

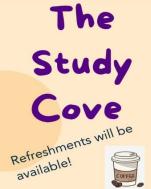
Pirate Press

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Congratulations to Grace Laney for winning the **Alex Kahle Spirit Scholarship**, \$2000! She will represent PRHS in the Monroe Christmas Parade



Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10-4:10 in the Media Center

edia Center Starting Tuesday

Peer Tutors from Math, English, Social Studies, and Science will be available to help along with a Math

Teacher! (We are building our list of Peer Tutors now...)

Use this as a time to: • Work on group

- Work on group projects/study groups
 Stay on top of/make
- up assignments
- Receive tutoring/get extra help from Peer Tutor in all subjects
- Get Math Assistance from Peer Tutor or Math Teacher
- Prepare for exams
 Recover Absences up to 3 absences per course

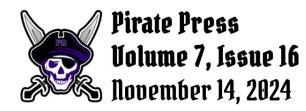


The PTO would like to provide pies to teachers and staff on November 26th to show our gratitude for everything they do for our kids. We can't do it without your help! Please consider donating a monetary donation (\$12) or a pie by November 25th. Please review the available slots at this link:

<u>CLICK HERE</u>

The **football team** made the NCHSAA state playoffs and will play a first round game at Charlotte Catholic this Friday 11/15 at 7 PM. Come out and support the Pirates.

CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS



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!

Coach Fulmer with **Sports Medicine II** and Coach Brandon Goble onsite today! Students learned career readiness and preparation for taping techniques used by Athletic Trainers working on hand and wrist taping techniques.

PRHS students talking to the PRMS 8th graders about the **CTE and other academic programs we offer!** Adobe Video, Adobe Visual, Animal Science, AP Capstone, Apparel, Automotive, Culinary, Drafting/Robotics, Health Science, Interior Design, JROTC, Marketing, Public Safety, and TAAP















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

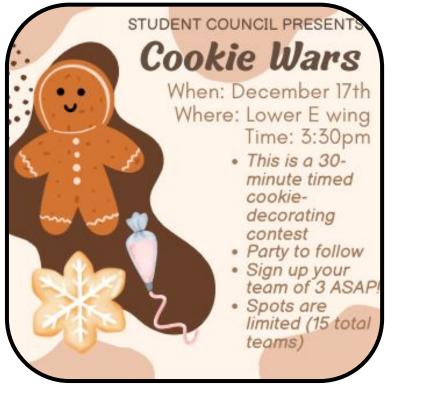
Please Click here to donate.

Follow the PTO Instagram Page at <u>prhs_pto</u> 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.





Student Life Activities











Student Life Activities

- The PRHS Photography Club will meet on Friday, November 15th after school in G112.
- Calling all musicians! Pit Orchestra is holding an interest meeting on Monday, November 18th from 3:15 pm-4:00 pm in the band room. We are looking for musicians to perform live music for the spring musical, Mamma Mia! Spots are available for Keyboards, Guitars (electric and acoustic), Basses, Drumests, and Percussion, along with a student assistant. If you play any of those instruments and are looking for opportunities to perform, stop by the band room Monday after school!
- The Science National Honor Society will be meeting Monday, November 18th at 7:50 am in Mrs. Broadbent's room, E207D.
- Bonjour PIrates! It's National French Week! The cafeteria will offer quiche, French bread pizza and eclairs! Look around for French expressions used in English and Famous French people for a French trivia contest Friday. Both students and teachers can enter to win a \$10 gift certificate to the French bakery Amelies. Bonne chance!
- The Humanities Club is having a "Friendsgiving" Meeting focused on sharing the "sweets" of our cultures on Wednesday, November 20th from 3:10-4:10. Bring a friend and something sweet to share to G106!
- Join us for the next meeting of the International Club on Thursday the 21st of November right after school in Ms. Fiallo's room F101. There will be food and fun!
- Senior fall sport athletes, please come to the main office at your earliest convenience to pick up your senior banner.





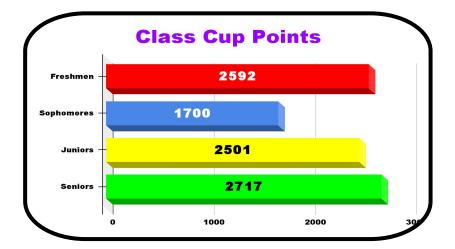
Student Activities & Programs





FCCLA makes cards for our Veterans

Some of our ITS officers and members went to volunteer with Food For Families last week! In just under an hour they had packed 500 meals for families in the community. Amazing job everyone!





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!**



Class Rings and Graduation Orders

Click on the Ad to go to the class rings website



CLASS RING SALE STARTS TODAY!

Click on the Ad to go to the graduation order website

Porter Ridge Seniors: Time to place Your Graduation Orders!

Seniors: It's time to Order Cap and Gowns, Graduation Announcements and Senior 2025 Gear! Order Deadline Friday, November 15

> Go to IG Bio or to link on facebook TO PLACE Porter Ridge SENIOR ORDERS!







Questions? (800) 567-8367 or chris.gaither@jostens.com

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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>

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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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)

THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.

APPLY AT NCLEG.GOV/YLA



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! <u>Click here for more info</u>...

> THE SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM WILL OPEN IN JANUARY! THIS IS HOW YOU WILL REQUEST A CHANGE FOR YOUR SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE.

Counselors will not be making any schedule changes until the form opens.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BRANCH IN THE MILITARY?

Sign up to take the ASVAB test on December 4th at PRHS from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. This test helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. https://forms.gle/HGPFiyaab865M2Mp8







PRHS COUNSELING NEWS

SAVE THE DATE:

Great Turkey Countdown 2024 is Saturday November 23!

Thanksgiving Meals Provided <u>Apply online at Common Heart/ Great Turkey Countdown!</u> Common Heart- P.O. Box 2761 Indian Trail, NC 28079 Indian Trail Center- 116 Business Park Dr. Indian Trail, NC 28079

Union County Christmas Bureau

Now Accepting Application: Oct. 7-Nov. 22, 2024

It is time to start thinking about Christmas! The Union County Christmas Bureau is now accepting applications from individuals and families seeking assistance this upcoming holiday season.

The Union County Christmas Bureau is donor-funded and volunteer-driven. It provides holiday gifts and food to families who need a helping hand. Our dedicated community is what makes our endeavors possible.

The program is always in need of support through volunteering, donating gifts, or sponsoring a child or family.

Apply For Assistance

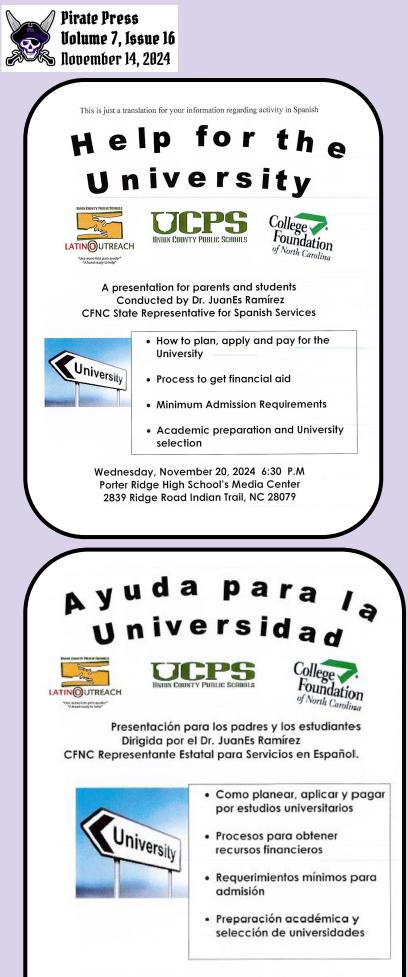
To be eligible for assistance, there must be children in the household, age 18 and younger, at the time of application, or a disabled or senior adult receiving income through Social Security or Medicaid.

The Applications process for the 2024 holiday season starts Monday, Oct, 7 and ends Friday, Nov. 22

Applications will be taken by phone

Call 704-296-4828- Monday-Friday, 9 am-3:30 pm

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Miércoles, 20 de Noviembre, 2024 6:30-830 P.M. Biblioteca de la Escuela "Porter Ridge High School" 2839 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

College Readiness Student Opportunities



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar
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



Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, students will be taking the **ACT WorkKeys** assessment on Monday, November 25th or Tuesday, November 26th. Students that need to take the **ACT WorkKeys** assessment will be notified this week by receiving an email from Ms. McCullough. Students please be sure to check your school email to see if you need to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment.



Benefits of taking the ACT WorkKeys Exam

ACT[®] WorkKeys[®] assessments are the cornerstone of the ACT workforce solutions. The assessments help you measure the workplace skills that can affect your job performance. WorkKeys assessments are:

- Unique—Unlike other assessments, they don't simply give an indication of reading and writing competency. Instead, they measure a range of hard and soft skills relevant to any occupation, at any level, and across industries.
- Recognized—Successful completion of WorkKeys assessments can lead to earning an National Career Readiness Certificate[®] (NCRC[®])—a credential that verifies foundational workplace skills. Tens of thousands of employers recognize the value of the NCRC, and many recommend the credential to candidates.

National Career Readiness Certificate

The ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT WorkKeys NCRC[®]) is an assessmentbased credential issued at four levels; Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations. With an NCRC, you can:

- Build confidence that your skills meet the needs of employers
- Show prospective employers concrete proof of the skills you have
- Apply real-world use to coursework from the classroom
- Determine skill improvement and training needs
- Improve the opportunities for career changes and advancement
- Earn college credit at many institutions and reach academic goals more quickly

Requirements to earn National Career Readiness Certificate

A National Career Readiness Certificate is earned by achieving a Level Score of 3 or better on all three WorkKeys assessments:

- Applied Math
- Workplace Documents
- Graphic Literacy





#COMMITTED

PORTER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

-Indoor Track @ PR 4:00 -Wrestling Tri @ PR vs Mallard Creek/Piedmont 5:00

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THURSDAY -Basketball @

Independence

4:30/6:00/7:30

-2nd Round NCHSAA Playoffs Football TBD -Basketball vs Lincoln Charter 4:30/6/7:30

FRIDAY

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- Cheer Competition Shelby -Wrestling @ Hough Individual Tourney

SATURDAY



Sport	Coach	Email Address
Athletic Director	Justin Leath	JUSTIN.LEATH@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer	Ashley Lawson	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheer JV	Karen Gault	ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country	Lea Schullery	lea.schullery@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	Heather Welch	heather.welch@ucps.k12.nc.us





WOMEN'S SOCCER INTEREST MEETING!

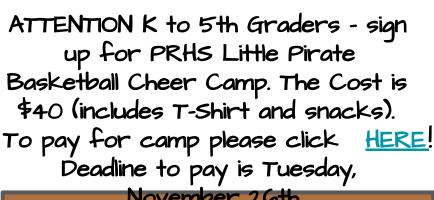
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November 20th after school until 3:45 Room: F202

If you have any questions please email Coach Cheron: Jade.cheron@ucps.kl2.nc.us

Are you interested in playing Volleyball? Join us for our Men's Volleyball Interest Meeting Wednesday, November 20th at 3:15pm in Room G209. Season starts in the spring.

There will be a **Boys tennis** informational meeting on Thursday December 5th in room E104 after school. Please see Coach Ladimir if you have any questions.





Congratulations to the **boys soccer team** for finishing the season with a record of 18-7 and making the NCHSAA 4A Playoffs- The team lost an overtime game to Grimsley that went to penalty kicks. Great seasons Pirates



PIRATE ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC DEPT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Money collected from this fundraiser will help support our program with operational costs and equipment. The QR Code will take you to the Raffle page. Every \$10 equals 1 chance to win!!



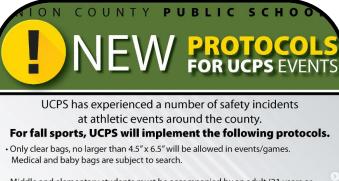


PORTER RIDGE ATHLETIC ZONE-OUR OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEBSITE- CLICK THE QR CODE OR -USE THE CODE. -





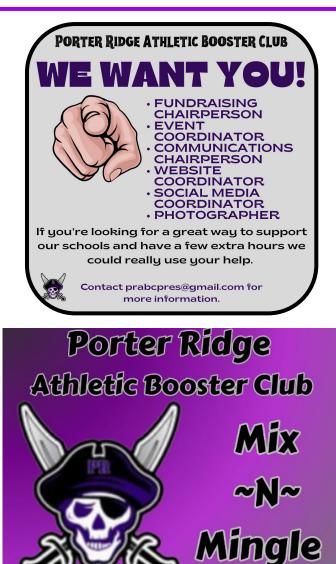
PRIORITY SEATING PRABC MEMBERSHIP EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRT



- Middle and elementary students must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) to attend events and games.
- All ticket sales will end at the beginning of halftime or at the mid-point of an event.
- After consulting with law enforcement and district leaders, UCPS will utilize body scanners at events. The use of body scanners will begin in the fall of 2024 at football games.



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



When: Monday 12/2 @ 7:00pm Where: Mia Famiglia Pizzeria Come Find Out What the PRABC Is All About



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> <u>pages</u>.

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>

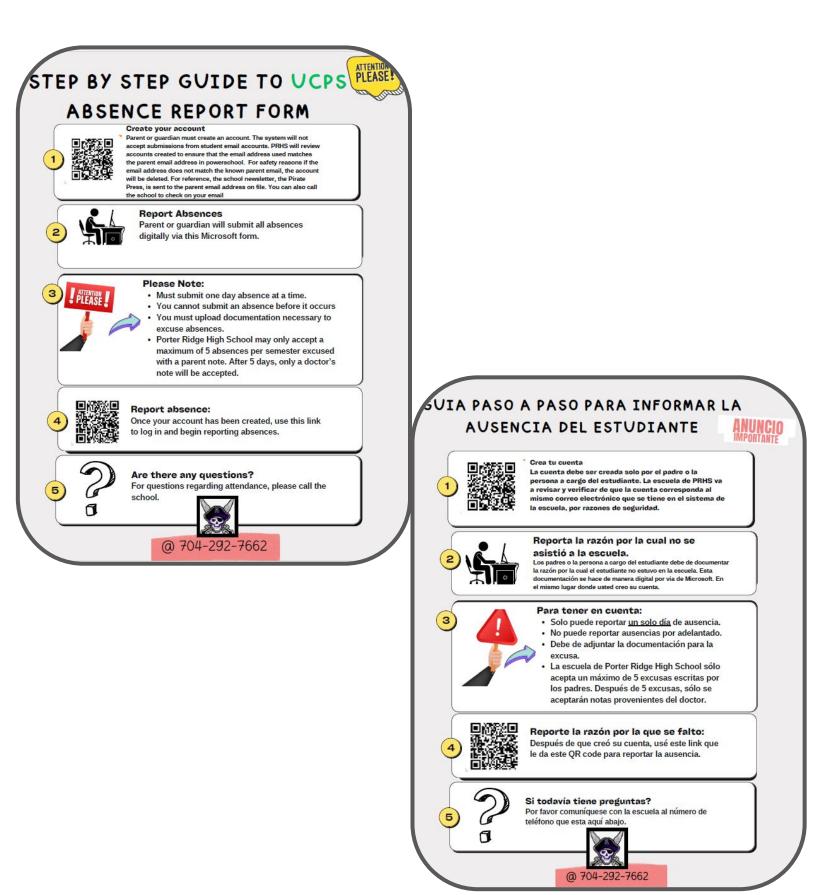
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 Cell phones (headphones) may be used in a respectful manner during class transitions in between class periods and during lunches.

- → 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.

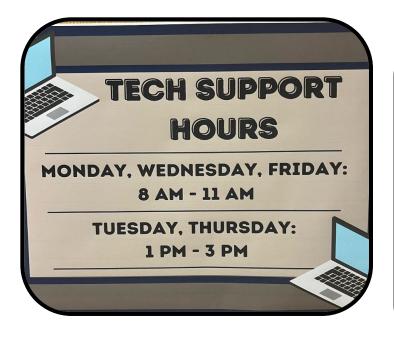


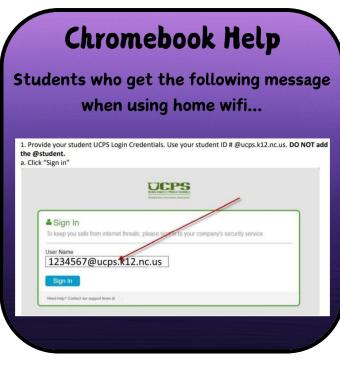
New Attendance Procedures





Attendance, Chromebooks & Info





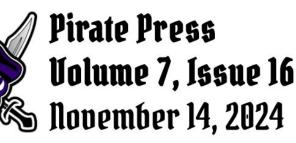
Please <u>Click HERE</u> to obtain, sign, and review school forms.

<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.



Ports of Information for Pirates:

Follow us on Facebook: PorterRidgeHS.NC

Follow us on Instagram: #Committed #InItTogether #WeRPR @prhsffa @porterridgefootball @prhs pirates @porterridgecheer @prbandofpirates @prhs_volleyball @prhscounseling @pr_athletic_booster_club @prhs.running @prhsbaseball @prhs.beta.club @prhscs @prhs.piratenation @prhs_frenchclub_ @prhs_hosa @pr.nahs @prhs.wrestling @prhs_interactclub @prhs.nhs @prhs.knittingandcrocheting @prhs_discgolf @prhsfieldhockey @prhswomenslax @porterridgesoftball @ucpsnc @pmhs_afjrotc @prhs castaways @prhs.draft.robotix @prhsbookclub @prhsmualphatheta @aghoulihan @prhs.jcl.club @porterridgeswimming @prhspiratecheer @prhs_gsa_ @prhswtennis @prhs.dnd.club @pr_nehs @PRHS_Vocal_Treasures @prhsspeechanddebate @prhs_mha_saves @prhsfilmclub @prphilosophyclub @prhspirates4christ @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

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