

PANTHER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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Catamount Messenger 4.10.20

Catamount Families,

We hope that everyone is healthy and well and we want you to know that we miss you! We know this is a challenging time period for all and we are here to support you.

Remote Learning - Starts the Week of 4/13/20

In our last Catamount Messenger, we provided you an overview of remote learning at PCHS. Here is the link to that document and it is also posted on the header of our website: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jwXi0I19WZXWxTttip45vKc61HvNghwv/view.

Some key things to know about remote learning:

- Each teacher will send a weekly overview/schedule for their specific class. This will be sent to the students through the typical electronic platform used for the class (ex: Canvas) and/or email. Students will need to access these schedules and can share them with you. If your child is having any difficulty accessing a teacher's weekly schedule, please email the teacher directly first.
- "Synchronous" or "live" learning is an opportunity for students to engage actively with their peers and/or teacher about the new learning that is taking place that week. These times are listed on the schedule as 1st 4th period so there is no overlap. We encourage all kids to participate in these sessions, but all direct or new instruction will be accessible to students on the teacher's site.
- Teachers will plan about 5 hours per course per week a lot of that work will need to be completed on an individual schedule that your child sets at home.
- Each teacher will also communicate "office hours" that will be an hour each day. This is a time where the teachers can actively communicate with your child if they need any extra help, support, or have questions. The teacher's schedule will indicate whether it's via email, Google Meet, or another platform.
- We encourage all students to put their best effort into remote learning for the 4th quarter so they can learn, engage and get feedback. We are still waiting for state and district guidance about what will happen after May 15.
- Additional expectations of remote learning can be found at this link.

*Students should be checking, at least daily, their WCPSS student email and their teacher's website/technology platform. Technology support information can be found at this link.



WCPSS District Updates

WCPSS sends out district updates through School Messenger and they also post these updates on their Coronavirus webpage. We encourage you to review these messages as needed at this link. You can click on the "latest updates" tab which will include all previous updates. On this page, you can also find community resources for food, well-being, etc.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students that were already signed up to take AP exams in May of this year should have received information about how College Board has changed their testing. If students want to take part in the online testing from home, they will need to follow all directions provided by College Board. Information about testing was posted on their website starting on April 3. Please see this link for additional details: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update

Grading and Feedback on Remote Learning

The district provided an update on April 9 regarding grading. You can review that information at this link.

Previous information shared by the district can be found here: Grades 9-11 at this link Grade 12 at this link

Student Services Information

You can access all information related to Student Services on their webpage at this link: http://pchsstudentservices.weebly.com/

There is a link to the Student Services FAQ at the top of the main page with answers to some of their most asked questions at this time of year. There are also several tabs you should explore for additional resources.

ACT Score Reports

ACT has notified us that they will be mailing score reports for the Juniors – they should arrive in early to mid-May.

Career and College Promise (CCP) - Wake Tech

For students/families that are interested in CCP at Wake Tech, information about the program can be found on their website at this link.

We are currently working on updating information on our Student Services website to explain the electronic process we will use at Panther Creek regarding paperwork and the review/approval process.

CTE - Application Courses still available for 20-21

If you are interested in taking Foundations of CyberSecurity or Teaching as a Profession (Future Teachers), it is not too late to apply. Please complete all pieces of the application no later than April 30.

The Foundations of CyberSecurity application can be found at this link.

The Future Teachers application can be found at this link.

Please contact Mr. Patrick Letts (pletts@wcpss.net) for Foundations of CyberSecurity and Ms. Amy Spruill (aspruill@wcpss.net) for Future Teachers. They can advise you on how to best complete the application packet including the teacher recommendations that are required.



Registration for 20-21

Counselors have been working on reviewing registration choices for 2020-21. If you have questions regarding registration or would like to make any changes, please contact your counselor directly.

Class of 2020 Special Messenger

A special messenger will be sent to 12^{th} grade families with information related to things specifically for the Class of 2020. Please look for that if you are a family of the Class of 2020.

Administrator/Counselor Contact

We would like to welcome our newest Assistant Principal, Ms. Tineta McMillan, to PCHS! Tineta is joining us as an experienced administrator from Nash County. Please see the updated administrator/counselor contact information in the chart below:

Administrator	Student Group (Last Name)	Counselor
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Thank you for your continued support of Panther Creek High School!