

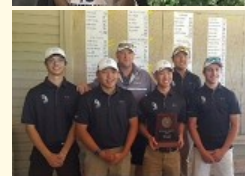
Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Families:

The NHS hosted a 16-act talent show this week, the Speech and Debate Team hosted a Debate Night, the Women's Soccer Team won the Rocky River 2 A Conference, and the Men's Golf team won a Regional Championship and will attend state title matches. Our counseling department hosted a Junior night to help prepare rising seniors for next year, we had our prom and crowned a King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. Student Council held our annual student volleyball tournament for the school to raise money for Victory Junction Camp. Please see more details in this edition about this week's past events. The PTSO is hosting the **STAR breakfast** on Tuesday, 5/8 at 8:45 am in the gym. This is a breakfast to honor students nominated by one of their teachers for excellence in the classroom.



Please see the list of STAR students in this edition. **On the Town, our spring musical**, received Blumey Award nominations for best actress, best actor, best overall direction, best student orchestra, and best costume creation. **Teacher Appreciation Week** is May 7 to 11, and we encourage all to thank our wonderful teachers. **Attendance/Recovery** letters and notifications have been sent to students and parents. Please make sure students are recovering their unexcused absences. Hands Helping Others is selling footprints and having a raffle at lunch to support the **Union County Relay for Life cancer research** at SVHS at 6 PM tomorrow, 5/4. You can donate to the CATA Relay for Life team, by clicking [here](#). **HOSA** is raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis with **Change for a Cure**. Please support this team by donating money during first block class. The top 3 classes will receive donuts. You can also buy bracelets during lunch to support Emily's Team for \$3/ea. The PTSO is looking for volunteers to serve as **PTSO officers**. This is so important to our school; we hope that you will read this section of the Chronicle and give this some serious thought.

Academic Signing Days for our graduates are Monday, 5/21 (in the CATA Auditorium) -

Medical Academy at 8:50 am; Pre-Engineering Academy at 10:25 am; Performing Arts Academy at 12:15 pm, and **Tuesday, 5/22 (in the CATA Auditorium) -** Transportation Academy at 9:00 am; Information Systems Academy at 11:00 am. If your senior will be receiving an award or scholarship an invitation will be sent in the mail, but all senior parents are invited. **Seniors should report ALL scholarships** they have been offered to Ms. Cole by **5/18**. Please see details inside this edition. **Parent Volunteer Opportunity:** Walter Bickett Elementary School is looking for End of Grade testing proctors. The dates for testing are 5/15 to 5/17 from 7:30 AM until 2:00. Parents who want to proctor can call (704)283-8520 to volunteer. **Beta Club applications** are open for the 2018-2019 school year. You must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior to be eligible. Pick up an application form from outside of Room 108 and must be submitted to Mrs. Henry no later than Friday, 5/11. **The Tri-M Music Honor Society** is accepting applications for all current CATA students for the 2018-2019 school year. All current members have to reapply as well. The deadline to apply is by Friday, 5/11. Please see Mr. Retzlaff for any questions. Students must have been enrolled in a band or chorus class at least one semester and have a C average in all of their classes. Please visit the band website www.cataband.org to apply! **Alumni News:** The CATA Alumni Association is hosting a yard sale on 6/2 in the student parking lot. Please contact [Deb Christensen](#) for more information about this event, and to sign up to sale at the event. **Student Athletic Physicals:** The registration window has opened for the **FREE Novant Physicals for Athletics** in June. Click [here](#) to register for a free physical and check out the flyer in this edition.

Please take time to read over this newsletter, the Cougar Chronicle is the main source of information from school to home. Please also see our website, Facebook, and follow us on twitter (@cata_monroe). At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars—and for tomorrow—**May the Fourth be with you!**
Dr. Fisenne

College and Career Corner

Class Information from the School Counselors Student Opportunities

Attention Juniors: Are you interested in Broadcasting & Video Production? Matthews United Methodist Church is looking for interns. Students will have the opportunity to work with professional level video cameras, professional video editing software, remote PTZ cameras, live video streaming through Sling Studio, audio mixing, lighting, and so much more. Internship hours will include evening hours and Sunday morning hours. If interested, please see Mrs. Webb in guidance.



Senior Information

Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum

Please click [here](#) to see the Spring Senior Letter with Senior Week INFO.

Scholarship Information— [Click Here for more Senior Scholarship Information](#). Please see Ms. Cole if you have questions about scholarships.



Please remember to report ALL scholarships that you have been offered to Ms. Cole by **May 18** if you want to be acknowledged during the Academic Signing ceremony. You must provide an electronic or hard copy of any scholarship you've been offered, whether you accept it or not. Scholarship offers can still be reported up until **June 4** in order to be counted towards the school's total number.



ACADEMIC SIGNING DAYS

Monday, May 21st (in the CATA Auditorium) - Medical Academy at 8:50 am; Pre-Engineering Academy at 10:25 am; Performing Arts Academy at 12:15 pm

Tuesday, May 22nd (in the CATA Auditorium) - Transportation Academy at 9:00 am; Information Systems Academy at 11:00 am

Academic Signing Day is the opportunity for CATA to allow each senior to be acknowledged for their after high school plan - college, career, military, or work. Each senior will be invited to the stage and "sign." In addition, we will be showing a Scholarship Slideshow Presentation, Scholarships and Departmental Awards will be given out. **SENIORS** - please wear your College T-shirt or colors!!! **All senior parents are invited** to attend these events. If your senior will be receiving an award or scholarship an invitation will be sent in the mail. All underclassman will attend the Academic Signing Days as well.

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.

Sarah Webb: Career Development Coordinator for all CTE based Academies.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Union County		
		
FRIDAY, MAY 04, 2018 6 p.m.	SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 5211 Old Charlotte Hwy Monroe, NC	FOLLOW EVENT   MICHAEL OROKOS Michael.orokos@cancer.org

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

Join us at these events to bring communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.

DONATE TO CATA LIFESAVERS

JOIN TO CATA LIFESAVERS

DEDICATE A LUMINARIA

Second Semester STAR Breakfast Names

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 8:45 am in the Gym

Taiyana Arellano	Connor Hewitt	William Recher
Landon Atwell	Lanie Hibbs	Alana Richardson
Nicholas Bandhy	Ellie Hinson	Sahara Roberts
Tristen Barron	Mae Hinson	Parker Robinson
Carrie Baumgardner	Ryan Hoover	Akua Sakey
Timothy Bausinger	Haley Ireland	Shelby Schuster
Caleb Beckstein	Megan Israel	Kayleigh Sherrod
Taylor Bitting	Spencer Jarvis	Stephanie Shue
Isabella Brotton	Makana Johnson	Bryson Simmerman
Caitlyn Brown	Keliah Jones	Matthew Spadafore
Darin Brown	Daniel Juarez	Savannah Stainback
Ally Burnett	Annie Kalyuzhnyy	Maddy Starr
Brooke Butler	Amy Kidder	Nyla Studivant
Josh Campbell	Daniela Knutson	Meghan Surace
Michael Caputo	Brooke Lester	Jacob Tarleton
Ellie Chickoree	Annie Li	Colby Trumbo
Wyatt Clark	Carson Long	Chloe Ulloa
Marissa Clontz	Gabriella Lopez	Michael Vasquez
Bryce Crook	Ethan Martin	Dylan Vinicombe
Garrett Crossman	Susana Mejia-Martinez	Aiden Votta
Nancy Cuamacateco	Austin Maske	Karrington Wallace
Aidan Dence	Sophia Maupin	Matthew Warren
Aminata Diagne	William McCoy	Anna Wascovich
Brandon Edwards	Candice Medley	Maddie Wilson
Luke Edwards	Emma Miller	Rachael Wylie
Emma Engel	Abigail Nelson	Robert Young
Noah Estrada	Megan O'Neill	Karen Zapata
Lauren Francis	Tyler Palmer	
Nathan Funderburk	Alex Papageorge	
Tristan Cole Gary	Mackenzie Parker	
Bryan Gonzalez	Gretchen Parlman	
Marlon Reyes-Gonzalez	Nima Patel	
Robert Green	Graeson Peake	
Janet Greenauer	Chiril Popovici	
Ava Grismer	Mitchell Privette	
Lisa Hahner		
Michael Haskins		
Grayson Hess		

COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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

Results:

Men's Golf: Team won the NCHSAA 2A Midwest Regional Championship

Softball: Win vs. East Montgomery, Loss vs. Forest Hills

Baseball: Loss vs. East Montgomery, Win vs. East Montgomery, Win vs. East Montgomery, Loss vs. West Stanly

Women's Soccer: Win vs. West Stanly, Win vs. Anson, Win vs. Forest Hills, Win vs. East Montgomery – Congrats to the team as they won the Rocky River Conference Championship

Men's Tennis: Season Complete

Track & Field: No Events last Week

Upcoming Events:

Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.

Thursday, May 3rd:

AWAY – Track & Field – Forest Hills – 2:00 pm – Rocky River Championship Meet

AWAY – Women's Soccer – Ledford – 6:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday – May 7th & 8th:

Men's Golf @ NCHSAA State Championship Tournament – Whispering Pines Country Club – All Day Event

Wednesday, May 9th:

1st Round of the NCHSAA Playoffs – Soccer, Softball & Baseball – Time/Location TBA

Saturday, May 12th:

AWAY – Track & Field – NCHSAA 2A Midwest Regionals – Surry Central High – All Day Event

Dates to Know:

2017-18 School Year

Spring Sports Awards Night – Monday, May 21st @ 7:00 pm

2018-19 School Year

Summer Dead Periods (No Workouts) – July 2nd – July 6th & July 16th – July 20th

Fall Sports Parents Night – Monday, July 23rd @ 7:00 pm

1st Day of Fall Sports – Monday, July 30th, 2018

Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner –

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – terrylewis@kw.com

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

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



Click on this ad to register!

Free sports screenings for student-athletes

Saturday, June 2, 8:00 am-Noon

Novant Health Competitive Edge sports screenings are free to all UCPS, rising 7th grade and above, student-athletes. The sports screening includes medical history review and cardiovascular screening, as well as general medical, musculoskeletal and vision exams.

- These sports screenings fulfill the NCHSAA pre-participation sports exam requirement.
- Registration is required
- Please register at ppezoom.com between April 29th and May 27th
- Space is limited
- Open to rising 7th-12th graders

Novant Health Southern Piedmont Primary Care
1995 Wellness Blvd, #110, Monroe, NC 28110
Forest Hills, Monroe, Piedmont, Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, CATA

Novant Health Waxhaw Family Physicians & Sports Medicine
3614 Providence Road S., Waxhaw, NC 28173
Cuthbertson, Marvin Ridge, Parkwood, Weddington, CATA

Registration is required.

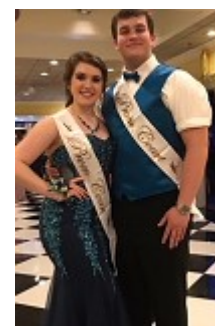
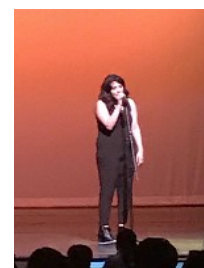
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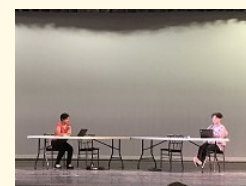


Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ **Thank you to the NHS for hosting a wonderful 16 act talent show.** The winners: First Place: **Carissa Segerlin, Bella Thews, & Ashley Sohn**, Second Place: **Gabrielle Hoff**, Third Place: **Marilee Avalos**
- ⇒ **The Debate Team hosted a debate night and team members debated one another. The results:**
 - Topic: Pineapple Does Not Belong on Pizza.
Debaters: Affirm – **Tyler Harrity** Negate – **Stewart Bovi** (Negate won)
 - Topic: Cats make a better pet companion than dogs.
Debaters: Affirm – **Kimberly Paz-Fuentes** Negate – **Bailey Hance** (Negate won)
 - Topic: Students should be able to opt out of taking final exams in their classes.
Debaters: Affirm – **Victoria Neff** and **Brynna Miller** Negate – **Bella Matasic and Chethana Chennuri** (Affirm won)
 - Topic: Superman can always defeat Batman under any circumstances.
Debater: **Blake Teague** doing both sides creatively using sock puppets since the other debater couldn't make it (Negate Won)
- ⇒ Congratulations to **Taylor Bitting** for signing an athletic scholarship with Chowan College for swimming.
- ⇒ Blumey Award Nominations for **Best Student Orchestra!!! Best Costuming!!!! And Best Overall Direction!!!!**
- ⇒ Blumey Award Best Actor Nominee: **Sayo Oni** as Chip ; Best Actress Nominee: **Halle Dunn** as Hildy Esterhazy
- ⇒ **Ms. Henry's AP English IV class** had a whimsical example of students buckling down to prepare for their AP exams. Students were having fun with "Ode on a Grecian Urn" if that's even possible!
- ⇒ Thank you to the **guidance department** for hosting a Junior night, for our rising seniors, to help prepare them for their senior year and future endeavors.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our Junior Prom Prince and Princess **Nick Swayze and Maiah Greene** and our Senior Prom King and Queen **Connor Hoellenback and Alyson Vasquez**.



Pictures from the Stuco Annual Volleyball Tournament, Debate Night



Around CATA

Friday, May 4—Relay for Life, SVHS Stadium, 6 PM; Spring Choral Concert, 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, May 5— AP Physics Review, 10 AM (Rm. 619); AP English III Review, 8:30 AM (Rm. 110)

Monday, May 7— AP Psychology Exam, 12 PM (PDC); Robotics Club (3:30—rm 118); Math Lab Tutoring (3:30—rm 519); PTSO Executive Board Mtg, 6:30 PM (Media Conference)

Tuesday, May 8— Star Breakfast, 8:30 AM (Media Center); Josten's School Ring delivery during lunches; AP Art History, 12 PM (Media Conference); AP Physics I, 12 PM (PDC); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds (3:30—Band room); Speech Workshops (3:45—rm 110); Gaming Club (3:45—rm 217); Fashion Club (3:30—rm 616); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Rm. 608)

Wednesday, May 9— Report Cards; AP English Literature Exam, 8 AM (PDC); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Black History Club, 3:30 (Rm. 602)

Thursday, May 10— AP Government Exam, 8 AM (PDC); AP Environmental Science, 12 PM (PDC); FCA (8 AM, Gym); Jazz/Chamber winds (3:30 band room); Interpretation workshop (3:45 rm 111); Debate Workshop (3:45 rm 609); Senior Theatre Show, Twelve Angry Jurors, 7 PM

Friday, May 11— AP US History, 8 AM (PDC); AP Computer Science Principles, 12 PM (PDC); AP Studio Art due by 8 PM; Senior Theatre Show, Twelve Angry Jurors, 7 PM

Saturday, May 12— Senior Theatre Show, Twelve Angry Jurors, 7 PM

Upcoming Events April, May, and June 6-1 to

4/23 to 5/4 —Student and Parent Survey

5/7 to 5/11— Teacher Appreciation Week

5/14—AP Biology, 8 AM (PDC)

5/14—AP Music Theory, 8 AM (Weddington High)

5/15—AP Calculus AB & BC, 8 AM (PDC)

5/15—AP Computer Science 12 PM (Media Center)

5/16—AP English Language, 8 AM (PDC)

5/17—AP World History, 8 AM (Media Conference)

5/17—AP Statistics Exam, 12 PM (PDC)

5/17—Progress Reports

5/18 to 5/19—Spring Dance Concert, 7 PM, (Theatre)

5/20—Blumey Awards, 7 PM (Charlotte)

5/21 to 5/25—Senior Week (See the listed activities in the senior letter and senior page in the newsletter

5/21— Spring Sports Awards Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

5/23 to 5/25—AP Make Up Exams

5/23—Bars and Letters Breakfast, 8:40 AM (Media Center)

5/23—Site Based Management Team , 3:45 (Media Conference)

5/24—Spring Band Show, 7 PM (Theatre)

5/28—NO School, Memorial Day

5/31—Band Reception and Banquet, 6:30 PM (Café and Auditorium)

6/4 to 6/8—Final Exams

6/8,—Graduation Practice, 2 PM (Gym)

6/9—Graduation, 6 PM (Winthrop University Coliseum)

Final Exam Schedule

6/1—Exam Review 1st period during 1st pd.

6/4—1st period exam, 2nd period review

6/5—2nd period exam, 3rd period review

6/6—3rd period exam, 4th period review

6/7—4th period exam, Community Building

6/8—Make-up Exam Day

**HOSA will be sponsoring
Emily's Team CF fundraiser
April 30-May 4.
We will be doing coin wars
in first block and selling
bracelets.
Top 3 classes will receive a
reward purchased by
HOSA.**

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

Please check the Around CATA Calendar posted above for Student Life Events this Week

- ♦ **Beta Club applications** are now open for the 2018-2019 school year. You must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior to be eligible for membership. Pick up an application form from outside of Room 108. Applicants must follow the instructions on the application for grade point average and teacher recommendations. Applications must be submitted to Mrs. Henry no later than Friday, May 11.
- ♦ There will be a meeting for the **CATA Tri-M Music Honor Society** on Monday, 5/7 at 8:25 AM and 3:35 PM in the band room. All members must attend to receive information for upcoming events and plan for next school year.
- ♦ **Tri-M Music Honor Society** is now accepting applications for all current CATA students for the 2018-2019 school year. All current members have to reapply as well. The deadline to apply is by Friday, May 11. Please see Mr. Retzlaff for any questions. Students must have been enrolled in a band or chorus class at least one semester and have a C average in all of their classes. Please visit the band website www.cataband.org to apply today!

YOUR CATA PTSO

Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - **Grace Watts**

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.

Find us on:



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You shop. Amazon gives.



Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com

Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

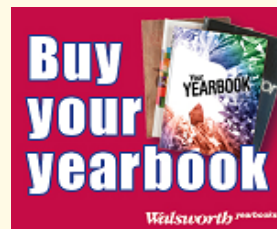
Cougar Council PTSO Information

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



2018 Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale for \$85.00. Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! 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. If you have any questions about yearbook sales or senior tributes, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.



Parent Volunteer Opportunity: Walter Bickett Elementary School is looking for **End of Grade Testing Proctors**. The dates for testing are May 15 thru the 17th, the times are from 7:30 until 2:00. Parents that want to proctor can call (704)283-8520 to inquire about volunteering.

PTSO Officer Nominations

CATA PTSO ELECTION NOMINATIONS: We are quickly approaching spring elections for the PTSO. Please see job descriptions below and consider serving our CATA Community.

If you have any questions please let us know.

The deadline for nominations is April 27th.

Please click [here](#) for the nomination form.

Article VII - Duties of the Officers Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the PTSO and the Executive Committee, shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these By-laws assigned to him/her by the PTSO or by the executive committee; and shall be an ex-officio and coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the PTSO in order that the objectives may be accomplished. He/she will be on the signature card with the Treasurer and the Vice President. The President shall also review and initial bank statements each month.

Section 2. The Vice President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of or the inability of the president to act. He/she will be on the signature card with the Treasurer and the President. He/she shall perform such other delegated duties as may be assigned to him/her by the organization or by the executive board, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the PTSO and of the Executive Committee; and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated; and shall maintain a current and accurate roster of the membership.

Section 4. The Treasurer a. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the PTSO; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; shall make disbursements as authorized by the President, Executive Committee, or the PTSO. b. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the PTSO and at other times when requested by the Executive Committee and shall make a full report at the meeting at which new officers assume their duties. c. The Treasurer shall keep permanent books of accounts and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the PTSO, including, specifically the number of its members and the dues collected from its members. d. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually by an Auditing Committee who, satisfied that the Treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report. The Treasurer shall maintain the PTSO checking account. The checks must be signed by two of the following: President, Vice President, or Treasurer. e. Financial records and books shall be audited annually by July 1 each year. f. Treasurer is responsible to file necessary paperwork required by State and Federal Government to maintain non-profit status.

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

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordinator- 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 \(click here\).](#)

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Dance @CATA_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @CATA_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

Baseball @CATA_Baseball

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

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

Student Parking Passes– SOLD OUT– Students will be put on a waiting list

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.



Class of 2018 Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2018,

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

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (**1162 Eden Terrace** Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 5:00 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu).

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Week is May 21-25: We will make a separate announcement about the Senior Week Field Trip.

Monday: Academic Signing Day- Medical Science (8:55 to 10:15), Pre-Engineering (10:30 11:45), Performing Arts (12:15 to 1:30), **Tie Dye Shirts**, fourth period café and court yard

Tuesday: Academic Signing Day- Transportation Systems (9:00 to 10:10), Information Systems (11:00-12:15)

Wednesday: Field Day, Fourth Block

Thursday: Senior Breakfast, Crown making, and Yearbook Signing, First Block in the Café, Toga and Crowns Day (Wear the crowns)

Friday: Senior Trip to the Whitewater Center in Charlotte, All Day

Senior Academic Signings: Each academy will continue with the new tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 21-22 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

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

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Mr. Edwards and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of April. Students will not receive graduation packets, which include tickets if past due fees are not paid. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 6 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Extra Information about graduation day:

- Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.
- Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside of the arena. Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal