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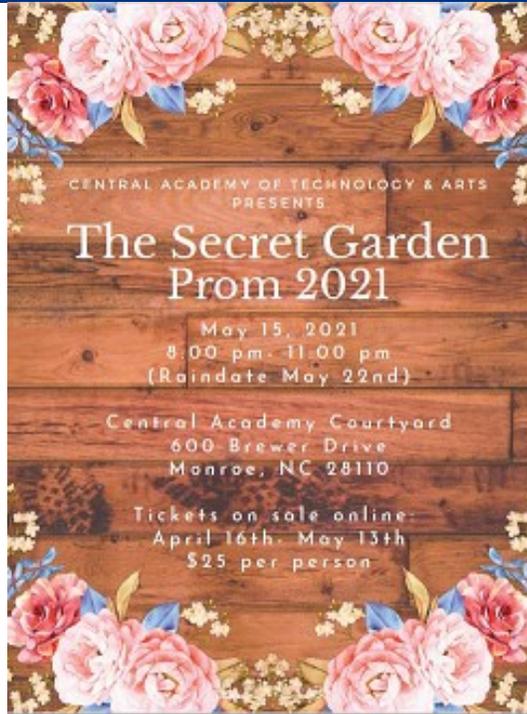
Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Junior/Senior Prom:** The Secret Garden Prom is Saturday, May 15 from 8 to 11 PM on the campus of CATA. Tickets are on sale online at this [link](#) until 5/13 at \$25 per person. All who purchase [must click here](#) to fill out the prom attendance form. If you have a non CATA guest, then you must [click here](#) or pick up a guest form in the main office and should already be returned. Please see the ad on page 2. Your tickets will be handed to you as you arrive. Those who are dropped off should use the front circle. If you are driving, then go to the student parking lot. We will check students in as they arrive in their cars in both areas.
- ◆ Central Academy of Technology & Arts **Athletic Director**, Jay Niessner will step down from his duties as Athletic Director effective June 30, 2021. We would like to thank Coach Niessner for his service as AD over the past 8 years. Coach Niessner will continue to teach at CATA & coach the men's & women's soccer teams. Any interested qualified candidates in the position should apply on the UCPS website.
- ◆ **AP Exam Information** is on Pages 3 and 4.
- ◆ **Exam Information** is in this edition on pages 5 and 6. [Click here](#) for the Spring Exam Schedule and Procedures. All **calculators** are due back to the media center by 5/19.
- ◆ **Bus Transportation for Exams for Plan D Students:** If you are virtual student who has taken an EOC or CTE state exam on campus during the week of May 24-27, and need transportation to and/or from school, then please fill the bus request form out by May 17 at 4:00. [Click here to request](#).
- ◆ **Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information:** A separate email was sent to each senior to their UCPS email account and parents received a Connect Ed. email. [Click here](#) to see the letter. The letter is posted on pages 7-10 in this edition. Health guidelines are subject to change and we will update as needed. Please read carefully. Each senior is allowed FOUR tickets.
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Senior Picture:** This is on Monday, May 17 and seniors should be here by 5:25 PM. This is the same night at the Senior Pep Rally in the Gym. All Seniors are encouraged to be here for this one of a kind picture with all of their classmates. Please check your email for more details. Copies will be sold for \$20.00. [Click here to purchase](#)
- ◆ **Senior Week :** The class of 2021 Senior Week is May 17 to 21. Please check out page 2 for fully updated details.
- ◆ Attention Rising Seniors! It's time to submit your designs for the **Class of 2022 senior t-shirt** into Ms. Christensen. Friday, May 14 is when the designs are due and you may win a free t-shirt and senior sign from the PTO! Please [click here](#) or see page 11 for all the rules. Designs must be created using CustomInk and emailed to Ms. Christensen.
- ◆ **Summer Reading Selection Time:** For all current 9th to 11th graders. Each year faculty pick books they would like for students to read. Students choose a book, read it over the summer, and meet when school starts in the Fall to discuss the book. [Click here for a slideshow of possible books](#) Pick your top three choices by Friday, May 14. [Click here to make your choices](#)
- ◆ The **Union County Education Foundation Sweet Salute:** The winners from CATA are Reese Milhorne and Megan Mossembekker. They honored two of our teachers, Mr. King and Mr. Retzlaff.
- ◆ Congratulations to our **2021 Junior Marshals :** The students are listed on page 12.
- ◆ **Spring Musical Cabaret Tickets Pre-Recorded Performance:** Access to the stream will be through Vimeo.com and links to the performance will go live at 8:00 am on May 21. Links to the video will be sent out starting May 21. Video can also be downloaded from the same link is provided. Purchase by [clicking here](#). This is a delay from the previous release. **Once you purchase the filmed version- you will own it.**
- ◆ **Athletics:** See our athletics information on pages 14 & 15 in this edition for information on our weekly schedule. Please check out page 15 for how to **live stream CATA wrestling**. **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear:** [click here](#) to purchase.

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



# Senior Week & Performing Arts Fundraiser



## Senior Week: Monday, May 17 to Friday May 21

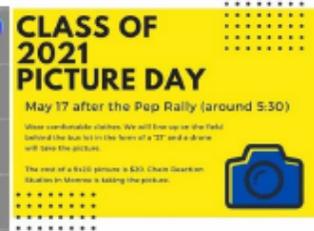
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**Friday, May 21, Taco Truck, 12:00 to 2:00 (Student Parking Lot or Bus Lot), Wear your Toga, Crowns, or Tie Dye Shirts. Taco, Togas, and Tie Dye Day!**



*Class of 2021*  
*Senior Week*



# AP Exams

## AP TESTING 2021

You ***should*** bring the following items to the exam room:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Environmental Science, Physics, or Stats Exam
- A ruler or straightedge for AP Physics exams

You ***should not*** bring the following to the exam room:

- Electronic devices, such as: cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry, smart phones, laptops, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, iPods, e-mail/messaging devices, camera/photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, protractors, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (unless you are taking an AP Physics exam)
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets)
- Computers or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm, or smartwatches
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones)
- Scissors, pocket knife, or other sharp implements
- Clothing with subject-related information
- Food or drink (*Unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date*)

### **Reminders:**

You are required to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to your exam: 7:50 for the morning administration and 11:50 for the afternoon administration. **Please *DO NOT* park at the Professional Development Center (PDC).** Students *may not* be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly. Please note that if you ride the bus, you will need to make alternate travel arrangements as morning exams begin before CATA starts at 9:05 a.m. and afternoon exams may end after 3:45 p.m.

English Literature and US History exams will be given digitally at your home. You must be logged into the testing system prior to 12:00 noon or the exam will not be loaded onto your Chromebook. You must use your Chromebook to take these two exams. The software will be loaded onto your Chromebook.

Get a good night's rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast/brunch. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater or jacket, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level – it is normally very cold at the PDC!!!

You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and CATA during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

AP Scores will be available online in July. You will access your scores via your College Board account. Check the score release schedule, available on the student AP scores website in May.



# AP Exams

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Lawson at Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us or (704)296-3088. Thank You and Good Luck!!!

Below is the listing of ALL AP Exams. Please review and make sure you know the day, time, and location of your exams.

AP Exam	Date	Time	Room
AP US Government	Monday, May 3rd	8:00 am	PDC 203/204/205
AP Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PDC 203/204/205 206/207
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PDC 220
AP Physics 1	Wednesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205
AP Computer Science	Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205
AP World History	Monday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PDC 220
AP Psychology	Tuesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205 206/207
AP English Language	Wednesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PDC 206/207
AP Biology	Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	CATA 107
AP Environmental Science	Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	CATA Media Center
AP Computer Science Principles	Monday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PDC 206/207
AP Statistics	Monday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	PDC 220
AP English Literature	Tuesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Digital at Home
AP US History	Wednesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Digital at Home
AP Studio Art	Thursday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Portfolio Submitted by 11:59 pm	n/a
AP Calculus BC	Monday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	PDC 206/207

**Advanced Placement Absence Permission Form** - for each student to fill out. In the past we would give students an actual document to sign, but we are living in a virtual world these days, as you know. Our students are not required to attend classes on the day of their assigned AP Exam (this is no different than any other school year) provided they have communicated with their teachers and parent/guardian). We will review their grades and if they should be in class their google form will not be approved. If granted permission the student will be coded as "field trip" and not counted absent on the day of their AP Exam. Please have your students fill out the google form by **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. They must fill out a form for each exam they are taking.

**[Please click here for the form](#)**

# Spring Semester Exam Dates 2020-21

**Friday, May 21**

1<sup>st</sup> period review 9:05 to 10:35 (This is a regular day of school for all Plan A and Plan D students)

**Monday, May 24**

9:05 – 1:05 1<sup>st</sup> period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school. 9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 1<sup>st</sup> period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 2<sup>nd</sup> period review Plan A and Plan D

**Tuesday, May 25**

9:05 – 1:05 2<sup>nd</sup> period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school. 9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 2<sup>nd</sup> period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 3<sup>rd</sup> period review Plan A and Plan D

**Wednesday, May 26**

9:05 – 1:05 3<sup>rd</sup> period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school. 9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 3<sup>rd</sup> period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: 4<sup>th</sup> period review Plan A and Plan D

**Thursday, May 27**

9:05 – 1:05 4<sup>th</sup> period **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school. 9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- 4<sup>th</sup> period **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym **(Buses will leave after lunch)**

**Friday, May 28- Make-up Exams– All students are remote, except those making up state EOC/CTE exams.**

9:05 – 1:05 Make-up **STATE** exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- Make-up **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: Bus riders will sit in the gym or café until time to leave school with masks and distance.

**Exam Information**

**All students who take STATE EOC or some CTE Exams must take their exam in the school building. Some CTE exams cannot be exempted and must be taken at home. If a student does not complete their final State exam (EOC or CTE) or teacher made exam within the five-day window they will receive a final grade of 0 and it will be averaged into their final grade.** Mask, social distance, and room capacity rules will apply. Student parking lot spot. If you have not purchased a parking spot to and pick you up from school. Please do not drive to

**CTE STATE Exams- Take at School**

**Must come to CATA to take**

- Apparel & Textile Prod I
- Apparel & Textile Prod II
- Automotive Service II
- Automotive Service Fundamentals
- Business Law Honors
- Health Science I Honors
- Principles of Business & Finance

Mask, drivers must park in their assigned student then you need to have a parent bring you school without a parking pass.

**List of At School STATE Exams**

**EOC State Exams- Take at School**

**Must come to CATA to take**

- Biology
- English II
- Math I
- Math III

- PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing -
- PLTW Digital Electronics 3
- PLTW Engineering Design & Development H
- PLTW Human Body Systems Honors
- PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design I
- PLTW Medical Intervention Honors
- PLTW Principles of Biomedical Sciences H
- PLTW Principles of Engineering 2
- Robotics Engineering I Honors

**BUT TAKEN AT HOME**

**CTE UCPS EXAMS: CANNOT BE EXEMPTED.**

- Advanced Manufacturing I Honors
- AP PLTW AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
- Audio Engineering Technology I Honors
- Audio Engineering Technology II Honors
- Autom Serv Engine Drivetrain LCO
- Electronics AC
- Introduction to Cyber Security
- Network Engineering Technology III Honors
- PLTW Biomedical Innovations - Honors

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**All students who have Teacher Made Exams will take their exams virtually.** If your student has a problem with an exam, then they need to do the following

-Email the teacher

-Call the school immediately and ask for one of the assistant principals Dr. Wall or Mr. Stewart

Teacher made exams will be posted on Canvas or on a link to Canvas. The teacher will communicate to students and parents exam links and expectations.

**Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY that qualify:** Students will be notified by their teacher on Thursday 5/20 and must maintain the appropriate grade and attendance through 5/21. A student's grade may improve to earn an exemption. High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam.

**Attendance:** Attendance in the building during exam days is required for all students who are taking **EOC and CTE Exams**. Students who are taking teacher made exams should take their exam from home. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **May 28** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. If missing the exam is due to Covid-19, the school will communicate a plan with each individual student and family. **We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.**

**Dismissal** All students who drive to school and those who have parents drive them to school should plan to leave school around 1:05. Those students may eat lunch then go home or go directly home. **The only students who should remain on campus are bus riders.** Bus riders will go to their appropriate review session classes after lunch. All other students (car drivers and car riders should log into review sessions virtually). Students who ride buses who plan to leave early instead of waiting on the bus need to have a note they give to their teacher and the teacher will give the student a specific color pass to leave each day.

#### **Exam Study Tips:**

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a virtual study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

We know studying with classmates virtually can be different but still effective.

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

**Type of Exams:** We have three types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between May 24 and May 28. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window timeframe.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide on canvas to students prior to testing. Teachers will have virtual review sessions for each class as stated in the schedule above. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.



## Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information

Dear Class of 2021,

We are very proud of every one of you. 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 your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

**Graduation:** Our graduation date is on **Friday, June 4, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium.** The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home page. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ui1rY4xUohFC0fy8PmEw>

**Name Pronunciations:** All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by Friday, May 14. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Graduation Practice:** There will be no graduation practice.

**Attire:** All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

**Graduation Packet Pick up Day, Items to return to CATA, and Senior Wall Signing: Thursday, June 3, 9-11 AM**

**-Items that need to be returned to CATA:** This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, library materials, and other school owned items. There is a drop off day on Thursday, June 3 from 9-11 AM. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation. If you do not need these items for exams, then you may drop them off in the main office during business hours from 8 am to 3 pm the week before graduation. Students will drive around the front circle to turn in these items and then proceed to park in the student parking lot.

**-Senior Wall Signing and Hand Print:** Seniors will enter the building through the 100 Hallway door close to the student parking lot. Students will wear a mask and follow distancing protocols. The counselor will then guide the students through the hand print and signing procedure. Students will exit the 100 hallway door closest to the front of the building and walk around the side of the media center to pick up graduation packets.

**-Graduation Packets:** Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps) and should be picked up under the covered outside area of the media center on the way back to the student parking lot after the wall signing. Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets.

**Senior Scholarships:** It is that time of year to **REPORT your SCHOLARSHIPS!** Please send a copy of your scholarship letter to Ms. [Ashley Cole](#)- even those scholarships you are not going to use- by Friday, May 3. Please continue to review scholarship opportunities on the CATA School Counseling Website. If you have questions please ask your assigned counselor.

**Senior Cap and Gown Picture:** We will send more specific information about the picture in the coming days.

**Past due fees:** Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online past year technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper or on the online payment site in the correct specific area. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by May 16, 2021. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.



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**Health Disclaimer for the Graduation Ceremony** If students or their guests are sick or are awaiting testing results for an unknown potential virus, then please do not attend this event. Please do not endanger others. If you are sick or someone you are living with is awaiting test results, then please stay home. Please remember to distancing 6 ft. or more. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines.**

Graduates, Staff, and Guests should not attend if they have experienced the following within 48 hours of the event.

Fever of 100.4 or above

New cough

Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

Chills

New muscle aches/body aches

Sore throat

Diarrhea or vomiting

New onset of severe headache

New loss of taste or smell

Have been within 6 feet of a person with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 for fifteen minutes or more cumulative over a 24 hour period

These protocols may also call for additional measures to be put in place based on future guidelines.

**Graduation Day Procedures:** We will use the home side permanent stands, visiting side temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. We ask that families distance six feet from other families. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines. No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking pass and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Robin Viar. [rob-in.viar@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:rob-in.viar@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

**Entering the Stadium (You will need to refer to the attached map):** There are two entrances for ticketed guests. The double swinging gate off of S Johnson Street/Washington Street is Gate A, and the double gates off of S Johnson Street on the home stadium side is Gate B (GATE B is also the handicap entrance). Students with the last name A-L will enter Gate A and Students with the last name M-Z will enter gate B. Students will pick up Diploma Packets from guidance then go directly to their assigned seat on the field. There is no processional. The four parents or guests must present tickets and will sit on the home/visiting side or be directed to the field to sit in chairs. Parents must sit where asked. We will begin filling in the top rows first, then come down. The bottom row will be for late arrivals. Handicap seating is on the home side in front of the gate on the field. **Entrance begins at 7 am and is shut down at 7:45 AM. We cannot accommodate late arrivals past 7:45.**

**Diploma Packets:** Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets before students and parents enter the stadium to the students. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial).



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**Student Assigned Seats:** Students will be sitting in Alphabetical Order by Academy (Which are in alphabetical order). There are 11 rows. A to L and seats numbered 1-20. If a student does not pick up a packet, then their seat will be skipped and their name will be marked off the list to be called to walk across the stage. Student names and seat numbers will be marked on each seat. Students will be with their parents when they get their packets and will be told their seat number. All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Speakers will sit in row A seats 1-6 and return to assigned seat with their academy after they speak. Students will move tassels, but are asked not to throw caps.

**Photographer:** The student will stop for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

**No Processional but a Recessional:** As students enter and take their seats, "Pomp and Circumstance" will be played continuously starting 30 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the administration and UCPS officials will exit the stage and walk toward the running gravel track on the home side. Then, staff will help rows of students to get up one row at a time to walk in a circle around the field and then exit to their cars. Parents must remain in their seats (or stand at their seats) and cannot come down to the gate. Staff will keep students spaced apart. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the campus. Staff will keep students spaced apart. Parents will be dismissed at various exits after the recessional. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the stadium. Students are not allowed to pose for pictures at Walter Bickett Stadium after the recessional due to traffic concerns. Parents and Students may go to the CATA campus and take photos outside of the building.

**Parking and Directions:** You will be directed where to park. No one may just park; someone will direct you where to park. Each graduate is allowed ONE parking pass and four guests. All graduates and guests should arrive in one car. If you have to meet another group, then you may go to CATA's main campus at 600 Brewer Drive and meet in the student parking lot to get into one car. This is due to parking limitations at the stadium. The parking pass must be displayed to enter the parking entrance which is off of **Washington Street. All cars must enter on Washington Street off of Lancaster Avenue.** An officer will be placed at each entry point to turn cars around who do not enter in this manner. Cars should have no more than five people. (Graduate and four guests, unless it is a family with more than one graduating student). Cars that do not have a pass displayed or have more than the allotted number of people will be asked to leave and return once the procedures are followed.

Cars will proceed around the block to park on Griffith Road until full on the right side of the road only, cars will continue to turn right and park on S. Johnson Street until full. **Note the spaces next to the stadium gate are for handicapped parking and the handicapped entrance will be the gate off of S. Johnson Street onto the field close to Gate B. Please display your handicapped sticker or email [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us) if there is a special circumstance we need to accommodate.** Cars will then go into the parking lot off of S Johnson at Sunset Park, and once the lot is full cars will turn left and park on S Johnson Street on both sides. Cars will continue up South Johnson and when full, park on both sides of Bickett Street headed toward Sunset Drive. Cars will continue to come in and park on Washington Street on both sides going toward S. Johnson Street. Parking can be on both sides and in some turn spaces all the way back to Lancaster Avenue. Once this parking is exhausted then cars will park in the WBES parking lots under the direction of a staff member.

**Cars must follow an exit pattern:** Those on Griffith Road will go straight and turn left or right on Lancaster Avenue. Those on S. Johnson parked toward Griffith Road on both sides of the will exit by going straight and turning right on Griffith Road. Those on Washington Street on the right side will turn right on S. Johnson, go straight and turn right on Griffith Road. Those on the left side of Washington will go straight, turn left on South Johnson, then right on Bickett to exit left or right onto Sunset. Those in the WBES parking lot will turn right on to Washington Street and may exit to the right or left on S. Johnson and follow those exit patterns.

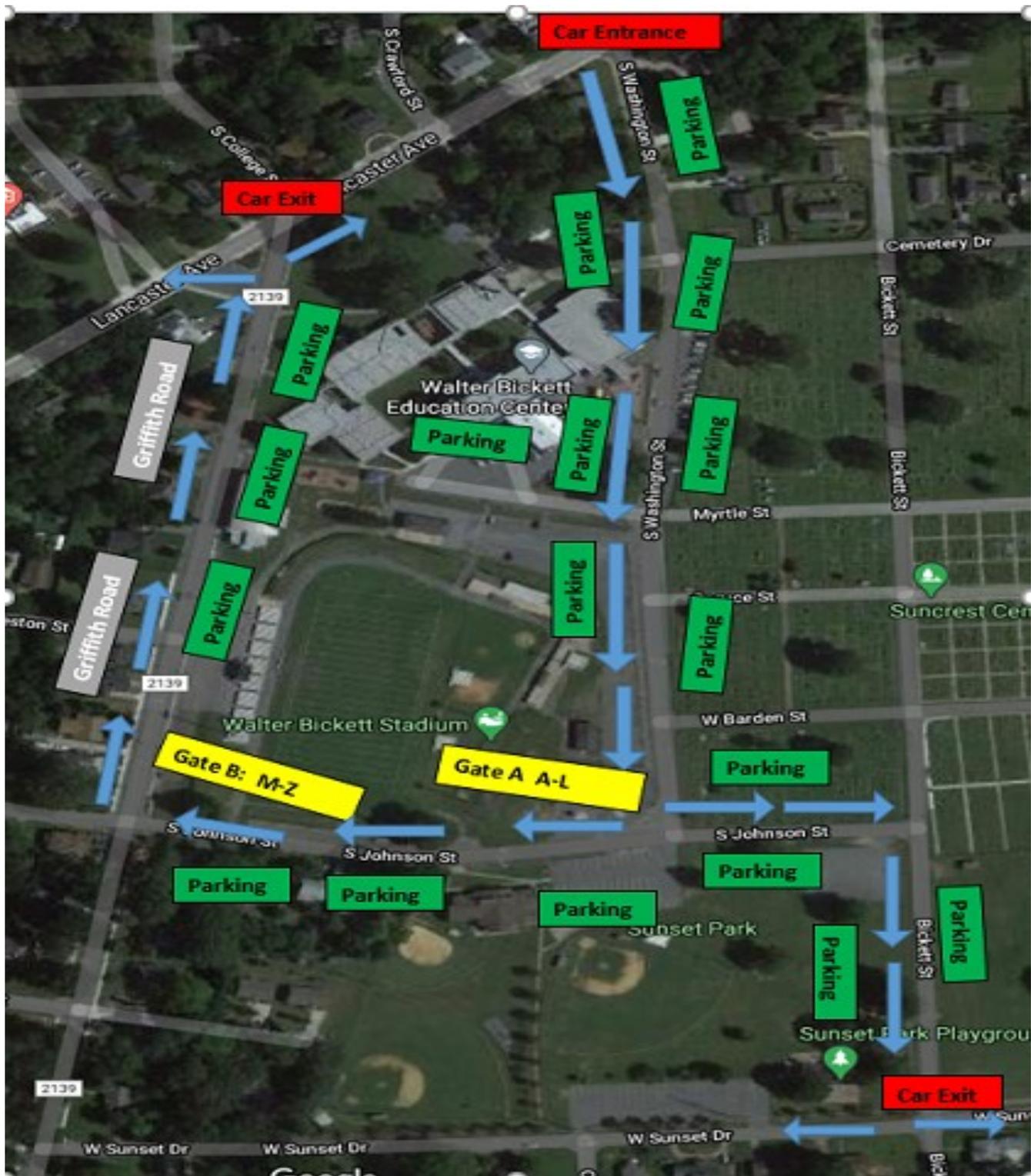
The paved area near the patron entrance at the corner of Washington and South Johnson: Gate A will NOT be used for parking to help traffic directors keep good line of site and to not clog up the entrance to Gate A.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

**The map is on the next page.**



# Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information





# PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- [CATA PTSO- The Cougar Council](http://www.cataptso.org)  
 Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com)

**HELLO CATA FAMILIES!!** Please visit our CATA PTSO website [www.cataptso.org](http://www.cataptso.org) for information including Invest in Excellence, PTSO Membership and more. Feel free to reach to us at [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com) with any questions, ideas or suggestions.

**Seeking Scholarship Chair Information:** The PTSO is looking for someone to chair the Scholarship Committee next year. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Fazzino at [sarah.cataptso@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.cataptso@outlook.com).



## PTSO Senior T-Shirt Design Contest



The PTSO invites you to participate in the Senior T-Shirt design contest! Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2022 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is Friday, May 14, 2021! 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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us)).

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*ways to EARN*

SCAN ME WITH YOUR CAMERA

The code is valid from May 1- May 31

Interested in a kit but don't want to drive to Waxhaw? Order by May 14 and it will be delivered to CATA by May 28

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 704-987-4020

Please consider supporting CATA by linking to these companies when you are shopping next time!

**Harris Teeter Together in Education** (link to CATA using code 3612)

**Amazon Smile**  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>

**Publix:** Click [here](#) to register and choose cata as our school



## The Counseling Department

### Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

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

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)  
[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)

[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)  
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

#### CATA Tutoring Times - Spring 2020 (This may be updated in the coming weeks)

CATA will be offering tutoring times each day of the week based on subject. Approved CATA students will be providing the tutoring. If tutoring is needed, then please click the Teams link to join during the assigned times. Tutoring.

[Click HERE FOR THE TUTORING LINKS.](#) Scroll down once on the page and you will see the links for each subject.

- Monday - 3:45 to 4:45 for Social Studies, Math 1 & 2, Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- Tuesday - 3:45 to 4:45 for Science
- Wednesday - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2, Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- Thursday - 3:45 to 4:45 English
- Friday - All 5 subjects will be offered from 1:30 - 3:30 in 2 shifts (1:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 3:30)

### Congratulations to our 2021 Junior Marshals

Emily Adams  
 Thomas Ayers  
 Emilee Batchelor  
 Evan Brown  
 Mackenzie Cochran  
 Riley Fecker  
 Aislinn Hernandez-Fino  
 Hayden Jones  
 Maia Manaligod  
 Natalie Meuser  
 Lasya Kandukuri  
 Jacob Sizemore  
 Raja Anish

UCPS SCORIR  
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### Parents can now access Scoir!

##### What can you do with a Scoir account?

1. See which colleges your child is following.
2. Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
3. Complete a personalized financial aid calculator to receive a custom price estimate.

##### How do you get a Scoir account?

Your child must invite you!

Students should:

- Log in
  - Visit "My Profile"
  - Click on "Invite a parent"
- Students will need their parent's email address.

Parents  
 + Invite a Parent

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.

@UCPSCollegePrep

#### 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 & Re-cording Arts



# The Career Development Corner

**Criminal Justice Fellows Program – Application due May 31, 2021**  
 (Shared on behalf of Erica Reid, NC Department of Justice)

I wanted to let you know we are still recruiting for the 2021 class of Criminal Justice Fellows Program Fellows. The Criminal Justice Fellows Program benefits individuals with an interest in criminal justice. The Criminal Justice Fellows Program provides forgivable educational loans for high school seniors and high school graduates who agree to enter an eligible criminal justice profession in an eligible county in N.C.

This fellowship will fund an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice or Committee approved related field of study, from any North Carolina community college. Individuals who receive the educational loan would have 5 years to repay, though it would be forgiven if they enter and remain in a criminal justice profession within N.C. for 4 years in an eligible county. The types of jobs that the Fellows can go into include: state and local sworn law-enforcement officers, state correctional officers, sworn sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, detention officers, state juvenile justice officers, telecommunications under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency and other correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies. A full list of eligible counties is included with the program brochure.

We are looking for high school seniors and high school graduates in your community that have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of N.C. in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Please tell high school seniors and high school graduates in your community to apply to the Criminal Justice Fellows Program. The application is open and will be closing May 31st, 2021. The application and additional information can be found online at [ncdoj.gov](http://ncdoj.gov). Attached to this email is a flyer and brochure about the program. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Erica Reid  
 CJ Specialist I  
 Criminal Justice Standards Division  
[Reid@ncdoj.gov](mailto:Reid@ncdoj.gov)  
[ncdoj.gov](http://ncdoj.gov)

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Graduate of high school or high school senior looking for a career in the criminal justice field?

Wanting to have a positive impact on your local community?

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program can aid you in achieving your goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. We are here to offer you a **100% forgivable loan** to go to any North Carolina Community College to acquire an **Associates Degree**. The loan will be forgiven upon 4 years of working in an eligible profession and county.

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1**  
**THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL CLOSE MAY 31**

Call: (919) 662-4609  
 Fax: (919) 779-8210  
 Full eligibility requirements, forms and FAQ listed @ <http://ncdoj.gov/cjfellows>

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 N.C.  
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING CENTER

Criminal Justice Standards Division  
 Post Office Drawer 149  
 Raleigh, NC 27602

**MISSION**

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school graduates and high school seniors into the criminal justice profession. Each year this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.

<http://ncdoj.gov/cjfellows>

North Carolina Department of Justice

**Erica Reid**  
 Program Manager  
 Criminal Justice Fellows Program  
 Office: 919-662-4609  
 Email: [cjfellows@ncdoj.gov](mailto:cjfellows@ncdoj.gov)

\*The Program Manager will be responsible for all administrative duties and oversight of the program\*

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program**

**Steven G. Combs**  
 Director  
 Criminal Justice Standards Division

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**Manufacturing Technician I**  
 Concord Plant

Responsible for successfully executing the front-line, well-defined tasks and activities in direct support of the assigned department's daily objectives and outputs.

**This position includes significant duties such as:**

- Follows all safety, health and environmental procedures and actively participates in maintaining and improving department safety.
- Operates equipment used to produce, transport, test or measure quality, store, ship or otherwise handle optical fiber within the facility, or equipment used to support or maintain the facility infrastructure. Specific activities can include but are not limited to setups, cleans, monitors, loads/unloads raw materials, inspects, and/or audits. Required to annually recertify on job performance.
- Follows established procedures to monitor and maintain equipment used for raw material storage, raw material delivery to point of use, waste product collection, handling, storage and disposal in compliance with all air and water permits.
- Performs data entry for pertinent department or equipment information.
- Performs first level troubleshooting as defined by area documentation.
- Inspects and/or refurbishes equipment parts using well-defined procedures.
- Writes or updates documentation relevant to job or department activities.
- Performs general administrative support such as schedules of meetings, types, prepares presentation or supporting materials, copies, files, or performs receptionist activities.
- Monitors and replenishes inventory of supplies and parts pertinent to department; places orders to maintain inventory at specified levels.

**Working Conditions & Schedule:**

- Some work areas require working at heights of up to 20 feet with proper safety equipment
- Some work areas require working in spaces with elevated temperatures
- Occasionally lifts up to 50+ pounds.
- This position follows the DuPont Schedule, which is a rotating schedule between days and nights.
- Shifts will be 12 hours long and will cover weekdays, weekends, and some holidays
- Mandatory overtime may be required

**Education:**  
 High School Diploma or GED required. Job duties require specific knowledge and skills, which are acquired through classroom and on-the-job training.

**Experience:**  
 Some manufacturing experience or related experience preferred.

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# 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](#)  
[Click here](#) for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons

## Last Week's Results

**Women's Tennis:** Loss 6-3 to West Stanley, Win vs. Olympic 6-3, Loss to Mt. Pleasant 6-3

**Baseball:** Loss 4-0 to West Stanley, Loss to Mt. Pleasant, Loss to Mt. Pleasant game 2

**Wrestling:** Wins vs Montgomery Central and Anson

**Men's Tennis:** Regionals– Andrew Nguyen-1-1, great season, Alex Bhargava, 2-0, advances to semifinals, finished 3rd and will advance to the state tournament, Doubles– Jetta Hase & Grant Lindenberg, 0-1, great season

## This Week's Events:

**Friday, May 14:** AWAY-Wrestling at Montgomery Central, 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, May 18:** HOME-Women's Tennis vs Forest Hills, 4:00 PM, HOME-Baseball vs. Anson, 6:00 PM, HOME-Wrestling vs. Anson, 6:00 PM, HOME-Track, 5:00 PM

**Thursday, May 20:** AWAY-Track & Field, vs Anson, 2:00, HOME-Women's Tennis vs Montgomery Central, 4:00 PM, AWAY-Baseball vs Anson, 6:00 PM

**Friday, May 21:** HOME-Wrestling, vs. Mt. Pleasant, 6:00 PM

## Important Upcoming Dates:

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Official Start Date of FALL Sports**

**Parent Check List for Athletics:** The following need to complete prior to starting a sport at CATA:

- FamilyID – Completed & Approved: [Link Click Here](#)
- CATA Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting Sign Off – Completed [Link Click Here](#)
- **Contact** your student's coach. We need to know how many kids are trying out for sports (especially indoor sports) due to limitations on our numbers. Coaches Contact information can be found below

**Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting:** Due to limitations on gatherings, we will not be holding any in person preseason meetings. All students interested in participating should follow the link below to our virtual meeting and complete the sign off. This must be done before starting a sport. This only needs to be completed ONE time for the 2020-2021 school year. Teams will hold virtual parent nights after teams are selected.

**Link:** [Click HERE](#)

**CATA Cougar Spirit Wear:** [click here](#) to purchase.

**Athletics Coaches Contacts and Important Dates are on the next page.**



# COUGAR ATHLETICS

### Athletic Department Contact Information:

- Athletic Director** - Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Administrator over Athletics** – Dr. Josh Wall – [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Baseball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Cheerleading** - Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Cross Country** - Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Football** – Shane Griffin – [Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Men’s Basketball** – Sam Smithson – [Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Men’s Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Men’s Soccer** - Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Men’s Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)
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- Swimming** – Sally Goodwin – [sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Volleyball** - Stephanie Peacock – [Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Women’s Basketball** – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Women’s Golf** - Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Women’s Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Women’s Tennis** - Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)
- Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Adjusted Sports Season’s 2020-2021:

- Baseball:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Women’s Tennis:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Track & Field:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Wrestling:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>



## COUGARS Live Streaming

Central Academy High School is happy to announce the return of our live streaming initiative for the 2020-2021 school year! Our school’s automated live streaming cameras will allow student-athletes, parents, and fans to watch hundreds of athletic events throughout the year LIVE and ON-DEMAND from any device.

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## Den Digest (Media Center) & Yearbook Information

**Yearbooks** are on sale for \$85.00. Reserve your copy today! Order online by [clicking here to order](#).

**Order your yearbook!**

Books are \$85.00 and can be purchased online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com).  
Delivery is in July and book will cover full year (prom and graduation).

**Take your own yearbook picture:** [Click here](#) and use password cougars20 to upload your photos. You can also download the **Yearbook Snap** app from the App Store or on Google Play.

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**YEARBOOK SNAP**

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Walsworth yearbooks

## 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/>  
**Want to check out a book?** Login to Destiny and put one on hold. We will deliver it to you!

We have a new ebook service through Junior Library Guild:

<https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com/>. Login directions can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d1Pw3Ys6VJcFJ87\\_0TaoAlxibynWt2RIHbT6JKDvz1A/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d1Pw3Ys6VJcFJ87_0TaoAlxibynWt2RIHbT6JKDvz1A/edit?usp=sharing)

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

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

All calculators need to be returned by Wednesday, May 19th so we can get them ready for exams.

The last day to check out books is Friday, May 14th and all materials are due back by Friday, May 21st.

Seniors must return all checked out items and pay any fines before graduation or they will not be allowed to walk.

Any materials not returned will be charged to student's accounts.



All calculators that have been checked out from The Den need to be returned by Wednesday, May 19th so we have enough for testing the following week.  
Thank you!