



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year: Today there was an Advisory presentation to give students directions on how to register in PowerSchool and the **PowerSchool Registration System is open**. On 3/20 we will close the PowerSchool Registration System at 5:00 pm. From 3/21 to 4/11 counselors will have individual meetings with assigned students during 2nd block. All registration forms will be due to the counseling office by Friday 4/12 at 3:30 pm. **Report Cards** went home today. **The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships** to CATA seniors. Please check out the information in this edition about qualifications and click [here](#) for the application. All juniors will be taking the **SAT** on 4/9. Congratulations to our **Fall and Winter Athletic Teams**. For the first time ever, all of our fall and winter varsity sports teams qualified (at least a 3.1 team GPA) for the **NCHSAA Scholar Athlete Award**. The **Canine Club** has been sponsoring a drive this week for local animal shelter and rescue needs. Please remember to bring in items for local animal shelters and rescues to your 4th block by Friday. The PTSO is sponsoring the **Senior Shirt Contest**, where rising Seniors have a contest to design their shirt for the Class of 2020. Please see information in this edition. The **Spring Senior Letter** is in this edition. Please click [here](#) to see the letter. Rising Junior and Senior Parents, please see information about registering for **Career and College Promise** courses in this edition.



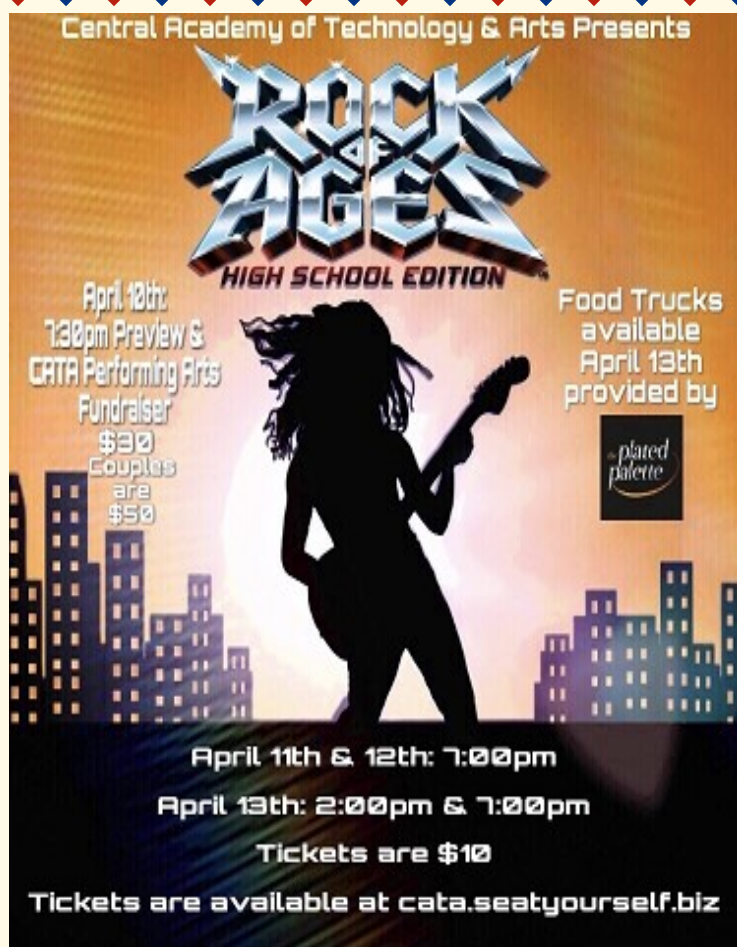
The **Prom** is on Saturday, March 30 at Rolling Hills Country Club from 8 PM until 11:55 PM. Tickets are on sale. Ticket are on sale on the CATA Website for \$70 March 9 to 15. Tickets will be sold at lunch for \$70.00 March 18-22. Students can only buy one or two tickets. **If tickets are purchased online, then you must click [here](#) to register you and your date after the purchase. This is required, because tickets are handed out as people arrive at the door.** Please pick up non CATA student permission forms in the front office. All off campus permission forms are due by 3/22. Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets on the CATA Website. All past due accounts must be current and you must not owe any money to the school to attend the prom.

The performing arts **sophomore** theatre students are performing a **Scene Night** on 3/15 and 3/16. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#) or at the door for \$5. **The Spring Musical is "Rock of Ages"** and is April 10-13. April 10 is a fundraiser preview night with food, fun, games, and the show. Show times are 4/11 and 4/12 at 7 PM and 4/13 at 2:00 and 7 PM. Regular show time tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online [here](#). **Seating is reserved**. There will be food trucks on 4/13. Please visit our Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO website for more information [here](#). Purchase tickets [here](#) for our **Wednesday 4/10 night '80's Preview Celebration Performing Arts Fundraiser!** The event will be a totally awesome '80's night, where we will invite guests to dress in '80's clothes, dance it up with a DJ and even sing karaoke to '80's rock songs. There may even be prizes for the best costume and karaoke performance! The admission price will include hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, a "Rock of Ages" souvenir, DJ, and admission to the Wednesday night performance, along with a complimentary ticket to another Rock of Ages performance! Single Tickets are \$30 or get two for \$50!

CATA will host its 1st career fair on 3/27 from 9am-12pm! Each CATA Academy will be represented by career professionals from the community. The speakers will offer career & continuing education advice to the students and answer career related questions. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and the connections that they will make! Please contact Ms. Cain (Career Development Coordinator) or the Guidance Department with any additional questions or if you would like to volunteer as a presenter. Please see the ad in this edition.

CATA Spiritwear is on sale online by clicking [here](#). For questions please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174. **Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking [here](#).** The **Spring Senior Letter** will be coming out this month. There is information in this edition about the **Yearbook, Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors**, upcoming **College visits** at CATA, **upcoming home athletic events**, and **student life organization** meetings.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the For Parents tab on our website, or [click here](#). The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars! Ms. Meritt



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Attention Seniors - Check out the Spring Senior Letter by clicking [here](#).



Seniors— Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM

College Visits— Please sign up in **Naviance** if you would like to attend. See Ms. Cole if you have questions. You must have your teacher's permission to sign up.

Drexel University— 3/15 at 2:30 PM (Guidance Conference Room)

University of Kentucky— 3/18 at 10:30 AM (Media Center)

Pace University Visit, - 3/19 at 9:30 AM (Guidance Suite)

Savannah College of Art and Design 3/28 at 11:00 AM (Media Center)

Senior Scholarship Opportunities: [Please click here to learn more and see scholarship offerings.](#)

The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships to CATA seniors. To be eligible, you must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and parent or student must be a member of the PTSO before the end of first semester. The student must be applying to attend a technical school, community college, or 4-year college/university. Click [here](#) for the application. Amount: \$500. **Deadline: March 29, 2019.**

SENIORS:

If you are requesting a teacher recommendation through Naviance you **MUST** talk to that teacher about it. Give at least 2 weeks notice, if possible. Teachers may also request your resume before writing a letter.

Seniors! Here are the new standards for honors recognition

Summa Cum Laude: 4.25
Magna Cum Laude: 4.0-4.24
Cum Laude: 3.75-3.99

CATA Guidance 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 Lawson: Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

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

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

JUNIORS — All juniors will be taking the SAT on April 9, 2019.

JUNIORS — Rising Seniors, the PTSO invites you to participate in the Senior T-Shirt design contest. Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2020 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Design your shirt on the [Custom Ink website](#) and email a link to Ms. Christensen. Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is Friday, March 29th! Thank you!

Student Instructions for T-Shirt Design

Senior T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.

- Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.
- Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit.

Please make sure that you choose the following items:

- T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)
- Text (Size and fonts that you want)
- Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.

- No designs will be accepted through any other medium. Once your design is completed on Custom Ink, please email the link to Ms. Christensen (deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us)



Attention Rising Juniors & Seniors!

Are you interested in taking South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) courses during the 2019-2020 school year? If so, course registration for Career & College promise (CCP) will be held in the CATA guidance office on the following dates:

April 1, 2019 for returning Career & College Promise students (already enrolled in the program).

May 1, 2019 for new Career & College Promise Students.

All interested students should see Ms. Cain in the Guidance Office to sign-up for this course registration event. Returning students should sign-up by 3/26/19, and New students should sign up no later than 4/18/19.

New students will also need to complete the CCP enrollment application on the SPCC website prior to the registration date. Once your application has been submitted, please notify Ms. Cain within 1-2 days for submission of your transcript/test scores. The following link will take you to the program/application site: <https://spcc.edu/programs-and-courses/high-school-programs/>
Please see Ms. Cain for any additional questions regarding Career & College Promise or the application process.

Thanks!

Around CATA

Friday, March 15—Drexel University Visit, 2:30 PM (Guidance Conference Room); NCASC Convention (Student Council); CATA Theatre Sophomore Scene Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, March 16—NCASC Convention (Student Council); CATA Theatre Sophomore Scene Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Sunday, March 17—NCASC Convention (Student Council); Charlotte National College Fair (Park Expo), 12:00 PM

Monday, March 18— Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); University of Kentucky visit 10:30 AM (Media Center)

Tuesday, March 19— Hands Helping Others, 3:30 (Rm. 527, Ms. Hinson); Pace University Visit, 9:30 AM, Guidance Suite

Wednesday, March 20—Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost)

Thursday, March 21— Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm 102, Ms. Pentecost);

**Performing Arts
Parents can view
the Academy
Calendar by
clicking [here](#).**

March Events:

3/1 to 3/29—(Monday to Friday)— Spring Musical Rehearsals

3/14 to 3/20— Power School Student Registration Open

3/20 to 3/24—Regional High School Dance Festival, Norfolk, Va.

3/21 to 3/23—International Thespian Festival, Greensboro

3/25—Master Class Fight Workshop, 9 am to 1:30, Theatre

3/25—Meet the Football Coach, 7 PM (Media Center)

3/25—Josten's Senior Cap and Gown Delivery, All Lunches

3/27—CATA Career Fair, 8:30 AM (GYM)

3/27—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Room)

3/28— SCAD Visit, 11:00 AM (Media Center)

3/30—Prom, 8PM to 11:55 PM, Rolling Hills Country Club

Student Life

Our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here](#).

- The **Art Club** is meeting meets Every Wednesday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost)
- The **Yearbook club** meets Every Thursday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost).
- There is a **Student Council Officer Meeting**, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.) every Monday
- **Hands Helping Others** will have a meeting on Tuesday 3/19 at 3:30 PM in Room 527 (Ms. Hinson)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics** **Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.** **Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Last Week's Results:

Baseball – Two wins vs. Forest Hills
Softball – Two losses vs. Charlotte Catholic
Women's Soccer – Win vs. East Lincoln, Loss vs. Concord
Track & Field – No events since last Chronicle
Men's Golf – 1st place by 22 strokes in second RRC Match
Men's Tennis – Wins vs. Parkwood & Forest Hills

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 15th:

HOME – Soccer vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm
HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm – Monroe High

Saturday, March 16th:

AWAY – Track & Field – Cuthbertson – All Day Event

Monday, March 18th:

AWAY – Golf – West Stanly – 3:30 pm
AWAY – Women's Soccer – Buford, SC – 6:00 pm
HOME – Tennis vs. Monroe @ Monroe High – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 19th:

HOME – Baseball vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:30/7:00 pm
HOME – Softball vs. Mount Pleasant – 5:00 pm
AWAY – Tennis vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm
HOME – Golf vs. Central Pageland – 4:15 pm

Wednesday, March 20th:

AWAY – Baseball vs. Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm
HOME – Soccer vs. Mount Pleasant – 5:00 pm

Thursday, March 21st:

HOME – Soccer vs. Richmond Senior – 5:00 pm
AWAY – Softball vs. Cuthbertson – 5:30 pm
AWAY – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm

Friday, March 22nd:

AWAY – Baseball vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:30/7:00 pm
AWAY – Softball vs. Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm
AWAY – Golf – Irish Creek – Noon

Saturday, March 23rd:

AWAY – Golf – Irish Creek – 8:00 am

News & Information:

FAMILY ID: If you plan on participating in Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year you need to create a NEW Family ID account and get registered. Once you have registered, you must get approved before you can participate. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website. Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate

Spring Sports Information:

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – terry.lewis@kw.com

Softball – Greg Peters – Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football - Meet the Coach: All returning & perspective football players and parents are invited to the CATA Media Center on Monday, March 25th @ 7:00 pm to meet new head football coach Drew Hackett, and learn more about the 2019 football season.



Student Parking Passes

ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, AND 2017-2018 technology fee, media center fees, cafeteria, and any fees owed to CATA.



- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **canNOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA website under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**

Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. **We have no spaces left and students will now be put on a waiting list .**

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

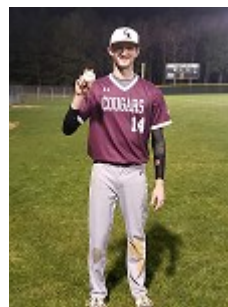
Congratulations to our Fall and Winter Athletic Teams. For the first time ever, all of our fall and winter varsity sports teams qualified (at least a 3.1 team GPA) for the NCHSAA Scholar Athlete Award. Let's go Spring Sports. Keep up the good work!

Fall:

Women's Cross Country	3.885
Volleyball	3.576
Men's Cross Country	3.568
Women's Tennis	3.500
Cheerleading	3.469
Men's Soccer	3.341

Winter:

Women's Indoor Track & Field	3.875
Men's Indoor Track & Field	3.557
Women's Basketball	3.455
Men's Swimming	3.438
Women's Swimming	3.386
Cheerleading	3.329
Men's Basketball	3.308
Wrestling	3.105



Baseball: Congrats to Senior Pitcher **Blake Little** on recording his 200th strikeout on Wednesday night vs. Forest Hills.

Performing Arts Dancers: Thank you to Ms. Cyphers and our Performing Arts Academy Dancers for a Great Spring Student Choreography Show. There were 24 acts all choreographed and planned by students.

Congratulations to **Blake Argo** on signing with Emanuel College GA- Clay Target Shooting Team

Cougar Council PTSO Information

Click here to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.

If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information. We are still looking for a **membership** and **fundraising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards.

President: Nicole D'Amico

nicole.damico.me@gmail.com

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meenaskalp@yahoo.com

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Membership: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant



Effective 10/1/18, **Publix Partners** cards will no longer scan or be accepted. To support our school, **sign up** for Publix Partners through your Publix.com account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school. Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase. **Harris Teeter VIC link update:** So far we have linked 191 Harris Teeter cards. We have gotten \$341.33 from them year to date. If you are doing any holiday shopping on **Amazon**, please consider signing up for [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). We have gotten \$105.10 from Smile Amazon.

Volunteering at Central Academy:

We are happy to have our parents volunteer for events, field trips, and other school activities. Please click [here](#) to fill out an application to volunteer.

Chromebooks: This is a reminder that students/parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of all damages incurred if the protective case is removed from the Chromebook regardless of the cause. **This means students must keep the protective cases on the Chromebook.**



CATA Families-

Did you know that when customers shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers?

So please select Central Academy and help support our great school and get your shopping done at the same time 😊

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Math Tutoring



with
Mr. Broome
In room 519

Mondays
3:30-4:30

Yearbooks

Have you purchased a yearbook yet? Yearbooks are now \$85.00. Metal name tags can be ordered until March (select itag at checkout). You can order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> (search for CATA) or send a check (made payable to CATA). The yearbook staff is hard at work designing another fabulous book. **If you have any questions about yearbook sales, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

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Yearbook

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Band @catabanddirect
Student Council @StucoCata
Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling
Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer
Baseball @CATA_Baseball
Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre

Chromebook and Technology Help Desk: Students may see Mr. Ed-dins during the following times for help with Technology

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday

- 7:30AM-8:50AM
- 12:00PM-2:00PM





Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2019,

We are very proud of every one of you. This spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for of your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your senior year and want to be sure you know all necessary information and expectations.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (**1162 Eden Terrace** Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 1:00 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu).

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Ladies: Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress that is no longer than their gown or dark slacks. There should be no collar showing with the gown. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate; however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

Gentlemen: dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie. No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

If you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Wednesday, April 17 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here prior to the start of 2nd block if you flex). The Senior Cap and Gown photo will cost \$15.

Senior Week is May 20-24: We will make a separate announcement about the Senior Week Field Trip.

Monday: Academic Signing Day: Medical Science (9:00 to 10:15), Pre-Engineering (10:30 11:45), Performing Arts (12:15 to 1:30), **Tie Dye Shirts**, fourth period café and courtyard (45 minutes at the beginning of the period), **Wear your college Gear**

Tuesday: Academic Signing Day: Transportation Systems (9:00 to 10:00), Information Systems (11:00-12:15), **Field Day**, Fourth Block, **Wear your college Gear**

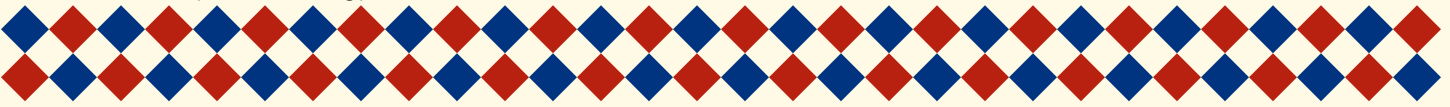
Wednesday: Reality of Money, First and Second Block

Thursday: Senior Breakfast (PTSO) and **Crown Making**, First Block in the Café, **Toga and Crowns Day**

Friday: Senior Trip to the Whitewater Center in Charlotte, All Day (Information will go out separately for the trip)

Senior Academic Signings: Each academy will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 20-21 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

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Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter

Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior speak at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy choose the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration to this committee on **Wednesday, May 1 or Thursday, May 2** starting at 3:45 in the media center conference room. Please pay attention to the announcements for information on how to register to audition on May 1 and 2.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of April. Students will not receive graduation packets, which include tickets if past due fees are not paid. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 5 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning **May 6– June 5** before/after school in the main office, and will be available to be purchased online on the school website: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$10.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on “Event Tickets” on the right tab starting May 6).

Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$10 per ticket before the graduation ceremony.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.

Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see above).

Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.

Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies.

Extra Information about graduation day:

Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.

Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.

Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.

A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.

At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside of the arena. Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**