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Dear CATA Family,

Our first day of school is Monday, 8/17. We are working diligently to ensure our students are engaged, learning, and safe. We are following the protocols set forth by the NCDHHS. Click [here](#) for the health guidelines. **Please follow our social media sites which are linked on the icons above.** **Student schedule updates** are on page 3. **Safety Procedures** are on page 5. **Contact Information:** All parents should complete the CATA Contact Form with contact info. This is required. [Click here.](#) **Beginning of Year Videos: A Day in the Life of CATA [Part I](#) with Ms. Merritt and [Part II](#); Safety Protocols for the start of the year.** Click on Part I and II to watch the videos.

Bus Transportation Information will be mailed out with schedules the week of 8/10. Parents should email Ms. Tweed (tammy.tweed@ucps.k12.nc.us) with transportation info if they did not complete the UCPS Survey.

If you are still considering **Plan D (Remote Learning Only)**, then please contact Mr. William Smith and Ms. Tammy Tweed at CATA. [Email them both.](#) Please click [here](#) for **UCPS information about the upcoming school year.** Please click [here](#) for the **UCPS Frequently Asked Questions about the upcoming school year.**

New to UCPS Chromebook , AP Calculus, and Pre-Calculus Textbook Pick Up: On Monday 8/10 from 9-11am students who are new to UCPS and students who are taking Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus are invited to come pick up their Chromebooks and charger (new to UCPS students) or textbooks (Pre-Calc and AP Calc students). The distribution of these materials will be in the front car rider line circle. We ask that you have a sign in the front window with your student's first and last name on it as well as which item they are picking up that day. We also ask that all parties in the car be wearing masks. **Students who are receiving Chromebooks for the first time** will be given a Chromebook and charger already checked out in their name. Chromebooks will need to be charged prior to first use. Once charged, students will need to log into the computer and familiarize themselves with student email, class CANVAS pages, Microsoft teams, Zoom, and Google. As you receive the Chromebook and charger, there will be an information sheet stating how to do these things as well as informational videos on how to do these things posted to the CATA website and CATA social media by Monday August 10. **Technology Services has created electronic forms for the Chromebook Parent/Student Agreement** for this school year. These links are specific to CATA and must be filled out by all students and parents. **Please PRINT** these out and bring them to the pick-up day on 8/10 filled out appropriately.

English-<https://bit.ly/3a04pwa> **Spanish-**<https://bit.ly/3gAgnzi>

Students who already have Chromebooks and need assistance and Internet Connectivity: Please charge them and check that everything is working properly. If you have any technology issues please fill out this form. [Click here.](#) In addition, any student who needs a Hotspot for Internet service please fill out this same form and the survey posted in the form.

Parking Pass sales will begin on Monday, 8/10 for Seniors only, Tuesday, 8/11 for Juniors only, Wednesday, 8/12 for Sophomores only and on Thursday, 8/13 first come, first served. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on FamilyID this year, an account will need to be created if you don't already have one. A link to the application will be on the CATA website beginning on Monday, 8/10 at 8:00 am. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who has outstanding fees. Any student who does not follow the guidelines above will have their application deleted and will have to submit it again. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via student UCPS email.



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Freshmen and New Sophomore Virtual Orientations: These events will be virtual and will take place Wednesday, 8/12. We will offer a virtual tour of the school, provide important back to school information, and introduce our new students to the CATA family. We will send a separate message with more details.

Our **bell schedule** for this year has changed. And our new school time is from 9:05-3:45. Students are expected to follow our daily schedule and complete 90 minutes of work per class each day. Teachers will use our Canvas platform and virtual platforms such as Zoom, Google Classroom, and Microsoft Teams.

Students Assigned Day at School: Students will be assigned to an attendance day based on their last names (exceptions will be made for siblings and members of the same household). **Students with last names A-D** will attend school on Mondays, **students with last names E-K** will attend on Tuesdays, **students with last names L-Q** will attend on Wednesdays, **students with last names R-Z will attend on Thursdays**, and ALL students will participate in remote learning on Fridays. **Student attendance** will be taken for student participation on their assigned day at school and virtually each day in Power School. School is in session and students are expected to be in class or logged into a class session at the appropriate time each day.

Senior Night: This event will be on Tuesday, September the 8 and is virtual. This is all the information our Seniors need about the college application process, essays, and scholarships.

Summer Read: Students will participate in an online virtual summer read discussion the second and third week of school on Friday. We will send out more information in the coming weeks. Students who attended CATA last year chose their book at the end of the year last year. Those students can check their student email for their reading assignments. The Freshman and new to CATA sophomore book is *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy.

AP Summer Assignments and reading: Please click [here](#) to for a list of the assignments

Athletics: Please check out the CATA Sports page in this edition. The NCHSAA has mandated fall sports not begin until they make an announcement on the week of 8/17 about the season. Our fall sports are currently having work out sessions. Please contact our athletic director [Jay Niessner](#) if you have questions.

Student Life Organizations and Clubs: We will have a Student Life Fair the Second week of school. All organizations will meet remotely at this time.

Class of 2021 Information about your senior portraits: Congratulations Class of 2021! You're finally a senior and we have some information regarding your senior portraits. Please click on the link for a 90-second video from our school's exclusive photographer, Cady Studios. Be sure to watch the entire video and fill out the contact form, so you will receive information on how to schedule your senior portraits. [cady.com/2021](#)" You must fill this out to schedule your senior portraits.

Senior T-Shirts, Yard Signs and Event Passes are now available to order through the PTSO website <http://www.cataptso.org>. This is a great way to show your CATA Senior Spirit and enjoy special treats throughout the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to PTSO (catacougarcouncil@gmail.com). An order form is in this edition on the last page.

We will not have **locker usage** this semester. Students should keep all items in their book bags.

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 Schedules

Student Scheduling Update -

Your school counselors have been working diligently to finalize the master schedule and meet student needs and requests for the upcoming school year. During July we have been working with incoming ninth grade schedules to complete our master schedule. During the summer, the schedule is not complete as we work into August to finalize all courses and student enrollment in these courses. **If a student can accidentally see a schedule in School Net for next year, it is NOT correct or complete!**

The following will take place on **Monday, August 10th** -

- Drafts of schedules will be mailed directly to each student along with bus information if needed.
- PowerSchool will be opened for students to view their schedule at 9:00 am.

The Schedule Correction Google Doc will go live at 9:00 am. This form will be open until Friday, August 21st at 5:00 pm. Schedule corrections will only take place through the first five days of the semester. Click here <https://forms.gle/8tBy9vH3N5sHDdGC8>

Students will either receive the class(es) they selected during the registration process last spring or students will see **"Please See Counselor"** on their schedules. We will not randomly give 10-12 grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter **"Please See Counselor"** as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict we need to discuss with the student. If a student has **"Please See Counselor"** on the schedule, please fill out the CATA Schedule Correction Form at the above link. The form will only accept student email addresses. Priority will be given to those students with **"Please See Counselor"** listed on their schedule the week prior to school beginning. Please be reminded that schedule corrections will take place through the first five days of the semester, until Friday, August 21st.

If you have never had access to Parent Portal for Powerschool or if you were unable to access last year please email William.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us. CATA will communicate soon and let you know when and Parent Portal returns. Please do not contact Mr. Smith about schedules.

Plan B Assigned Face to Face Instruction Days

A-D— Monday
E-K— Tuesday
L-Q—Wednesday
R-Z—Thursday

**Friday is a remote
Learning Day**

*** Some changes may be made due to scheduling and class sizes. Families will be informed if there are any changes.**



Bell Schedule

New School Time- 9:05-3:45

1st period 9:05 to 10:35

2nd Period 10:40 to 12:10

3rd Period 12:15 to 2:10

Lunch (one person to a table, café, small café, outside, gym) Approximately 80 students in each lunch distanced in line.

Lunch Schedules and Times may vary and are subject to change

A Lunch 12:20 to 12:50

B Lunch 1:00 to 1:30

C Lunch 1:40 to 2:10

4th Period 2:15 to 3:45

Students will come to school once a week from Monday to Thursday and Friday will be an online learning day for all.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group 1 (At School)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Group 1 (Remote Learning)	Remote Learning for all Students
Group 2 (Remote Learning)	Group 2 (At School)	Group 2 (Remote Learning)	Group 2 (Remote Learning)	
Group 3 (Remote Learning)	Group 3 (Remote Learning)	Group 3 (At school)	Group 3 (Remote Learning)	Teacher Planning
Group 4 (Remote learning)	Group 4 (Remote Learning)	Group 4 (Remote Learning)	Group 4 (At School)	Office Hours

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Students will follow their schedule in person and/or virtually each day. The suggested schedule is below. If students are at home, then this is the suggested schedule.

9:05 to 10:35: Complete Activities/Assignments for 1st Block Class (may include live or on-demand teacher instruction)

10:40 to 12:10: Complete Activities/ Assignments for 2nd Block Class (may include live or on-demand teacher instruction)

Lunch based on the time you would eat lunch at school during third block.

12:15 to 2:10: Complete Activities/ Assignments for 3rd Block Class (may include live or on-demand teacher instruction). Take note of the time your teacher would have scheduled for lunch.

2:15 to 3:45: Complete Activities/ Assignments for 4th Block Class (may include live or on-demand teacher instruction)



School Protocols Safety

Click [here](#) for state Guidelines

- ◆ Each teacher will answer health screening questions and have their temperature taken each day.
- ◆ Each student must answer a series of health questions and have their temperature taken each day.
- ◆ If your child is sick or exhibiting the following symptoms then please do not send them to school.
 1. Fever of 100.4 or above
 2. New cough
 3. New trouble breathing, shortness of breath or severe wheezing
 4. New Chills
 5. New Muscle Aches
 6. Sore Throat
 7. Diarrhea
 8. New loss of smell, taste, or change in taste
 9. Have been within 6 feet of a person with a lab confirmed case of the current novel virus for at least five minutes, or had direct contact with their mucus or saliva, in the past 14 days
 10. These protocols may also call for additional measures to be put in place based on future guidelines.
- ◆ Please do not come to school if you are awaiting a test result for the current novel virus or are living with someone who has the virus.
- ◆ We will have a separate nurses station for students who exhibit symptoms at school.
- ◆ Everyone at school must wear a mask and keep physical distance of six feet apart or more. Students will be provide washable masks they must keep clean and can wear their own masks
- ◆ Our hallways will have a marked one way walking pattern
- ◆ Classroom doors will be left open
- ◆ Student desks will be sanitized and students will rotate the desks and work stations used.
- ◆ UCPS will provide masks that are washable
- ◆ Students are encouraged to bring their own personal hand sanitizer
- ◆ **Students may not enter the building until 8:35 AM**
- ◆ **All students will go directly to their first period classes**
- ◆ A student may eat breakfast but will be distanced in line and in the dining area.
- ◆ We will have distancing measures for the line and eating at lunch.
- ◆ We will dismiss by car rider, bus rider, and student driver and students must exit the building.
- ◆ All students should follow the directions of coaches if they are an athlete.
- ◆ All Student Life Organizations will meet remotely (Clubs)
- ◆ Morning Protocols
- ◆ **Bus Lot:** Students must stay on the bus and be dismissed one at time and then stand on the marked areas outside of the school for health questions and temperature checks.
- ◆ **Student Parking Lot:** Students must stay in their cars when prompted and stand wait for a school official to ask questions and take their temperature. When students pass the health check and temperature test then they will go directly to first period or breakfast.
- ◆ **Car Riders: Students must stay in their cars** when prompted and wait for a school official to ask questions and take their temperature. When students pass the health check and temperature test then they will go directly to first period or breakfast.
- ◆ The school will have disinfecting items and hand sanitizer. Students may bring their own.
- ◆ All IEP and 504 meetings will be held virtually



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

Scholarship Spotlight– Click [HERE](#) for more scholarships
[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)



UCPS | SCOIR
 Upper County Public Schools

UCPS is now using Scoir!

UCPS has chosen SCOIR to help you navigate the college selection and application process!

Scoir helps you do this and more!

- ✓ Research colleges and save them as favorites
- ✓ Track all college applications
- ✓ Take virtual college visits
- ✓ Request letters of recommendation

Students - check your UCPS email on August 3rd for an invitation to Scoir!

 Scoir student experience video
<https://bit.ly/Scoir4students>

 Download the Scoir student app!

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



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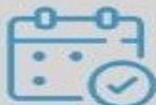
Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of students and staff we are implementing the following procedures for the 2020-2021 school year.



MEETING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Email your counselor to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment. If a student is in crisis they will need permission from their teacher to visit a counselor.



SAFETY MEASURES

*One student in a counselor's office at a time
 Masks are required
 Remain 6ft apart
 Entrance doors will remain shut*

REASONS TO CONTACT US

COUNSELORS

Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, Ms. Goodwin

To discuss academic, social/emotional, and career questions. This includes, but is not limited to: Class selection, college/career choices, scholarships, and friendship/relationship/family issues.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Mrs. Corbett

To discuss career fields and job qualifications. To discuss internship options within the county. Students enrolled at SPCC can discuss class options. Students interested in SPCC can discuss how to get enrolled.

COUNSELING SECRETARY

Mrs. Tweed

The first person you see when entering our office. Mrs. Tweed can provide transcripts and bus passes. She can help with most school-related questions and can help students determine if they should meet with a counselor.



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. Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has ruled Fall sports may not begin until they make an announcement on the week of 8/17. Please contact your coaches about summer workout protocols and plans.

Fall Sports - 2020

Summer Workouts: Summer workout calendars are posted on the [CATA athletic website](#). Please contact your sports coach for more details.

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin-shane.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Sports Contact Information:

Baseball – Matt Garcia – matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@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

**CATA COUGAR
SPIRIT WEAR**
CATA Spirit Wear will
be on sale online
soon. We will keep
you updated.





Den Digest (Media Center) & Battle of the Books

The Den Digest

The CATA Media Center website has been transformed into a Virtual Learning Commons. Check out the website 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/>

Remember that you can still access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>

Please remember to finish your summer reading book so you're ready to discuss when we return to school.

CDC Information About the Coronavirus—<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

August Dates:

National Back to School Month

8/9—National Book Lovers Day

8/9-8/15—Assistance Dog Week

Click on the AD to sign up!

JOIN THE CATA BOB TEAM!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Fill out the interest form here:
<https://forms.gle/5s4EcxfeCqwr6wGN6>



CLASS OF '21 ORDERS



CATA Seniors Class of 2021 Senior Package Form



Senior Events, T-Shirts, Yard Signs and more! In addition to offering senior t-shirts, yard signs and senior week activities, the PTSO Senior Events Committee has planned BONUS activities to make Class of 2021 a year of special memories. These bonus activities may include an ice cream social, dessert bar and other random surprise events during the school day. Entrance into these particular BONUS Senior Events require a Senior Pass. We are offering all senior programs separately or bundled with a \$5-\$10 discount for your convenience.

PACKAGE PRICING:

Senior Items	Basic	White	Maroon	Navy
Senior Event Pass		✓	✓	✓
PTSO Membership		✓	✓	✓
Senior Class T-Shirt	✓		✓	✓
Yard Sign	✓			✓
PACKAGE PRICING	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 45	\$ 60

SENIOR
YARD SIGN



SENIOR CLASS T-SHIRT
(black long sleeve t-shirt w/ red text & white scratch)



ORDER FORM:

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR THE DEN/MEDIA CENTER OR VISIT WWW.CATAPTSO.ORG

PACKAGE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Basic	\$25		\$
White	\$35		\$
Maroon	\$45		\$
Navy	\$60		\$
Add On To Package Above			
Class Shirt	\$10		\$
Yard Sign	\$20		\$
Event Pass	\$30		\$
TOTAL PAYMENT:			\$

To place your order:

Order by July 15th for Open House Pick Up

ONLINE (available now): Order your package online at www.cataptso.org using your credit/debit card. Please note there will be a 3% transaction fee. Once you have paid you will be directed to an online form to fill out the required student information to complete the order.

OR

IN PERSON (available once the building re-opens): Fill out the information below and submit this form with your cash or check payment (checks made payable to CATA PTSO) to the Front Office or The Den/Media Center.

Name of 2021 Senior: _____

Cell Phone: _____ T-Shirt Size (if ordering above): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Package Type: _____ Payment: \$ _____ Online Cash Check # _____