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Mamma Mia it's almost time for the spring musical! Be sure to pre-purchase your tickets for Mamma Mia March 27th through 29th at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at <u>our.show/prhs</u>

Pre-Order yours by Monday! Walk ups available while supplies last.



The PTO Needs your help in sponsoring a breakfast for all of our students who did well on the WorkKeys testing by scoring a silver or above. <u>Please click here</u> to donate items for a breakfast in their honor





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Porter Ridge High School

March 26th, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym

Save lives and empower your health! In March, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing on successful donations. Plus, come to give March 1-31 and get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See rcblood.org/March for details.



Schedule your appointment today! 1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: Porter Ridge High

-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



Student Life Activities

The **Spring HOSA Blood Drive** will be held on March 26th at Porter Ridge HS and we will start recruiting donors next week during lunch. Signs are posted in the hallways with the QR code to sign up to give blood. No Spring athletes are allowed to give blood unless approved by your head coach. Remember that you must have parental permission to give if you are 16 or 17. If you have questions see Coach Allran in Room E212.



PIRATE COVE

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdasys From 3:10 -4:10

p.m. in the Media Center.

PEER TUTORS FROM MATH, ENGLISH, AND SCIENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP ALONG WITH A MATH TEACHER!!

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Students are reminded to continue to check the <u>Student Daily Announcement Page</u> to be updated daily on events at PRHS. Please review our table of contents on this page and use this newsletter to stay informed throughout the year, as well as, our <u>PRHS Website</u>. The Pirate Press is the main form of communication from school to home. **Please follow us on social media linked on this page!**



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Student Life Activities



There will be an Engineering Club meeting on Friday, March 28th right after school in room E207D

Looking to spice up your after-school vibes? Join the International Club on Tuesday the 25th in Ms. Fiallo's room from 3 to 4. Snacks, games, and worldly adventures await!





Join that National English Honors Society and Creative Writing Club on Monday, March 24th in G107 for a fun writing activity!



Please join us for our next Upcycling and Sewing Club meeting on 3/27 in room F205B.



Umoja will have a meeting Tuesday 3/25 directly after school in room G213.





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Student Life Activities

| | SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR | SALE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| | MECHANICAL PENCIL | \$0.50 |
| | FOLDER | \$0.75 |
| | NOTEBOOK PAPER (20) | \$0.75 |
| CASH ONLY* | FELT TIP PEN | \$1.00 |
| STUCKTAR | LEAD REFILLS | \$0.25 |
| | PEN | \$0.50 |
| SCHOOL SUPPLES | ERASER X2 | \$0.25 |
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| | POSTER BOARD | \$1.00 |
| | BUNDLE PACKS | |
| OPEN TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS | 2 MECHANICAL PENCILS | \$1.25 |
| UPEN TUESDATS AND THUNSDATS | & PACK OF LEAD | |
| DURING ALL LUNCHES | FOLDER, PENCIL, PAPER | \$2.00 |
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ATTENTION SENIORS Submit pictures for Senior Slideshow



Submit photos via Instagram @prseniorslideshow or email pseniorslideshow@ gmail.com

Due April 29th



What we're looking for:

- Baby pictures
 Throwbacks
- Inrowbacks
 School events
- High school events
- Individual senior pics
 Sports
- Sports
 Extracurriculars





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Prom tickets are on sale for \$80 Monday, March 24th to Friday, March 28th during all four lunches. Cash or check only. All fees must be paid to purchase tickets. Please see Ms. Lawson with any questions.











Seniors - Many Seniors ordered their Cap and Gown sets already, but we still have a lot of Seniors to go. Please see the flier below and order your cap and gown today. Once you get to the link there are many options. If you just want the cap, gown, and tassel set it costs \$39 but you must scroll almost all the way down the page to be able to click on it.

> Thanks! CLICK HERE TO ORDER



Seniors Report your Scholarships

The class of 2025 has already received over 3 million dollars in scholarships! If you have received a scholarship offer, please email the offer to Ms. Jarrett in the counseling office!





Advisory & Portrait of a graduate

Students meet in advisory period twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and learn about leadership, goal setting, problem solving, and more. UCPS Graduates are Effective Communicators, Resilient Problem Solvers, Key Contributors, Innovative Leaders, and Skilled Collaborators! Students serve Porter Ridge through Leadership!

Congratulations to Grace Laney for being named a Monroe-Union Rotary scholarship finalist









Congratulations to our incredible students for getting accepted into Governor's School! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we are so proud of you.

Charlotte Cadice-Natural science Cambria Cherry- dance Aubrey Davis-Math Mya McCord -English Gabriel Hamilton -Choral Music



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Pirate Gram Recognition from Teachers

PRHS Pirate Grams

Genissi Blizzard- consistent participation & constant hard work each day! -Ms. Yearick Emma McLamb- always taking the initiative to get the extra things done! -Ms. Yearick Kaitlin Stucky- staying persistent when the going gets tough! -Ms. Yearick Chloe Leopard- keep doing a great job asking questions and working hard. -Ms. Olson Ailani Martinez- always positive, helping yoru peers, not afraid to ask questions & responsible! Great job! -Ms. Olson Kaleb Turnwald- putting in your best effort, always helping others & being responsible & trustworthy. -Ms. Olson





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Hello! My name is Gabriel Hamilton, and I'm currently a junior. This semester, I have the opportunity to participate in Peer Tutoring at Porter Ridge Middle School, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

I never expected to take this path in my high school journey, but I'm so glad I did. Helping others has always been a passion of mine, both in and outside of academics. The peer tutoring program at our school creates a unique opportunity to connect with younger students and share the knowledge and skills I've gained over the years.

This experience has been truly meaningful for me, and I look forward to continuing it for the rest of the semester!





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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 <u>amy dieffenbach@yahoo.com</u> or Alana White at <u>alanahwhite@gmail.com</u> 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!

JOIN OR DONATE USING QR CODE



You can Now Venmo the PTO donations

<u>Please Click here</u> to donate.

Follow the PTO Instagram Page at prhs_pto 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. <u>Click here</u> or on the link above.





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Who is your counselor?

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

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Cassidy Jarrett– last names Me-Sao <u>cassidy.jarrett@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

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.

schoolfundr

SCHOOLFUNDR EXCELLENCE & OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

\$5000 award for one male and one female athlete from UCPS

Scholarship Requirements:

- Participation in School Sports
- Academic Excellence
- Community Service
- 🗹 Financial Need

APPLY BY APRIL 28





PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

Need Career advice or direction? Talk to your Counselor or Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Sarah Webb today to see all of the pathways and academies PR has to offer! Click here for more info...

Porter Ridge High School Graduation

> Tuesday, June 10 8:00pm PRHS Stadium

XSCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE PIRATE SCHOLARSHIP Ø DOCUMENT HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH SEVERAL NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE DOCUMENT FREQUENTLY FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES

DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PRHS WEBSITE, STUDENT CANVAS ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND LINKED IN OUR INSTAGRAM BIO

PRHS COUNSELING NEWS



Opportunity to Participate in AP Research for one of our Students

Hello, my name is Claire Kramb. I am conducting an evaluation survey for a Senior year Advanced Placement, AP, Research class. I am looking to hear from parents and guardians of Porter Ridge High School Students. I am researching the effectiveness of the two programs: **"Say Something" and "Start With Hello,"** along with the two subprograms "the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System" and "Start With Hello Week" from Sandy Hook's promise. I want to find out what works and what doesn't work for these programs to create a plan for future youth mental health initiatives in Union County.

I greatly appreciate your non-biased results. You do NOT have to be entirely familiar with these programs to take this survey! Your answers will still be valuable for my research!

<u>Click HERE to take the Survey</u>

Thank you, Claire Kramb "



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

🕑 @UCPSCollegePrep 🛛 🧿 ucpscollegeprep

| Scoir for Seniors | August 27, 2024 | Webinar |
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| College Entrance Exams 101 | September 17, 2024 | Webinar |
| Union County College Fair | October 13, 2024 | CATA |
| FAFSA Completion Support | November 7, 2024 | Monroe branch of the Union County Library |
| Getting Ready for College | November 16, 2024 | Wingate University |
| ACT/SAT Blitz | November 23, 2024 | Location TBD |
| High School Programs Expo | December 7, 2024 | Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE) |
| ACT Blitz | February 1, 2025 | Location TBD |
| College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s | February 4, 2025 | Webinar |
| Practice ACT Series | February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025 | Location TBD |
| SAT Blitz | March 22, 2025 | Location TBD |
| Practice SAT Series | March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025 | Location TBD |
| What Makes a Good College Essay? | May 13, 2025 | Webinar |

For more information and to register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions.



College Readiness Student Opportunities





If you are interested in taking SPCC courses, Summer registration and Fall pre-registration is open now. Please speak with your counselor and schedule a meeting with Ms. Sturdivant, our SPCC Career Coach to learn more. Ms. Sturdivant's email can be found in the Guidance Lobby.





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College Readiness Student Opportunities



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· Review of medical history · General wellness sports scre ning for North and South Carolina · Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a

heart screening for sudden cardiac

Atrium Health Musculoskeletal Institute

Click here to LEARN MORE

or visit atriumhealth.org/heart-of-a-champion

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- scheduled if needed · Orthopedic screening (musculoskeletal exam)
- · Vision exam
- · Registered Dietitian
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Please register using

between March 1 and

REGISTER HERE

the link or QR code

May 10:

COLLEGE 7 **BigFuture**® **BOARD RESOURCES**

SCAN FOR AP CLASSROOM **RESOURCES AND MORE!**

http://share.bigfuture.org/739mSz

College Readiness Student Opportunities

Taking an AP class this year? Scan the QR code to gain access to various **CollegeBoard resources now!**

Scanning this link and following the steps on your AP **Classroom Dashboard can** qualify you to potentially win a \$500 or \$40,000 scholarship!

Union West

Rotary

Club









SUMMER DERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Unlock your potential this summer with the ROTARY 7680 leadership program!

OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

For Rising Juniors and

Seniors in High School July 17-20, 2025

Gardner Webb University

Designed by Center for

Creative Leadership

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION







SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Students must attend Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, Metrolina, or be a homeschool student from Indian Trail

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Complete online application and submit an essay by April 9.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing further education at a college, university or trade school.

CONTACT US: C 704-821-8114 🕲 HPK @IndianTrail.org 🌐 UnionWestRotary.org



College Readiness Student Opportunities

"Academy Pathway Applications 2025-2026" - Rising 11th & 12th Graders

Academy applications for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the <u>UCPS Career</u> <u>Readiness</u> (https://ucpscte.org/) page on the UCPS website or see your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.

Cosmetology Academy - Deadline - Monday, May 5th

*The application for Cosmetology **MUST** be returned to Ms. Webb no later than Monday, May 5th. If the application is not turned in by Monday, May 5th, students will be put on a waitlist.

Nurse Aide (CNA) & EMT Academy - Application Deadline has Passed

*Any student interested in Nurse Aide (CAN) or EMT Academy and fill out the application now, student will be put on a waitlist.

"2025-2026 CTE Internship"

UCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Internship program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or postsecondary training. The 2025-2026 CTE Internship application is now open. Students can find the Internship application by going into their Major Clarity account and clicking on Work-Based Learning on the left-hand side.

Application Deadlines

- Summer 2025 Internship March 1st
- > Fall 2025 Semester May 1st
- Spring 2026 Semester October 1st

"2025-2026 Pre-Apprenticeship"

Pre-apprenticeship is a program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals for entry into Register Apprenticeship Programs (RAP) or other job opportunities. Preapprenticeships may last from a few weeks to a few months and may or may not include wages or stipend. Pre-apprenticeship programs have varied program elements; however, at the core, places an individual on a pathway to employability through a RAP.

Students interested in a Pre-Apprenticeship in Health Care, HVAC, Manufacturing or Teaching as a Profession, please visit the UCPS CTE website (<u>ucpscte.org/pre-apprenticeships/</u>) for more information and the application.

If you have any questions, please contact your Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.kl2.nc.us.

The CTE Academy applications are now open. If you are interested in any CTE academy please visit the UCPS CTE web page or see Ms. Webb in guidance. Cosmetology deadline is Monday, May 5th.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

<u>CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE</u>



| Sport | Coach | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Baseball Varsity | Tommy Small | Thomas.Sma |
| Men's Golf | David Scholl | djscholl1@g |
| Men's Lacrosse | Jack Callahan | callahanjack |
| Men's Tennis | Tom McQueen | tjmcqueen@ |
| Softball | Kevin Allran | kevin.allran@ |
| Men's/ Women's Track and Field | Meredith Forrest | Meredith.For |
| Women's Lacrosse | Deevo Tindall | deevo@theb |
| Women's Soccer Varsity | Jade Cheron | Jade.Cheron |

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PIRATE ATHLETICS

<u>Athletic Results</u>

Women's Soccer (5-3-2 Overall):

3/13: W (5-2) Union Academy 3/17: L (0-3) Providence

JV Softball:

3/14: W (10-0) South Meck

3/18: L (4-8) Marvin Ridge

V Softball:

3/14: W (10-4) South Meck 3/15: W (15-0) Palisades

3/18: L (3-9) Marvin Ridge

V Baseball (3-4 Overall):

3/18: L Marvin Ridge

3/19: L Marvin Ridge

Golf:

3/18: 3rd place team finish

M Tennis:

3/18: L Marvin Ridge





PIRATE ATHLETICS

Athletic Results cont.

Track & Field

- 3/15: SC Trojan Relays
- 3rd Place: Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
- 3rd Place: Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
- 3rd Place: Girls Sprint Medley Relay
- 3rd Place: Reaghan Melchor, Girls Long Jump
- 3rd Place: Raeghan Melchor, Girls Triple Jump



CLICK ON THE AD TO PURCHASE





PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE-OUR OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEBSITE- CLICK THE QR CODE OR -USE THE CODE. -

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE <u>TICKETS</u> CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS WEBSITE











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Important Links

School Forms- CLICK HERE

Visitor on Campus Information- CLICK <u>HERE</u>

Click here for the PRHS Student Handbook

for the Tardy Policy, Dress Code, & Attendance Requirements

TECHNOLOGY USE, FEES & HELP

UCPS HAS INSTITUTED A TECHNOLOGY FEE of \$30 this year that all students must pay. <u>Click here for the online</u> payment system. Info on this fee was emailed home earlier this summer, but it will help to cover accidental damage. Mr. Jason Toudt is our Technology Systems Engineer.

School Nutrition Prices

If you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, UCPS encourages parents to complete the <u>meal application</u> (click here)

Click <u>here</u> to set up an account to **make payments** and monitor your child's lunch account.

If you have questions or need a paper copy of the application, please contact School Nutrition at 704-296-3000

Family Information

Transportation information can be found on the <u>UCPS Transportation</u> pages.

The school system is using the Edulog App this year to track your bus. Please see the flyer below: Video on how to install the app: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

For directions on **how to install** this Real-time bus app on your phone **please** <u>follow this link</u>. There is a great video for your reference here.

Transportation Information- CLICK <u>HERE</u>

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 Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.

- → Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class periods. Away means stored in a backpack, or in a teacher-designated location.
- → Teachers do have discretion to allow students to use their cell phone for an instructional purpose during class time.
- → If you violate this you will lose the privilege to have your phone (and headphones) during class.



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New Attendance Procedures





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Attendance, Chromebooks & Info





Please <u>Click HERE</u> to obtain, sign, and review school forms.

<u>Click HERE</u> for all school payments including past due fees and current technology fees.

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Student attendance at school is expected and is necessary for students to make the most of their learning. Please work with us as we try to teach our students that attendance is required, just as it would be at a job in their future.

- Parents can provide notes for up to five days that a student is absent. After those days PRHS will require a doctor/medical note to excuse the absence.
- An absence will be recorded as unexcused until the note is submitted. Parent notes must be in within five days of the student's return to school.
- If a student misses 8 or more days of school in a semester, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, the student may fail the course due to attendance.

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Ports of Information for Pirates:

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