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Dear CATA Family,

-Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter. Please [click here](#) and or see **pages 9 and 10**. This includes information about Senior Academic Signings, Senior Week Festivities, Graduation (Tickets and Parking), Scholarship reporting, Senior Pass Events, and more. All seniors and parents need to review this letter.

-Whitewater Center Trip Update: Seniors the Whitewater Center Trip now has the \$75 day pass option and payment information and procedures have been emailed to students. Please read the email, sign up to go, fill out a waiver form, and pay online by Monday, May 9. Parents were sent the same information via Connect Ed. email. Fill out this form to sign up to go on the trip: [Click Here](#). [Click here](#) for the payment options for the trip. [Click here](#) to read about the activities offered. **Students must pick up a Waiver form in the front office and return by Monday, May 9 to the front office or use the attachment emailed to students and parents.**

Payment Options

\$75 day pass and bring your own money for food

\$80 day pass with rafting and bring your own money for food

\$85 day pass with extra zip lining and bring your own money for food

\$90 day pass with rafting and extra zip lining and bring your own money for food

\$90 day pass and lunch

\$95 day pass, lunch, and rafting

\$100 day pass, lunch, and UPGRADED zip line

\$105 day pass, lunch, rafting, and UPGRADED zip line

-Senior Dance Show: The Performing Arts Dancers present the Senior Dance Show on Friday and Saturday May 13 & 14. Tickets are \$5 at [cata.seatyourself.biz](#).

-Spring Exam Information, Dates, and Procedures are on pages 11 and 12. AP Exams: The schedule is posted on Page 4

-PTSO Taxby's CATA Spirit Night: Tuesday, May 10 PTSO in Monroe 4-8 PM, percentage of proceeds go to the CATA PTSO

-Prom 2022: Join us for a Night Under the Stars for Prom 2022 on May 21 from 8:00 to 11:00pm in the CATA courtyard. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 or 2 for \$55. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Once purchased, please [click here](#) to fill out the Google Form to be put on the guest list! Seniors and Juniors please also check your emails for the Prom Court Nomination form. Prom guest forms are in the front office and outside of Ms. Casey's Room.

-Senior Graduation Name Pronunciations: Each Senior please be sure that you submit an audio file to Dr. Wall of your full first, middle, and last name before Wednesday, May 11. Email it to Dr. Wall. **This is required.**

-Senior Scholarship Reporting: Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9. **Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions:** Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact [Mrs. Henry](#) for important details about the process.

-CATA Food Drive: Please see information on Page 2

-Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors: Are you interested in joining CATA's Beta Club next year? If so, please check your email to find the application link and information. All applications are due by May 24th. We hope you'll join us next year!

-Yearbook, Remembering the Holocaust, Mythology, and Creative Writing: To sign up for one of these electives next year [click here](#).

Travel Club: The 2022 Travel Club just returned from an amazing trip to Italy. Sign up now for the interest meeting for the 2023 trip to Belize Thursday, May 12th at 7:00. Check you email to register for the zoom call.

-Important PTSO Information Page 7

-Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 4 & 5

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 6** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

-Senior Class of 2022 Information on Page 3, Media Center Information- The DEN on **Page 3, School Procedure Information Page 8**. 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



Student Life Information

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Minority Student Union: Friday, May 6, 8:30 AM, The Den

Student Council Officer Meeting: Monday, May 9, 8:20 AM, The Den

Beta Club: Tuesday, May 10, 8:30 AM & 3:45, The Den

Student Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 8:20 AM, Ms. Pentecost's Rm.

Speech and Debate: Thursday, May 12, 3:45 Rm. 601

Pictured are Charvi Kavadekar, Hannah Layton, and Jase Buel boxing up the collected **648 books to donate to the Union County Book Bus.**

Please congratulate the cast, pit, and crew of Heathers for their Blumey nominations for Heathers which are:

Best Student Orchestra Nominee
 Best Student Critic - Brody Martin Nominee
 Best Choreography Execution Nominee
 Best Ensemble/Chorus Nominee
 Best Overall Direction Nominee
 Best Supporting Actress Nominee - Rachel St. Gerlais as Heather Chandler
 Wells Fargo Best Musical - Tier 2
 Best Actor Nominee Rep- Omari Cupid as JD
 Best Actress Nominee Rep - Lana Patel as Heather McNamara

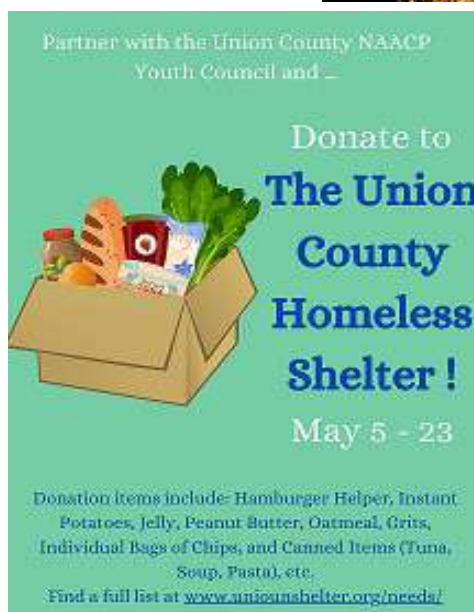
Please note: Josie Roller (costumes) and Margo Smith (stage managing) will also be representing us this week to compete for the Costumes and Stage Managing nominations/awards.

Omari Cupid and Lana Patel will also spend this week in rehearsals prepping for a final audition for the top 6 best actor/actress nominations! ANDDDDD- We get to perform Beautiful at the Blumeys!

-Our Transportation Academy amazing students and teachers had a great showing at the Skills USA state competition in Greensboro this past week! Sarah Miller placed 4th in automotive refinishing and Seth Quinones placed 2nd! Dalton Medlin placed 2nd in Collision Damage Appraisal! Ryan Long placed 2nd in Collision Repair! Evan Kissel placed 1st in Power Equipment Technology! CJ Mayo and Abigail McDonald placed 2nd with the Datsun in automotive skills showcase!

-Our **Track and Cross Country** Teams earned \$7400 at their first ever Spring Fest fundraiser: Way to go!

-Our **Coffee House** this week sponsored by Mr. Stiver, the Chorus teacher was full of talented students and we have a great event to hold again in the future.



Donation Items

- Hamburger Helper
- Instant Potatoes
- Granola Bars
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Oatmeal
- Grits
- Individual Bags of Chips
- Canned Items
- Tuna
- Chicken
- Beans
- Fruit
- Vegetable
- Soup
- Pasta
- Fruit Juice
- Milk (regular or dry)
- Condiment Bottles
- Dry Pasta and Ramen
- Toaster Pastries
- Dried Beans
- Rice
- Fresh Eggs and Produce

Find a full list at www.uniounshelter.org/needs/



Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

**Den
Digest**

Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click here](#) for the Spring Senior Letter.



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The Den Digest

Check out the Virtual Learning Commons 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? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher. <https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

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

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



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

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



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

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

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

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



AP Exam Schedule

Monday, May 2:

AP Government, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 206/207

Tuesday, May 3:

AP Environmental Science, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

AP Psychology, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

Wednesday, May 4:

AP English Literature, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 206/207

AP Computer Science A, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 206/207

Thursday, May 5:

AP Statistics, 12:00 PM, CATA Media Center

Friday, May 6:

AP US History, 8 AM, CATA Media Center

AP European History, 8 AM, Guidance

Monday, May 9:

AP Calculus AB/BC, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

AP Computer Science Principles 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

Tuesday, May 10:

AP English Language, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

Wednesday, May 11:

AP Biology, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

Thursday, May 12:

AP Physics 1, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 206/207



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Information from the Counseling Department

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

CATA CTE Students: Are you looking for a free summer camp opportunity that will expose you to a variety of career options in your academy pathway? Then you should apply for one of many high school career accelerator camps available. You must apply by May 15th. See the attached flyer for the link to apply or see Ms. Bartell in guidance.



**CHARLOTTE EYE
EAR NOSE & THROAT
ASSOCIATES, P.A.®**

**OPHTHALMIC APPRENTICESHIP
PROGRAM WITH CEENTA**

This program brings candidates into the world of eye care through classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and hands-on experience from our selected trainers to prepare them for a role as a CEENTA Ophthalmic Assistant, Imaging Technician, or Contact Lens Technician.

Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates, P.A. (CEENTA) is looking for high school graduates to take part in a one-year paid apprenticeship with our award-winning Ophthalmology Department!

IDEAL CANDIDATES ARE:

- High school graduates with a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- 18 years of age by the start date of the program (August 30th, 2022)
- Available full-time (40 hours/week) during the duration of the program

Apply Starting On
MAY 16TH, 2022

Apprenticeship Begins
AUGUST 30TH, 2022



COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATE - FULL BENEFITS PACKAGE - GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT AFTER COMPLETION

For additional information, please contact CEENTA's Recruiting Team (recruiting@ceenta.com).




Summer
CAREER ACCELERATOR CAMPS

Are you looking for **FREE**, fun and engaging summer activities for your middle or high school student? Union County Public Schools is offering nearly 20 Career and Technical Education camps that will expose students to a variety of careers and provide hands-on experiences. Camp options include music production, robotics, coding, career exploration, culinary, finance, automotive service and health science.

DETAILS:

WHEN: Camps are weekly in June and July
WHERE: Various middle and high schools
COST: No cost for families
MEALS: Lunch will be provided
TRANSPORTATION: Transportation is not provided

Additional information and registration:
APPLY BY MAY 15
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>

 CTE
Career & Technical Education

CATA Counseling 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 Cole : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

Stephanie Graham: Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

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

Last Week's Results

Tuesday, April 26: Women's Soccer wins 5-0 vs West Stanley

Wednesday, April 27: Softball lost to MP 11-6; Tennis loses to North Buncombe in 1st Round of Dual 3A NCHSAA playoffs; Golf wins RRC Championship

Thursday, April 28: Baseball wins a double header vs Monroe; Softball wins vs Forest Hills; Tennis Regionals - Congratulations to Alex Bhargava for advancing to 3A NCHSAA Meet

Friday, April 29: Track and Field: Congrats to Manny Williams for coming in first in the 800m (1:53:33) at the Weddington meet.

Monday, May 2: CATA Golf competed in 3A Regionals on Mon in Salisbury. Great job for finishing 6th overall. Congrats to Alexander Murphy for finishing 4th overall w/ a 75 & qualifying for the state tournament! Soccer wins 5-0 vs Anson on Senior night.

Tuesday, May 3: Baseball wins in the first round of the conference tournament against Monroe 15-0; Softball wins against Forest Hills in the first round of the conference tournament 10-0.

Wednesday, May 4: Baseball loses to West Stanley in the second round of the conference Tournament 8-6; Softball loses to West Stanley in the second round of the conference tournament.

Congratulations to our Men's Golf Team: Let's hear it for our Golf Team! Regular Season Champs; RRC Tournament Champs; RRC Tournament Champion; Justin Jenkins Player of the Year - Justin Jenkins; Coach of the Year - Coach Jacobus Good luck to Alex Bhargava as he will compete in **Tennis States** Fri & Sat.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 6: (A) Soccer vs. Parkwood 6:00 PM

SB TBA @ West Stanly - RRC Championship 7:00 PM; (A) Tennis 3A NCHSAA States - TBA

Monday, May 9: (A) Golf @ Pinehurst 3A NCHSAA State Championship 9:00 PM - Day 1; Good luck to Alexander Murphy!; (H) Soccer vs. Monroe /Location: Monroe HS 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 10: (A) Golf @ Pinehurst 3A NCHSAA State Championship - Day 2
TBA - SB 1st Round 3A NCHSAA Playoffs

(H) Soccer vs. Salisbury/Location: Monroe HS 6:00 PM; Senior Night for Golf, Tennis, and Track

Thursday, May 12: (H) Soccer vs. Parkwood
Location: Monroe HS 7:30 PM

Friday, May 13: (A) T/F Regional Meet
@Davie HS 9:00 AM

News & Information

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate.



Spring Contact Information:

Baseball – Erik von Husen
erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus –
mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis –
soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

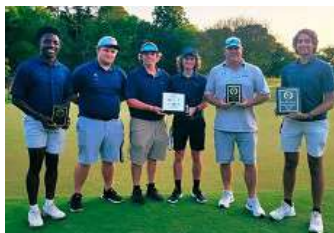
Softball – Nathan Stewart– Interim
olynate105@gmail.com

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa –
kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner –
jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us



Congrats to Brady Ross who will be heading to Coker College next year for wrestling!





CATA PTSO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

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2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSO board for next year. We have a few more spots to fill including Membership, Scholarship/Grant and Fundraising. If you've been involved at your previous school(s), please reach out. High School PTSO involvement is much different than elementary or middle school - less hands on and more behind the scenes - and we need you! New to this whole PTSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSO experience needed - just a desire to share ideas, brainstorm and have input on how to support CATA. Our goal is to provide resources and support for our school and give our children the best learning experience (oh and we have fun too - it's a great way to meet new CATA parents).

If you'd like to learn more about any of these open needs or just to learn more about CATA PTSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).



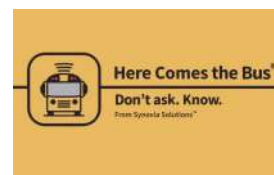
Items to Remember

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 up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence. **Additions to the UCPS Attendance Policy: While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6 week grading period as the absence. This means the school will take it under consideration.**



Bus Transportation:

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](#)



Parking Passes— are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform **"FamilyID"** An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://bit.ly/3s9faWh>



Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#), our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number. Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.



CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. [Click here](#)

-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. [Click here to view.](#)

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: [Click here](#) and go to pages 21-23.



Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com

Technology Help Desk

Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us

Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519



Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
Friday 9AM – 10:30AM

Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2022,

We are very proud of every one of you. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

Graduation: Our graduation date is on **Tuesday, June 7, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium**. The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home webpage. We will share the link closer to the date of the event. In addition, we will send senior families logistics on parking and stadium entrance about two weeks before the event.

Name Pronunciations: All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by **Weds. May 11**. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us with your first and last name in the subject line.

Senior Scholarship Reporting: Email or turn in a hard copy of all scholarship offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you do not plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by Monday, May 9.

Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions: Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact [Mrs. Henry](#) for important details about the process.

Rain and Weather: Unless otherwise stated we will hold our graduation at 8:00 AM. If you arrive and there is a delay, please check our social media sites for updates. Since we are at an off campus venue, then we will ask graduates and guests to wait in their cars until we give an all clear unless otherwise announced. If there is not a delay for lightning and just rain, then you may stay in the stands with an umbrella if you do not wish to go to your car. **It is strongly suggested you bring a towel to wipe down seats or stadium seat cushions.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CATAMonroeNC/>

Twitter Account: @CATAMonroeNC

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/catamonroenc/>

Website: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/10>

Tickets and Parking Passes: Each graduate is allowed 4 tickets and has a chance to request up to two more for a total of 6 tickets until May 3rd. Each graduate will receive one parking pass. A family with a special circumstance in need of a second parking pass may request one by emailing Dr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us. Each family should try to only use the one pass. **Extra Ticket Request Form:** <https://bit.ly/3rjptYC>

Returning Items to CATA: This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Jiffy Pass, library materials, and other school owned items. Seniors are asked to drop these items off in the main office starting Friday, 5/23 up until Friday 5/27. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation. All items need to be returned and all owed fees paid. Students will not receive tickets or passes if items are not returned and fees are not paid.

Attire: All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

Graduation Practice and Packet Pick up Day: Monday, June 6, 2-4 PM

Graduation Practice is on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Spring Senior Letter Continued

Graduation Packets: Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps). Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets. Students should bring any remaining items or fees to the front office. **Students will not be allowed to pick up packets if they owe materials and fees to the school.**

Senior Class Picture: Cady Studios has not uploaded the picture for students to purchase at this time, but it will be available soon at <https://cady.com/capgown22>. It is a 10x30 print for the cost of \$30. It can be found in "add ons" on the ordering site.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online payments through the Central Academy Website, or make direct payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.

Graduation Day Procedures: We will use the home side permanent stands, temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage (about 3 feet so they can be easily seen by guests in the stands). **No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking passes and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Deana Huneycutt. Deana.Huneycutt@ucps.k12.nc.us**

Diploma Packets: Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets after students and parents enter the stadium to the students. Students must pick up their diploma packets before being seated. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial too).

Photographer: The student will stop on stage for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

Senior Pass holder Events:

April 29: Grab and Go Cookies for Senior PASS Holders only (Cougar Time)

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Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

Spring Semester Exam Dates 2021-2022

Friday, May 27

9:05-1:05 1st Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Tuesday May 31:

9:05-1:05 2nd Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Wednesday June 1:

9:05-1:05 3rd Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Thursday June 2:

9:05-1:05 4th Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Friday June 3:

9:05-1:05 Make-Up Exams: Students making up exams should arrive by 9:00 AM

Exam Information:

1) **Exam Exemption Policy: For TEACHER MADE EXAMS ONLY. Each teacher will notify exempt students.** 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

Teacher made tests are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student. Exam exemptions only apply to teacher made tests and are not available in courses which require the administration of an End of Course or state mandated final exams. Students enrolled in AP courses will still be required to take the AP exam. Students are expected to take all other assessments given at the school.

2) **EOC Exams cannot be exempted:** (Biology, English II, Math I, and Math III) taken on campus

3) **CTE Exams cannot be exempted:** Apparel I, Apparel II, Network Engineering Technology III, Audio Engineering Technology I, Electronics AC, Automotive Service Engine Drivetrain LCO, Automotive Service Fundamentals, Automotive Service II, Introduction to Cyber Security, Robotics I, Health Science I

4) **All teacher made exams are taken ON CAMPUS**

5) **Only teacher made exams can be exempted and each teacher will notify the student if they are exempted from the exam the Monday before exams begin.**

6) **June 3rd** 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.**

7) **Dismissal: The school day ends around 1:05 PM or a little after when the exam period is over.** All car drivers must go home, all students who ride cars must go home, and bus riders can have a parent come pick them up or will wait at the school until the buses arrive in a supervised designated area. We are anticipating buses arriving between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. A student does not need a note to leave school if you drive, have a parent pick you up, or ride a bus home.

8) **Teachers will be available via email until 3:45 PM** each day if students have exam or grade related questions.

9) **Lunch** will be served directly after exams for those that wish to eat lunch at school in the cafeteria.

Exam Study Tips and Information:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 9:00 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

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 May 27-June 3. 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 timeframe.

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 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.