



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Fall Exam Schedule**– [Click here](#) for the Exam Schedule and Information. In addition, it is posted in this edition.
- ◆ **WORKKEYS for SENIORS**: Information about testing is in this edition on the Counseling Page
- ◆ Students were recognized at our **PTSO STAR Breakfast: Student Academic Recognition Breakfast** this past Wednesday. The students were chosen by their teachers and are listed in this edition.
- ◆ **UPCS Holiday Bake Shop**: Our Foods students will be participating in this event on Saturday 12/7 at 6 PM at the Monroe Christmas Tree lighting.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive**: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at CATA on Wednesday, 12/11 from 9:00 to 1:30. Eligible students may sign up at lunch.
- ◆ **Winter Collaborative**: This annual concert is on Thursday 12/19 in the Theatre at PM, and tickets are \$5 at the door. The annual winter collaborative is a concert with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students.
- ◆ The **Annual Student Council Basketball Tournament** will be Friday, 12/20 during 4th block. Sign ups are now open until Friday, 12/13. Teams may have six players. Only 2 of the 6 can be basketball players and/or coaches. You need to know the first and last name of every player on your team to sign up. The cost is \$20 per team; \$15 if you have a teacher or faculty member on your team. See Mr. McDowell to sign up. This tournament will raise money for Victory Junction, a camp in our state for kids with chronic illnesses.
- ◆ The semi-annual **Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament** will take place on Wednesday, 12/18 from 5 to 8 in the media center. Bring your own controller or play with what is provided. Tickets to attend or compete cost \$10 if purchased the week before the event; \$12 after. Pizza and drinks will be provided. 1st place prize is a Ring Fit with a copy of Ring Fit Adventure.
- ◆ **Credit for Demonstrated Mastery** applications are now available. Applications are due back to Ms. Lawson by Friday, 12/20. If you are interested in trying to earn credit for a course without actually taking the course CDM may be for you. Please see your assigned counselor if you have specific questions. Click [here](#) for an application.
- ◆ Are you interested in representing CATA in **Champ Camp Leadership Council**? We are looking for five students to meet five times in the Spring Semester (here at CATA in the evenings and dinner will be provided). You will get the opportunity to represent CATA and offers students the unique opportunity to be mentored by highly successful community and business leaders from both the local and national level. The link to apply is here. Please see your assigned counselor with any questions.
- ◆ **Winter Athletic Fundraiser**: Please click [here](#) to donate to the CATA Athletic Department.
- ◆ **Athletic Sports Passes** are still a good deal: Season Passes are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games for the remainder of the year.
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are \$75.00 until 11/30 when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) (search for CATA).
- ◆ The **Fall Senior Letter** is on our website. Senior students and parents please [click here](#) for the letter.
- ◆ **Senior Shirts, Signs, & Passes**: There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for \$10. Senior passes are still available for \$20 and we have extra senior signs for \$20. Please see Ms. Christensen in the Den if you are interested.
- ◆ The next Senior Pass Event is Tuesday 12/10 during Cougar Time. Students should go to the concession stand and take a cup of cocoa and a bag of cookies and treats. Students must have their senior passes.
- ◆ **UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy** at this [link](#) **Attendance procedures and new attendance policy**: Click [here](#). Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt



## Winter Collaborative Concert, Annual Basketball Tournament, & Winter Spirit Week

### Annual Basketball Tournament

Friday December 20

During 4th Period

Sign-ups

- ♦ \$20 per team of 6 players
- ♦ \$15 for a team with a teacher/staff member.
- ♦ Teams sign up with Mr. McDowell in room 111.

**Tickets are \$5** Sold during lunches from 12/18 to 12/20.

**NO tickets will be sold at the door!**



All money raised goes to Victory Junction- A Camp for children with chronic illnesses.

### Winter Collaborative Concert

Thursday, December 19

7 PM in the Theatre

\$5 tickets at the door

The annual winter collaborative is a concert with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students.



## WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, December 16: Pajama Day

Tuesday, December 17: Twin Day

Wednesday, December 18: Meme/Tik Tok Day

Thursday, December 19 Ugly Sweater Day

Friday, December 20: Holiday Character Day

Seniors: The Claus Family

Juniors: Reindeer

Sophomores: Elves

Freshmen: Presents

Staff: Holiday Villains



The Dress Code must be followed at all times.



***Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament, Red Cross Blood Drive, and the UCPS Holiday Bake Shop***

**Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament**



**Wednesday, 12/18**

**5 to 8 PM**

**\$10 to play or compete**

**(Tickets purchased the week before)**

**\$12 to play or compete**

**(Tickets purchased the same day)**

**Pizza and drinks will be provided**

**1st place prize is a Ring Fit with a copy of Ring Fit Adventure.**



**The CATA Medical Science Academy and HOSA are hosting a**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**on Wednesday, December 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

**Please see Ms. Turner to sign up in room 600 and we will have opportunities to sign up at lunch.**

***Holiday Bake Shop***

**COME OUT AND SAMPLE DESSERTS FROM CULINARY PROGRAMS ACROSS UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**Downtown Monroe**

**During the Tree Lighting held by the City of Monroe  
Serving starts around 6:00pm**



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## *Around CATA*

**Friday December 6—ASVAB Testing; WorkKeys Testing Day;** FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM (Inuwa); Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries);

**Saturday, December 7—** UCPS Holiday Bake Shop, 6 PM, @ the downtown Monroe Christmas Tree Lighting

**Monday, December 9—** Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM, Rm. 102 (Pentecost)

**Tuesday, December 10—** Beta Club, Media Center, 8:15 AM & 3:35, Media Center (Morse); Shooting Sports Rm. 102, 3:30 PM (Pentecost);

**Wednesday, December 11— WorkKeys Testing Day; Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 AM to 1:30 PM (Trucks outside of Gym);** Art Club, Rm. 102, 3:30 (Pentecost); Creative Writing, Rm. 610, 3:45 (Tesar)

**Thursday, December 12— Progress Reports;** CATA Band Winter Concert, 7 PM, Theatre

**Friday, December 13—**FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM (Inuwa); Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries);

### Upcoming Events– December and January

12/17—Winter Choir Concert, 7 PM, Theatre

12/18—Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media Conference

12/18—Smash Brothers Tournament, 5 PM , Media Center

12/19—Winter Collaborative, 7 PM, Theater

12/20—Student Council Basketball Tournament, Gym, 4th block

**12/23 to 1/3– NO School Winter Break**

**1/6—First day back from Winter Break**

1/6—PTSO Meeting, 5:30 PM, Media Conference

1/9—District Wide Poetry Out Loud Contest, 4 PM, Theatre

1/10—First Block Exam Review during first block

1/13—First Block Exams, Second Block Review

1/14—Second Block Exams, Third Block Review

1/15—Third Bloc, Exams, Fourth Block Review

1/16—Fourth Block Exams, Community Building

1/17—Make-up Exams

1/17—End of Grading Period

**1/20—NO School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**1/21—NO School, Teacher Workday**

**1/22—First Day of the Second Semester**

1/22—Site Based Mtg, 3:45, Media Conference

1/22 to 1/28– Schedule Corrections

1/28—Report Cards

1/30-Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

### *Career and College Promise*

Are you new to the Career and College Promise (CCP) program? A current CCP student? Interested but need more information? If you answered "Yes" to any of those questions, then please join us at one of our Career and College Promise orientations. These orientations will give an overview of the program for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Hope to see you there!

1. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Expo at Porter Ridge Middle School

CCP Sessions will begin at the following times:

- a. 10:30 a.m.
- b. 11:30 a.m.
- c. 12:30 p.m.

2. Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Marvin Ridge High School  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

3. Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Monroe High School  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

4. Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun Valley High School  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here.](#)**





## Cougar Pride, SAT Future Prep, & Champ Camp (Click on the Ads to sign up)

### Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ **Poetry Out Loud:** Thank you to our 13 students who competed in our school competition: The winners are: 1<sup>st</sup>: Stephanie DiMeo, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Makanna Johnson, and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bridget McBride. All three will compete at the district level competition in January.
- ♦ Congratulations to Emma Rombold, for being selected as the **UCPS Holiday Card Winner**. Emma's submission was in the top 10 out of 600 submissions across the county. This beautiful holiday card is now on sale by clicking [here](#). All proceeds from the sale will come back to CATA's Art Department.



CENTRAL ACADEMY  
of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

### SAT Review/College Prep Class

#### Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.

The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.

#### CLASS SCHEDULE (Prepping for the March 14<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> SAT)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts  
600 Brewer Drive  
Monroe, NC 28112

Lesson #	Dates	Time
Math #1	Thu, 1/30	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #2	Thu, 2/6	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #3	Thu, 2/13	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 2/15	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #1	Thu, 2/20	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #2	Thu, 2/27	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #3	Thu, 3/5	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- Content Review focusing on all areas of the test
- Proven strategies for each question type
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
- Students will learn about the College Admissions process, how to craft a Curriculum Vitae, and more!

All This for **ONLY \$199\*!**

(UCPS Students Receive \$100 off the Regular Tuition of \$299)

For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975

or visit [www.futureprep.com](http://www.futureprep.com)

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Come join Champ Camp and embark on a fast track journey

### UCPS Department of College Readiness and The Champ Camp present:

### Champ Camp Leadership Council

The Champ Camp Leadership Council offers students the unique opportunity to be mentored by highly successful community and business leaders from both the local and national level.

Learn more about the Champ Camp by visiting their website at [www.thechampcamp.org](http://www.thechampcamp.org)

### LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

<http://bit.ly/apply2champcamp>

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## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

#### Attention Seniors Class of 2020

**Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC**  
**The Fall Senior Letter is on our website. Senior students & parents [click here](#)**

**Sign up for College Visits [Click Here](#)**

**Dates for College Visits are posted in this Newsletter on the [Around CATA Page](#)**  
**[Scholarship Spotlight](#)– Click [HERE](#) for more scholarships**

**[Counseling Twitter @CATA\\_Counseling](#)**  
**[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)**

**ACT**—All juniors will be taking the **ACT** on 2/25/20, a college entrance exam. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

**SAT**—All juniors will be taking the SAT on 3/25/20.

**WORKKEYS for SENIORS:** WorkKeys is a required work skills assessment for all SENIORS who will complete four CTE courses throughout high school (Information Systems Academy, Medical Sciences Academy, Music Production and Recording Arts Pathway, Transportation Academy, and Pre-Engineering Academy). This assessment will take place during the weeks of Monday, 12/2 to Friday, 12/13. Students will receive information regarding their assessment date assignment via their 1st block teacher. Please see Ms. Lawson, the testing coordinator, with any questions.

**Future Prep SAT Review/College Prep Class:** The new class will begin on Thursday, 1/30 beginning at 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The cost is \$199. Please see flier in this edition for more details. Click on the flier to register.

**Champ Camp Leadership Council:** We are looking for five students to meet five times in the Spring Semester (here at CATA in the evenings and dinner will be provided). You will get the opportunity to represent CATA and offers students the unique opportunity to be mentored by highly successful community and business leaders from both the local and national level. The link to apply is here. Please see your assigned counselor with any questions.

### **CATA Guidance Department**

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

**[Ashley Lawson](#):** Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

**[Ashley Cole](#) :** Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

**[Sarah Goodwin](#):** Information Systems (Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts



# COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA\_Athletics**

## Last Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Win vs. Carolina International, Win vs. Queens Grant

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Carolina International, Loss vs. Queens Grant

Wrestling – Win vs. South Stanly, Butler, St. Stephens, Cardinal Gibbons, Apex Friendship & Nations Ford, Loss vs. Lake Norman

Indoor Track & Field – Runners continue to compile state qualifying times and did a great job at our Forest Hills Meet.

Swimming – Swim team had a great first meet at the Stanly County YMCA

## Upcoming Events:

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Basketball vs. Lincoln Charter – JV 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls 6:00 pm, Varsity Boys – 7:30 pm

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY – Wrestling – Davie County High School – All Day Event;  
AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – Cuthbertson Meet – All Day Event

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY – Swimming – Union County Meet – Uptown MAC – Noon

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Men's Basketball vs. Grace Academy – 5:00 pm JV, 6:00 pm Varsity; AWAY – Women's Basketball vs. Woodlawn School – 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY – Wrestling vs Ardrey Kell – 6:00 pm

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Women's Basketball – Varsity Only vs. Metrolina – 6:00 pm  
AWAY – Wrestling – Lancaster High, SC – 6:00 pm; AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Fast Track – Winston Salem – 5:00 pm

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Basketball vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm JV Boys, 6:00 pm Varsity Girls, 7:30 pm Varsity Boys; AWAY – Swimming – TBD, Time – 6:00 pm

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Invite – All Day Event

## News & Information:

**Fundraising:** The winter sports fundraiser is underway please help to support CATA athletics by giving at: <https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics--winter-fundraiser>

**Season Passes** are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00

Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games. Please [click here](#) to purchase.

## Winter Sports Coaches Contacts

**Cheerleading** – Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Indoor Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Basketball** – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Basketball** – Sam Smithson – [Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Swimming** – Sally Goodwin – [sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Spring Sports Contact Information:

**Baseball** – Matt Garcia – [matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)

**Softball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## Performing Arts Events & Media Center News (The DEN)

### New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

We need parent volunteers to serve as leaders in the areas of: event flyer creation, hospitality/food, sponsorships, fundraising, social media/public relations, and ticket sales. Please click [here](#) for details about each category. By signing up you want to volunteer to be the lead in this area and facilitate other parent volunteers. This is helpful to our teachers, and students. Thank you for the support!

# The Den Digest

## December is...

Hour of Code Week—December 9-15, <https://hourofcode.com/us>

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7th,

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-pearl-harbor-remembrance-day-december-7/>

National Bill of Rights Day—December 15, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/bill-of-rights-day-december-15/>

Winter Solstice—December 21, <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html>

**Need help with research?** Learn how to search the many databases available to students. Stop by The Den today to get help.

We just got a new shipment of books! Lots of great titles so come in and check out what we have to offer.

**Stop by The Den today!** We are your go-to place for checking out books, magazines, a quiet place to read, supplies to work on projects in our space, and help with research/citing sources.

Visit our website for many resources: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

We have a special section just on Evaluating News Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/online-resources/identifying-fake-news>





## *Yearbooks, Spirt Wear, Senior T-Shirts & Parking Passes*

### 2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are \$75.00 until November 30th when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) (search for CATA).

**BUY**  **YOUR**  
*Yearbook*



### **ATTENTION SENIORS!**

There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for purchase. See Ms. Christensen in The Den if you would like to buy one. The cost is \$10.00 and you can pay by cash or a check made out to the PTSO.

### Parking Passes

- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 technology fees, media center fees, cafeteria, and any fees owed to CATA.
- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **canNOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA web-site under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- All remaining sports will be sold in number order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**



Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation.

### **CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR**

**CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.  
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!**

**Click [here](#) to purchase online.**

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174



## *Fall Exam Schedule and Information*

### **Friday, January 10**

1<sup>st</sup> period review 8:50 to 10:20

### **Monday, January 13**

8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

### **Tuesday, January 14**

8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

### **Wednesday, January 15**

8:50 – 12:50 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review

### **Thursday, January 16**

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

**Friday, January 17** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

### **Exam Study Tips:**

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

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## *Fall Exam Schedule and Information*

**Type of Exams:** We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

### **Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY:**

**High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:**

- ♦ The student has an average of **90** or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than **2 unexcused absences** in the class; or
- ♦ The student has an average of **80** or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than **1 unexcused absence** in the class.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 17** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between January 13 and January 17. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.



***PTSO Star Breakfast***  
*(Students were chosen by their teachers for academic excellence. The Breakfast was on 12/4)*

## First Semester PTSO STAR Breakfast

Amanda Abreu	Caleb Huff	Jacob Pierro
Daniel Ahmedov	Jordan Hume	Lyndsee Ray
Austin Anderson	Lauren Johnson	Ryan Reavis
Ashline Arnaud	River Johnson	Cecelia Reichert
Kailli Arnold	Jake Karas	Marlon Reyes-Gonzalez
Sophie Atkinson	Lilly Knowles	Daniel Rodriguez
Landon Atwell	Jacob Laxton	Josie Roller
Graham Best	Allyson Lee	Hunter Ross
ShaRon Byers	Kennedy Lightfoot	Ella Rushing
Carlos Chavez	Ryan Long	Aislin Sanchez
Blake Chruscil	Kyle MacLellan	Olivia Santolucito
Nikaiya Cotton	Dawson Maher	Elsie Schomp
Bert Davis	Maia Maraligod	Sam Schwitzerlett
Tatianna Davis	Vanika Mehta	Savannah Sineath
Aidan Dence	Natalie Meuser	Brody Smith
William DiBella	Brynna Miller	Cameron Smith
Madi Disotell	Sarah Miller	Margo Smith
Emily Dominguez-Marcelino	Griffin Moore	Analysa Spurduto
Hunter Dubar	Megan Mossembekker	Savannah Stainback
Alyssa Edney	Miranda Myers	Noah Steadman
Grace England	Matthew Nanney	Emily Tetreault
Reece Freeman	Abigail Nelson	Mukta Thatte
Erin Goodman	Carrington Newsome	Bella Thews
Camille Gordon	Tara Noblet	Natanael Vasquez
Sam Gunn	Ana Orozco Vasquez	Michael Vazquez
Milin Gupta	Avery Pardue	Thomas Verrill
Julia Hadley	Elijah Parks	Madison Warren
Victoria Hammel	Nima Patel	Kylee Weaver
Jackson Hase	Peyton Patel	Olivia Widener
Grayson Hess	Kiley Payne	Daniel Williams
Logan Hewitt	Genesis Perez	Kaitlyn Zuendel
Canyon Hill	Simon Perkins	