Pirate Press



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Purchase Prom Tickets HERE



It was so exciting to see our Pirate Seniors picking up their caps and gowns and taking their Senior pictures



Attention Seniors!

The deadline to purchase your custom senior ad for the 2020 - 2021 yearbook is fast approaching.

Be sure to visit jostensadservice.com before April 16th to create your ad!



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CLASS OF 2021 FUNDRAISER



Help us to celebrate the Graduating Class of 2021 at Porter Ridge High School by donating to our Senior Graduate Sign fund.

Our Seniors have persevered through over a year of a global pandemic which has affected their normal Junior and Senior years of high school. They have done an amazing job of showing resilience and adapting to change.

PRHS would like to honor their commitment to their education, their school, their family, and their community.

https://give.livingtree.com/c/porter-ridge-senior-graduate-signs-class-of-2021

\$925 raised !!!! THANK YOU ALL!! Goal of \$2900...





A NOTE FROM NURSE MASSEY

If you have an easily distractible teen, try these tips to help him or her focus.

- 1. Limit distractions....
- 2. Try workboxes....
- 3. Create a study area. ...
- 4. Use a planner. ...
- 5. Hold them accountable....
- 6. Establish a routine....
- 7. Noise-cancelling headphones. ...
- 8. Take breaks.

Important Vaccine Information - Please Read

In 2015, the State of North Carolina added Meningococcal vaccine to the school required immunizations. The first dose of Meningococcal vaccine, MCV, was given to this year's Juniors prior to the start of 7th grade as a school required vaccine. The second dose of this vaccine is required prior to the start of the Senior year, the 2021-22 school year.

If your child does not currently have evidence of the MCV vaccine, please contact your child's health care provider to obtain it. Following administration of the vaccine, please submit a copy of the record to the school nurse yet this school year. This documentation must be on file here at school prior to the start of the 2021-22 school year to meet this school enrollment requirement. Individuals born before 1/1/2003 are exempt from this requirement.

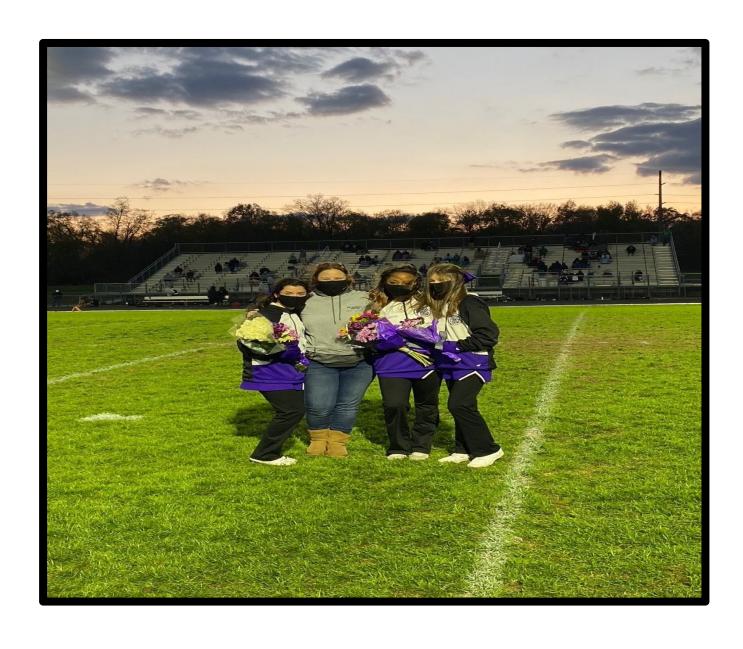
For complete details and explanations, please review the website https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncruleslaws.htm for NC general statutes 130A-157.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. If you have any questions, our school nurse will certainly be available to you as a resource.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Cheer Seniors! Emma, Jada and Maggie





Pirate Ports of Information



Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Twitter: @PorterRidgeHSNC @PRHSCounseling @PRHSCareer @prhs_athletics @PRPiratehoops @pr_volleyball @PorterRidgeFB @PorterRidgeXC @porterridgeabc @PRHSSoccer1 @PRHSPiratesBSB @PR_Sportsphotos @PorterRidgeFFA @PRHScheer @porterridgeabc @PorterRidgeBand @Piratestuco @prhss_2020 (student section) @jamesangelia (w.basketball)

Follow us on Instagram: @porterridgehs @prhsffa @porterridgefb @porterridgecheer @prhsgsa @porterridgebandofpirates @prhs_volleyball @prhscounseling @pr_athletic_booster_club @prhs_xctf @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club @prhswomenssoc @prhscs @prhsweightlifing @prhs.piratenation @prhsfrenchclub @prhs_hosa @pr_nahs_2020 @prhs.wrestling @prhsinteract3 @prhspirates4christ @prhsbasketball_ss @prhs.nationalhonorsociety @prhsknittingandcrochetingclub @prhs_golf @prhsgatorball @prhs_gaming @prhs.interact @prhs.geo @prhs.fccla @prhsfieldhockey @prhs.xc @prhs_girlup @porterridge_chorus @prhsmundounido @prhs_culinaryarts @prhsfashionclub @prhsgovernmentalstudies @porterridgesoftball @prhs.trackandfield @porterridgebasketball @porterridgeguard

<u>Follow UCPS on Twitter:</u> @AGHoulihan @UCPS_MonroeNC @UCPSNCATHLETICS @UCPSInnovate @UCPSCareerready @UMatterinUCPS



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EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 16 Years of age or older.
- Maintain a professional, safe, and nest appearance, including no visible tetroes in a long-allowed uniform.
 - · Possess and maintain a valid driver's license.
- Autobelitis a drug-free workplace and all candidates must pass a pre-employment drug screening.



STAFF APPRECIATION

PIRATE PEARLS

Do you have a teacher or staff member that has made an impact on your life? Let them know by filling out a Pirate Pearl!

April 15 - April 28 Form sent to your student email

Instagram:@piratepearls2021



ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Academy applications for the 2021-2022 school year are still open. To learn more about the academies UCPS has to offer and for the application, please visit the UCPS Career Readiness page on the UCPS website or see your *Career Development Coordinator, Mrs. Webb in guidance.*

*Cosmetology Applications are due by <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 23rd</u>. Any Cosmetology applications turned in after this date will be put on the waiting list



ATTENTION ALL 11 TH GRADERS



UCPS College Readiness Resource Center

Ready to start your college essay but don't know where to start?

Schedule a FREE 30-minute Zoom session by visiting http://bit.ly/essaysupport1.

This opportunity is open to ALL current UCPS juniors.

@UCPSCollegePrep

http://bit.ly/essaysupport1



Who is your counselor?

Tondra White – last names A-Cou tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/tondra-white/15min

Carly Patterson - last names Cov-Hek carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/carly-patterson/studentofficehours

Bryan James – last names Hel-Mc bryan.james@ucps.k12.nc.us Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/bryan-james-1/office-hours

Cassidy Lippert – last names Me-San

cassidy.lippert@ucps.k12.nc.us

Schedule a meeting; https://calendly.com/cassidy-lippert/appointment-with-ms-lippert

Shari Davison – last names Sap-Z shari.davison@ucps.k12.nc.us Schedule a meeting - https://calendly.com/shari-davison/student-office-hours

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. Each counselor has set up an appointment calendar through which you can schedule a meeting either virtual or in person for a day and time that works for your schedule. If you just have a question please feel free to send your counselor an email.

Los consejeros estan aqui para apoyarte con la escuela. Pueden pedir una reunion para hablar con su consejero sobre tus planes academicos, profesionales, universitarios, posteriores a la escuela secundaria o necesidades personales. Cada consejero ha establecido un calendario de citas a traves del cual pueden programar una reunion, ya sea virtual o en persona, para un dia y una hora que se adapte a su horario. Si solo tiene una pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electronico a su consejero.



SENIOR INFO



Seniors, as you begin receiving offers of admission from colleges and universities... **Congratulations!** You have been working hard and this is an exciting time for you all. Moving forward you have important decisions to make, and if you have questions about an admissions letter and what it means for you, please see your counselor.

We have created several videos to help you plan for after high school. We know that many of you are working on college applications, while others are considering other options. We are asking that you watch the videos that match your goals for important information on next steps. Then complete the following google form to let us know what your current plans are.

Senior Check In form (please complete) - https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8

Estudiantes de el grado 12, comienzan a recibir ofertas de admision de colegios y universidades ...Felicidades! Han estado trabajando duro y este es un momento emocionante para todos. En el futuro, tendran que tomar decisiones importantes y, si tienen preguntas sobre una carta de admision y lo que significa para usted, consulte a su consejero.

Hemos creado varios videos para ayudarlos a planificar sus actividades despues de la escuela secundaria. Sabemos que muchos de ustedes estan trabajando en solicitudes para la universidad, sin embargo, otros estan considerando otras opciones. Les pedimos que vean los videos que coinciden con sus objetivos para obtener informacion importante sobre los proximos pasos. Luego complete el siguiente formulario de Google para informarnos cuales son sus planes actuales.

Formulario de registro para estudiantes de grado 12 (complete) - https://forms.gle/1bFi1nvmuwMTpxGp8

CHECK OUT THESE SITES FOR VALUABLE INFORMATION

- PRHS Counseling Canvas -
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UpEroRS5BclmeCA2crF3QsrxxhOxZek6/view?usp=sharing
- Two Year College Information -https://drive.google.com/file/d/12dYWgldGcp0FkghSKUhwb2fHw5l8AYAq/view?usp=sharing
- Four Year College Information https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kV9EGhzITR7Nj7FJyG34jZFUTMsqTeKU/view?usp=sharing
- Major Clarity career research program https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EeoK680PzPWx9RnPxUoUh2Vbe2BjV0A0/view?usp=sharing
- Scholarships how to research scholarships -https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJyGuNx8ap6opAokI2k2UBuU2Lgo48-v/view?usp=sharing.



SCHOLARSHIP INFO

If you receive ANY scholarships or grants, please notify Ms. Patterson with the name of the college or scholarship/grant and the amount. Even if you are not attending that school or accepting the award, please notify Ms. Patterson. You can print the letter and put it in her box in the counseling office or forward the email to carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Si reciben ALGUNA beca , notifiquen a la Sra. Patterson con el nombre de la universidad o beca y la cantidad. Si no asisten a esa escuela o no aceptan el premio, todavia notifique a la Sra. Patterson. Pueden imprimir la carta y entrgar en la oficina de consejeria o enviar el correo electronico a carly.patterson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

April Deadlines

Charlotte Knights- Atrium Health & Piedmont Natural Gas Scholarships

https://www.milb.com/charlotte-knights/community/scholarship

Deadline to apply: April 25, 2021

American Culinary Foundation Education Foundation Scholarship

https://www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Education/Scholarships/

Deadline to apply: April 30, 2021



May Deadlines

NC Law Enforcement Officers Association Scholarship

http://www.northstateofficer.com/upload s/NSLEOA_Scholarship_2018_App.pdf

Deadline to apply: May 1, 2021

B. Davis Scholarship

http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm

Deadline to apply: May 22, 2021

PB&J Scholarship Fund

https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/pbj-scholarship?utm_source=notification&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pbj2020

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2021

Judy Knox Scholarship

https://app.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarship/judyknoxscholarship

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2021



Upcoming Events

Air Force Academy & Air Force ROTC Jump Start

Are you someone who likes to get a head start? What about important things like scholarships? A career right after college? Well then we have something for you! Air Force ROTC and The United States Air Force Academy are hosting a "Jump Start" event. During this virtual seminar we will be discussing how you can get a "Jump Start" on scholarships and application processes to Air Force ROTC and The Air Force Academy. Join us on April 14th at 7:00pm Central time (8:00pm Eastern).

Please register for this event at this link: https://afrotc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9K3x0VRiTFGpj]Lbj8T89A

Career & College Promise Program

SPCC will be hosting virtual Information Sessions to learn about the Career and College Promise Program every second Monday at 6pm during the spring semester. Contact Ms. White if you have any questions (tondra.white@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Dates: 4/12, 5/10

https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/.

BigFuture Days- Virtual College Fair

- BigFuture Day Southeast, Thursday, April 29, 2021, 5:00 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Sunday, April 18, 5:00 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day West & Southwest, Tuesday, March 30, 5:00 9:00pm ET



UCPS College Readiness Parent Series

Check out the webinars at the link above offered by the UCPS College Readiness Office.

April 19, 2021 - College Recruiting for Athletes

May 1, 2021- SCOIR for Junior Parents and Students.

General/Community Info

Food Pantry Assistance

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- Also on Thursdays at Light It Up Monroe (1411 Helms St, Monroe), 6:00-7:30 pm, free groceries, clothes, hot food (served that night), coffee (Blessed Beans), basketball (Coach James usually attends), and more! Families can come each week.

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Male Students- We want you to remember that when you turn 17.5 to 18, it's the law that you register with Selective Service.

Registration with Selective Service is your civic responsibility and keeps you eligible for student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver's licenses in most states.

Get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office or register online at www.ss.gov. You can even register with your smart phones. If you have any questions regarding registration, talk to Mr. James. He's your Selective Service Registrar.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOT CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

Location: D105 inside Media Center;

Who: Mr. Walden or Ms. Snelson;

Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30-8:45 am and

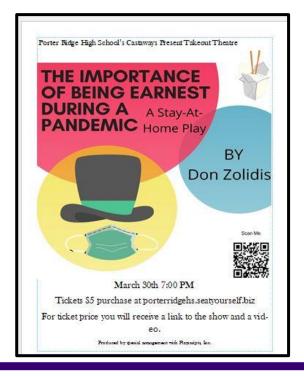
Mon-Thurs 10:15- 12:00 pm;

Friday- Make an appointment w/ Mr.

Walden by email

jason.walden@ucps.k12.nc.us

Join us as Oscar Wilde's classic "The Importance of Being Earnest" is thrust into a modern Zoom based performance in "The Importance of Being Earnest During a Pandemic" on March 30th at 7 PM. Tickets will be \$5 for a zoom link and a video of the performance and are available at porterridghs.seatyourself.biz.



Hello, happy writers! There will be a hybrid NEHS and Creative Writing meeting this Friday afternoon in G112 and online in Teams. Please see Mr. Boyles with any questions.

Porter Ridge High School is in need of proctors to help with AP testing May 3rd-May 17th. The tests last from 7:45 to 4:00 but any portion of the time you can help would be greatly appreciated. The tests will be given at the school. Please email Linda Robinson at linda.robinson@ucps.k12.nc.us if you are able to help.

On April 16th University of South Carolina will be hosting a virtual visit. Sign up in SCOIR to get the link to attend. Access Scoir on the high school student start up page.

https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k1 2.nc.us/ucps-secondary-startup-pag e/high-school



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join the National
Honor Society in our efforts
to collect school supplies for
those in need for the
following school year. If you
would like to donate, please
drop your items off in the
cardboard box in the front
office. If you have any
questions, please contact Mr.
Martino

Students may sign up on the PRHS website for the May Drivers Education class. Registration is open from April 12th thru April 23rd.

Attention Seniors! Please check your email to choose an option for Senior Luau Participation. You will need to fill out this form for food and game options. The due date for this form is April 21st, and you MUST fill it out to be able to participate. Thank you!

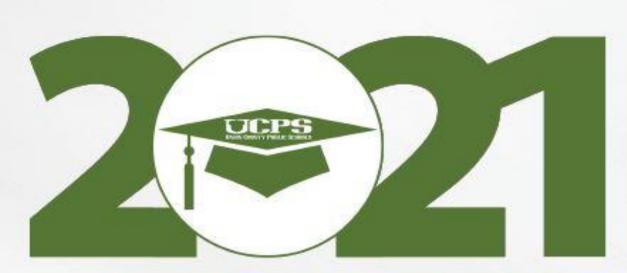
Senior Switch Day will be on May 12th this upcoming Senior Week. This is a fun chance for seniors to teach their favorite teachers class for the day. You must have the approval of the teacher with whom you want to switch. Take an application during lunch April 26th through May 5th.



GRADUATION DATES

Save the Date Senior Pirates!

Ticket information is not available at this time. Ticket numbers will be determined based on health/safety protocols at that time.



GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Union County Public Schools will hold graduations for traditional high schools in stadiums May 28 – June 4, 2021. The graduations will be livestreamed for public viewing.

UCPS will follow the latest health and safety guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services Department and the Union County Health Department. Protocols will be implemented to practice social distancing.

In the event of severe weather, rain dates have been set to reschedule ceremonies. Principals will communicate directly to seniors and their families, if the date of their graduation is changed.

School	Date	Start Time	Location
Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)	June 4	8 a.m.	Walter Bickett Stadium
Cuthbertson High	June 3	8 p.m.	Cuthbertson High Stadium
Forest Hills High	June 2	8 a.m.	Forest Hills High Stadium
Marvin Ridge High	June 4	8 a.m.	Marvin Ridge High Stadium
Monroe High	June 2	8 p.m.	Monroe High Stadium
Parkwood High	June 3	8 a.m.	Parkwood High Stadium
Redmont High	June 3	8 a.m.	Pledmont High Stadium
Porter Ridge High	June 2	8 p.m.	Porter Ridge High Stadium
South Providence School	June 1	6:30 p.m.	CATA (live stream not available)
Sun Valley High	June 4	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Union County Early College	June 3	8 p.m.	Sun Valley High Stadium
Weddington High	June 2	8 a.m.	Weddington High Stadium
Wolfe School	May 28	6:30 p.m.	CATA (live stream not available)



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Transportation Info Fall 2020

Attestation Forms MUST be filled out Weekly!



Transportation

Weekly Attestation Form – Must be turned in to the bus driver each week

• <u>Printable form</u> <u>Printable form in Spanish</u>

• -OR-

• Google form Google form in Spanish

Parent Acknowledgement Form – Must be completed prior to the first day a student rides the bus

• <u>Printable form</u> <u>Printable form in Spanish</u>

• -OR-

• Google form Google form in Spanish

Here Comes the Bus Phone App Information and Sign-Up

Transportation FAQ

Bus Information can also be obtained through the Here Comes the Bus Phone App above. Please call the school with any concerns.