

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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## CATA Family,

Since the last issue we have had a Covered Canvas Dance Concert and Art Show, our school's Poetry Out Loud Competition, and our Robotics Club participated in the UCPS Robotics Competition. In addition, our band and color guard, BETA Club, Cheerleaders, Transportation Rat-rod, and parade princess participated in the Monroe Christmas Parade. Thank you to all who participated and please look for pictures and information in this edition. Many thanks to community sponsor Indian Trail Chrysler Jeep Dodge and General Manager Tom Wilson for supplying the Jeep that CATA Parade Princess rode in at Monroe Christmas Parade. Please thank them for their support of our school!! The **Winter Collaborative** including CATA bands, music, theatre, dance and chorus students is on Friday 12/1 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The cost is \$7. The **Winter Band Concert** is on Thursday, 12/14 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The **Junior Theatre Show of Romeo and Juliet** is on 12/8 and 12/9 –tickets are \$5. **Spring Musical** - "On the Town" Support Character and Ensemble Auditions are on 12/12 from 3:45-5:30. Students should prepare 16 bars to perform. This is open to all Central Academy Students.

The **ASVAB Career Interest Inventory** will be given to interested 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students on Friday, 12/8 during 1st and 2nd block. The ASVAB is for students who are unsure of what career path they would like to follow after high school. Please sign up on the Main Page of the School Counseling Website by **Wednesday, 12/6**. If you have any questions please see your assigned School Counselor. Thank you! Students can sign up at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/2A2bB2FVgK6mZM82>

**The Robotics Club is selling Tumblers for \$30.** Need a holiday gift for your CATA student or your favorite CATA teacher? Give the gift of an insulated tumbler with the CATA logo! Just the thing to complete your holiday shopping and proceeds will support our robotics club! Contact any Robotics Club student, Mr. Markle or Mrs. Bounds to place your order. Please see details in this edition. The student council is hosting its annual **basketball tournament** on 12/15. Please see Ms. Foreman if you are interested in registering a team. Tickets will be on sale at lunch from 12/11 to 12/14. **Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). **Seniors** -The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is posted on the website. Click [here](#) for the letter. **Josten's makeup order day for graduation needs is 12/4 during student lunches. If you did not select your portrait for the yearbook yet, this is your last chance. See Ms. Christensen no later than Wednesday, 12/6 to choose your pose or we will select one for you.**

Parents please remember to link your Amazon account to **Amazon Smile** to earn money for our PTSO, and therefore for our school. **Bookmark**

**this link and shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614> and Amazon donates to CATA PTSO #YouShopAmazonDonates**

**Please take time to read over this newsletter** to see the great things our children and teachers are doing. 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! Dr. Fisenne



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## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the School Counselors

**Senior Information** Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum .

Please click [here](#) to see the Fall Senior Letter.

CLASS OF  
2018

**College Recommendations:** Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

**College Visits to Central Academy:** [Click here to sign up for the event](#)

**Scholarship Information—** [Click Here for more Senior Scholarship Information](#)

## CATA takes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the UCPS Fall Robotics Classic

The annual Fall UCPS Fall Robotics Classic took place at SPCC Technology Building on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-seven teams participated from Union County High Schools.

Among the 37 teams competing, six were from our very own Central Academy Robotics Club. The first round included six challenges in which each team was randomly paired with another team. These challenges earned points which were used to determine ranking for championship matches in the next round of the competition. The top 16 teams each selected a team from the remaining teams with whom to form an alliance for the rest of the competition. These alliances then competed for the competition championship using the best two out of three rounds with single elimination. Robots were also judged for skills (robot and driver against the clock).

The CATA Robot Teams are: **The Failures** – First Place, **HHG #2** – Second Place and Skills Second Place, **TAC**, **PARMM**, **Shenanigans**, **Brotherhood of Steel**, and **Lightning Kachowski**. The advisors for the Robotics Club are: Mrs. Bounds, Mr. Markle and Mr. Recher.

Our students reached out and collaborated with their partner teams to strategize each match in order to gain the most points. Between matches, they practiced their driving skills or revised their Bot. Through this experience they utilized problem solving on the fly, strategic thinking, team work, and collaboration and above all had fun! We hope you can come out and join us for the next Robot Challenge in the spring.

### Attentions Students: Site Based Team Student Representatives.

Congratulations to Kayla Myers and Alex Pendergast for being chosen as our student representative on the site based leadership team, which is a team of elected parents, teachers, and students, along with administrators that keeps the lines of communications open and makes recommendations for the school and its strategic plan. Talk to them if you need to know or want to know about the Site Based Team!



## Student Opportunities

### UNC-Chapel Hill 2018 Catalyst Conference

The annual Catalyst Conference brings a selected group of 100 North Carolina high school students - grades 9th - 12th - to the campus to explore social justice issues affecting both America and the world. Through leadership and personal development sessions, participants are empowered to serve as catalysts for positive change in their own communities. This event is scheduled for Friday, February 16th - Sunday, February 18th, 2018 at the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. There is a \$50 registration fee (only have to pay if accepted for the weekend) to help with some of the costs of food and housing for the weekend. Interested students should apply online by 11:59 pm on Friday, December 1st, 2017. Click here <https://unccatalyst.wordpress.com/>



**Class of  
2020**

**Class of  
2021**

**JUNIORS**—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam, on February 27, 2018. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week. All Juniors will also take the SAT this spring during the school day.

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### **UCPS Realignment**

**Community members can view drafts of realignment maps at three Union County libraries.** The maps will be available at the Monroe, Union West and Waxhaw branches throughout the realignment process. The draft maps will still be accessible from the Student Realignment Citizens Advisory Committee webpage, which can be accessed from the UCPS website at [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us). Details about the branches are listed below.

#### **Monroe Library**

316 E. Windsor St.  
Monroe, NC 28112  
**Phone:** 704-283-8184

#### **Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

#### **Waxhaw Branch Library**

509 S. Providence St.  
Waxhaw, NC 28173  
**Phone:** 704-843-3131

#### **Hours:**

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: closed

#### **Union West Regional Library**

123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd  
Indian Trail, NC 28079  
**Phone:** 704-821-7475

#### **Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

### **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.



## 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](#).

Please check for more athletic information at the [CATA Athletics Website](#)

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA\\_Athletics](#)

### Results:

**Women's Basketball** – win vs. Carolina International, loss vs. Carolina International, loss vs. Sun Valley, loss vs. Highland Tech

**Men's Basketball** – loss vs. Carolina International, loss vs. Carolina International, loss vs. Sun Valley, loss vs. Highland Tech

**Wrestling** – win vs. Cuthbertson, loss vs. Mallard Creek, loss vs. Chase, win vs. North Meck, Win vs. Harding, win vs. Ardrey Kell, win vs. West Meck

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:**

HOME Basketball vs. Union Academy – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

AWAY Wrestling @ Charlotte Latin – 6:00 pm

#### **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY Basketball @ Piedmont Charter – 4:30 pm JV Boys Start

#### **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME Wrestling vs. West Stanly – 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Swimming @ Union County Meet – 12:00 pm – MAC Uptown Charlotte

AWAY – Basketball @ Weddington – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

#### **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Basketball @ Union Academy – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

#### **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Fast Track – Winston Salem

AWAY – Wrestling – Bishop McGuinness - Kernersville

### Dates to Know:

**Exams – 1/19 - 1/26:** All non-winter sports are dead from 1/18 to 1/29 & the CATA Weight Room is closed.

**Spring Sports Parent Night** – Monday – January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

**Winter Sports Awards Night** – Monday – March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

### Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

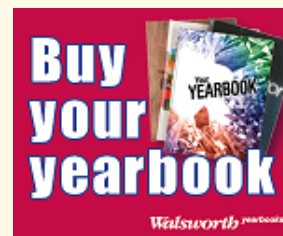
Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## 2018 Yearbook & Senior Tributes

**Yearbooks** are on sale for \$75.00. **These are your last two weeks to get a book for \$75! The price will go up to the full price of \$85.00 on December 2, 2017.** Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! Order yours today! Order online at <https://www.yearbookforever.com> (search for CATA) or bring in a check or cash to Ms. Christensen. Make checks out to CATA.



**Senior Tributes – We have one more page of space available!** This is the last space for senior tributes we can offer. This page can be either a full page, two half pages, a combination of half pages and quarter pages or all quarter pages. Space will be given to the first families that pay for their tribute. A quarter page is \$100, a half page is \$195 and a full page is \$295.

All photos and messages for purchased tributes must be received by December 1<sup>st</sup> so we can submit them for the next deadline before break. Main photo must be from the current year and not the same pose as will be in the yearbook.

If you have any questions about yearbook sales or senior tributes, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at [deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.

## CATA Alumni Men's Basketball Game

The 1st annual CATA men's Basketball Alumni game will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the CATA gym. Any male alumni who has played at least one season of Varsity basketball at CATA is welcomed to participate. Registration cost is \$20 and will include a T-shirt. Family and friends are invited to come out and watch the game, admission is free. Please send payment and T-shirt size to David Daniels at Central Academy of Technology and Arts, 600 Brewer Dr, Monroe NC 28112. Please make checks payable to Central Academy. We will also have registration on the day of the game. If you have any questions, please email [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### CENTRAL ACADEMY COUGAR HOME GAME ATHLETICS PASS STUDENT ONLY

**\$40 FOR Winter and Spring Sports**

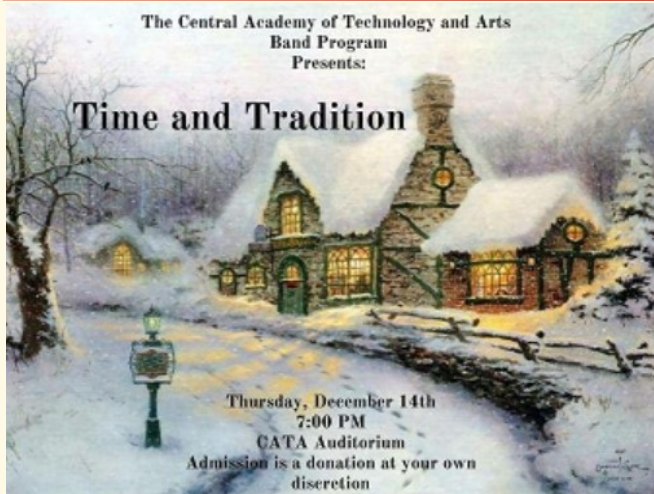
**INCENTIVES SUCH AS CONCESSION ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS WILL BE OFFERED PERIODICALLY THOUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**PASS**

### CATA SPIRIT WEAR- BUY IT IN Person

**Items available for in person sales are t-shirts, caps, visors, and hoodies. Other items may be available for ordering. We will sell at some basketball games and will have an in school sale in December.**





## Performing Arts in December

**12/1-Winter Collaborative**  
(Dance, Band, Chorus, Theatre),  
\$7

**12/8 to 12/9-Junior Performance**  
of Romeo and Juliet, \$5

**12-/14-Winter Band Concert and**  
**Auction**

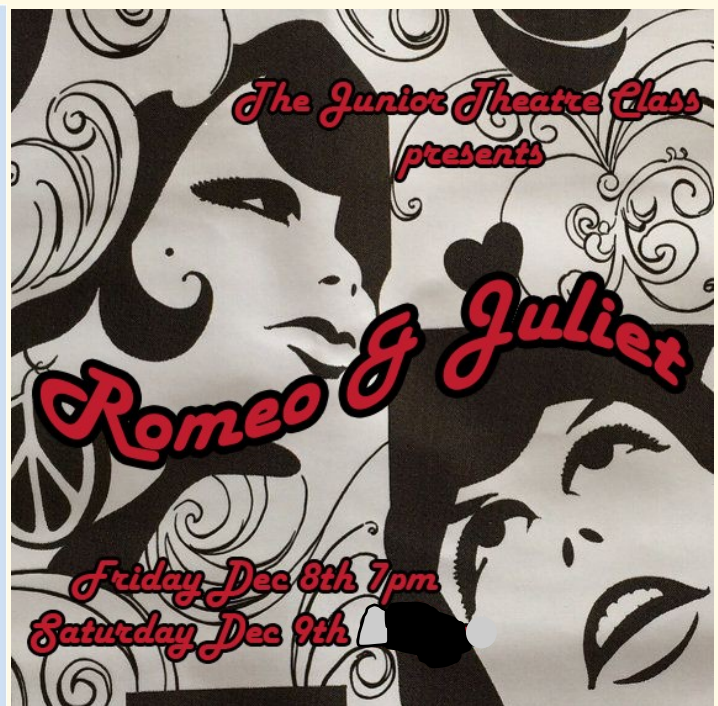
*Time and Traditions*  
*Silent Auction for CATA Band*

Please join us for refreshments and hot chocolate. Some of our prizes include Hornets Club Seats, tickets to the Charlotte Checkers, carpet cleaning, restaurant gift cards, a NBA prototype basketball, and so much more!

Bidding will be open from December 1st at [32auctions.com](https://www.32auctions.com) until December 14th.

When: December 14th, 6:00 pm  
Where: Cafeteria, CATA





The link for the auction will go live tomorrow during the auction.

<https://www.32auctions.com/catabandsilentauction>

Annual

W i n t e r  
C o l l a b o r a t i v e

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$7



## Around CATA

**Friday, December 1— Holiday Collaborative, 7 PM (Auditorium);**

**Monday, December 4—** Josten's makeup order day for graduation needs, during lunches (Café); Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519

**Tuesday, December 5— Early Release Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM;** NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM (Media Center) and 12:30 PM (Café)

**Wednesday, December 6—**Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Rm. 605); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216 Mr. Markle's Rm.) ; Biology Common Assessment

**Thursday, December 7—Report Cards;** FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Speech and Debate (Interpretation Workshops), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate (Debate Workshops), 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Biology Common Assessment

**Friday, December 8— ASVAB Testing; Romeo and Juliet Junior Performance, 7 PM (Theatre)**

**Saturday, December 9— Romeo and Juliet Junior Performance, (Theatre)**

\*Common Assessments are to gauge student learning—it is not a "test".

### Upcoming Events

#### December

—12/4 to 12/8—Hour of Code Week

—Robotics Club Tumbler Sale until December 15

12/14—Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/15—Annual Student Council Basketball Tournament

12/16— Men's Alumni Basketball Game, 4 PM (CATA Gym)

12/18 to 1/1— NO SCHOOL— Winter Break (1/2 is the first day back)

## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!

- ⇒ Congratulations to Akua Sackey this year's winner of CATA's Poetry Out Loud contest and to Makana Johnson this year's runner up! Makana recited "Bleeding Heart" by Carmen Gimenez Smith; she is currently in Ms. Foreman's English class. Akua recited "Aria" by David Barber and is a junior in Mr. Anderson's English class. Both reciters will represent CATA in the Union County contest on January 11 in CATA's auditorium.
- ⇒ We would like to recognize Ms. Foreman and say thank you for sharing her knowledge of Romeo and Juliet with the Junior Theatre students. She was able to give the students insight into their characters and helped to describe the play in such a way that they will be able to better perform their parts.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the following students for moving to the Second Round of North Carolina Governor's School - Lisa Ince for Clarinet, Joyner Grace for Visual Art, Dianna LaTerra for Dance, Ka'Shella Sturgis for Trombone, and Matthew Warren for French Horn. Good Luck in Round 2!
- ⇒ Congratulations to women's tennis player Maggie Horne for being named the October Pinnacle Student Athlete of the Month.



## Student Life

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

**The Robotics Club is selling Tumblers for \$30.** Please see details in this edition and contact [Tawnee Bounds](#) if you are interested in purchasing.



The Student Council is hosting its annual basketball tournament on 12/15. Please see Ms. Foreman if you are interested in registering a team. Tickets will be on sale at lunch from 12/11 to 12/14 for \$5. Team registrations of 6 are \$20 or \$15 if one of the team members is a faculty member.



# YOUR CATA PTSO

**Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:**

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Michelle Schrader

Treasurer - Ann Helms

**Click on this page if you,  
have an interest in serving  
on the CATA PTSO**

**Our Committee Chairs are:**

Communication - Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter

Hospitality - Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

Performing Arts - Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

Membership - Open

Staff Advisor/Liaison - Deb Christensen

If you, or someone you know, have an interest in serving CATA's students and staff in one of these areas, please [Click on this screen/ad](#) or contact us at [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com).

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Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy  
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education**  
Re-Link: 3612

**Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to  
volunteer at [catabandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:catabandpresident@gmail.com)**

**Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

## Cougar Council PTSO Information

STAR Breakfast December 12<sup>th</sup>

Valentine Fundraiser starts in February

Rocket Presentation February 2nd

Rocket Launch March 3rd

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Click [here](#) to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.**





## ATTENDANCE AND EARLY DISMISSAL FACTS AND PROCEDURES

### People to contact for absences:

SCHOOL PHONE # (704)296-3088

FAX # (704)296-3090

Mrs. Nahum- School Secretary-  
[andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

[william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordinator- [karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us)

[Click Here for Information about attendance and absentee notes](#)

**Technology Fees:** The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is past due if it was not paid before September 5th. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. [You can pay this fee online at this link \(click here\).](#)

### Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata\_monroe

Dance @CATA\_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA\_Athletics

Football @CATA\_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA\_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

UCPS @UCPS\_MonroeNC

**Math Tutoring:** We have a general Math Lab Tutoring with Mr. Broome on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 starting this coming Monday in room 519.

## Student Parking Passes

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. **Please click [here](#) for Parking Pass forms and further information.** Past due fees must be paid before parking passes are issued.



### Bus Tracking App Now Available:

This school year, Union County Public Schools (UCPS) parents will be able to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on their smartphones, tablets or computers.

[Click here!](#)



### 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. There is a new volunteer portal, so volunteers who are already approved should have received an automated email from the new system with instructions on how to activate their volunteer status in the new system.

