

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Families,

Our performing arts dancers and theater students, chorus students, and band students all had a wonderful **Winter Collaborative** concert this past Friday and Monday, and our students participated in the Hour of Code. Today we had an advisory period where **report cards** were distributed, Freshmen had a lesson on goal setting through Family Connection, Sophomores completed a career interest profiler through Family Connection, Juniors reviewed ACT, SAT, personal essay writing, and future plans, and Seniors reviewed scholarships through Family Connection. Our Winter Spirit week is next week. Monday is pajama day within the dress code. Please see the ad inside for the spirit days for the rest of the week. **The PTSO is requesting items for the Star Breakfast** on 12/12: Please click [here](#) to sign up for an item to donate. The **PTSO Student Academic Recognition breakfast** is Tuesday, December 12 at 8:45 AM in the Gym. The names of students being recognized are posted in this edition and on the bulletin board across from guidance. The **Winter Band Concert** is on Thursday, 12/14 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The **Junior Theatre Show of Romeo and Juliet** is on 12/8 and 12/9 –tickets are \$5. **Spring Musical** - "On the Town" Support Character and Ensemble Auditions are on 12/12 from 3:45-5:30. Students should prepare 16 bars to perform. This is open to all Central Academy Students. The **International Thespian Society's** Inductions will be held on December 13th at 6:30. Please make sure to RSVP to Ms. Casey by 12/8. The **ASVAB Career Interest Inventory** will be given to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who signed up with guidance on Friday, 12/8 during 1st and 2nd block. The **Fall Exam** Schedule is posted in this edition, along with study tips and important exam information. Click [here](#) for Exam information on our website. Parents, every day at school counts, please ensure your students are here every day to learn. Our last day of school is Friday 12/15 before the holiday and we start back on January 2nd.

The Robotics Club is selling Tumblers for \$30. Give the gift of an insulated tumbler with the CATA logo! Proceeds will support our robotics club! Contact any Robotics Club student, Mr. Markle or Mrs. Bounds to place your order. Please see details in this edition. **The CATA National Honor Society chapter is having a drive to collect new and gently used blankets and onesies** that will be delivered to public hospitals in Honduras. Students should bring the items to The Den. There will be a prize for the first block class that contributes the most items. The student council is hosting its annual **basketball tournament** on 12/15. Please see Ms. Foreman if you are interested in registering a team. Tickets will be on sale at lunch from 12/11 to 12/14 for \$5. Please see details in this edition. **Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). **Seniors** -The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is posted on the website. Click [here](#) for the letter. Parents please remember to link your Amazon account to **Amazon Smile** to earn money for our PTSO, and therefore for our school. **Bookmark this link and shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614> and Amazon donates to CATA PTSO #YouShopAmazonDonates**

Please take time to read over this newsletter to see the great things our children and teachers are doing. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars! Dr. Fisenne

Winter Break Office Hours

12/18 and 12/19
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
*limited staff, please call ahead

12/20 to 1/1
Office is closed



Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614> and Amazon donates to Central Academy Of Technology & Arts PtsO Inc. #YouShopAmazonDonates

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College and Career Corner

Class Information from the School Counselors

Senior Information Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum .

Please click [here](#) to see the Fall Senior Letter.



College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

College Visits to Central Academy: [Click here to sign up for the event](#)

Scholarship Information— [Click Here for more Senior Scholarship Information](#)

Student Opportunities

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam, on February 27, 2018. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week. All Juniors will also take the SAT this spring during the school day.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the SAT , a college entrance exam, on April 24, 2018

Attentions Students: Site Based Team Student Representatives.

Congratulations to Kayla Myers and Alex Pendergast for being chosen as our student representative on the site based leadership team, which is a team of elected parents, teachers, and students, along with administrators that keeps the lines of communications open and makes recommendations for the school and its strategic plan. Talk to them if you need to know or want to know about the Site Based Team!



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 & Re-cording Arts.



UCPS Realignment

Community members can view drafts of realignment maps at three Union County libraries. The maps will be available at the Monroe, Union West and Waxhaw branches throughout the realignment process. The draft maps will still be accessible from the Student Realignment Citizens Advisory Committee webpage, which can be accessed from the UCPS website at www.ucps.k12.nc.us. Details about the branches are listed below.

Monroe Library

316 E. Windsor St.
 Monroe, NC 28112
Phone: 704-283-8184

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00
 Friday: 9:00 to 6:00
 Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00
 Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

Waxhaw Branch Library

509 S. Providence St.
 Waxhaw, NC 28173
Phone: 704-843-3131

Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 to 6:00
 Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00
 Sunday: closed

Union West Regional Library

123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd
 Indian Trail, NC 28079
Phone: 704-821-7475

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00
 Friday: 9:00 to 6:00
 Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00
 Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

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](#).

Please check for more athletic information at the [CATA Athletics Website](#)

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](#)

Results:

Women's Basketball – Loss vs. Union Academy, Loss vs. Piedmont Community Charter, Loss vs. Weddington

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Union Academy, Loss vs. Piedmont Community Charter, Loss vs. Weddington

Wrestling – Win vs. Charlotte Latin School, Win vs. West Stanly

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 8th:

AWAY – Basketball @ Union Academy – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

Saturday, December 9th:

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Fast Track – Winston Salem

AWAY – Wrestling – Bishop McGuinness – Kernersville

Monday, December 11th:

AWAY – Basketball @ Parkwood – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

Tuesday, December 12th:

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – Forest Hills – 3:45 pm

AWAY – Swimming – Concord YMCA – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Porter Ridge

-JV Girls – 4:30 pm, JV Boys & Varsity Girls to Follow – NO Varsity Boys Game

Thursday, December 14th:

AWAY – Basketball vs. Sun Valley – JV Girls Start @ 4:00 pm

HOME – Wrestling vs. Forest Hills & Parkwood – 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 16th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Statesville High School Tournament – All Day Event

HOME – Men's Basketball Alumni Game – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19th:

AWAY – Basketball @ Cuthbertson High – 6:00 pm – Varsity Only

AWAY – Wrestling @ Buford High – 6:00 pm

Dates to Know:

Exams – 1/19 to/26: All non-winter sports are dead from 1/18 to 1/29 & Weight Room is closed.

Spring Sports Parent Night – Monday – January 29th @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

Winter Sports Awards Night – Monday – March 12th @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – alouallen@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

CATA Alumni Men's Basketball Game

The 1st annual CATA men's Basketball Alumni game will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the CATA gym. Any male alumni who has played at least one season of Varsity basketball at CATA is welcomed to participate. Registration cost is \$20 and will include a T-shirt. Family and friends are invited to come out and watch the game, admission is free. Please send payment and T-shirt size to David Daniels at Central Academy of Technology and Arts, 600 Brewer Dr, Monroe NC 28112. Please make checks payable to Central Academy. We will also have registration on the day of the game. If you have any questions, please email ddavid.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

CENTRAL ACADEMY COUGAR HOME GAME ATHLETICS PASS STUDENT ONLY

\$40 FOR Winter and Spring Sports

INCENTIVES SUCH AS CONCESSION ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS WILL BE OFFERED PERIODICALLY THROUGHTOUT THE YEAR.

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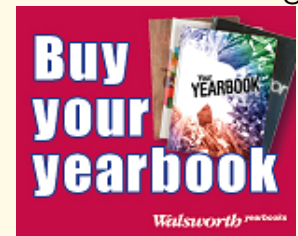
Students in Action for Academics and Service **Hands Helping Others Serving the Community**

Last weekend, Hands Helping Others held their second annual Christmas Party for the Chance to Dance dancers. This unique event allowed special needs dancers to enjoy the holidays with opportunities that may otherwise be unattainable. The dancers received gifts, met Santa, took fun pictures, and enjoyed a meal with their families and student buddies. It was such an incredible opportunity for students as they made these dancers feel the love and support from their community while also enjoying a Christmas party for themselves. It was also an amazing opportunity for the dancers as they could celebrate the holidays with many of their needs being met. As Kaitlyn Speiser put it, "It was so much fun that it didn't even feel like I was doing community service. Working with special needs kids is such an amazing opportunity and their constant joy and smiles are more than rewarding." Hands Helping Others took a step above community service by not only providing for the needs of the kids, but providing a fun experience to celebrate the holidays in a manner best suited for them. The students should be incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication for making the party a success. We look forward to having more helping hands next year!



Written by: Madelyn Starr

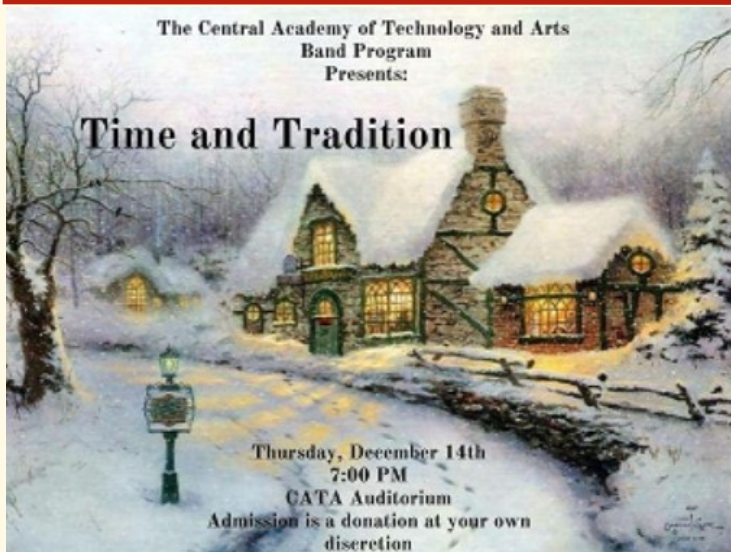
2018 Yearbook & Senior Tributes



Yearbooks are on sale for \$85.00. Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! Order online at <https://www.yearbookforever.com> (search for CATA) or bring in a check or cash to Ms. Christensen. Make checks out to CATA.

Senior Tributes – We have one more page of space available! This is the last space for senior tributes we can offer. This page can be either a full page, two half pages, a combination of half pages and quarter pages or all quarter pages. Space will be given to the first families that pay for their tribute. A quarter page is \$100, a half page is \$195 and a full page is \$295.

All photos and messages for purchased tributes were due to Ms. Christensen by December 1st so if you have not sent in your text and photo yet, please do so today! Main photo must be from the current year and not the same pose as will be in the yearbook. If you have any questions about yearbook sales or senior tributes, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.



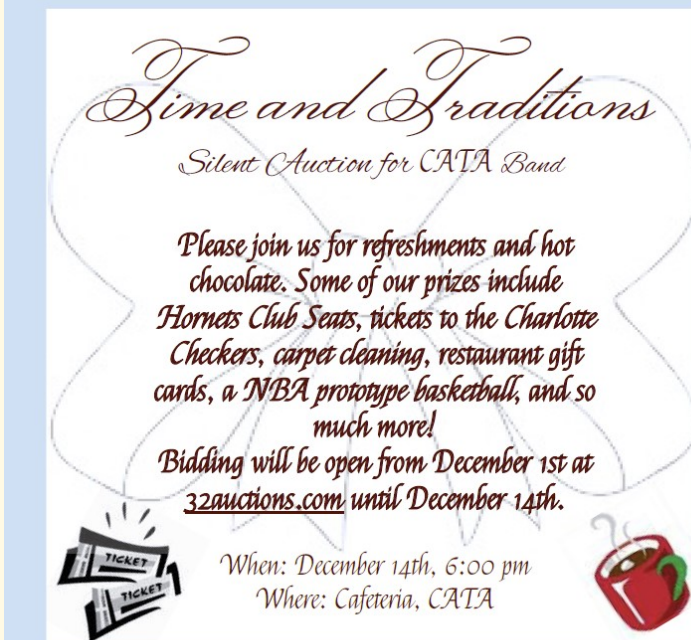
Performing Arts in December

12/8 to 12/9-Junior Performance of Romeo and Juliet, \$5, 7 PM both nights.

12-/14-Winter Band Concert and Auction

The link for the auction will go live tomorrow during the auction.

<https://www.32auctions.com/catabandsilentauction>



Student Life

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

The Robotics Club is selling Tumblers for \$30. Please see details in this edition and contact [Tawnee Bounds](#) if you are interested in purchasing.

The CATA National Honor Society chapter is having a drive to collect new and gently used blankets and onesies that will be delivered to public hospitals in Honduras. There is extreme poverty in Honduras and families must provide their own blankets and onesies when they deliver at a hospital. For many families they do not have the money to purchase a onesie or blanket. Students should bring the items to The Den. There will be a prize for the first block class that contributes the most items. We will collect items until exams.



The **Student Council** is hosting its annual basketball tournament on 12/15. Please see Ms. Foreman if you are interested in registering a team. Tickets will be on sale at lunch from 12/11 to 12/14 for \$5. Team registrations of 6 are \$20 or \$15 if one of the team members is a faculty member. The student council is selling **Candy Cane Grams** during lunches 12/8 to 12/14, which will be delivered fourth period on 12/14.



Around CATA

Friday, December 8— ASVAB Testing; Romeo and Juliet Junior Performance, 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, December 9— Romeo and Juliet Junior Performance, (Theatre)

Monday, December 11— Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); ; Environmental Club, 3:30 (Ms. Kopchick); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Mr. Recher); Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519; Math I Common Assessment

Tuesday, December 12— PTSO Star Breakfast, 8:45 AM (Gym); Beta Club, 8:15 AM & 3:40 PM (Media Center); Fashion Club, 3:30 (Ms. Casey); GSA, 3:45 (Ms. Peacock); Jazz Band & Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Speech Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Barron); Gaming Club, 3:45 (Mr. Bryan); Math I, II, and III Common Assessment; Musical Auditions On the Town, 3:45 PM (Theatre);

Wednesday, December 13—International Thespian Society Induction, 6:30 PM (Theatre); Math II and III Common Assessment

Thursday, December 14—Progress Reports; Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium); FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Speech and Debate (Interpretation Workshops), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate (Debate Workshops), 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.)

Friday, December 15—Annual Student Council Basketball Tournament , 4th period, (Gym);

Saturday, December 16—Men's Alumni Basketball Game, 4 PM (CATA Gym)

Monday December 18 to Monday January 1— Winter Break, NO SCHOOL; Office hours, on 12/18 & 12/19, 8:00 to 3:00 PM

Tuesday, January 2— First day back from winter break; NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM (Media Center); Travel Club 3:30 (Ms. Foreman), Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Fashion Club, 3:30 (Ms. Casey); Speech Workshop, 3:45 (Ms. Barron); Gaming Club, 3:45 (Mr. Bryan)

Wednesday, January 3— Science Olympiad , 3:30 (Ms. Cross); Chess Club , 3:30 (Mr. Markle)

Thursday, January 4 — FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Speech and Debate (Interpretation Workshops), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate (Debate Workshops), 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); American II & II , Civics, and World History Common Assessment

Friday, January 5—American II & II , Civics, and World History Common Assessment

*Common Assessments are to gauge student learning—it is not a "test".

Upcoming Events January

1/6—All District Band, South Point High

1/11—Poetry Out Loud District Competition, 4:00 PM (Theatre)

1/11—Winter Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM (Theatre)

1/15—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Holiday

1/19— Exam Period One, Second Period Review

1/22—Exam Period Two, Third period Review

1/23—Exam Period Three, Fourth Period Review

1/24—Exam Period Four, Community Building

1/25— Make-up Exams

1/26—NO SCHOOL— Teacher Workday

1/27—All District Band Clinic— Steward Cramer High

1/29—First Day of the Spring Semester

1/29—Spring Sports Parent Night, 7:30 (Theatre)



Our Students participating in the Hour of Code, Winter Collaborative, and Medical Science Human Body Systems Dissecting a Piglet

YOUR CATA PTSO

Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Michelle Schrader

Treasurer - Ann Helms

**Click on this page if you,
have an interest in serving
on the CATA PTSO**

Our Committee Chairs are:

Communication - Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter

Hospitality - Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

Performing Arts - Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

Membership - Open

Staff Advisor/Liaison - Deb Christensen

If you, or someone you know, have an interest in serving CATA's students and staff in one of these areas, please [Click on this screen/ad](#) or contact us at catacougarcouncil@gmail.com.

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Harris Teeter
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Re-Link: 3612

**Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to
volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com**

Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cougar Council PTSO Information

STAR Breakfast December 12th

Valentine Fundraiser starts in February

Rocket Presentation February 2nd

Rocket Launch March 3rd

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff March 14th

Click [here](#) to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.



ATTENDANCE AND EARLY DISMISSAL FACTS AND PROCEDURES

People to contact for absences:

SCHOOL PHONE # (704)296-3088

FAX # (704)296-3090

Mrs. Nahum- School Secretary-
andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordinator- karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us

[Click Here for Information about attendance and absentee notes](#)

Technology Fees: The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is past due if it was not paid before September 5th. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. [You can pay this fee online at this link \(click here\).](#)

Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe

Dance @CATA_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @CATA_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Math Tutoring: We have a general Math Lab Tutoring with Mr. Broome on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 starting this coming Monday in room 519.

Student Parking Passes

Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. **Please click [here](#) for Parking Pass forms and further information.** Past due fees must be paid before parking passes are issued.



Bus Tracking App Now Available:

This school year, Union County Public Schools (UCPS) parents will be able to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on their smartphones, tablets or computers.

[Click here!](#)



Volunteering at Central Academy:

We are happy to have our parents volunteer for events, field trips, and other school activities. Please click [here](#) to fill out an application to volunteer. There is a new volunteer portal, so volunteers who are already approved should have received an automated email from the new system with instructions on how to activate their volunteer status in the new system.





Star Breakfast– Tuesday December 12, 8:45 AM in the Gym



The following students were recognized by one of
their teachers for
academics and hard work.

Fall Student Academic Recognition Breakfast
Tuesday, December 12 at 8:45 am in the Gym

Student Name	Student Name	Student Name
Catherin Alamos	Mari Hayward	Morgan Putts
Steven Bausinger	Lanie Hibbs	Tyler Read
Haley Beard	Maverick Hunt	William Recher
Caleb Beckstein	Sam Jackson	Zane Reep
Cesar Bernal-Martinez	Spencer Jaris	Alana Richardson
Asare Browne	Molly Jones	Megan Rink
Lauren Burk	Grace Joyner	Hunter Ross
Josh Cambell	Jake Karas	Elizabeth Rowell
Michael Caputo	Danny Kelly	Julianna Santiago
Chethana Chennuri	Joy Kelly	Carissa Sergerlin
Riley Chickoree	Makenna Larson	Melanie Shank
Marissa Clontz	Dianna LaTerra	Kayleigh Sherrod
Michael Cobb	Josh Likes	Savannah Sineath
Garrett Crossman	James Littleton	Matthew Spadafore
Nancy Cuamacateco	Katie Lyons	Ryan Spadafore
William Dabrowski	Bella Matasic	Morgan Starnes
Paul D'Amico	John McDonald	Zariya Stewart
Xavier Davis	Sydney McVickers	Jahmai Thomas
Mark DeChant	Justin Melhorn	Keyshawn Tillman
Aidan Dence	Reese Milhone	Ryan Mayo Tinoco
Alma Diagne	Emma Miller	Dayanara Villa-Munoz
Allison Dortilus	Alejandro Moran	Dylan Vinicombe
Donaven Dortilus	Grayson Moreno	Isabella Walle
Averie Earnheart	Michaela Morgan	Grace Watts
Luke Edwards	Jacob Morin	Jordyn Wiggers
Noah Estrada	Amber Mossembekker	Cayden Wilson
Payton Farley	Kayla Myers	Madeline Wilson
Nicholas Figuereo	Matthew Nanney	Gaby Zapata-Hernandez
Kathleen Fleig	Victoria Neff	Aaron Zummo
Lauren Francis	Tony New	
Deanna Gillespie	Hayden Newsome	
Miranda Goodwin	Christopher Nguyen	
Ava Grismer	Caleb Outen	
Ceyda Guley	Tyler Palmer	
Ridge Hardee	Simon Perkins	
Miia Harris	Heidi Picazo-Gonzalez	
Cristina Harry	Anders Pierson	
Jackson Hase	Anthony Garrett Pilotto	
Jetta Hase	Madison Price	

Fall Semester Exam Dates 2017-18

Thursday, January 18

1st period review 8:50 to 10:20

Friday, January 19

8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review

Monday, January 22

8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review

Tuesday, June 23

8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

Wednesday, January 24

8:50 – 12:50 4th period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

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

Thursday, January 25 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

Exam Study Tips:

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

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered
- Go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

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

Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 25** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between January 19 and January 25. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

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

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

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

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