# Redhawk Parent Newsletter

12/07/2020-12/11/2020

### From the Desk of Mrs. Batchelor:

With all of us working together during these unprecedented times to give our students the best possible school year, we would like to share some important information with our families. As you may recall, the end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) assessments were canceled due to COVID-19 related school closures last spring. This cancellation was possible because education leaders at the U.S. Department of Education granted a waiver from these tests for the 2019–20 school year.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, shared an announcement that a waiver from testing will not be granted for this school year. According to North Carolina General Statue 115C-174.12(a) (4) students who are receiving instruction will be expected to take their final exams during the last five days of the semester. According to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, students who are enrolled in an EOC or EOG course remotely will be required to go into the school building to take these tests.

This school year is like no other so these assessments are especially important to have the test scores that will show how your student is doing academically. According to the Union County Public Schools Program of Studies, EOC exam scores will be calculated as 25% of a student's final grade for the course. Students who fail to participate in the associated EOC final exam will receive a grade of "0" for their final exam grade. We are committed to ensuring the health and safety of both your student and your family. We also want to make sure we provide each student the opportunity to learn and grow academically during this school year.

As always, we are available to answer any questions or concerns so please contact your student's teacher or school administration, as needed. State EOC and State CTE exams will be conducted in person.

Below is the exam schedule for Monroe High School: Tuesday, December 15, 2020- First Period Exam Wednesday, December 16, 2020- Second Period Exam Thursday, December 17, 2020- Third period exam Friday, December 18, 2020- Fourth period exam Monday, December 21, 2020- Make-up exam day

Mrs. Batchelor

#### Important Reminders:

- Exams will be taking place on December 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.
- Food For Families: We are continuing to partner with the organization Food For Families to provide food to families in need. These boxes of food include: nonperishable items along with fresh fruits and vegetables. They will be available for pickup from the front office on Fridays from 12:00pm-2:00pm. To ensure we have enough food on hand for those in need, please contact your child's counselor or the front office to sign up. Please use this link to sign up: <a href="https://forms.gle/HXsTnAtXaJXTaXqP9">https://forms.gle/HXsTnAtXaJXTaXqP9</a>

Looking for some extra instruction with your teachers?

Need to recover T2?

MHS Faculty are offering tutoring sessions throughout the week!

Click the link to find your teacher's schedule

Click the link below for tutoring schedules:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1swSbYCAngRnJ47eivAF4a5vsopIz6F\_W?usp=sharing

# Click Here to View ACT/SAT Practice Assignment Links

## **Driver Education Information:**

#### The next Driver Ed Class:

- Registration December 7 18
- Class Starts Jan. 6 through Jan. 22, 2021
- Face to Face meetings Jan. 7 and 19
- Final Test online Jan. 26 or 27
- Make up test Jan. 28
- Eye Screening Feb. 1 at 3:15 in room 111 must bring all paperwork required!

## Free Breakfast, Lunch, & Curbside Meals

- Due to extensions in federal funding, all students will be able to receive breakfast and lunch meals free of charge until December 31, 2020.
- For students attending in person classes, breakfast and lunch meals will be available free of charge to students each day. A la carte items will also be available for purchase at regular prices.
- For students learning virtually, lunch meals will be provided free of charge for curbside pickup between 11 am- 1 pm at select locations. A student lunch number is no longer required for curbside pickup. Meals are available for all kids under 18 years old, including children outside of UCPS
- If you have any questions, please contact jessica.burley@ucps.k12.nc.us

#### Counselor Announcements:

#### Redhawks,

Monroe High will be continuing our grades raffle through the end of this semester with some more great prizes. Every student who passes their courses for the semester will be entered to win one of nearly 100 prizes. The better you do in your courses, the more chances you will have to win.

We also have some Grand Prizes including a 32" TV, Beats Solo 3 Headphones, and a Samsung A7 Tablet. In order to be eligible for the Grand Prizes, students must pass all of their courses for both the semester and T3. Students must also take and pass all of their required final exams. If you do not come to the school to take your exam, then you will not be eligible to win one of these Grand Prizes.

#### Counselors:

Megan Spurlock- 12th Grade <u>megan.spurlock@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Tia Drake- 11th Grade <u>tia.drake@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Stephanie Hunter- Brown- 10th Grade <u>stephanie.hunter-brown@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Michael Engelhard- 9th Grade (A-K) <u>michael.engelhard@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Teia Coleman- 9th Grade (L-Z) <u>teia.coleman@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Mitzi Webb- Dropout Prevention Counselor <u>mitzi.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

Remember to visit the MHS Counselor Canvas Page! Your School Counselors are here for you! If you need to contact your counselor please use this link: <u>Counselor Contact</u> and Follow us on Social Media!

~The month of November is a time to reflect on all the things you are thankful for!~

#### Athletic Announcements:

- **Girls Soccer** if you are interested in joining, please contact Kenneth Schultz at <u>kenneth.schultz@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
- Monroe Boys Soccer tryouts will be held on Monday, January 11 & Tuesday, January 12, 2021. You must be registered on Family ID & have an up-to-date physical to play soccer. You must also be academically eligible by both grades and attendance. If you are having academic issues, please contact Coach Tello, Coach Kitchen or Coach Schultz or your guidance counselor. The first game is scheduled for Monday, January 25, at home vs Marvin Ridge.
- Athletic Eligibility: As the majority of our sports begin in the 2nd semester, please be diligent in making sure your student athlete is Good with attendance and they are passing all of their classes. Eligibility is based on a student passing 3 of their 4 classes, at a minimum, however we expect our athletes to pass all of their classes, as well as excelling in those classes. We are here to help you and answer questions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to a coach or myself, Tim Niedermeier, with questions. My email is tim.niedermeier@ucps.k12.nc.us

All athletes must be registered in Family ID to participate in athletics. The link to register can be found on the Monroe Athletics webpage. If you have previously registered, you would just need to update your old registration for the current school year. All athletes must also have a current athletic physical, which must be on our approved 20/21 form. The form can also be found on our Monroe Athletics webpage or in the main office.



## Student Parking Announcements:

- Parking Permit (purchased during 1st semester) \$25
- Parking Permit (purchased during 2nd semester, but before last 6 weeks) \$15
- Parking Permit (purchased during last 6 weeks of school) \$10

To pick up a parking form, please visit the front office.

## Plan B: Assigned Face to Face Instruction Days

**Days Assigned by Last Name:** A-K Monday & Tuesday L-Z Wednesday & Thursday

*Friday is a remote learning day. All students should still be logging in and completing work daily on Fridays.* 

#### Bell Schedule:

8:10am-9:50am: First Block 9:55am-11:25am- Second Block 11:30am-1:30pm- Third Block 1:30pm-3:05pm- Fourth Block

#### Assistant Principals:

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Elizabeth Smith- 12th Grade elizabethn.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us Dexter Days- 11th Grade dexter.days@ucps.k12.nc.us Elkin Lenis- 10th Grade elkin.lenis@ucps.k12.nc.us Johnny Sowell- 9th Grade johnny.sowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

# Student Government Association Informational Video

# **Student Government Association Application**

Please complete this application if you are interested in joining the Student Government Association. We will meet virtually on Fridays through Microsoft Teams from 2:30-3:30. You do not have to run for an elected position.

# **Click Here to Pay Student Fees**

Please click this link if you need to pay student fees. You will need to create an account and link it to your child. Please contact Rosemary Ward at rosemary.ward@ucps.k12.nc.us if you have any questions regarding fees.

# **Parent Contact Information**

If you have an updated phone number or email address that you would like to be reached at, please complete this form.

# **Technology Tutorials for Students**

Free & Reduced Lunch Link

Here Comes the Bus Information

# Union County Public Schools 2020-2021 Academic Calendar Approved by the Board of Education on 6/29/2020

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