neal  
 Volpe, Nathan Anthony  
 Wallner, Brett Elisabeth  
 Wolfe, Hannah Elizabeth  
 Al Hakim, Joudy Yasser  
 Antonuccio, Angelina Mary Anne  
 Applegate, Zachary Robert  
 Barnett, Jasmine Renee  
 Blanton, Kaitlyn Elizabeth  
 Blum, Jaxon Robert  
 Boley, Gabriella Meizhin  
 Brady, Olivia Brooke  
 Brewer, Shannon Nicole  
 Broome, Matthew David-Shane  
 Brown, Savannah Nicole  
 Burks, Michael Jerome  
 Cardoso, Fabricio Roberto  
 Chew, Jackson Charles  
 Chisholm, Jacob Michael  
 Coleman, Kamille Jeanae  
 Crissman, Colton Ross  
 Curtis, Ann Marguerite  
 Dixon, Jalen Malik  
 Dorsey, Alexa Elizabeth  
 Emory, Stone Patrick  
 Francis, Rosalea Elias  
 Graham, Emma Ann  
 Hagerty, Gavin Porter  
 Harold, Blake Stephen  
 Hatley, Nicholas Todd  
 Henson, Daisy Gayle  
 Heo, Heather Eunbi  
 Hernandez, Mauro Ramon  
 Joaquin, Ella Marie  
 Johnson, Dorian Kaleb  
 Johnson, Jordan Michael  
 Jones, Samantha Grace  
 Jordan, Malik Richard  
 Jordan, Olivia Reese  
 Joye, William Davis  
 Kesner, Madeline Elizabeth  
 Kivlan, Rachel Amanda  
 Kramb, Caroline Adele  
 Leadenham, Melina Taylor  
 Ledford, Madison Grace  
 Love, Lauren Tegan  
 Lozada Burgos, Luis Gerardo  
 Lucas, Erynn Mackenzie  
 Massey, Jordyn Alexis  
 McCollum, Alaina Rebecca  
 McDevitt, Liam Daniel  
 McIntosh, Savannah Marie  
 Minakakis, Anna Maria  
 Mincey, Calyn Faith  
 Monago, Molly Katherine  
 Morales, Luis Enrique  
 Morrison, Aden Ryan  
 Murphy, Ryan Connor  
 Newsome, Brooke Marie  
 Nguyen, Alyssa Tran  
 Noyal, Aiza  
 O'Bday, Reagan Caroline  
 Perez-Areola, Tania  
 Perkins, Elijah Wyatt

Pratt, Chloe Elizabeth  
 Rochester, Brooke Alexandra  
 Rose, William Charles  
 Rowland, Isabella Grace  
 Sadler, Jenna Adrienne  
 Seiden, Brianna Leigh  
 Shakhtour, Yusef Feras  
 Shelley, Brynn Olivia  
 Snead, Trace Richard  
 Torres, Boris Daniel  
 Tran, Cynthia Ngoc  
 Turizo, Garrett J  
 Valliere, Sheila Kay  
 Vaughan, John Hamilton  
 Villafana, Ashley Nicole  
 Williams, Hannah Olivia  
 Yandle, Dalton Zane  
 Yevchik, Diana Martha  
 Ahaotu-Simelane, Sean  
 Ogechukwu  
 Balcerk, Alexander Reed  
 Bott, Olivia Marie  
 Brewer, Kapri LaShay  
 Briscoe, Jaden Alexis  
 Burdette, Dylan Royce  
 Celeste, Taylor Marie  
 Cho, Joshua Jungin  
 Claytor, Natalya Jayna  
 Commander, Daniel William  
 Cosgrove, Erin Marie  
 Covington, Ralph Adams  
 Cristy, Nicole Monique  
 Currie, Annaka Leigh  
 Cushing, Anna Michele  
 Dalton, Nicole Shay  
 Davis, Olivia  
 Debeuneure, Juliahn Dene'  
 Defilippo, Jordan Nicole  
 Dela Cruz, Olivia Grace  
 Dotson, Graham Michael  
 Evans, Zoe Cody  
 Fagan, Caroline Grace  
 Figueroa Garcia, Jonatan  
 Franklyn, Gavin Xavier  
 Gonzalez-Torres, Alyson Daniela  
 Gore, Mason Pernay  
 Gould, Lucille Adrian  
 Griffin, Alexander Roger  
 Guinto, Leah Richelle  
 Honc, Cade Allan  
 Honeycutt, Kellie Suzanne  
 Horstkamp, Nicholas Braedon  
 Joyner, Edward Melvin  
 King, Addison Leigh  
 Laney, Nathaniel William  
 Lewis, Spencer Thomas  
 Lopez Rincon, Edwin  
 Lucarelli, Lily Anna  
 Lynch, Erin Marie  
 Mara, Richard Michael Maximus  
 Marano, Jamison Grace  
 McMackin, Sam Charles  
 McNair, Anthony Joseph  
 Morris, Hunter Blake  
 Olaleye, Victoria Olade  
 Outlaw, Alyssa Delanie

Owens, Austin Peter  
 Parker, Madisen Lee  
 Parrish, Ashley Victoria  
 Patterson, Ashton Nicole  
 Pferschy, Aylha Rhiannon  
 Pham, Cat Ninh  
 Proctor, Camryn Elizabeth  
 Quintero Au, Rebecca  
 Valentina  
 Riabtseva, Victoria  
 Rottger, Vincent Mark  
 Schooler, Jared Michael  
 Schulte-Hinnerichs, Megan  
 Brianna  
 Seiden, Joeseeph Michael  
 Seymour, Hailey Ann  
 Sierra Rey, Valeria  
 Smith, Alexia Sonya  
 Smith, Connor Andrew  
 Stavish, Matthew Joseph  
 Strawderman, Anna Elizabeth  
 Taylor, Emma Elizabeth  
 Tha, Khai Hmo  
 Thomas, Brennan Jacoby  
 Thompson, Kate Sterling  
 Tran, Kimberly Ngan  
 Trofinoff, Cameron David  
 Tucker, Elijah Lee  
 Tucker, Noah Hughes  
 Tufano, Olivia Eleanor  
 Vancleave, Joshua Alan  
 Vargas, Katherine Paige  
 Vassilski, Vivian Elizabeth  
 Weinstein, Jared Ryan  
 Wilkinson, Jordan Taylor  
 Williams, Trevor Neil  
 Wilson, Emily Rose  
 Wolfe, Kevin John  
 Wright, Jordan Michelle

To qualify for an academic bar or letter, students must have an overall semester average of 90 & earn no semester grade less than "85." Requirements are calculated using Spring 2019 semester grades. Requirements are calculated using Spring 2019 semester grades. ALL students 10th - 12th grades listed are invited to a Bar and Letter Celebration during Fourth Block on Friday 10/18. We will call these students down to the cafeteria.





## Winter Sports Tryout Info



### PRHS 2019 Winter Athletics Tryout Info

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

To receive a TRYOUT TICKET, the following must be completed:

- 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 on June 1, 2019 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. All rising 9th graders will need to submit a physical. Physicals are not transferred over from the middle school.
- FamilyID registration must be approved by the athletic director.
- IF you tried out or are playing on a Fall Sports team, you must still get a Winter Tryout Ticket, but you DO NOT need to register again.

#### **TRYOUT TICKET Dates:**

Tryout tickets will be given out on the following dates during ALL LUNCHES. Parents or guardians must pre-register online. Athletes cannot register themselves.

Thursday	October 24
Monday	October 28
Tuesday	October 29

**PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF YOUR ATHLETE'S PHYSICAL FOR YOUR RECORDS**



## Winter Tryout Dates

### **Men's Basketball** - Tryout by grade level

Questions email Coach Malone [Garrett.Malone@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Garrett.Malone@ucps.k12.nc.us)

9th and 10th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:00 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 4:30 Main Gym

11th and 12th Graders -

Wednesday October 30 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 5:30 - 7:00 Aux Gym

### **Women's Basketball** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach James [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

Wednesday October 30 5:00 - 6:30 Main Gym

Thursday October 31 4:30 - 5:45 Main Gym

### **Wrestling** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Durbin [randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:randy.durbin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Wednesday October 30 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

Thursday October 31 3:00 - 5:30 Aux Gym

### **Winter Tack** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach White [Tondra.White@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Tondra.White@ucps.k12.nc.us)

November 5 and 6 3:00 - 5:00 Track

### **Winter Cheer** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Chopelas [porterridgecheer@gmail.com](mailto:porterridgecheer@gmail.com)

October 28 and 29 Tryout Workouts 3:30 - 5:30 Cafeteria

Tryouts October 30 6:30 - 8:30 Main Gym

### **Men's and Women's Swim** - All grades tryout together

Questions email Coach Mac [coachbrendamac@gmail.com](mailto:coachbrendamac@gmail.com)

Swim Workouts

Dryland at PRHS weightroom October 14 and 16 4:30 - 6:00

Pool Workouts Monroe Aquatic Center

Monday October 21 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday October 23 6:00pm - 7:15 pm

Friday October 25 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday October 28 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Tryouts

Wednesday October 30 6:00pm - 7:15 pm





# Athletics Schedule

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

## This Week's Sports Schedules !

### Volleyball

10/15	Tuesday	Myers Park(SN)	Home	4:30	6:00
10/17	Thursday	Hickory Ridge	Away	4:00	5:30
10/18	Friday	CATA	Away	4:30	6:00

### Varsity Football

10/11	Friday	Independence	Home	7:30
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### Tennis

**Regionals: Friday, October 18th at Ardery Kell**

### Soccer

10/14	Monday	Butler	Home	4:30	6:00
10/16	Wednesday	Indy	Away	4:30	6:00
10/18	Friday	CATA	Away	6:30	7:30

### Cross Country

10/12/19	Saturday	Cuthbertson Autumn Nite Invite	TBD	8am
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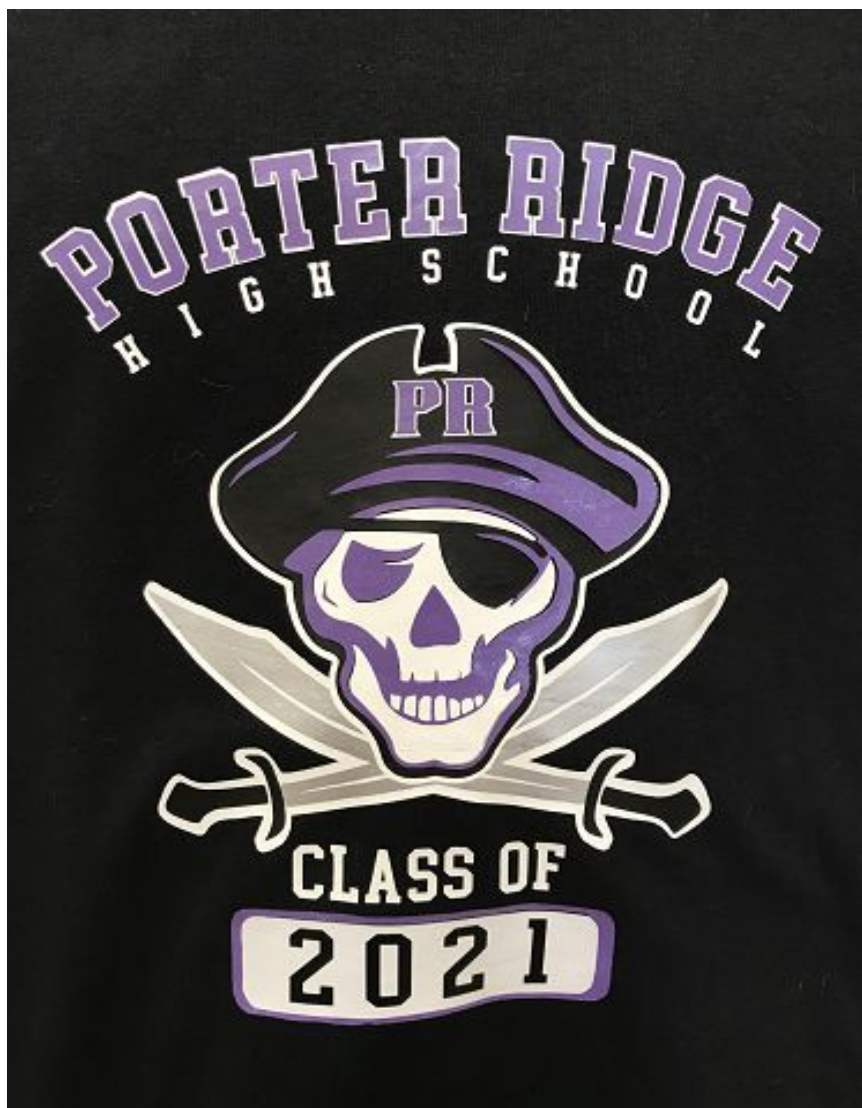
### Field Hockey

10/15/2019	Tuesday	HHS- V	William Amos Hough HS	William Amos Hough HS	5:45 PM
10/17/2019	Thursday	PHS- JV	Matthews Sportsplex	Field 1	4:30 PM





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!



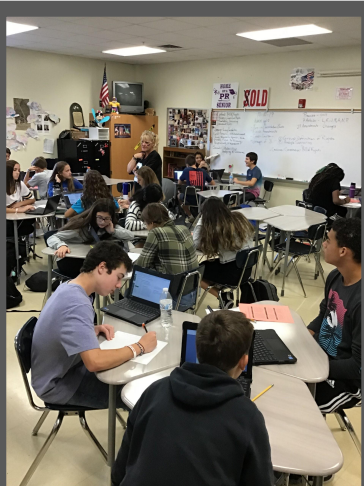
Nathan Ladimir is the Charlotte Observer Athlete of the week! Thanks to all those who voted!



Ms. Starne's class makes paper mache pigs to study anatomy!



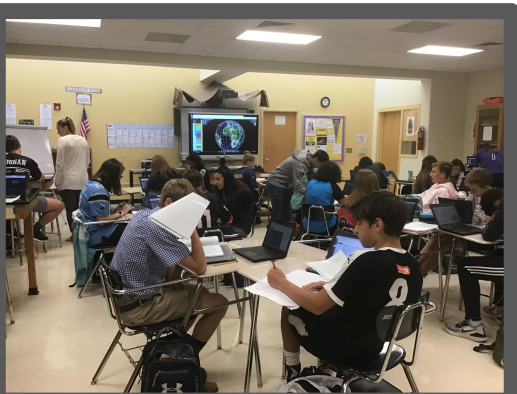
Band of Pirates earns 1st place music. 1st Place marching. 1st place GE, 1st place in class Pit crew and Runner UP GRAND CHAMPION!



Ms. Craig's Class makes inferences as they read and assess scenarios related to the Bill of Rights.



Dr. Fisenne leads a session of professional development during out Early Release days.



Ms. Allen's AP Environmental Science class investigates and researches extinction throughout the earth's



## Announcements

Underclassmen Makeup Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday October 15th in the Media Center. Any underclassmen who was not pictured will receive a pass with their appointment time from their 1st block teacher on 10/15. If you would like to RETAKE your picture, you must email Ms. Watson for an appointment time by Friday, October 11th. This is your last opportunity to be featured in the 2020 yearbook!

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.

Interact will be meeting on October 17th at 7:35am in the auditorium. We will be discussing the blood drive. Please plan on attending.

HOSA will be meeting on October 15th at 7:35am in E212. We will be discussing the blood drive and Aw Shucks.

The Porter Ridge FFA will hold a Fall meeting at Aw Shucks Farms on Tuesday, October 15th from 5 - 7 pm. We will have food, games, the corn maze, petting zoo, bonfire, s'mores, and more! If you are a member, we hope that you will join us for a night full of fun! Please stop by room A114 to sign up and pick up a form.

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$80. Visit Jostens.com or visit Ms. Watson's room F105-C for an order form. Be sure to order before prices increase!

Senior Ads are now on sale to be featured in the yearbook. This is a great way to make your mark in this year's book! Visit Jostens.com to order of see Ms. Watson in F105-C.

Attention all NHS Members! The induction ceremony for new members is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 6-8pm. All current and new members must report at 5pm for rehearsal in the auditorium. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Crider in room F108. This is a mandatory meeting for all members unless you have cleared this with Mr. Crider.

Come audition for Agatha Christie's murder mystery The Mousetrap on October 16th from 3:00-5:30. No preparation or experience is necessary parts are available for all skill levels.

Bonjour Porter Ridge There will be a meeting of the French Club on Monday, Oct. 14th at 3:00pm in room F108. We will be electing this year's officers and finalizing plans for Fall Fest.

Attention all Sophomores, you will be taking the PSAT on Wed. Oct 16. Please remember to eat a healthy breakfast, arrive on time and BRING YOUR OWN CALCULATOR - they will NOT be provided.

Invitations to apply for Beta Club will be given out today in advisory to eligible 10th and 11th grade students. Students need to apply by October 15th. Any students who have questions should see Ms. Davison in the counseling office.

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.







## School Counseling

### School Counseling Information

**Put first things first!  
Prioritize!**

**Parade Princess--** The 2019 Union County Christmas Parade is in its 66th year and we are excited about the Parade Princess selection process, crowning ceremony, scholarship, and participation on parade day. At PRHS, we are allowed to select one senior candidate to represent our school in the parade and become eligible for the Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship. Our candidate should reflect leadership skills, academic excellence and commitment to community service. If you are interested in being selected as the PRHS candidate for the Union County Parade Princess, **please complete the form linked below by Tuesday, October 15 at 3:00 PM.** If you have questions, please see Ms. Carly Patterson in the counseling office.

[Parade Princess Application Form:](#)

**DAR Good Citizens Award --** Seniors, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The senior selected as the DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of **dependability** (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); **service** (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); **leadership** (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and **patriotism** (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation) to an outstanding degree. As the DAR Good Citizen, the student will also be eligible to participate in the scholarship contest. If you would like to be our DAR Good Citizen for this year, **please submit this form and complete your resume in Naviance by Friday, October 25 at 3:00 PM.** If you have questions, see Ms. Carly Patterson in the counseling office. [DAR Good Citizens Application Form:](#)

**College Application Week-** Applying to college doesn't have to be scary! During the week of October 21-25, we will be meeting with seniors to help them apply to school. In order to meet with the counselors, make sure you sign up using the form listed below. On the form, you will indicate your top 3 choices, and we will do our best to accommodate your requests. Some NC Colleges will waive their fees this week, and the link to those schools is listed below. Please see your counselor with any questions. [Sign up here: Colleges Waiving Application Fee:](#)

**National Bullying Prevention Month --** October is National Bullying Prevention month. Every day thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. There are many ways to support bullying prevention as an individual or with friends and family, and within your school or community. If you see something, say something. If you are experiencing bullying or if you know someone who is, tell a teacher, counselor, administrator, or trusted adult.

**UNC Greensboro College Visit--** Juniors & Seniors, we are planning a trip to UNC Greensboro to learn about their admissions process and tour the campus. We are excited about this opportunity and hope those who are interested will take advantage of this chance to gain access to this campus and all that it has to offer. UNC Greensboro was founded in 1891 to give women access to a college education. Now it's one of the largest co-ed, public NC universities. Despite their size, they are known for providing a welcoming and inclusive environment. Their students come from many ethnic, racial, religious, gender, and cultural experiences. Our trip will be on Thursday, October 17, and we are taking the first 40 students who turn in a signed permission form and the fee of \$12. We will leave PRHS at 8:00 AM and arrive back to the school by 2:45 PM. The forms are available in the counseling office. **All signed forms and money must be returned to Mrs. Martinez by Friday, October 11.** If you have any questions, please see Ms. Patterson in the counseling department.

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

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNNtzoYhOk\\_jEC5p0HVlwCY\\_b25Y-Qk7MxuAWh1juY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UNNtzoYhOk_jEC5p0HVlwCY_b25Y-Qk7MxuAWh1juY/edit?usp=sharing)

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](#)



## School Counseling Information

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 here below to learn about additional requirements and important deadlines for the Class of 2024 application process.](#)

### 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.

**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 in 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.

**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.

### Financial Aid Upcoming Dates

SPCC FAFSA Day—October 26, 2019 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>

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:](#)

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>

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.**



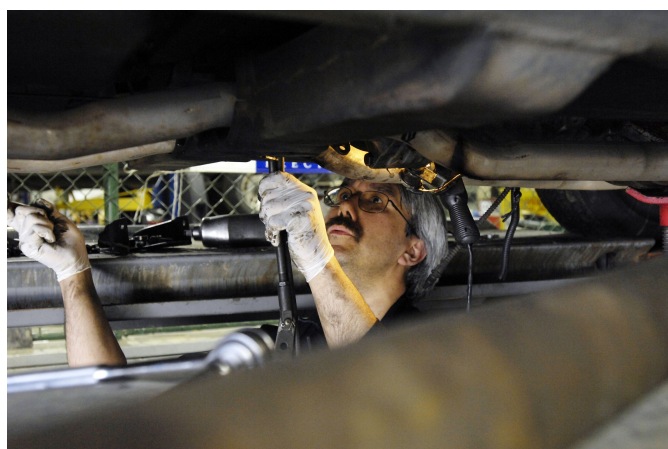


## PRHS Careers

Information from our CTE Department.

### “Career of the Week – Automotive-Master Technician”

Automotive service technicians and mechanics inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. Some of the things service technicians do are to identify problems, plan work procedures, test parts and systems, etc. Because of the growing number of electronic systems in automobiles, service technicians must not only be familiar with the traditional mechanical systems, but the electronic systems as well. Most employers looking to hire an automotive service technician would prefer they complete a formal training program at a postsecondary institution, but is not required, and once employed, an industry certification is usually required. The courses students take in high school, such as, automotive repair, electronics, computers, and mathematics provide for a good background for a prospective service technician. Automotive Technicians salary for the state of North Carolina can range from \$21,270 to \$63,250 and \$23,420 to \$66,950 for the nation.





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