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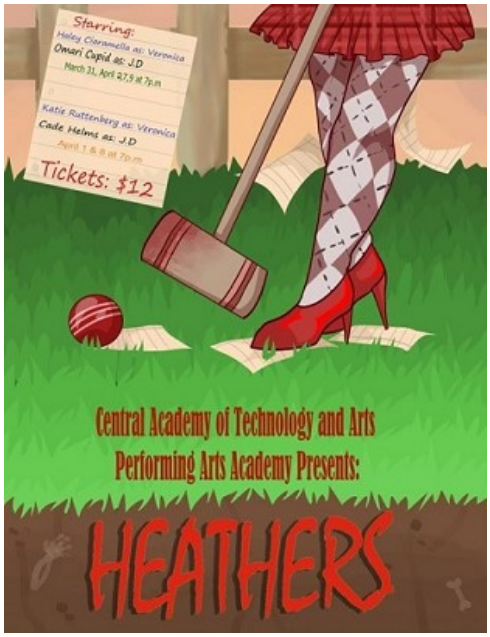
Dear CATA Family,



- **Awards and Recognition:** Check out **Page 2** for a reflection on our Remembering the Holocaust class field trip to the Levine Museum of the New South Anne Frank exhibit. In addition our new Pre-Engineering Robot from Mr. Bernhard's classes made an appearance at the Union Symphony Orchestra.
- **Remembering the Holocaust Class Offering:** If you are interested in taking this course next year, please click **here** and fill out the form.
- **SADD:** CATA is going to start a SADD Club with Officer Hailey as the adviser. The first interest meeting is on Friday, 3/25 at 8:30 AM in the Den (Media Center)
- **Student Showing of Heathers:** On Wednesday, 3/30 during 1st and 2nd periods students will have an opportunity to see our Spring Musical: Heathers. The cost is $5 and tickets will be sold at lunch March 25-29.
- **Tickets are now on sale for our Spring Musical: Heathers**: Tickets can be purchased at **CATA.seatyourself.biz**. The shows are on March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, & 9 at 7 PM in the Theatre. This event has assigned seating.
- **Attention all seniors and Class of 2022:** Jostens will be on campus on **Thursday, 3/31 during all lunch periods** to distribute your cap/gowns and other senior items you ordered. There is more information on **Page 3**
- **Spring Spirit Week:** There will be a spring spirit week and pep rally the week of April 4-8. Our spirit days are listed on **Page 2.** Go Cougars!
- **Gator Ball Tournament:** The student council is hosting CATA's first ever Gator Ball Tournament on April 14, during 4th period. Please **click here** to sign up your team of six players. Proceeds go to Victory Junction, a camp for kids with chronic illnesses. Each individual player must sign up, so form your team, then fill out the form. The entry fee is $5 for each player and you get a plain color t-shirt for your team. **Click here** to pay the fee. The deadline to sign up is 4/8. Permission slips will be handed out after you sign up.
- **Junior Night–** The CATA Counseling Department will be hosting a virtual Junior night on Monday, 4/4 at 6:30 PM. More details will be in next week's newsletter. This is an event to discuss the upcoming senior year, college, scholarships, resumes, and more.
- **PTSO Senior Scholarship NOW OPEN**: CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: $250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: 4/13. Application: **Click here**
- **Scholarship Reporting: Seniors:** Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.
- **Important PTSO Information on Page 7:** Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser, PTSO Scholarship, PTSO Scholarship Committee needs, and 2022-23 PTSO Committee Chair needs.
- **CATA students have you bought your yearbook yet?** There are only 44 yearbooks left for sale! Check the bulletin board outside of The Den to see if your name is on the list of students who have purchased a book. Don't miss out! Order online at yearbookforever.com and search for CATA.

-**Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 4 & 5:**
-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 6** or go to our athletics website by clicking here.
-**Tickets** for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased HERE. -**Spirit Wear:** Click here to purchase.
-Student Life announcements on **page 2, Senior Class of 2022 Information** on **Page 3, PTSO Information** on **Page 7, Media Center Information–** The DEN on **Page 3, School Procedure Information Page 8**
Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt

Student Life Information

Our Remembering the Holocaust class taught by Ms. Cline took a field trip to the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte to visit the "Anne Frank: A History for Today" exhibit. Going to the Anne Frank Pop Up Museum was not only very educational but also very humbling. As a class, we learned about her life before and during the Holocaust, and seeing how her attitude and personality changed along with the desperation and sadness of that time was very moving and impacted me because I was reminded that we should not take for granted anything that we are given. It was very sad to think about Anne and so many other children having to grow up in a place and time where there were anti-Jewish laws, concentration camps, brutal violence, and constant separation from people that meant so much to you. It was a very humbling experience to learn about Anne's journey through the Holocaust. **By Austyn Ossmann**

Our new Pre-Engineering Robot from Mr. Bernhard's classes made an appearance at the Union Symphony Orchestra.

Spring spirit week: April 4 - April 8

- **Monday, April 4 - Tie-dye Day**
- **Tuesday, April 5 - Dress like a school staff member**
- **Wednesday, April 6 - Summer/Beach Vacation Day– Dress like you are going to the beach (within dress code, not bathing suits)**
- **Thursday, April 7 - Celebrity Day– Dress like your favorite celebrity**
- **Friday, April 8 - Spring Color Wars**

Freshmen - purple
Sophomores - pink
Juniors - green
Seniors - blue

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

NHS Officer Meeting: Friday, March 25, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604
SADD: Friday, March 25, 8:30 AM, back of Media Center
Fashion Club: Monday, March 28, 4:00 PM Rm. 616
SWE: Monday, March 28, 4 PM. Rm. 505
Spanish Honor Society: Monday, March 28, 6 PM,
Yearbook : Tuesday March 29, 4 PM, Rm. 102
Rho Kappa: Wednesday, March 30, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604
Speech and Debate: Thursday, March 31, 3:45 Rm. 601
Minority Student Union: Friday, April 1, 8:30 AM, The Den
ESports : Friday, April 1, Rm. 217

Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

Den Digest

Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. **Click here** for the Fall Senior Letter.

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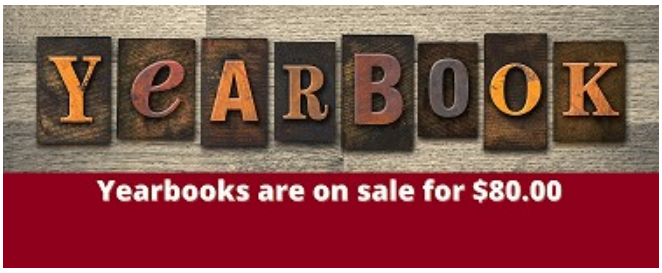
Scholarship Reporting: It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.

Attention Seniors and Parents, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Celebrate this special achievement. Click below to order now! cady.com/capgown22

Attention all seniors and Class of 2022: Jostens will be on campus on **Thursday, March 31 during all lunch periods** to distribute your cap/gowns and other senior items you ordered. If you have a balance due, it must be paid in full prior to picking up your order. Jostens has mailed information to all seniors, but if you are not sure if you owe a balance be sure to call Jostens at 800-582-6376 and they will be happy to assist you.



The Den Digest

Check out the Virtual Learning Commons and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.
https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/
Want to check out a book? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.
Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher. https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8
Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog
https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625

College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department
Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits
Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE
CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE

REGISTRATION

Classroom presentations (Feb. 14 - 25): Counselors will present to their academy classes about the registration process.

Registration Window (March 2 - 9): Students will be able to register in PowerSchool during this window.

2nd Block Counselor Meetings (March 14 - 31): Every student will meet with their counselor during 2nd block to review their registration. Each second block class is assigned a specific day for their meeting (swipe for schedule). Students who do not register within the window will meet with their counselor on the make-up days.

Make-Up Counselor Meetings (April 1st and 4th): These meetings will be for students who were absent on their assigned day or who did not register during the window.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORTING

- GATHER UP ALL OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS
- MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL OFFERS, EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THEM
- EMAIL OR TURN IN YOUR OFFERS TO MS. COLE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

UCPS is offering five workshops to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend one or all of the following sessions.

UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE

Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. - Cuthbertson High School
- Practical strategies to treat trauma.
- Principles for mitigating the impact of trauma as parents and a school community.

PRESENTER: Rachel Milbourn, LCSW - Sage Counseling

GRIEF

March 17 at 6 p.m. - Piedmont High School
- How to identify grief and types of losses?
- How to support grieving children?

PRESENTER: Judy Cline, MSW, LCSW - Bereavement Technician

SUICIDE AWARENESS

March 24 at 6 p.m. - Porter Ridge High School
- Warning signs and myths.
- Current national and state trends.

PRESENTERS: Dr. Tracey Carney - SEL Coordinator, Dr. Melissa Todd - School Psychologist Susan Slattery-Rogers, MSW - School Social Worker, Belle Walker, MSW - Lead School Social Worker and Kelly Whitley, M.A. - School Counselor

iRULES: WHAT EVERY TECH HEALTHY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW

April 28 at 6 p.m. - Forest Hills High School
- How to develop a tech-healthy family?
- Trends and resources to help navigate social media.

PRESENTER: Janell Burley Hoffman

FAMILY WELLNESS

May 19 at 6 p.m. - Sun Valley High School
- How to develop a wellness plan for my family?
- Resources/apps to help my family.

PRESENTER: Tracey A. Leitner, RN, BSN - Atrium Healthcare

UCPS Union County Public Schools
Stay Connected

College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

11th grade pre-engineering students: Are you interested in getting paid to go to college while in high school and get high school and college credit at the same time? If so, be sure to attend the information meeting on April 7th at 6 pm at the SPCC Tyson Center for Technology! See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information.

Seniors in Medical: Are you interested in finding out more about a career in the Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat field? Charlotte, Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat will be speaking in the media center during 2nd block on Tuesday, April 12th. If you are interested in finding out more about this apprenticeship opportunity see Ms. Bartell, Ms. Black, Ms. Turner or Mr. Hammers for a permission slip to attend.

Seniors in Medical, Pre-Engineering, IT, MPRA and Transportation: are you looking for scholarships for college? CTE has two $1000 scholarships available. You must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted gpa, be a CTE concentrator and have been accepted to an accredited college or university. See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information on how to apply.

CATA Counseling Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

Ashley Cole : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

Stephanie Graham: Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)

COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach Rachael Petre. Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball – Erik von Husen erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com
Softball – Nathan Stewart– Interim olynate105@gmail.com
Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Living Tree Fundraiser: Please consider a donation to our spring sports programs. Feel free to share with others.
Click on the Sport to GIVE!

Women's Soccer
Men's Tennis
Baseball
Men's Golf
Track and Field
Softball

Last Week's Results

Friday, March 18: Tennis 8 - Monroe 0
Monday, March 21: Golf wins the match at Eagle Chase. Justin Jenkins tied with the lowest score of 37.
Saturday, March 19: T/F Marvin Ridge Invite - Manny Williams wins the 800 (157.39)
Tuesday, March 22: SB 1 - W. Stanly 13; BB 0 - W. Stanly 11; Tennis 9 - Parkwood 0; Soccer 7 - MP 0

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 25: (A) BB @ W. Stanly 6PM
Saturday, March 26: (A) T/F @ Weddingon 9 AM
Monday, March 28: (A) Golf @ Red Bridge 3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 29: (A) SB @ Anson 6PM; (A) BB @ Parkwood 6PM; (A) TN @ Monroe 4PM
Wednesday, March 30: (H) BB vs. Parkwood 6PM; (H) TN vs. Piedmont 4PM
Thursday, March 31: (A) Golf @ Stonebridge 3:30 PM vs. Arborbrook; (H) SB vs. Forest Hills 5:30 PM; (A) T/F @ Parkwood 3:45 PM; (A) Soccer @ West Stanly 6 PM
Friday, April 1: (A) BB @ Parkwood 6 PM

News & Information

Spring Sports Parent Meeting: Parents please make sure you have completed Contact Info Google Form for Spring Sports. Also, please make sure you watch the NCHSAA Videos. Here is the LINK to the Slides if you were unable to attend the meeting.
Physicals: The newest NCHSAA physical form for the 2021-2022 school year is on our athletics website under forms.
FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2021-2022 school year, then you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under FORMS on the CATA Athletics Website **HERE**.
Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased HERE. We will not be taking any cash at the gate.
Season Sports Passes - Go to CATA Athletics Website for Season Pass Information. Student All Sports Pass - $40 Parent All Sports Pass - $100; Parent Spring Season Pass - $50

Central Academy of Technology & Arts - Monroe, NC

CATA PTSO COUGAR COUNCIL

CATA PTSO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

Senior Pass holders for March: Sabor will be providing tacos for Senior Pass Holders on Tuesday, March 22 from 1:50 to 2:20.

Pizza Kit Fundraiser

In celebration of "Pi" Day we're celebrating all month long with a "Pizza Pie" fundraiser. We've partnered with Little Caesars to bring pizza kits right into your kitchen. Need a quick dinner after a long day? Maybe an after school snack? Ohhhh even some fresh baked cookies. YES all of that can be ordered and shipped directly to you. And the best part is that Little Caesars will donate a portion of the sale back to CATA PTSO which will support the needs of our students and staff. It's easy and only takes a few minutes to order. You can pay by credit card and the yummy kits will be shipped right to your door by FedEx. Just follow the order link below and select the "start shopping" orange button at the bottom.
https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/f46a7a7f-cc79-471e-9724-9c5c02934c65

If this sounds good to you, just imagine how your friends and family will like it! Share the link to ANYONE across the country. With this special link CATA will receive the fundraising donation and the items are shipped directly to the person ordering - there is nothing you need to do except SHARE. Simply copy the link or use the social media tabs from the order link home page.
Thank you for supporting CATA PTSO and celebrating Pi Day with the best way we know how ... PIZZA PIE!

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CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: $250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: April 13, 2022
Application: **Click here**

Scholarship Committee (non-senior parents needed)

PTSO is looking for a handful of non-senior parents to help review our senior scholarship applications. This is a light time commitment sometime mid - late April. You will need to attend 1-2 meetings where you will review all of the applications and as a team award the scholarships. If you are interested, please contact Dee Swanson (demetra.swanson@gmail.com).

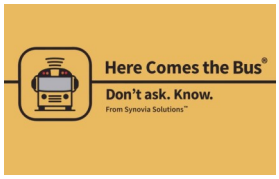
2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSO board for next year. We have a few more spots to fill including Membership, Scholarship/Grant and Fundraising. If you've been involved at your previous school(s), please reach out. High School PTSO involvement is much different than elementary or middle school - less hands on and more behind the scenes - and we need you! New to this whole PTSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSO experience needed - just a desire to share ideas, brainstorm and have input on how to support CATA. Our goal is to provide resources and support for our school and give our children the best learning experience (oh and we have fun too - it's a great way to meet new CATA parents).

If you'd like to learn more about any of these open needs or just to learn more about CATA PTSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).

Items to Remember

Attendance and Absence Notes: Absence notes must be emailed and/or scanned to Mr. William Smith our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence. **Additions to the UCPS Attendance Policy: While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6 week grading period as the absence. This means the school will take it under consideration.**



Bus Transportation: Parents should email Ms. Tweed if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. Bus App Letter English Bus App Letter Spanish

Parking Passes– are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform "**FamilyID**" An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are $45. Link for the application: **https://bit.ly/3s9faWh**

Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to Mr. William Smith, our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number . Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.

CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. Click here
-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. Click here to view.
-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: **Click here** and go to pages 21-23.

UCPS
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School Nutrition

Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com

Technology Help Desk

Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us

Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519

Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
Friday 9AM – 10:30AM