Guidance Newsletter – October 2015

Porter Ridge High School

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Greetings, Pirate Family!

We are delighted to share some important information with you regarding upcoming events as well as everyday services available for you and your students.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

PRHS Guidance Department

Introducing the PRHS Guidance Department

Jonathan Williams	Students with Last Names beginning A – G
<u>Liz Hilton</u>	Students with Last Names beginning H – O
<u>Shari Davison</u>	Students with Last Names beginning P – Z
Sarah Morris	Dropout Prevention for PRHS & PRMS
<u>Sheila Sells</u>	Guidance Secretary

PRHS School Counseling Needs Assessment

Dear Parents,

We value your input! Please click on the following link to complete a brief online survey regarding our students' needs. We will use your feedback to help improve services offered to students this school year. Thank you in advance for your help!

PRHS School Counseling Needs Assessment for Parents/Guardians



Upcoming Events

October 26 – October 30

PRHS Red Ribbon Week

November 2 – November 6

College Application Week

Attention, Senior Families!

Deadlines for college admissions and scholarships are rapidly approaching.

Please consult our <u>Senior</u> <u>Year Planning Time Line</u> and <u>Scholarships</u> Google Doc to make sure you are meeting important deadlines.

Grading Scale

A	90 - 100
В	80 - 89
С	70 – 79
D	60 - 69
F	Below 60

Report Cards will be coming home soon.

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Spotlight on CFNC

CFNC account

All students should have an account for <u>CFNC.org</u>. It is a FREE and invaluable resource that students will use during all four years of high school.

Freshmen

All PRHS 9th grade students were introduced to CFNC during their fall classroom guidance lesson with the PRHS counselors. Many students created their CFNC account during classroom guidance, but all are encouraged to complete that registration process now if they haven't already.

Sophomores & Juniors

Classroom guidance is currently being planned for 10th and 11th grade students. The lesson will include a scavenger hunt designed to familiarize students with the many features available on CFNC.

Seniors

During 12th grade classroom guidance, students were reminded to keep their CFNC account up to date. Seniors utilize CFNC the most as it an easy way for them to apply to college and send transcripts to North Carolina schools for FREE.

CFNC Features

- Plan Explore postsecondary options in NC
- <u>Apply</u> Complete college applications and send transcripts
- <u>Pay</u> Learn about grants, scholarships and financial aid
 ... and so much more!

College Application Week (November 2 – November 6)

NC College Application Week is a state-wide promotional week for NC high school seniors to apply to colleges and universities in NC. The week has become so popular that some colleges and universities have decided to entirely waive their application fee for this week.

More information about College Application Week can be found on <u>CFNC.org</u> including a full list of colleges and universities who will



Upcoming College Rep Visits

October 23rd Virginia Tech

October 26th

Virginia Commonwealth University

November 2nd UNC Asheville

November 4th UNC Greensboro

November 5th NC Wesleyan

Students sign up <u>online</u>.

Upcoming Test Dates ACT

October 24th December 12th February 6th Register online for <u>ACT</u>. **SAT**

November 7th

December 5th January 23rd Register online for <u>SAT</u>.

ASVAB

December 2nd Register online for <u>ASVAB</u>.

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Red Ribbon Week

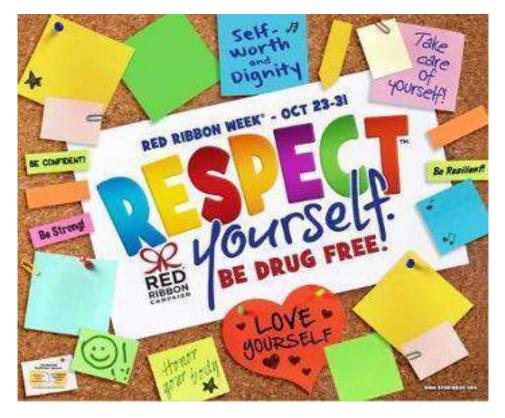
The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - October 31st each year.

What is Red Ribbon Week?

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23 - 31st.

Why?

The Red Ribbon Campaign® was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a Drug-Free America.





Sponsored by National Family Partnership www.redribbon.org

Red Ribbon Week at Porter Ridge High

October 26 – October 30

During lunch each day, students will have the opportunity to participate in Red Ribbon Week by signing a pledge to stay drug-free.

Information about the dangers of drug use and abuse will be presented on the announcements all week long.

Wednesday, October 28

All students and faculty are invited to wear **RED** to school on Wednesday to show their support for a Drug-Free America.

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