

# Porter Ridge High School

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## Manufacturing Awareness Week – October 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>

Learn about Manufacturing Careers available right here in Union County. Union County Public Schools is again joining with South Piedmont Community College, Union County Chamber of Commerce and Make It in Union County by participating, promoting and supporting this event. Two high schools will have the opportunity to receive a \$1,000 technology grant for student, teacher and administrator participation in various events happening over the week.

Events for the Week – Registration required for all events. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Make It in Union County webpage at: <http://makeitinunioncounty.com/>

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Open House Events & Tours at Greiner Bio-One, Scott Safety, Vanguard Pailung, Glenmark & Charlotte Pipe

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Open House Events & Tours at Goulston, Scott Safety & Vanguard Pailung

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Showcase Event at South Piedmont Community College from 3:00pm to 7pm

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## Upcoming Events

### October 3–7

Manufacturing Awareness Week

### October 5

Pre-Act given to all 10<sup>th</sup> graders

### October 9

Union County College Fair 2-4pm at the Union County Agriculture Center, 3230 Presson Rd., Monroe

### October 19

PSAT given to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders

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## Attention, Senior Families!

Deadlines for early college applications and scholarships are rapidly approaching.

Please consult our [Senior Year Planning Time Line](#) and [Scholarships](#) Google Doc on the PRHS school counseling website to make sure you are meeting important deadlines.

Seniors can begin applying for financial aid with the FAFSA beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

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## Pre - ACT – 10<sup>th</sup> grade

The Pre-ACT will be given to all 10<sup>th</sup> graders on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a practice test for the ACT college admissions test. The test consists of 4 timed sections – English, Reading, Math, and Science. Students will be able to get a feel for what the ACT will be like. From the scores students will see what their current knowledge and skills are. They will be able to see what areas they need to improve on before taking the actual ACT in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

## PSAT/NMSQT – 11<sup>th</sup> grade

The PSAT/NMSQT will be given to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a practice test for the SAT. It is also linked to the National Merit Scholarship program when taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The test consists of reading, writing and math components. Juniors received an information book with practice questions.

**Students should try their best on these practice tests as the results will help students to see what areas they may need to improve on before taking the actual ACT and SAT tests.**

## Union County College Fair Sunday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm

Union County Agriculture Center, 3230 Presson Rd., Monroe  
(located in Eastern Union County off Hwy. 74)

Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend. Students will be able to speak with admission representatives from colleges throughout the state. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about a lot of colleges in one afternoon!



## Grading Scale

A 90 – 100

B 80 – 89

C 70 – 79

D 60 – 69

F Below 60

October 10<sup>th</sup> is the end of the  
1<sup>st</sup> grading period.

## College Visits

Seniors & Juniors can sign up to attend a college visit in the media center. Links to sign up at [www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/5606](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/5606).

Gardner Webb – Oct. 3  
Virginia Commonwealth – Oct. 4  
East Carolina Univ. – Oct 5  
Lenoir-Rhyne – Oct. 10  
Queens College – Oct. 21  
UNC Charlotte – Oct. 25  
Lees-McRae – Oct. 27  
UNC Chapel Hill – 11/4  
Campbell Univ. – 11/10

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