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# Catamount Messenger 1.15.21

Catamount Families,

At this time, WCPSS will remain in remote learning until mid-February. Here is information for you as we prepare to start 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

## 2nd Semester Calendar

Here is the link to the WCPSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester traditional calendar. <u>https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/19/20-21%20Sem%202%20TRAD%20RL3.pdf</u>

Please take note of all the following types of days on the calendar next semester: Green – Remote Learning/Asynchronous (all students learning remotely that day and no live sessions for the whole class); Orange – Teacher Workday (no school for students); Purple – Calendar Out (no school for teachers and students); Magenta – Vacation (no school for students and teachers); Blue – Holiday (no school for students and teachers).

### 2nd Semester Bell Schedule

While the whole school is learning remotely, we will continue to follow the bell schedule structure that we used during 1<sup>st</sup> semester. You can find that schedule linked here: <u>https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/Plan%20B%20SecondSemester</u> <u>%20.pdf</u>

When the district transitions to Plan B in-person rotations for high school, we will amend our schedule to accommodate students in the building and at home. That bell schedule will be communicated when it is time to transition.

### **2nd Semester Student Schedules**

2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules are not final in PowerSchool yet and are subject to change. A messenger will be sent when schedules are set for the start of the semester (likely not until Tuesday). Students are encouraged to check PowerSchool Tuesday night to confirm their schedule for Wednesday morning.

### Wednesday, January 20 - First Day of 2nd Semester

Teachers will continue to send weekly schedules like they did during 1<sup>st</sup> semester with class information for the week. Teachers will continue to use Canvas or Google Classroom as their technology platform. Additionally, WCPSS student emails must be checked consistently. Students who do not receive a weekly schedule with information about attending class on Wednesday should access their teacher's Google Meet code from the main page of the PCHS website that morning.

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	Si vous avez besoin de services de traduction gratuits pour comprendre les procédures scolaires, appelez le (919) 852-3303	यदि आपको वियालय की प्रक्रियाओं को समझुने के लिए नि:शुल्क अनुवाद सेवाएं चाहिए, तो (919) 852-3303 पर कॉल करें	학교/교육 과정에 관한 무료 번역 서비스가 필요하시면 다음 번호로 연락하여 주십시오 (919) 852-3303	Nếu quý vị cần sự thông dịch miến phí để hiểu phương pháp trường học, xin vui lòng gọi số điện thoại (919) 852-3303	如果您需要 免费翻译服 务来了解学 校流程,请 致电 (919) 852-3303
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## 1st Semester Grades

Please note that 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades are still being finalized. "Report cards" are issued Friday, January 22.

## **2nd Semester Virtual Meet the Teacher**

Please see this flyer also linked on our website for more information: https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/6295/2nd%20Sem%20Meet%20the% 20Teacher%20flyer%201.28.21.pdf

## **Student Services Information**

## -Update for students with last names Sh – Z:

Tuesday, January 19 will be Ms. Savage's last day at Panther Creek as she transitions to a new position. While we hire a new counselor, Ms. Felicia Moore, our Dean of Students, will be the counselor responsible for students Sh – Z. Her email is fmoore@wcpss.net. We will update you when a new counselor is hired.

### -Class of 2021:

A Senior Honors rank is calculated and awarded in accordance with Policy 3450, Class Rankings. For students graduating at the end of eight semesters, all high schools will determine senior honors using the GPA at the end of the 1st semester of the graduating year (semester 7). If any student believes that their last semester courses will impact their honors status, they can request that the school review their transcript and final grades. If final semester grades are likely to result in a new / different recognition, the school will honor that recognition. Please note that updates to honors status will only be able to be changed in the graduation program up until a certain date as those are printed well before graduation. No student who earns graduation honors will have their status altered if their final GPA falls in the last semester of study. For students graduating midyear, the school will use this same system for determining graduation honors using the weighted GPA from the last completed semester of study. The principal shall have final approval of honors designations.

-February 11, 2021 - Counselor Connect - Counselors will be hosting a Counselor Connect Session for students during SMART Time/Lunch. The topic will be Connecting to the Catamount Community. The session is designed to help students review activities available and skills needed to foster success at school. More information will be provided closer to the session.

-March 23, 2021 - Virtual Junior Parent Financial Aid Night at 6:00 pm. Sabrina Waters, Panther Creek's Financial Aid Advisor will be presenting.

### -Community Resources

Given the ever-changing events happening in our nation and community right now, students and families may be experiencing increased levels of stress or anxiety. We encourage our Catamount families to lean on their networks of support during these times.

While exercise, rest, and leisure activities may provide welcome forms of self-care, the PCHS Student Services Weebly page also lists additional resources which support mental and social emotional health. (http://pchsstudentservices.weebly.com/community-resources.html)



## -Virtual Test Prep

We are offering ACT and SAT Virtual Test Prep opportunities for our students this semester. Students will have the opportunity to take a practice test on a Saturday, get their scores back immediately and sit in on a score report/strategy session the following week with their parents. We are partnering with Princeton Review and this is a free service they are offering our community. Please see the flyer and sign-up information here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q8XvZU\_mdSLYcDlOF1HbCdFE-OB0htx6/view?usp=sharing</u>

Please visit the Student Services website to sign up for an appointment with your counselor: <a href="http://pchsstudentservices.weebly.com/">http://pchsstudentservices.weebly.com/</a>

### **Dates to Note**

January 18 – Holiday January 19 – Teacher Workday January 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester January 22 – Report Card day January 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Virtual Meet the Teacher

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