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1. **Yearbooks:** Parents, this year the yearbook was not automatically applied to your Aspire Accounts. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please do so now. The last day to order a yearbook will be March 1. The cost is \$35/ea. Please check your Aspire accounts to verify if you purchased one or not. You can pay cash/check/card in the office, or you can click [HERE](#) to pay online. Also, please note that if your cadet's fees are not paid in full by yearbook day their yearbook will be held in the front office until all fees are paid.
2. **Seniors-Important Jostens information regarding deadlines** for ordering: Jostens wants to make sure you are aware that if you order your cap and gown (or other graduation stuff) after January 1 you will be assessed a late fee which is around \$10 per order. Please see this link and get your cap and gown ordered BEFORE Jan. 1 to avoid the late fee.  
[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/2527845/Utah-Military-Academy/-/1370144390/CATALOG\\_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1370144449/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/2527845/Utah-Military-Academy/-/1370144390/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1370144449/)
3. **Art Department Donations:** The UMA Visual Arts department is reaching out for help in the classroom! There are a few supplies that the Visual Arts department uses very frequently and unfortunately this eats up quite a bit of our yearly budget. We would love for these items to be donated, allowing us to use our budget on more art related supplies. [CLICK HERE FOR THE LIST](#)
4. **Jump\$tart Coalition Scholarship:** For Juniors and Seniors, you have the opportunity to earn up to \$1,750 in scholarship money. Applications are Due Dec. 31, 2020. [Click here](#) for more information
5. **The Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree is our annual Christmas fundraiser to help UMA families in need. This year donations will consist of gift cards and monetary donations only as there will be no tree with individual tags. If you are able to help please click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAEA823A5FC1-virtual> We are asking that all monetary donations such as cash, check or card be taken to the front office. If donating a gift card, please write the amount on the card. All donations must be received by December 18th. Thank you for your support in advance and Happy Holidays. If the school raises \$3,000.00 the cadets will receive a dress-down day!
6. **Signup Genius:** If you're not being notified of opportunities to get your volunteer hours and you would like to receive notifications on how to sign up to help at different events or volunteer opportunities, you need to create a sign-up genius account. It's an easy way to stay in the loop of things going on at our school. Visit this link below [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) then click on create an account. If you have any questions or concerns please email [parent@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:parent@utahmilitaryacademy.org) **Reminder:** All donations count towards your volunteer hours. Every \$10 = 1 hour and hours can be recorded here [www.helpcounterweb.com//ci/volunteer](http://www.helpcounterweb.com//ci/volunteer)

7. **Holiday Spirit Week:** Along with the Giving Tree, UMA Cadets will have several activities, contests, and opportunities beginning now through Friday, Dec 18th.
  - a. **Monday, Dec 14th** they are asked to wear holiday socks and “headgear” (hats, hair bands, etc.)
  - b. **Friday, Dec 18th** will be “ugly sweater and holiday attire.” The SBO will be selling hot cocoa, candy-cane grams (to be delivered during school) and raffle tickets for \$1 before and after school. A giant stocking (that CPT Curtis can fit inside) will be the grand prize for the raffle, and it will be filled with assorted items like a Lacrosse stick, giant Snickers bar, etc.
  - c. **In addition** there will be an art contest, a holiday video contest, a scavenger hunt, several Flight competitions, and a lot of fundraising activities (all which benefit our Giving Tree). If Cadets raise the goal amount they earn a dress-down day in January. Direct questions to CPT Curtis at [www.cptcurtis.com](http://www.cptcurtis.com)
8. **Credit Recovery (Seniors):** Limitless credit recovery is online every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. If you have outstanding credit recovery email them at [limitless.school@gmail.com](mailto:limitless.school@gmail.com) and get started! If your credit recovery is not completed by May then you will not be eligible to walk at graduation. We also can revoke work releases and assign you to retake the classes onsite if you fail to make progress in credit recovery. If you are unsure if you need credit recovery, or are unsure what you should make up, please contact your school counselors.
9. **Thiel Fellowship:** The Thiel Fellowship gives \$100,000 to young people who want to build new things instead of sitting in a classroom. [More information here](#)
10. **So many scholarships:** have been added to the counseling corner website, which can be found at our [utahmilitaryacademy.org](http://utahmilitaryacademy.org) > Cadets Tab> Counselor Corner Please visit our [scholarship page](#) to view all the new scholarship opportunities!
11. **Covid Testing Updates:** Our first round of covid testing for TEAM time and Extra Curriculars went well. We tested approximately 200 Cadets and all were negative. We appreciate parents that were diligent in getting the consent form completed. Just a few points.
  - a. Cadets, please remember when you are lined up for testing, to line up in a single file, social distance, and pay attention so we can wave you in and keep it quick.
  - b. **IMPORTANT:: We will not test a cadet 2 days in a row. If they lose/forget their sticker, they will be ineligible to play for 2 weeks. We can not risk cadets sharing stickers. If you can not keep track of your Cadet ID you can place your sticker on your cell phone.**
  - c. If a Cadet has proof of a positive result they must bring a copy to the office, this will exempt them from testing for 90 days.
  - d. If a Cadet has proof of a negative result, they can bring a copy, this will exempt them from testing for two weeks (1 testing session)
  - e. If you have not yet completed the [consent form](#), you can do that here. We need a consent form for every person that tests. Please note cadets that are NOT 18, can not consent for themselves
  - f. Please read our [FAQs page](#) that was put out last week if you have further questions
12. **Drivers Permit Test:** If your Cadet is at least 15 years old, they are eligible to take the Drivers permit test. UMA will be hosting a class on *Wednesday December 16th at 3:15PM in room 201*. Due to this being an extra-curricular activity, your Cadet must have the