

Catamount Messenger 5.12.20

Catamount Families,

We hope all is well! Please take time to review this PCHS information and share it with your child.

Grading: Grades 9-11

WCPSS has sent out additional information regarding grading for students in grades 9 – 11.

Here are some key things to know at this time:

- Students can choose either a numeric grade or PC19 (Pass)/WC19 (Withdrawal - not passing) for each individual course. It is not one choice for all their courses.
- The default option will be PC19/WC19: students/parents will need to opt-in to a numeric grade by making a written request. More details will come later; students will not complete this request until we are closer to the end of the semester.
- **Students should review their current Quarter 3 grade in PowerSchool on Tuesday or Wednesday this week (5/12-5/13). This will give all students a baseline grade of where they stand on the work completed as of March 13.** (Information related to PowerSchool accounts is below).
- By Thursday, teachers will provide information about how students can improve their Quarter 3 grade if they think they may choose a numeric grade for the semester.
- All students are strongly encouraged to continue engaging in the remote learning activities that teachers are providing (regardless of which type of grade they choose) in order to build skills for future courses that the student will take.
- General questions about grading that are not course/teacher specific can be submitted in this Google form and answers will be provided as an FAQ on the Remote Learning page of our PCHS website. Specific course or student-related questions should be directed to the teacher.
<https://forms.gle/tfgF1m481CuUhLCA7>

Senior Distribution Day – Stoles, Caps, Gowns, and More – Save the Date!

May 20: We'll have a drive thru system to distribute items to our Seniors:

11am - 1pm: Seniors with last names A-M

1pm - 3pm: Seniors with last names N-Z

Please see the flyer on our website:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/2020SeniorDistribution.jpg>

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى خدمات الترجمة المجانية للتعرف على سير العمليات بالمدرسة، اتصل بالرقم (919) 852-3303

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학교/교육 과정에 관한 무료 번역 서비스가 필요하시면 다음 번호로 연락하여 주십시오 (919) 852-3303

Nếu quý vị cần sự thông dịch miễn phí để hiểu phương pháp trường học, xin vui lòng gọi số điện thoại (919) 852-3303

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Class of 2020 Graduation/Diploma Distribution

Based on state guidance and feedback from principals, parents and students, the decision has been made by WCPSS to cancel all 2019-20 traditional in-person graduation ceremonies scheduled for June. "Virtual" graduation videos are one of several considerations regarding how to honor the accomplishments of our seniors during the traditional June timeframe. Additional school-based in-person options are still a possibility, depending on evolving public health guidelines in the coming weeks. More details will be shared as soon as possible.

Yearbook Distribution & Item Return

May 27: Senior Yearbook distribution; Seniors also return uniforms, equipment, textbooks, media center books, etc. This will be a drive-through system. More information will be out soon!

May 28: Grades 9-11 Yearbook distribution; also return uniforms, equipment, textbooks, media center books, etc. This will be a drive-through system. More information will be out soon!

Yearbook Information

Our Yearbook Distribution dates are on the calendar and we don't want you to miss out on your opportunity to purchase a book for your senior or underclassman; currently, we on have 87 yearbooks left. Please go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and purchase one today.

Here is a preview of our 2020 book: <https://youtu.be/fbOpFJqovEs>

Parking Refund Information

Please read the following letter regarding parking refund information:

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/Parking%20refund%20letter%205.4.20.pdf>

PowerSchool

Parents: If you need help accessing your Parent PowerSchool account, please email our Data Manager, Leslie Nelson (lnelson@wcpss.net).

Students: You can access your PowerSchool account through your WakeID Portal. For instructions on how to access it, watch this video (bit.ly/PS4Students). If you need your WakeID password reset, you can contact any of your teachers. If you have issues accessing your PowerSchool account, email your Media Specialists, Tessa Newcombe (tnewcombe@wcpss.net) and Sharon Purucker (spurucker@wcpss.net).

Advanced Placement Testing

Good luck to all of our students taking AP exams which have started this week. The full schedule of exams can be found here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>

PCHS Writing Center

The PCHS Writing Center is looking for peer tutors to join our staff next year. If you enjoy academic writing and working with others, we need you! Applications and teacher recommendation forms are posted on the Panther Creek website and are due by May 28.



Registration Review

Students/Parents should go in and review registration choices in PowerSchool for the 20-21 school year. All students should have 8 primary choices and 3 alternates for a total of 11 choices. As a reminder, students may receive any of these choices. If there is a need to discuss or change any of the choices, please reach out to your counselor.

Previous Catamount Messenger Items & Remote Learning

Please see our PCHS website for remote learning information and previous Catamount Messengers: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/16782>

WCPSS District Updates

WCPSS Updates can be found at this link: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/42068>
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.

News from the PTSA

We need YOU! The Nominating Committee invites you to serve on the Panther Creek PTSA Board. Open Board positions include: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Activities, Nominating Committee, Catamounts Night Out, Loyalty Rewards, Reflections, T-shirt sales, and Corporate Sponsorship.

Each position is well-documented and many Board members will still be available to answer questions.

We are happy to discuss these opportunities with you to determine how to best align your interests with the Board's needs. nomcom@panthercreekptsa.org

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Thank you for your continued support of Panther Creek High School!