

Central Academy of Technology & Arts

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Dear CATA Family,

Seniors and parents click [here](#) or look in this edition to see the **Spring Senior letter** with all information seniors need to know about the graduation ceremony. Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM. Graduates should arrive no later than 1:00 PM.

Summer Hours June 10 to August 9
Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
July 4 the Office is Closed

Final 2019 Report Card: Final Report Cards may be picked up in the guidance office on Thursday, June 13 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We do not mail final report cards home. You can check the Power School Portal for student grades.

Athletics: Please check out the athletics page in this edition for information about summer workouts, physicals, Family ID, and Important summer dates.

Rising Senior: Class of 2020 Senior Portraits: Portraits are taken in the CATA Den (Media Center) June 25 to June 27 by appointment time. The prepping brochure is in the edition and the appointment times have been emailed to families separately and communicated by Metro Portraits through letter. A **sample letter** is in this newsletter with important instructions. There is a \$30 sitting fee to pay on the day of the portraits. Please read all information sent to you in a separate email and by Metro Portraits. A separate message for **rising seniors about senior T-shirts and activities** will be sent out over the summer.

Owed Fees: Any student who owes fees will not be permitted to purchase a parking pass or items (such as homecoming and prom tickets) until all fees are paid in full to CATA. We will email invoices and send messages home over the summer.

Summer Online Course Information: If you are enrolled in a summer class make sure you have checked in with Mrs. Inuwa for your log in information. Summer Classes begin on Monday, 6/17, the Last Day to Drop Summer Classes is Thursday, 6/27, and the Last Day of Summer Classes is Friday, 8/9. If, you need to rent a Chromebook over the summer to complete your online course, then you will need to check one out through the Union County Virtual Office, located at 1218 Neal Street at the following times 6/10 to 6/13 from 9 to 11 and/or 1 to 3.

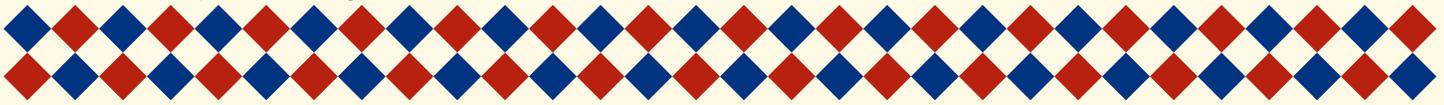
For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the For Parents tab on our website, or [click here](#). The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will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

Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR
CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!

Click [here](#) to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.



Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2019,

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

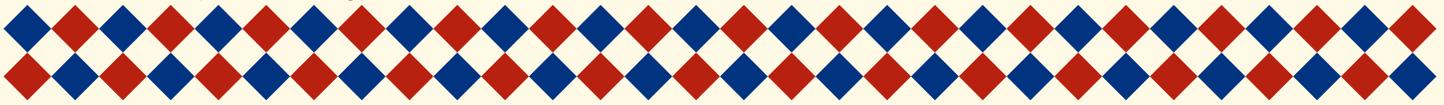
Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see above).

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

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

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Spring Senior Letter Continued

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 2:00 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.**

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors



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

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Around CATA

CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

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

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

Friday, June 7—Required Teacher Workday; Theatre Specialization Project, 7 PM (Theatre, Stivaletti)

Sunday, June 9—Graduation, 2 PM (Winthrop University Coliseum)

Thursday, June 13—Report Card Pick Up

Student Life

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

Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

Follow CATA at [@cata_monroe](#)

Dance [@CATA_DANCE](#)

Performing Arts [@CougarArts](#)

Athletics [@CATA_Athletics](#)

Football [@cata_football](#)

Band [@catabanddirect](#)

Student Council [@StucoCata](#)

Counseling Twitter [@CATA_Counseling](#)

Counseling Instagram [@CATA.counseling](#)

Cheerleading [@CATACougarCheer](#)

Baseball [@CATA_Baseball](#)

Theatre Instagram: [@C.A.T.A.Theatre](#)

UCPS [@UCPS_MonroeNC](#)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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

News & Information:

Summer Workout Information – All summer workout information can be found on the [CATA Athletics Webpage](#) on the right hand side in either a PDF or link to a google site. If you cannot find your sport or have any questions please contact your sports coach (see list below) or Coach Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Physicals – The newest NCHSAA physical form for the 2019-2020 school year can now be found on the CATA athletics website under forms. [CATA Athletics Webpage](#)

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2019-2020 school year, you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website. Family ID will go live on **July 1st, 2019** for next school year.

Important Summer Dates:

NCHSAA Dead Periods (All Facilities Closed) – July 1st – 7th and July 15th – 21st

Fall Sports Parent Night – Monday July 29th @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

First day of Fall Sports – Thursday, August 1st

Athletic Department Hours: Monday – Thursday (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) each week & we will be closed during the two NCSHAA dead periods.

Saturday, August 17th – Fall Sports Kick Off Event – Walter Bickett Stadium 6:00 pm

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Football – Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

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

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

Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Women's Basketball – TBD

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

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

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

Spring Sports Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

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

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

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

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



Premier Seniors A Metro Portraits Company

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Yearbook Poses



*When you arrive for your session, you will be photographed in various portrait styles**

Your Yearbook Pose

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Your personal senior sitting date, time and location has been reserved. Refer to the enclosed letter for this information. Once your proofs are available, you will go online to select your yearbook pose. Yearbook Selection must be made in the tux or drape on the **BLUE** background unless otherwise indicated by your yearbook adviser. Check with your yearbook adviser concerning the deadline for selecting your pose for your school's yearbook. **The ability to select your yearbook pose is available for a limited time only. If you do not select a yearbook pose, your yearbook adviser will select one for you.**

Guys - Metro Portraits will provide tuxedos for you.

Ladies - Metro Portraits will furnish drapes for you.

A delicate necklace or strand of pearls can enhance this classic look. Metro Portraits **does not** provide jewelry.

Complexion & Hair

Skin

Tans look fantastic. Sunburns do not. Bathing suit or tan lines cannot be removed without Digital Retouching at an extra cost. A bit of cover-up makeup will do wonders to help, also. Finished portraits can be ordered with more extensive retouching. Soften freckles and birthmarks with makeup, if you wish. Digital Retouching can remove major concerns.

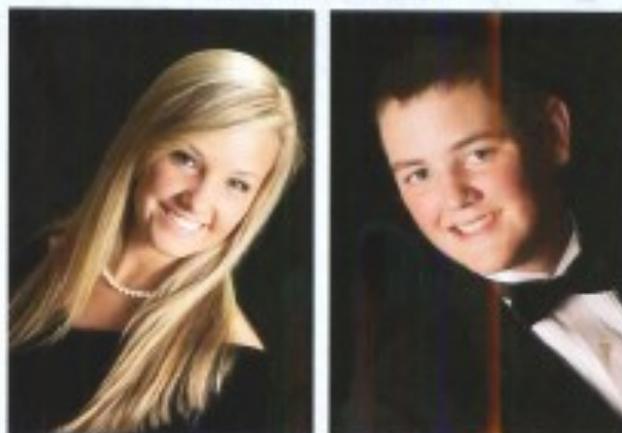
Guys - A fresh shave is a must. And schedule your haircut a week prior to photography to avoid the "just cut" look.

Ladies - Natural looking makeup makes the best portrait. Arrange your hair in your favorite style, using spray to keep the outline of your hair smooth.

Glasses

The lenses in glasses can distort the shape of your eyes and face. To avoid this and unsightly reflection, we recommend you see your optometrist and borrow a pair of lenseless frames for your sitting. *(Photography lenses will turn darker when photographed.)*

Dramatic Poses



* There may be fewer cameras offered at the absentee sessions.



Environmental and Mid Camera Casual Poses

Sitting Fee Required

Metro 5408



2 Your Very Own Personal Style

A great casual look that portrays the real you. These portraits vary from close up to full length poses, including shoes. *(No shorts please!)* Bring a prop: musical instrument, basketball, your letter jacket, theater or club costumes, or whatever will make this portrait your own personal style.

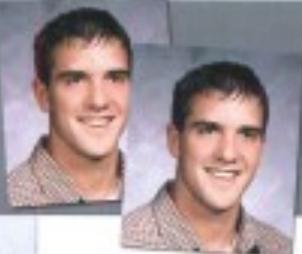
3 Glamour

This up close and personal session will capture the glitter of your personality. Tightly cropped glamour photography uses dramatic lighting to accentuate your features, adding a fourth dimension to your portrait. Your glamour portrait can illustrate femininity, masculinity, strength and special talents.

Clothing

Casual Poses "Personal Style"

Today's fashions with bright colors look great in the contemporary posing. Bring your football jersey, cheerleading uniform or whatever clothing reflects your personality. Hats are fun and formal gowns are great, too! ***But please, no shorts!***



STANDARD RETOUCHING

All of your portraits can picture you at your best...

At Metro Portraits, we can do amazing things with your portrait. Standard Retouching is included in your portrait package price; every printed portrait you order will be corrected. This Standard Retouching will remove minor facial blemishes, however it will not make corrections to hair, teeth or glasses. Any shine, retouching stray hairs, adding/removing anything on the proof is subject to a digital retouching fee.

Expanded Digital Retouching \$50 per pose

Expanded Digital Retouching for the yearbook should be done online after the images are available.

For more challenging corrections like those shown below, we offer state-of-the-art Digital Retouching.

ALL EXPANDED DIGITAL RETOUCHING FOR THE YEARBOOK MUST BE DONE BEFORE: OCTOBER 1, 2018

Braces

One of the most difficult retouching challenges can be the removal of braces. But, as you can see, digital retouching does it easily.



Glass Glare, Moles, Minor Scars & Acne

Glass glare or other light reflective problems can be made to disappear as though they were never present. Multiple catch lights in eyes or other distractions can be easily removed. This level of retouching will include removal of moles, minor scars and severe acne, as well.



Tan Lines, Tattoos and Freckles

Sunburn strap marks, tattoos, fly away hair or other difficult blending is all possible using expanded digital retouching.



**SAMPLE
APPOINTMENT
LETTER**

SENIOR PORTRAIT APPOINTMENT

****DO NOT DISCARD****

STUDENT NAME,

Metro Portraits will soon be photographing the **Senior Class of 2020** at your school. We will provide the tux/drape for the yearbook portrait (blue background) and formal pose (black background). We will also provide the cap & gown. (Pearls and jewelry are not provided.) We encourage you to bring up to 2 additional changes of clothing for the other available cameras.

When?

Date and appointment time will be displayed here

Where?

Central Academy of Technology & Arts—Media Center

How Much?

\$30.00

Please note that the sitting fee will allow you to go to **ALL** available cameras. (Yearbook and Formal/tux & drape attire), Cap and Gown, & Casual cameras) With the sitting fee, you will receive a preview sheet to view and order your yearbook pose, formal & casual senior portraits as well as information to view and order them online. If you do not pay the sitting fee you will **NOT** receive preview sheets and you will only take *one* yearbook picture. You will be able to view and order your portraits online only.

Please Note: Cap & Gown portraits will be available for viewing and ordering online AFTER March 1, 2020. You will be notified of the website and your cap and gown event code at that time.

Remember to dress and look your best! Retakes/absentee sessions are available by appointment only and only for a limited time. A sitting fee will apply for **ALL** retakes. Note: Some cameras may not be available at the retake/absentee session.

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you,
Metro Portraits

Yearbook & Formal Attire

What should I wear or bring?

Girls:

- A tank top or
- Spaghetti strap shirt
- **NO** sports bras or sports tanks

Guys:

- A white/light colored tee shirt(no logo) or
- White/light colored tank top(no logo)
- **NO** collared shirts

WHAT TO WEAR

Casual Senior Attire & Props

What can I bring?

Attire:

- Special occasion dress, etc.
- Sports jersey or ROTC uniform, etc.
- Clothing that expresses your unique and individual style (No shorts, please).

Example of Props:

- Musical instrument(s)
- Sports gear/equipment
- Anything that represents a hobby or skill
- Art or other items of your choosing.

YOU WILL SELECT YOUR POSE FOR THE YEARBOOK ONLINE. BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR YEARBOOK ADVISOR FOR THE DEADLINE DATE for selecting online. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A SELECTION—ONE WILL BE MADE FOR YOU!



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