

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Families,

Exams will resume Monday, 1/29. The revised schedule is printed in the Chronicle: Monday 1/29-, 4th period exams. January 26th is still a teacher workday. We will communicate with you about make up exams but we urge you to have your child in school for every exam on the scheduled day. Please stress to students that they must charge their Chrome-book over night and bring their charger to school for the exam period in case they need it every day.

There is a **Meet and Greet for the cast and crew of On the Town** in the auditorium on Monday, 2/5 from 3:45 pm to 6:00 pm. All performers, cast/crew and faculty involved in On the Town are requested to attend. We will read through the script and briefly discuss production calendar and technical aspects. It is an opportunity for all involved to meet one another and hear the play. We will also hand out performance contracts for all our actors.

Second Semester Schedule Corrections - The Schedule Correction Google Doc will remain open until Friday, 2/2 at 5:00 pm. The link for the Schedule Correction Google Doc will be on the CATA website under Students/Parents tab. Click [here](#) for the schedule change form. **Attendance waiver letters** for students with eight or more unexcused absences were sent home already. Please direct any questions about recovery to [Ms. Karen Riley](#). Recovery must be completed before by 3 PM on 1/26. Students may come in for recovery and report to the front office on 1/26 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Seniors** please see information in this edition about the Union County Education Foundation Scholarship. The deadline is 2/23. Click [here](#) for more information.

The CATA PTO will be holding a **Valentine's Fundraiser starting** 1/29. Teddy Bears will be on sale to send to friends and teachers. Bears will be distributed on Valentine's Day. Pre-Order forms will be sent home the week of 1/29 and will be sold during lunch on 2/8 and 2/9. The cost is \$3 per bear.

Please see the ad in this edition. **Pre-order** forms for the bears are in this edition. **CATA Lacrosse Club:** The CATA lacrosse club will be giving out information at Spring Sports Parent night on Monday, 1/29. Students who have an interest in being a part of the CATA Lacrosse Club for the Spring 2018 season, and want to be a part of helping bring Lacrosse to CATA then please send us an email at the address in the Chronicle: include Name, Current grade level, Prior lacrosse experience (if any) along with positions played, and any other sports played in or out of school. **Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#).

Wingate University is sponsoring a **Health Fair** on January 27. Please see information in this edition and click [here](#) to email for more information. **Student Parking spaces** are sold out at this time and students will be placed on a waiting list if spots open later this school year.

Spotlight on Academies this week: Cybersecurity Students Get Hands-On Experience- [Click here to read the story](#). Our Medical Science Project Lead the Way Classes- Click [here](#). Pre-Engineering: Civil Engineering and Architecture Class- [click here](#). Transportation Systems- Click [here](#).

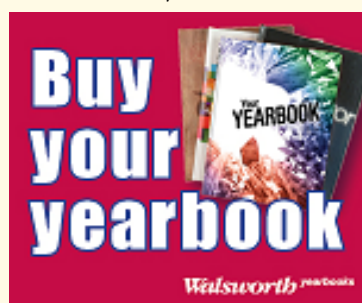
Please take time to read over this newsletter to see the great things our children and teachers are doing. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead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

Go Cougars! Dr. Fisenne



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. 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.



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SATURDAY, JAN 27 2018
10:00AM - 2:00PM

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- Flu shots
- Hearing and vision screenings
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- Fitness classes
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- 70+ wellness booths
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- Kids zone (kid friendly activities)

Sponsors: Novant Health, BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, Food Lion, Walgreens, Community Health Services of Union County, and Union County Health Department

Valentine's Fundraiser Teddy Bear

ORDER FROM

*Fill out form and turn into office
with money by February 8th.*

*Bears will be distributed during 4th
block on Valentines' Day!*

Cost is \$3 per bear



TO: _____ 4th Block Class _____

FROM: _____

Message -

Around CATA

Friday, January 26—NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday

Monday, January 29— Exam Period Four; End of Grading Period; Spring Sports Parent Night, 7:30 PM (Theatre); Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); PTSO Valentines' Bear Fundraiser begins

Tuesday, January 30— First Day of the New Semester ; Fashion Club, 3:30 (Ms. Casey's Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Gaming Club, 3:45 (Mr. Bryan's Rm.); Speech and Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Barron's Rm.)

Wednesday, January 31— Chess Club, 3:30 (Mr. Markle's Rm.)

Thursday, February 1— FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Speech and Debate Interpretation, 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate: Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.)

Upcoming Events February:

PTSO Valentine Fundraiser, 1/29 to 2/9

2/5—PTSO General Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

2/7—Early Release Day— School is 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

2/7—Band Boosters— Winter General Meeting, 6 PM (Band Rm)

2/7—Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:20 AM (Rm. 401)

2/8—Report Cards

2/8—MPRA Grand Opening, 6 PM (MPRA Suite)

2/19 to 2/20—Josten's Ring Orders during lunches

2/20- Parent Night for Josten's Class Rings, 3 to 6 PM (Front Lobby)

2/20—CATA Crawl (Sun Valley, Marvin Ridge, East Union)—6:30 to 8 PM

2/20—Progress Reports

2/22—CATA Crawl - Porter Ridge, Cuthbertson, Piedmont— 6:30 to 8 PM

2/27—CATA Crawl - Parkwood, Weddington, Monroe— 6:30 PM to 8 PM

2/27—Spring Sports Pictures, 3:30 PM

2/27— ACT Testing— ALL JUNIORS

2/28— Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference)

Student Life

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

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

⇒ **Congratulations to Mr. Anderson's students for their service to the community!**

In an effort to promote community awareness and involvement, 15 of Mr. Anderson's students and Mr. Anderson ran in a 5k event this past Saturday in Wesley Chapel. They raised money to benefit Levine Children's Hospital. Triston Barron won first place for the male participants and Victoria Dennehy won 1st place for the female participants. Many CATA parents also participated. CATA raised a total of \$750.00 to benefit Levine Children's Hospital. The event took place at Dogwood Park in Wesley Chapel on Saturday, January 20th. Students participating Lana Abuwar, Tristen Barron, Justin Leiner, Justin Melhorn, Ethan Moore, Matthew Spadafore, Mariam Ali, Cody Andreano, Aaron Beckham, Victoria Dennehy, Thalia Salas-Zagacki, Manasi Mudumbai,

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Cost is \$3 per bear

College and Career Corner

Class Information from the School Counselors

CLASS OF
2018

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.

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 since the start of the school year.

ACT offers—**Preparing for the ACT** - a free, comprehensive guide that includes information on what to expect on test day, strategies for preparing for the tests, and practice tests in each subject. The practice tests will help you get familiar with the instructions and format of the test, as well as the types of questions to expect. You can then score your practice tests and see the correct answers. **Please click here to access the material and practice tests:** www.act.org/stateanddistrict/examinees.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the SAT , a college entrance exam, on **April 24, 2018** during the school day. Please see information about SAT Prep in this edition. ***All Juniors have been participating in College readiness exam prep during Cougar Time. This prep gives students practice and preparation for the ACT in February. Students will continue this prep through Kahn Academy online SAT prep leading up to the SAT they will take during school in April.***

CLASS OF 2019

Class of
2020

Class of
2021

The CIAA Education Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th starting at 9:30 am at the Charlotte Convention Center. Students will hear from professionals and college students on ways to be a successful high school student to become a successful college student. There will be a college fair, lunch, and then we will attend the CIAA Tournament. The sign up sheet for interested students is in the Guidance Office. Please make sure to sign up by Wednesday, January 24th. If you have questions please see Ms. Lawson.

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.



Please click on this flyer to
go the Future Prep Site to
Register.

SAT Review/College Prep Class

Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

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

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

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

CENTRAL ACADEMY of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS		
Lesson #	Dates	Time
Math #1	Wed, 3/7	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #2	Wed, 3/14	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #3	Wed, 3/21	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #1	Wed, 3/28	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #2	Wed, 4/11	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 4/14	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #3	Wed, 4/18	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

- Content Review focusing on all content areas of the **NEW SAT**
- Covers the **NEW SAT** Essay
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide with 8 Practice Tests published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
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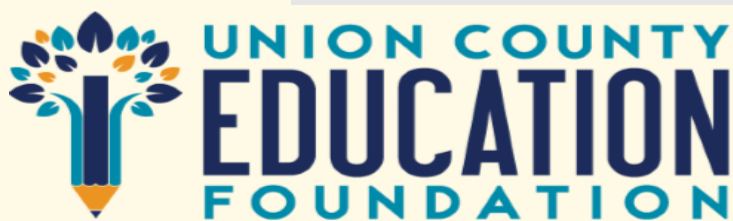
All This for **ONLY \$199*!**

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

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

or visit www.futureprep.com

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College Scholarship Opportunities

Union County Education Foundation Scholarship--Each spring we award twelve \$1,000 college scholarships to UCPS seniors who pay tribute to a special teacher as part of their application process. Deadline: Feb 23 at midnight. Click [here](#) for more information.

Agnes Liles Scholarship--Every four years the Union County Education Foundation awards the Agnes Liles Scholarship as a service to Larry Harrington's Law Office. Ms. Liles established a trust that provides six UCPS students a \$30,000 college scholarship. (\$7,500 per year for four years.) Deadline: March 2 at midnight. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 – No games last week

Men's Basketball – No games last week

Wrestling – Defeated – Forest Hills, Anson, Chesterfield, Cheraw and Providence Day School, Losses – Monroe & South Stanly

Upcoming Events:

Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.

Thursday, January 25th:

HOME Wrestling vs. East Montgomery – 6:00 pm – Senior Night

AWAY Basketball vs. Mt. Pleasant – 4:00 pm Start – JV Girls

AWAY Swimming @ Stanly County YMCA in Albemarle – RRC Meet – 6:00 pm

AWAY Indoor Track @ Piedmont – 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 27th:

AWAY Wrestling @ Rocky River Conference Tournament – All Day Event.

AWAY Indoor Track @ JDL Fast Track – Qualifiers – All Day Event

Monday, January 29th:

HOME – Spring Sports Parent Night – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 30th:

HOME – Basketball vs. West Stanly – 4:30 pm – No JV Girls

Wednesday, January 31st:

HOME – Basketball vs. Porter Ridge – 4:00 pm – JV Girls

Thursday, February 1st:

HOME – Football Parent Information Meeting – 6:00 pm – Media Center

Friday, February 2nd:

AWAY Basketball vs. Anson – 4:00 pm – JV Girls Start

Saturday, February 3rd:

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA 1A/2A Regionals – Uptown MAC – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track @ Cuthbertson – All Day Event

Dates to Know:

Exams – 1/19 - 1/29: All non-winter sports are dead from 1/18 to 1/30 & the CATA Weight Room is closed.

Spring Sports Parent Night – Monday – January 29th @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium – A Notary will be on hand from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for anyone needing to have the UCPS Insurance Waiver Notarized that night.

Baseball

Men's Golf

Men's Tennis

Softball

Track & Field

Women's Soccer

CATA Lacrosse Club – see more information below.

Football Parent/Athlete Information Night: Thursday – February 1st – 6:00 pm – CATA Media Center.

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

COUGAR ATHLETICS CONTINUED

Other Information:

CATA Lacrosse Club:

The CATA lacrosse club will be giving out information at Spring Sports Parent night on Monday, January 29th, 2018. If you have interest in being a part of the CATA Lacrosse Club for the Spring 2018 season, and want to be a part of helping bring Lacrosse to CATA then please send us an email at: cougarlaxclub2018@gmail.com

Please include the following information:

Name

Current grade level

Prior lacrosse experience (if any) along with positions played.

Any other sports played in or out of school

Spring sports workouts: have started or are scheduled to start soon...please contact your coach for workout information. Spring sports contact information can be found below.

Paperwork – If you have not already played a sport this year for CATA and you are planning on playing a spring sport get your paperwork turned in now. Don't be scrambling the first week of February. Paperwork is good for the entire school year (except your physical – 395 days). All paperwork must be handed in before spring sports tryouts start on February 14th. Please **email Coach Niessner** with any paperwork questions @ jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

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

Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

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

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – terrylewis@kw.com

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball – Gregory Peters – Gregory.peters@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.

PASS

YOUR CATA PTSO

Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Grace Watts

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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You shop. Amazon gives.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>

Harris Teeter
Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy
together in education
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

Valentine Fundraiser starts in February– Ad in this edition.

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 on Mondays in room 519.

Student Parking Passes– SOLD OUT– Students will be put on a waiting list

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.



Fall Semester Exam Dates 2017-18

Monday, January 22

1st period review during class period.

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26—Teacher Workday-NO school for students

Monday, January 29

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

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. **Exam make up day** 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.