



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

- **Senior Week 2022** is next week May 16-20. Please see page 3 for full details. Senior parents will receive a connect Ed. Message and students an email.

- **Progress Reports:** Students should receive mid 6 weeks progress reports on 5/13

- **Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter.** Please [click here](#) and or see **pages 8 and 9**. 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.

- **Spring Exam Information, Dates, and Procedures** are on **pages 10 and 11**.

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

- **Senior Dance Show:** The Dance Academy Presents "Everything is". May 13th and 14th at 7:00 pm in the theatre. Tickets can be purchased at [cata.seatyourself.biz](http://cata.seatyourself.biz).

- **Spring Band and Chorus Concert:** Please come out and support our amazing Band and Chorus students at our annual spring show entitled "Cinematic." On Friday, May 20 at 6 PM in the practice field by the bus parking lot. Enjoy hearing amazing movie music and enjoying food trucks! See you there!

- **Color Guard Tryouts:** Do you enjoy music, visuals or dance? The CATA Band of Blue will be holding color guard tryouts on May 23r, 24, and 26 from 4:30 PM on the CATA Campus. No prior experience is required and we will provide all equipment. Please dress to do athletic maneuvers.

- **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. **This is past due.** Email it to Dr. Wall. **This is required.**

- **CATA Food Drive:** Do you have extra cans lying in your cupboards? Are you interested in giving back to the community? Now through May 23, we are collecting canned food and nonperishable items to give back to the Union County Homeless Shelter. These items include peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, and dried pasta. By partnering with the Union County NAACP Youth Council, you will not only be giving back to your community in this food drive but also positively impacting lives. **Please see information on Page 2**

- **Senior Breakfast Donations Needed:** The Annual Senior Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, May 18 and Senior parents -WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please click on the SignUpGenius link below to donate items or your time to this fun event. Our seniors are looking forward to it! [Click here](#) to donate items

- **Senior Pass holder Event :** May 13 (8:30-9:15) student lot Dunkin Donuts for ALL Seniors and Coffee Bar for Senior PASS Holders ONLY

-- **Counseling Center & Career Development Information:** on **Page 4**

- **Important PTSO Information** **Page 6**

- **Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 5** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

- **Senior Class of 2022 Information** on **Page 3**, **School Procedure Information** **Page 7**. 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

**Union County Art Show:** [Click here to see artwork:](#) CATA students earned the following awards:

**Black and White Drawing-**

Honorable Mention- Roman Lopina

3<sup>rd</sup> place- Liana Fawcett

**Sculpture-**

Honorable Mention- Payton Wheeler

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Hailey Chavez

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Ava Vazquetelles

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Natorian Green

**Beta Club:** 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!

**Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week**

**Student Council Officer Meeting:** Monday, May 16, 8:20 AM, The Den

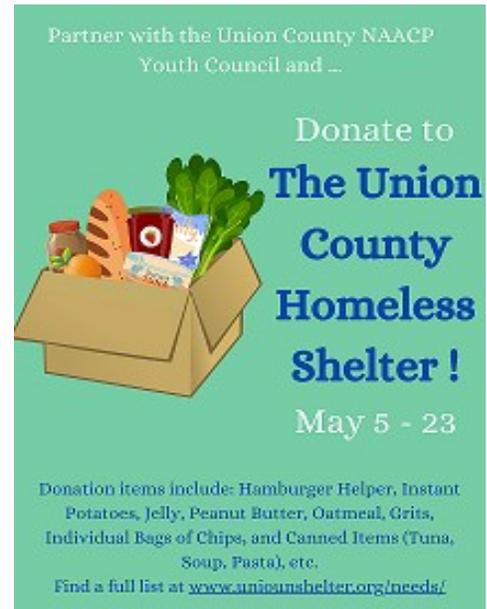
**Knitting for Good:** Monday, May 16, 4:00 PM, Rm. 601

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**Creative Writing Club Meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 3:45 , Rm. 610

**Speech and Debate:** Thursday, May 19, 3:45 Rm. 601

**Minority Student Union:** Friday, May 20, 8:30 AM, The Den



**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/](http://www.uniounshelter.org/)





## Senior Class of 2022 Information

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

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**SENIORS NEED TO BRING A WHITE T SHIRT ON THIS DAY TO TIE DYE A**

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### **Senior Week Spirit Days:**

**Monday - Futures Day / Dress Like a Middle School Student:** On the day of your academic signing wear your college gear or the uniform or dress code of the job you'll be going into. All the terrible stuff we thought looked cool in middle school.

**Tuesday - Futures Day/ Paparazzi Disguise Day:** On the day of your academic signing wear your college gear or the uniform or dress code of the job you'll be going into. Dress like a celebrity who's avoiding being seen by the paparazzi.

**(Monday and Tuesday on your senior signing day you will have futures day and the other day you will dress according to the theme)**

**Wednesday - Senior Citizen Day:** Senior citizen day: dress like the other kind of Senior on this spirit day

**Thursday - Tie-Dye Day:** Wear your tie-dye shirts made on Wednesday

**Friday - Whiteout:** White out for the chalk war at the field day



# 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](#)

**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.



**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.

**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



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

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

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!

Apply Starting On **MAY 16TH, 2022**  
 Apprenticeship Begins **AUGUST 30TH, 2022**




# 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/>



### 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

### Thursday, May 5

Soccer 1- Forest Hills 4

Track and Field @ Anson RRC Championship

- Boys win the RRC Championship / Girls finished 3rd!
- Top 3 performers included:
- Manny Williams finished 2nd in the 400m (50.98)
- Isaac Brown finished 1st in the 800m(2:06.08)
- Ben Wojtkowiak finished 2nd in the 800m (2:06.52)
- Emmanuel Williams finished 3rd in the 800m (2:07.99)
- Andrew Catapano finished 1st in the 1600m(4:51.20)
- Evan Brown finished 2nd in the 300 Hurdles (43.55)
- 4x200 Relay finished 3rd (1:33.28)
- 4x400 Relay finished 1st (3:30.02)
- 4x800 Relay finished 1st 8:47.48)
- Manny Williams finished 1st in High Jump (6' 02")
- Roger Melchor finished 2nd in Triple Jump(41' 04 ½")
- Seth Averill finished 2nd in Discus (137' 3")
- Avery Pardue finished first in the 200m (26.10)
- Avery Pardue finished first in the 400m (1:00.91)
- Gracer Lane finished 2nd in the 800m (2:25.84)
- 4x400 Relay finished 1st (4:19.62)
- 4x800 Relays finished 2nd (12:08.28)
- Jadah Pringle finished 3rd in Disc (83' 05")
- Jadah Pringle finished 2nd in Shot (30' 02.5")

**Softball 0 - Parkwood 16**

**Monday, May 9:** Soccer 6 -. Monroe 2

**Tuesday, May 10:** Golf NCHSAA State Championship: Congratulations to Alexander Murphy for taking 9th place!; Soft ball 1st Round 3A NCHSAA Playoffs: CATA 1 - Crest 7; Soccer 5 - Parkwood 1

## Upcoming Events:

### Friday, May 13

(A) Track and Field Regional Meet @Davie HS 9:00 AM

### Monday, May 16

TBA - Soccer 1st Round 3A NCHSAA Playoffs

### Thursday, May 19

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### Friday, May 20

(A) Track and Field @ 3A NCHSAA State Meet - A&T Greensboro

## 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](mailto:erik.vonHusen@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** – Nathan Stewart– Interim

[olynate105@gmail.com](mailto:olynate105@gmail.com)

**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)



**CATA PTSO Website:** [www.cataptso.org](http://www.cataptso.org) **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA\_ptso  
**Email:** [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://k12paymentcenter.com)

**Technology Help Desk**  
**[Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exams

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

## Tuesday May 31:

9:05-1:05 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exams

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

## Wednesday June 1:

9:05-1:05 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exams

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

## Thursday June 2:

9:05-1:05 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.