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1. **No School: Reminder there is no school Friday or Monday.** Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing the cadets back on Tuesday.
2. **Calendar Updates:**
 - a. Thursday, January 13th - End of the Quarter
 - b. Friday, January 14th - No School Teacher Prep Day
 - c. Monday, January 17th - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - d. Tuesday, January 18th - First day of the Second Semester
 - e. Monday, January 24th - \$10 charge begins for any schedule changes requested.
 - f. Thursday, February 17th - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - g. Friday, February 18th - No School Teacher Comp Day
3. **Military Academy Summer Seminar applications open now:** Juniors, if you are considering applying for a Military Academy, attending Summer Seminars is a great way to experience Academy life. Air Force Academy applications for Summer Seminar are open now, apply asap as application closes on January 15, apply here: <https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/>. Naval Academy Summer Experience application opens January 4, 2022, apply here: <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>. West Point Summer Seminar application opens February 1, 2022, click here at that time to apply: <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>
4. **UMA Open House:** We will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, January 19 from 6pm-8:30 pm in an effort to recruit new cadets for the 2022-23. If you know of prospective cadets, especially 6th graders, please invite them to join us for more information.
5. **Academy and ROTC Information Event:** Mark your calendars for our Academy and ROTC Information Event coming on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome, including the public. Come learn about the application process, the benefits of Academy or ROTC, even learn about enlistment and opportunities to attend college through the military.
6. **JROTC Military Ball:** Tickets are on sale now for all 8th-12th grade AFJROTC cadets to attend the Joint Service Military Ball on 4 February 2022 from 1830-2100 (6:30 - 9:00 PM) at Weber State University. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$15 for singles. There are also picture packages available as well. Male Cadets will wear their AFJROTC Service Dress Uniform (no CAP or Sea Cadet uniforms allowed). Female cadets can wear their AFJROTC Service Dress Uniform or Homecoming/Prom Attire equivalent (school appropriate).
7. **Credit Recovery:** The dates for semester 2 are as follows: Jan 29, Feb 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 23, and May 7. The crunches are from 10-2, and limitless is available from 4-7 Monday - Thursday via zoom. Get it done so you can graduate!
8. **Seniors, Cap and Gown Ordering:** If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please do so asap at this link: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/2527845/Utah-Military-Academy/-/1659338962/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1659338982/. Cap and gowns must be ordered by February 28 in order to get them in time for graduation.
9. **Afternoon Trax Run:** Due to us being down to 1 bus, we have to make some changes for next week afternoon runs. There will be NO 4:30PM run on Tuesday January 18th, and no 4:30PM Run on Wednesday January 19th. Any Cadet

that goes to the Roy Train station in the afternoons MUST BE on the 3:30PM Bus, or they will need to find alternate transportation. Thank you!

10. **Juniors: Boys State and Girls State applications open:** American Legion Boys or Girls State is a week long leadership conference for students who have finished their junior year of high school. It is held at Weber State University. This week-long summer event, 250-300 selected delegates create and operate city, school board, county and state governments, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of their rights as a citizen. Participants run for office, learn public speaking skills, create and write legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. Boys State costs between \$400-\$500. Girls State costs \$450 which includes earning 3 college credits. To apply for Boys State click here <https://utahboysstate.org/>. To apply for Girls State see Major Workman or Mrs Horning. JH Girls Basketball
11. **JH Girls Basketball:** Begins Tuesday, January 18. To participate you must meet grade requirements for 2nd term and be registered on <https://www.registermyathlete.com/>.
12. **Weekend Backpack Program:** The E.A.S.E team is excited to announce the Weekend Back-Pack program. These backpacks have enough food for 1 person for the entire weekend. If you or your family is in need of assistance with food over the weekends, please email us at ease@utahmilitaryacademy.org.
13. **Future Field Day:** If your cadet is in need of extra support with their homework or needs help catching up on missing work the EASE team will be hosting a Future Field Day Saturday January 22, 2022 at the Hill Field Cafeteria from 10:30-2:00. Food and prizes will be provided! RSVP by sending an email to ease@utahmilitaryacademy.org
14. **COVID Updates and Reminders:** UMA community, While we are not mandating anything, we are strongly urging the following actions for at least the next 5 to 6 weeks to protect everyone at school to the extent we can from the impact of COVID and its variants, *our end goal is always to maintain in-person schooling*:
 - i. Wear masks, especially if there has been any sickness at home or at social gatherings.
 - ii. Social distancing where that is possible.
 - iii. Sneeze and cough into sleeves rather than into hands.
 - iv. Wash hands frequently.
 - v. Wipe down work surfaces regularly.
 - vi. Vaccinations and boosters up to date.
 - vii. Stay home with a temperature of 100.4 or higher and/or if you have the chills (basically that your body seems to run hot and cold) or feeling feverish and when any of the following symptoms are present: Persistent cough; Runny or stuffy nose; Sore throat or trouble swallowing; Decrease or loss of taste and/or smell; Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; Muscle or body aches, feeling extremely tired, or just simply not feeling well.

For parents and cadets, please notify the office so we can help track absences that are due to COVID. We want to help reduce the negative impact on learning caused by absences whenever they happen, but definitely when this virus strikes. For employees, please notify administration as soon as possible as we all know the frustration around substitute availability and how these demands disrupt learning opportunities.

Health Department guidelines state that quarantining is required for at least 5 days if you test positive. If someone in the home tests positive, and you are fully vaccinated you can continue to work with a mask, as long as you have no symptoms. If you begin to develop symptoms, please get tested.

If you experience a one time exposure (This is different from living with someone who has tested positive), please wear a mask for 5 days, get tested if you develop symptoms, but you no longer need to do an in-home quarantine for a one time exposure.

IF SOMEONE IN THE HOME TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID –

If you are fully vaccinated - Please send a copy of your vaccination card to the front office, you can continue to attend work/school as long as you wear a mask. If you are not fully vaccinated please follow below.

- a. **Quarantine in the home. Test on day 5, if you are symptom free and receive a negative result, you can return to school with a mask for 5 more days, if you begin to develop symptoms please test again.**
 - i. **If you test positive on the 5th day, you have to do another 5 day quarantine, and can then return to school with a mask for 5 additional days, as long as all major symptoms have receded, and you have been fever free for at least 24 hours.**

- ii. If you test negative but have symptoms, please quarantine an additional 2 days, and retest. *Repeat the process as needed.* And please keep the office apprised.

IF YOU ARE POSITIVE – Please do the following

- a. Quarantine in the home for 5 days.
 - i. If you have mild to no symptoms, and have been fever free for at least 24 hours, you can return to school/work on day 6 wearing a mask. You must wear a mask for 5 additional days.
 - ii. If you are not fever free, and still have moderate symptoms, please keep the office apprised, and extend your quarantine as needed.

Please understand we want to be at our campuses with our cadets because we know that is optimal for all of us. Let's all work together to keep UMA in-person and as healthy as possible. Please take the precautions suggested or at least be supportive of those who do. Thank you all for your cooperation.