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Summer Office Hours
Monday to Thursday
8 AM to 4 PM



Welcome to our New Principal

Originally from Long Island, NY, Mr. DeLucia moved to North Carolina in 2007 where he began teaching PE/Health at Parkwood Middle School. He began his administrative journey at Parkwood High School in 2016, where he served for the next five years.

Mr. DeLucia left the Parkwood Community during the 2021-2022 school year to join the Piedmont Community. He made his way back to Parkwood Middle School as the principal from 2022 to 2025.

Through his experience, Mr. DeLucia believes that all students can achieve anything if they put their minds to it through goal-setting, focus and hard work. His educational philosophy is that building relationships, unlocking potential, collaboration, meaningful experiences, and leading by example are most important to everyone's success.

His educational background includes a bachelor's degree in communications/public relations from The Ohio State University, a master's degree in physical education from Adelphi University and a postgraduate degree in school administration from Wingate University.

Mr. DeLucia currently lives in Union County with his wife, Brittany, son Brody, daughter Eloise and daughter Magnolia.

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TOURS HELD FROM 4-6:30PM

ON: 8/6, 8/13, 8/20



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION MEETINGS

LED BY SCHOOL COUNSELORS

8/12, 8/14, 8/18, 8/21



We have included some information for the start of the 2025-2026 school year... but there is more to come in early August! We are so excited to have our Pirates back! #WeRPR



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Over the Summer we have had Wayfind Scholars Camp, Theater Camp, Cheer Camp, Volleyball Camp, and Summer Athletic Workouts. More to come from all aspects of student life, athletics, and band!



Summer Camp 2025



Once Upon A Story





Back to School Information

- ❖ **Freshmen Orientation: Friday, August 15, 1:30 to 3:00 PM**
 - Drop students off at the student parking lot for interactive Orientation Activities, PRHS Procedures, and Schedule Review Pirates!
 - This is a student only event.
 - More Info to follow! Watch social media and upcoming newsletters!
- ❖ **Chromebook Distribution:**
 - Chromebooks will be distributed the first couple of days of school
 - Students who have paid their Technology Fee for the 25-26 school year will receive a chromebook during the school day
 - More information on Chromebooks in the following weeks. Watch social media and upcoming newsletters.
- ❖ **Family Open House: Friday, August 22, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**
 - Grab your parents and come walk your class schedule from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Teachers will be on hand so that you can meet them. Club Fair displays will be up so that you can consider what extracurricular activities you may want to be involved in. Come join us!
 - Are you a new student in 10th - 12th grade? Stop by the main office for a tour guide who can show you where your classes are and answer your questions, along with the tricks of getting around the school!
- ❖ **Opportunities for Juniors and Seniors as Peer Tutors, Language Mentors, and Leadership Mentors**
 - We want to continue to support our community by expanding our programs
 - Interested Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply. Students interested should email their counselor to let them know. More information will be coming out of social media soon! Students do earn course credit for this.
 - Interested Seniors can sign up to help co-advise a 9th or 10th grade Advisory as a Leadership Mentor
- ❖ **Parking Passes:** Information will come out in the next Pirate Press. Parking pass information, application, and payment system will open on Friday August 8 and be posted on our website.
- ❖ **School Starts Monday 8/25.** Students should be in their 1st period class by 8:10 am. Students can arrive at 7:45 or later. We recommend that if you are dropping your child off you are on campus by 7:45 as there will be traffic.



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Freshman Orientation

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

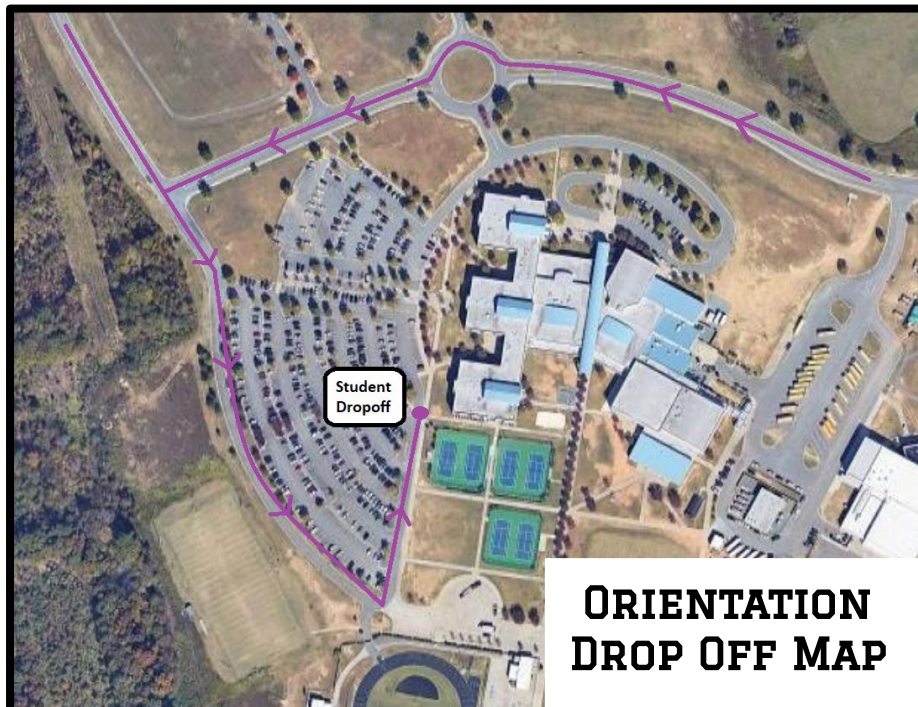
Friday August 15: 1:30-3:00 PM

Parents Drop-off/pick up students in the PRHS stadium parking lot. This is a student only event.

**--Walk your Schedule--
--Interactive Student Activities--
--Learn about PRHS--**



Freshmen Encouraged to attend



**ORIENTATION
DROP OFF MAP**



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Family Open House

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



**FAMILY OPEN
HOUSE
2025-2026**

Friday, August 22- 12:00 to 3:00

Buy Spirit Wear

Walk Your Schedule

Pick up Parking Passes

Meet Your Teachers



**Get
Transportation
Information**





Bus Riders

Request transportation for PRHS students who did not have bus service last year and needs it this year, please scan the QR code above to request transportation. [Click HERE](#)

- Download and set up the EduLog App for bus information. Parents and students are encouraged to download and set up the app for real time bus information. You will need to add your student to the app using their student ID number and date of birth.

In the Edulog app, be sure to turn on Notifications. When the UCPS pushes out bus routes and bus information, you will get a notification and be able to see your students' bus details.

UCPS Service



Transportation Department

Website- [Click HERE](#)

Request a Bus

[Click HERE](#) or

call 704-296-3015



UCPS





¿Necesita autobús?



Solicitud de transporte para los estudiantes de PRHS que no tuvieron servicio de autobús el año pasado y lo necesitan este año. Por favor, escanee el código QR de arriba para solicitar transporte. [Click HERE](#)

Descargue y configure la aplicación EduLog para obtener información sobre el autobús. Al utilizar esta aplicación, usted podrá acceder a información en tiempo real sobre el autobús. Para completar el registro, necesitará el número de identificación del estudiante y su fecha de nacimiento.

En la aplicación EduLog, asegúrese de activar las notificaciones. Así recibirá las notificaciones que el condado envíe diariamente sobre las rutas.

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Free and Reduced Lunch

Apply for Free/Reduced Meals NOW

Breakfast + Lunch Cost for each student

= \$28 per week in HS

= \$27.50 per week in ES/MS

WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM
OR COME INTO YOUR SCHOOL
TO APPLY TODAY!!

Apply now to get approved prior to the first day of school. Students without approved free/reduced lunch status will have to pay for meals starting on Day ONE.

Students qualifying for Free Meals will have their \$30 Technology Fee waived – please bring approval letter to school office for waiver.

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Aplique para comidas gratis/reducidas AHORA

Desayuno+Almuerzo Costo por estudiante

=\$28 por semana en HS

=27.50 por semana en ES/MS

WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM
O VEN A NUESTRA ESCUELA
PARA APLICAR

Aplique ahora para obtener la aprobacion antes del primer dia de clases. Los estudiantes sin el estatus de almuerzo gratis/reducido aprobado tendran que pagar las comidas a partir del PRIMER DIA DE CLASSES.

A los estudiantes que califiquen para comidas gratis se les eliminara la tarifa de tecnologia de \$ 30, traiga la carta de aprobacion a la oficina de la escuela



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Class of 2026 Information Senior Portraits

CLICK HERE OR ON THE AD TO SIGN UP FOR A TIME AND ORDER



Dear Porter Ridge High Families,

We are excited to announce that Upstate Images has been chosen as the official senior photographer for the Class of 2026.

Senior portraits will be taken at the high school on August 6, 7, 8, 11 & 12th. Scheduling a portrait session with Upstate Images is essential to ensure your child's inclusion in the yearbook.

To book a portrait session, scan the QR code or visit the Upstate Images website: <https://www.upstate-images.com/seniors>. Select the Carolinas when booking your appointment.

Yearbook Portrait Requirements:

- Formal head and shoulder photo on the traditional blue background
- Tux or drape attire (provided by the studio)

Sitting Options and Fees: (Sitting fees are prepaid online when the session is booked.)

- **Platinum:** \$55 sitting fee includes 25-30 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, three casual outfits, multiple backgrounds)
- **Gold:** \$40 sitting fee includes up to 20 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, two casual outfits, multiple backgrounds)
- **Silver:** \$25 sitting fee includes up to 15 images (traditional yearbook attire, cap and gown, one casual outfit, multiple backgrounds)
- **Yearbook Only:** Free session for those who need it. This includes four images in yearbook attire only. Call 1-855-773-3321 to book this session.

**CALL TODAY
OR BOOK
ONLINE**



What to bring:

Showcase your style! Bring props, instruments, sports gear, or outfits that reflect who you are.



After your session:

Gallery access within 24 hours! Select your yearbook image, order packages, graduation announcements, and more!



Questions?

Our dedicated support team is here to ensure a seamless process for you. Please call 855-773-3321 with any questions.

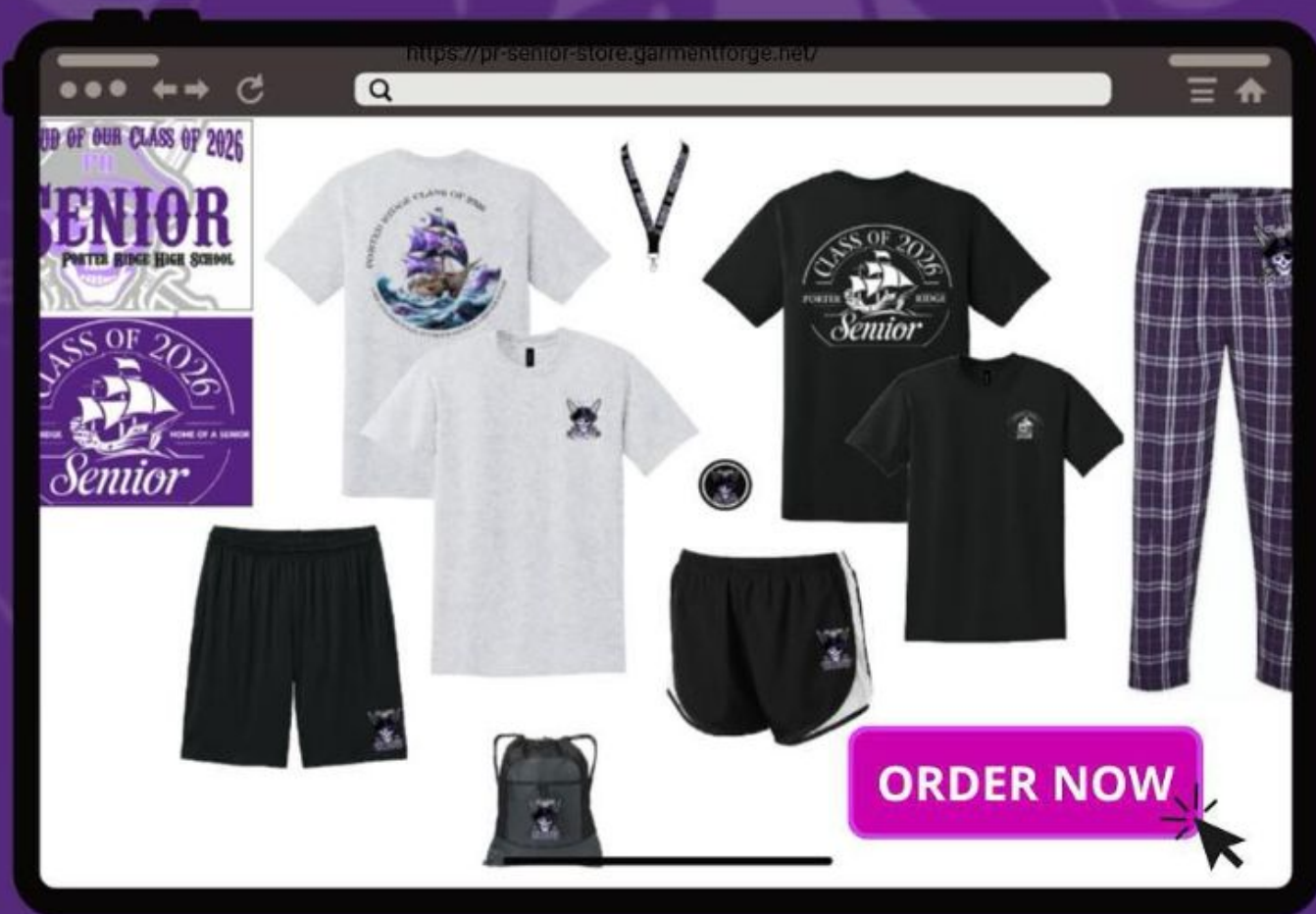


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Class of 2026
Information
Spirit Wear

CLICK HERE OR ON THE AD TO ORDER

CLASS OF 2026 SENIOR SPIRIT WEAR



www.PorterRidgeBand.org



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PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Who is your counselor?

Ashley Lawson- last names A-Cou
ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Tanisha Anderson- last names Cov-Hek
tanisha.anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc
bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cassidy Jarrett- last names Me-Sao
cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Alexandra Green- last names Sap-Z
alexandra.green@ucps.k12.nc.us

The counselors are here to support you with school. You can set up a meeting to speak to your counselor about academic, career, college, post high school plans or personal needs. If you have any questions please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Reach out to make an **IMPACT** as a Leadership Mentor in 9th & 10th Grade Pirate Advisory

LEADERSHIP MENTOR



TO APPLY: <https://forms.gle/PN9QMWPmCYMXJYE38>

CLICK ON THE AD TO APPLY

Infinite Campus Parent Information

Infinite campus will be the new gradebook and student information application replacing Power School next year. Click below for parent information.

English: <https://youtu.be/noYbSQxz6m0>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/3UELvzz-Cgs>

Russian: <https://youtu.be/h0AtWziCKho>

Ukrainian: <https://youtu.be/qBibr6Dxpoo>

Schedule Corrections: The Schedule Correction Google Form will open Monday, August 18th. Click [HERE](#) for the link!

Counselors will work on “Please See Counselor” holes first. “Please See Counselor” is listed on your schedule if your counselor was not able to fill your schedule with courses you selected, including alternates. Please make sure that you check your schedule in Infinite Campus and fill out the Schedule Correction Google Form if needed.

Porter Ridge High Class Schedules

**Go LIVE on Infinite Campus
Friday, August 15th at 8:00 am
Schedule Correction Google
Form will go LIVE
Monday, August 18th**

www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7675

- Schedules will not be completed and live for you to see until Friday 8/15
- The Schedule Correction Google Form will close on Friday, August 29th at 3:00 pm
- Requests for 1st & 2nd semester should be made at this time. All corrections must be requested on the same submission. Only one request will be allowed
- Please make sure to fill out the form, so that your schedule is ready for the 1st day of school, which is Monday, August 26th. A counselor will email you as we are able to process your request at your UCPS school email whether a correction can or cannot be made to your schedule
- All schedules have been reviewed. We will not make changes for students who were placed in the 1st or alternative courses requested. Requests will only be considered for the following:
 - Senior is missing a required class for graduation or for college admissions
 - Student has not met or is missing a prerequisite for a course for which they are enrolled
 - Student is taking a course that he/she has passed
 - Student is missing a required core course (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in their schedule
 - Student has the same course listed twice on the schedule
 - Student has “Please See your counselor” listed on their schedule.



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Beginning of School Year Information

*In our next edition we will have our Back to School pages
on the PRHS website updated for info on.....*

Chromebooks- Distribution

Parent Portal- New System- Campus ID

Pirate Advisory

Beginning of Year Forms

Attendance and Tardy Procedures

Clubs and Student Organizations





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AP CAPSTONE INFORMATION

This unique program from the College Board allows students to take two additional AP Courses unique to the AP Capstone program. These courses are AP Seminar and AP Research. The AP Capstone Program started with the Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge and our Capstone students have an excellent record of high performance in AP courses. Students may take these courses along with other AP Courses and be eligible to work towards an AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board. According to College Board,

Congratulations!

Class of 2025 students who earned the AP Capstone Diploma

Ivan Akimov	Clayton Loredó
Kade Andres	Isaac McIntyre
Thomas Blume	Asaph Munezero
Sadie Castner	Summer Nelson
Cody Chen	Om Patel
Diego Corona	Abigail Petrin
Janai Coulter	Andrew Roper
Brandon Cravioto Gonzalez	Maria Sanchez
Emma Daniels	Ivan Shutak
Samantha DeGroot	Xander Sykes
Daniel Espinal	Lenah Tucker
Gabriel Harvey	Gavin Turpin
Charlotte Holland	Justin Walker
Carson Karkow	Nadab Welday
Jacqueline King	Julie White
Kylie Leadenham	

Criteria for the AP Capstone Diploma:
Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research exams and on any 4 additional AP exams

Congratulations!

Class of 2025 students who earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate

Sanela Ademovic	Kyndall Knight
Fabiola Aguilar	Claire Kramb
Ryan Barnhardt	Zaylen LaSanta
Emily Bowling	Nyrett Lopez
April Broome	Nicholas Magnanti
Charlotte Chapman	Campbell McClary
Cora Ferron	Preston Mclean
Sophia Gaudet	London Newcome
Quillian Gunn	Lana Nguyen
Dikshan Gurung	Olivia Nirnberger
Christopher Harris	Alisa Zeneli
Reese Joaquin	

Criteria for the AP Seminar and Research Certificate:
Receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research exams

AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP® courses — AP Seminar and AP Research — and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses. More information can be found on the College Board website. If interested, please contact your counselor.

To learn more about the AP Capstone Diploma Program please [click here](#).



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Parent Information

Parents, would you like a chance to be more involved with the students and teachers at PRHS? We are seeking parents willing to support the PTO's work, to donate items for teacher appreciation, PTO, and school events, and willing to volunteer at PTO or school events. Please email Amy Dieffenbach at amy.dieffenbach@yahoo.com or Alana White at alanahwhite@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with the PTO in any capacity. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to serving together at our wonderful school!

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Code to get to
the Venmo
account or
use the QR
Code below**



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@PRHS_PTO



Follow the PTO
Instagram Page at
[prhs_pto](https://www.instagram.com/prhs_pto)



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Please help the PRHS PTO raise money to support teachers, staff, and students by allowing us to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to our organization! Your card can be linked to more than one organization and you'll multiply the rewards that go toward education. By providing your last name and phone number below, you give us permission to link your VIC card for you. [Click here](#) or on the link above.

PIRATE ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

COACHES

Athletic Director-	Justin Leath-	justin.leath@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer Varsity and JV-	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country-	Desi Hoagland	Desi.hoagland@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football-	Michael Hertz	michael.hertz@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer JV-	Angelo Joaquin	angelo.joaquin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer Varsity-	Ron Ladimir	ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf-	David Scholl	djscholl1@gmail.com
Women's Tennis-	Tom McQueen	tjmcqueen@earthlink.net
Volleyball-	Sarah Webb	sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

[Click here](#) for
Athletics
Registration

[Click here](#)
for the
PRHS Pirate
Athletics
Website



Watch sports in our main
stadium and in our gym on
these websites- Subscriber
Sites- CLICK THE ICONS



For athletic event tickets [click here](#)
or on the GO FAN Icon



[Click here](#) for the Porter
Ridge Athletic Boosters
Website



[Click here](#) for a list of all PR sports
teams and a link to their schedules



PIRATE ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S TENNIS TRYOUTS

2025

JULY 30 AND 31


10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PORTER RIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

CONTACT COACH
MCQUEEN WITH ANY
QUESTIONS:
tjmcqueen@earthlink.net

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A
UPDATED PHYSICAL AND ARE
REGISTERED IN FAMILY ID





Family ID must be completed

CHEER CHEER CHEER

PRHS FOOTBALL CHEER TRYOUTS

Monday, July 28
3:30-6:00

Tuesday, July 29
3:30-6:00

Wednesday, July 30
5:00-7:30

Boys Soccer Tryouts



July 30th - Aug 1st
8:00am-10:00am

**Family ID and current physical
required**

Contact Coach Ladimir with any
questions:
ron.ladimir@ucps.k12.nc.us

PRHS Girls Volleyball Tryouts



July 30th & 31st
7:30am-10:00am

**Family ID and current physical
required**

Contact Coach Webb with any questions
sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us

PIRATE ATHLETICS



PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

BRONZE

\$250

1-3X5 STADIUM BANNER

SILVER

\$500

1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER

GOLD

\$750

1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER

1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE

PLATINUM

\$1000

1-3X8 STADIUM BANNER

1-3X5 BANNER LOCATION OF CHOICE
SIGN/BANNER AT ALL PRABC EVENTS

**MULTI YEAR
AND
CUSTOMIZABLE
SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
ARE AVAILABLE
CONTACT**

PRABCSPONSORSHIPS@GMAIL.COM

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

If you have any questions or would like to sponsor
please email prabcsponsorships@gmail.com

PIRATE ATHLETICS

8/5		8/28		9/29	
8/11		9/2		10/1	
8/13		9/4		10/6	
8/18		9/11		10/8	
8/20		9/15		10/13	
8/21		9/17		10/15	
8/25		9/22		10/20	
8/27		9/24		10/22	
	10/27				
				HOME	AWAY

2025

PORTER RIDGE MENS SOCCER



PORTER RIDGE FOOTBALL

08/22	AT		10/03	AT	
08/29	AT		10/10	AT	
09/05	VS		10/17	AT	
09/12	AT		10/24	BYE	
09/19	VS		10/31	VS	
09/26	VS				



2025



KICK OFF AT 7:00



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Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: [PorterRidgeHS.NC](https://www.facebook.com/PorterRidgeHS.NC)

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR
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@prbandofpirates @prhs_volleyball @prhscounseling
@pr_athletic_booster_club @prhs.running @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club
@prhscs @prhs.piratenation @prhs_frenchclub_ @prhs_hosa @pr.nahs
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@PRHS_Vocal_Treasures @prhsspeechanddebate @prhs_mha_saves
@prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhsirates4christ
@prhs_humanities @growinggreen_prhs @Prhs_pto @prhs_spanish.club
@prhs.outdoors.club @prguards @prhsmenslacrosse
@lawandjusticeskillsusa @prhs.culinaryarts @prb.o.b @porter.ridgewbb
@ucpsncathletics @prhs_menssoccer @the.hook.student.media
@prhs4mun @prhs_sewing_and_upcycling @prhs.rise @prhs_fieldclub
@porterridgepe_department @prhstaap @rhokappaprhs
@skillsusa_piedmont_porterridge @prhs_esports
@prhs_computer_science_club

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