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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Report Cards:** Report Cards were mailed out last week for students in the Plan D Virtual Academy. Students on the Plan B Hybrid plan received reports cards first period last Monday and Wednesday. Please check Power School for the most up to date grades. Remember, students have the third six weeks (25%) and the final exam (25%) of their grades left to complete.
- ◆ **Fall Exam Schedule:** Please see pages 10-12 of this edition for exam schedules and guidelines. Please be sure you read carefully. We have a letter from UCPS and Ms. Merritt for parents to read on page 12 regarding exams.
- ◆ **Underclassmen proofs and photo orders** were sent home the week of 11/9 to students who were in the building. If you did not get your order or proofs, they are available to be picked up in the main office from 8:00 am-4:15 pm Monday -Thursday.
- ◆ **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear is NOW AVAILABLE for sale online:** Please [click here](#) to purchase.
- ◆ Our **Athletics seasons** are now underway with Volleyball and Cross Country. Please see our athletics pages in this edition for information about cheerleading, basketball, and swimming. Please check out page 5 on how to **live stream CATA football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling. Subscribe today!**
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our Fall Blood Drive is on Friday, December 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The Red Cross will follow protocols to keep people safe while giving life saving blood. To make an appointment, please [click here](#) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Check out the ad on page 12 of this edition.
- ◆ **Poetry Out Loud:** The annual school-wide Poetry Out Loud recitation contest will be held by video this year. If you are interested in submitting a video entry, please contact Mrs. Henry for competition details. Video entries must be submitted to Mrs. Henry by 11/30.
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Information about your senior portraits:** Class of 2021, remember to schedule your senior portraits online at cady.com/schedule. There are still 24 seniors who have not booked an appointment and you must complete this task to get your picture in the yearbook. When you go to the website, search for CATA, pick an additional scene, then click continue. On the next page you will see prices for session (sitting) fees. If you want the basic \$30 option then scroll to the bottom of the page and select simple session. Remember to select your pose for the yearbook using the link they give you. After you receive a portfolio with your pictures in the mail, keep anything you'd like to purchase and return everything else in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. December 19th is the deadline to get your picture taken so don't delay and book your appointment today!

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.

Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)

[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)

[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

CATA Tutoring Times - Fall 2020

CATA will be offering tutoring times each day of the week based on subject. Approved CATA students will be providing the tutoring. If tutoring is needed, then please click the Teams link to join during the assigned times. Tutoring . [Click HERE FOR THE TUTORING LINKS.](#) Scroll down once on the page and you will see the links for each subject.

- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Social Studies,
- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Math 1 & 2
- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45-4:45 for Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- ♦ **Tuesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Science
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- ♦ **Thursday** - 3:45 to 4:45 English
- ♦ **Friday** - All 5 subjects will be offered from 1:30 - 3:30 in 2 shifts (1:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 3:30), click the links above for the subject you need for tutoring

**Free breakfast and lunch
now available for all
UCPS students
until May 28, 2021**

Student ID numbers are required
for in-school meals.

A la carte items are also available for
purchase at regular prices.

#LoveServingTheU



DAR Good Citizen Award/Scholarship

Seniors, if you're interested in being
chosen as our Good Citizen and have
the opportunity to receive a
scholarship, please complete the
nomination form on our scholarship
page by Nov. 23!

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



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Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of students and staff we are implementing the following procedures for the 2020-2021 school year.



MEETING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Email your counselor to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment. If a student is in crisis they will need permission from their teacher to visit a counselor.



SAFETY MEASURES

One student in a counselor's office at a time
 Masks are required
 Remain 6ft apart
 Entrance doors will remain shut

REASONS TO CONTACT US

COUNSELORS
 Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, Ms. Goodwin

To discuss academic, social/emotional, and career questions. This includes, but is not limited to: Class selection, college/career choices, scholarships, and friendship/relationship/family issues.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
 Mrs. Corbett

To discuss career fields and job qualifications. To discuss internship options within the county. Students enrolled at SPCC can discuss class options. Students interested in SPCC can discuss how to get enrolled.

COUNSELING SECRETARY
 Mrs. Tweed

The first person you see when entering our office. Mrs. Tweed can provide transcripts and bus passes. She can help with most school-related questions and can help students determine if they should meet with a counselor.

New Daily Schedule

First Period:	9:05 to 10:35
Second Period:	10:40 to 12:10
Third Period:	12:15 to 2:10
Lunch A:	12:10 to 12:35
Lunch B:	12:42 to 1:07
Lunch C:	1:14 to 1:39
Lunch D:	1:46 to 2:10
Fourth Period:	2:15 to 3:45

Friday Schedule: Each student must check in with their teachers on Friday. Each teacher has been asked to communicate with students the expectations for each Friday. Attendance is taken on Friday, so students must complete assigned tasks for each teacher to be counted present. This information should be posted on each teacher Canvas page.

Monday and Tuesday– Last name A-K

Wednesday and Thursday– Last name L-Z



Parents can now access Scoir!

What can you do with a Scoir account?

1. See which colleges your child is following.
2. Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
3. Complete a personalized financial aid calculator to receive a custom price estimate.

How do you get a Scoir account?

Your child must invite you!

Students should:

- Log in
 - Visit "My Profile"
 - Click on "Invite a parent"
- Students will need their parent's email address.

Parents
 + Invite a Parent

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.

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Click on the
Ad to register

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

For more info and to register visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadinesswebinars>

Paying for College.....	September 21, 2020
Getting Ready for College.....	October 19, 2020
College Entrance Exams 101	November 16, 2020
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	December 8, 2020
Scoir for Underclassmen Parents.....	January 11, 2021
Paying for College.....	February 8, 2021
College Entrance Exams 101	March 8, 2021
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	April 19, 2021

All webinars will be held at 6:00 pm.
 Dates are subject to change.

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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](#)

This Week's Events:

Saturday November 21st: HOME – Cross Country – CATA Invite – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday November 23rd: AWAY – Volleyball – Anson High – 4:30/5:30 pm

Tuesday November 24th: HOME – Volleyball – Forest Hills – 4:30/5:30 pm

News & Information: [Click here](#) for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons

News & Information:

Parent Check List for Athletics: The following need to be completed prior to starting a sport at CATA:

- FamilyID – Completed & Approved: [Link Click Here](#)
- CATA Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting Sign Off – Completed [Link Click Here](#)
- **Contact** your student's coach. We need to know how many kids are trying out for sports (especially indoor sports) due to limitations on our numbers. Coaches Contact information can be found below



Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting: Due to limitations on gatherings, we will not be holding any in person preseason meetings. All students interested in participating should follow the link below to our virtual meeting and complete the sign off. This must be done before starting a sport. This only needs to be completed ONE time for the 2020-2021 school year. Teams will hold virtual parent nights after teams are selected.

Link: <https://forms.gle/b46cVRwuYxuBSfSr7>

UCPS Eligibility – Attendance Matters: Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in:

- Daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the NCHSAA.
- PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition, which may have created an attendance hardship.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 23rd – Start of Swimming Season, Tuesday, November 24th – Bryce Family YMCA – 8:00 – 9:15 pm

Please contact [Coach Goodwin](#) for more information

December 7th – Start of Basketball Season, Tryouts – Monday & Tuesday 12/7 & 12/8

Please contact [Coach Allran](#) (Women) or [Coach Smithson](#) (Men) for more information

[CLICK HERE FOR 2020-21 SPIRIT WEAR](#)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletic Department Contact Information:

Athletic Director - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Administrator over Athletics – Dr. Josh Wall – josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us
Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheerleading - Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football – Shane Griffin – Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com
Softball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com
Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Adjusted Sports Season's 2020-2021:

Volleyball: November 4th – January 9th
Cross Country: November 4th – January 9th
Swimming: November 23rd – January 28th
Men's & Women's Basketball: December 7th – February 19th
Basketball Cheer: November - February
Men's Soccer: January 11th – March 12th
Football: February 8th – April 9th
Football Cheer: February – April
Men's & Women's Golf: March 1st – April 30th
Men's Tennis: March 1st – April 30th
Softball: March 1st – April 30th
Women's Soccer: March 1st – April 30th
Baseball: April 12th – June 11th
Women's Tennis: April 12th – June 11th
Track & Field: April 12th – June 11th
Wrestling: April 12th – June 11th



COUGARS Live Streaming

Central Academy High School is happy to announce the return of our live streaming initiative for the 2020-2021 school year! Our school's automated live streaming cameras will allow student-athletes, parents, and fans to watch hundreds of athletic events throughout the year LIVE and ON-DEMAND from any device.

FOOTBALL – BASKETBALL – SOCCER
VOLLEYBALL – WRESTLING

A Subscription With Central Academy Athletics Includes:

- Access to the entire NFHS Network
- JV and Varsity Games
- Watch Live and On-Demand



Annual Pass - \$5.83/mo.
Billed at \$69.99
30% Goes Back to Central Academy

Monthly Pass - \$10.99/mo.
Billed Monthly. Cancel Anytime
10% Goes Back to Central Academy

Please visit ucpsathletics.com/livestreaming to subscribe today and start streaming LIVE.





The Den Digest (Media Center) & The Career Development Corner

The Den Digest

The CATA Media Center website has been transformed into a Virtual Learning Commons. Check out the website and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold. We will deliver it to you!

We have a new ebook service through Junior Library Guild: <https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com/>. Login directions can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d1Pw3Ys6VJcFJ87_0TaoAlxibynWt2RIHbT6JKDvz1A/edit?usp=sharing

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or

science teacher. You can still get a calculator if you are in the virtual academy.

<https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can still access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>

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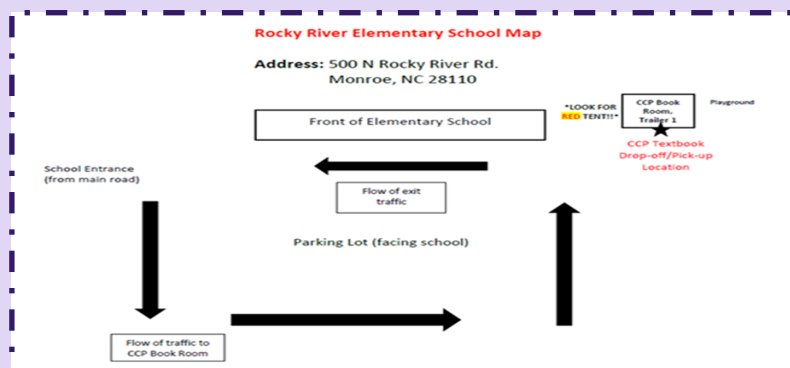
11/26—Thanksgiving

Career Development Corner

SPCC Update/Calendar Reminders:

December 11th – Initial UCPS deadline for completing SPCC registration for spring courses

All students are strongly encouraged to have completed the application, enrollment, and registration process for Spring 2021 CCP courses by this date. Completing the previous items by this date will help to ensure your course materials are purchased and prepared for you in a timely manner.



December 9th – 18th (Monday - Friday) – ***Fall textbook drop-off***

Students, who took CCP classes fall semester, will need to turn in their textbooks to the CCP Book Room at Rocky River Elementary, Tr. 1. Students, who still have textbooks from previous semesters, should also return their textbooks during this time (see map below). Textbook drop-off instructions are below:

Once students/parents arrive at Rocky River Elementary, park and walk up to the Career and College Promise (CCP) Book Room, Trailer 1. You will see a red tent, and the door will be open (See the map below).

Walk up to the door and place textbooks on the table by the door. **If there is a student dropping off a textbook at the door, please form a line by standing on the marked X's on the sidewalk.**



PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- [CATA PTSO- The Cougar Council](http://www.cataptso.org)

Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](http://www.cataptso.org)

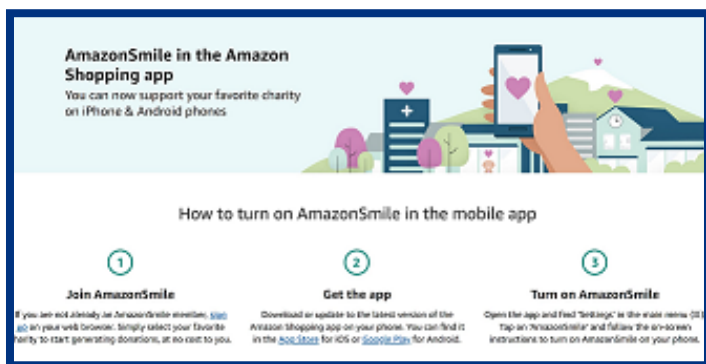
Click HERE- [PTSO APPLICATION/INVEST IN EXCELLENCE FORM](#)

Click HERE- [Online Invest in Excellence Donation Website](#)

HELLO CATA FAMILIES!! Please visit our CATA PTSO website www.cataptso.org for information including Invest in Excellence, PTSO Membership and more. Feel free to reach to us at catacougarcouncil@gmail.com with any questions, ideas or suggestions. We know this year will look very different for us all which is even more reason to get involved and stay informed.

NEW - MORE FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL:

Publix Partners has contributed \$37.7 million to more than 4,600 schools across the Southeast and YOU can help CATA receive some of those funds. Participating is easy, simply create or sign into your **Publix account** (www.publix.com/myaccount/register), click My Publix Partners at the top, and Central Academy of Technology & Arts as your school. That's IT! Then enter your phone number or use pay with the Publix app every time you check out. They'll give back to CATA just for shopping at Publix (it does not cost you any more to support CATA). **This is NEW so if you shop at Publix, please take a few minutes to sign up - thank you so much!**



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Harris Teeter Together in Education
(link to CATA using code 3612)

Amazon Smile
(<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>)

Freshman Theatre Show: "Etched" The Freshmen Theatre Students filmed a monologue show during their class time.
[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE SHOW!](#)





Yearbooks, Senior Tributes, Technology Assistance,

- ♦ **Yearbooks** are on sale for \$75.00. Reserve your copy to-day! Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>. Search for CATA.
- ♦ **Class of 2021 Senior Tributes** [CLICK HERE](#): If you would like to purchase a senior tribute for the yearbook, then click the link for pricing and to learn about the process!
- ♦ [Click here](#) and use password cougars20 to upload your photos. You can also download the **Yearbook Snap** app from the App Store or on Google Play.

Yearbooks on sale >>>
Remember the year forever, buy the yearbook or ad today!

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$75.00
Senior tributes are also on sale!

buy a yearbook

IT'S YOUR LIFE. SHARE YOUR PHOTOS OF IT!
YEARBOOK SNAP
SNAP IT — SHARE IT — SEE IT!

Walsworth yearbooks

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Senior Pictures

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CA DY **SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS** cady.com/schedule **SCHEDULE NOW >**
OUR SCHOOL'S EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

Technology Help Desk— Mr. Eddins

[Click Here for Assistance Form](#)

Email James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Links

[UCPS Technology Help Desk](#)

[UCPS Technology](#)

[Chromebook Start Up Link](#)

[Canvas Help](#)

Help Desk for Students:

Monday 8:30AM – 10:AM

Tuesday 12PM – 1:30PM

Wednesday 8:30AM – 10AM

Thursday 12PM – 1:30PM





School Safety, Attendance and Notes, Parking Passes, Bus Information

School Protocols Safety– [Click Here](#)
Click [here](#) for state Guidelines

Attendance will be taken for student participation on their assigned day at school and virtually each day in Power School.

School is in session and students are expected to be in class or logged into a class session at the appropriate time each day unless otherwise stated.

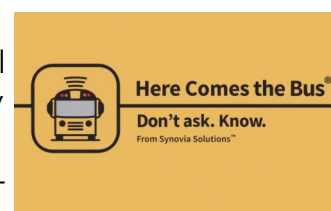


Parking Passes One cannot drive and park at the school if they have not purchased a parking pass. Parking in any lot other than the student parking lot is not permitted. The process for purchasing parking pass is on FamilyID this year, an account will need to be created if you do not already have one. [Click here for FamilyID](#). Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who has outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via student UCPS email. Parking passes are \$45. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. [Andrea Nahum](#).



Bus Info: Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents

should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Attendance and Absence Notes:

Absence notes must be **emailed** and/or scanned to [Mr. William Smith](#) our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover some unexcused absences.



Fall Exam Schedule-continued on the next page

Monday, December 14

1st period review 9:05 to 10:35 (This is a regular day of school for all Plan B and Plan D students)

Tuesday, December 15

9:05 – 1:05 1st period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan B and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 1st period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 2nd period review Plan B and Plan D

Wednesday, December 16

9:05 – 1:05 2nd period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan B and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 2nd period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 3rd period review Plan B and Plan D

Thursday, December 17

9:05 – 1:05 3rd period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan B and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 3rd period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 4th period review Plan B and Plan D

Friday, December 18

9:05 – 1:05 4th period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan B and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 4th period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: Bus riders will sit in the gym or café until time to leave school with masks and distance.

Monday, December 21- Make-up Exams

9:05 – 1:05 Make-up **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan B and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- Make-up **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: Bus riders will sit in the gym or café until time to leave school with masks and distance.

Exam Information

All students who take STATE EOC or CTE Exams must take their exam in the school building. If a student does not complete their final State exam (EOC or CTE) or teacher made exam within the five-day window they will receive a final grade of 0 and it will be averaged into their final grade. Mask, social distance, and room capacity rules will apply. Student drivers must park in their assigned student parking lot spot. If you have not purchased a parking spot then you need to have a parent bring you to and pick you up from school. Please do not drive to school without a parking pass.

List of At School STATE Exams

CTE STATE Exams

Advanced Manufacturing (Bernhard)
Apparel & Textile Production I (Casey)
Audio Engineering Technology I (King)
Audio Engineering Technology II (King)
Automotive Service I (Page & Pressley)
Automotive Service and Suspension (Page)
Business Law Honors (Union County Virtual)
Career Management (Union County Virtual)
Collision Repair Fundamentals (Aldridge)
Electronics DC (Hansen)
Foods and Nutrition (Casey)
Health Science I (Allran and Black)
Principles of Business & Finance (Union County Virtual)
Robotics Engineering (Bernhard)

EOC State Exams

Biology
English II
Math I
Math III

.....continued on the next page

All students who have **Teacher Made Exams** will take their exams virtually. If your student has a problem with an exam, then they need to do the following

- Email the teacher
- Call the school immediately and ask for one of the assistant principals Dr. Wall or Mr. Stewart
- Teacher made exams will be posted on Canvas or on a link to Canvas. The teacher will communicate to students and parents exam links and expectations.

Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY: Students will be notified by their teacher on Monday, 12/14.

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 in the building during exam days is required for all students who are taking **EOC and CTE Exams**. Students who are taking teacher made exams should take their exam from home. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **December 21** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. If missing the exam is due to Covid-19, the school will communicate a plan with each individual student and family. **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.**

Dismissal: All students who drive to school and those who have parents drive them to school should plan to leave school around 1:05. Those students may eat lunch then go home or go directly home. **The only students who should remain on campus are bus riders.** Bus riders will go to their appropriate review session classes after lunch. All other students (car drivers and car riders should log into review sessions virtually). Students who ride buses who plan to leave early instead of waiting on the bus need to have a note they give to their teacher and the teacher will give the student a specific color pass to leave each day.

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 virtual study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- We know studying with classmates virtually can be different but still effective.
- 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

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

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between December 15 and December 21. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, 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 on canvas to students prior to testing. Teachers will have virtual review sessions for each class as stated in the schedule above. 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.

UCPS and CATA Principal Exam Letter

CATA Families,

This is Principal Merritt with a very important message. Please listen closely!!!

The U.S. Department of Education announced that a waiver from testing **will not** be granted meaning that all students must take final exams. Students who are receiving instruction will be expected to take their final exams during the last five days of the semester.

Students who are enrolled in an EOC or CTE State Assessment course via **Plan B** or **Plan D** will be **required** to take their tests at the school and not at home during the exam week.

Students who are enrolled in other courses will take Teacher-Made exams virtually and will not report to school on those days.

All exams will be counted for 25% of a student's final grade for the course. Students who fail to participate in the associated final exam will receive a '0' for their final exam grade.

Please see the attached Fall Exam Schedule for details and please take the time to have a discussion with your student about their final exams. Your student's teachers have already shared their expectations about exams.

In closing, if your student needs bus transportation during exam week (December 15 - December 18), you will need to fill out the Google form link by Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 PM. We will get your student assigned to a bus.

[Click here for the Bus Transportation Form.](#)

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Principal Merritt



Red Cross Blood Drive



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Blood Drive

Friday, December 4th
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Gym
600 Brewer Dr
Monroe, NC 28110

All donations tested for COVID19 antibodies!

To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org
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