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Dear CATA Family,

Dear CATA Family, This is the first Cougar Chronicle Newsletter edition for the 2022-23 school year. In the coming weeks we will continue to communicate with you via this newsletter each Thursday, social media, and our website. Please follow our social media sites which are linked in the icons above. More New Family Information is on page 8.

Attention class of 2023: Seniors and Senior Parents please view the information about your senior portraits. Please click [here](#) for more details and step by step directions about how to schedule your picture. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. Please see detailed information on page 7 about Class of 2022 Senior Portraits

11th Graders/Juniors ONLY: The PSAT / NMSQT held on October 12, 2022 (Wednesday) will be OPTIONAL for any 11th grader who wishes to participate as one of the entry requirements for the National Merit Scholarship Program . Students who want to take this assessment should complete the registration form that was sent to student emails on Thursday, July 21. Registration must occur by August 12, 2022 (Friday). Please continue to monitor school communication for updates on PSAT registration and dates.

Parking Passes: Passes for **SENIORS ONLY** will be made available on 8/10 and 8/11. Passes are \$45.00 and will be sold to **ALL** students starting on 8/12. Information about seniors painting parking spots will be sent to seniors separately. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the FamilyID platform again this year. An account will need to be created if you do not already have one (This is what is used for athletics). A link to the application will be on the CATA website beginning on Wednesday, 8/10 at 8:00 am. Parking passes **MAY NOT** be purchased by any student who has outstanding fees. Students must have current car registration, proof of insurance, and drivers license. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via student UCPS email. The PTSO will be sponsoring a Senior Parking Space Paint Party on Friday, August 26, for all Seniors. Pass holders will get an extra COOL treat. More details to follow.

Student Schedules: Schedules will be distributed by UCPS email for 10th-12th grade students on August 19. Freshmen will receive a copy of their schedule at orientation on August 22. There is detailed information about schedules on page 3

Schedule Corrections: Students will fill out the appropriate online form for a schedule change in August once it is released by guidance. Please follow our procedures for schedules on page 3.

New to UCPS Student Orientation: New to UCPS orientation will be at **10am on August 22**. This is for students who have not attended a UCPS school. Students will meet in the media center where they will work with STUCO members and receive their Chromebook and login information. Once the event is over, these students will join the general freshmen orientation in the auditorium from 11am-1pm. New to CATA parents may choose to drop in to the gym at 11:00 to meet our PTSO parents and some staff. PTSO parents and staff will be available to answer questions and discuss both the high school and academy studies with you.

Freshmen Orientation: Students who are not new to UCPS will arrive at 11am and report directly to the auditorium. This event will end at 1pm.

[More Important Information from Page 1](#)

Open House for all current 10th-12th grade students: Wednesday, August 24, from 9:00AM—12:00 PM. Bus information, spirit wear, senior shirts and signs, will be available. Lockers can be rented for the year at \$5 in the front office. Schedules will be emailed to students through their UCPS email.

School starts on Monday, August 29! Students should arrive by 8:55AM to make the first bell of the day which signals students to move to their first class. On Monday and Tuesday, students will report to their Advisories (homerooms) first. Lists will be posted in the hall. Our **bell schedule** for this year is the same as last year. Our school time is from 9:05-3:45. Please see page 8 for the bell schedule.

Bus information: Information regarding buses will be sent out the week before school begins. If you are a 10th-12th grader whose bus information has changed since the 21-22 school year, CATA needs you to [click here](#) and fill out this form. This is for students in 10-12 who have had an address or bus riding status change.

Senior Night: September 7th from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. **Please see information on Page 4.**

Seniors and Senior Parents: Attention Rising Seniors - **Senior T-Shirts, Yard Signs and Event Passes** are now available to order by clicking [here](#). This is a great way to show your CATA Senior Spirit and enjoy special treats throughout the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to PTSO (catacougarcouncil@gmail.com). **An order form is in this edition on page 6.**

Summer Read: CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. The goal for the summer reading program is for students to have a pleasurable and positive summer reading experience. Learning to read texts without structured assignments and being able to communicate and make connections with others about the reading is an essential skill. **All incoming ninth grade students and new sophomore students will read: “The Last Lecture” by Jeffrey Zaslow and Randy Pausch.** When students return in the fall they will meet in small groups during Cougar Time and have the opportunity to make connections with a teacher and grade level peers. The CATA Summer Read is an annual tradition and each spring faculty pitch books and students get to pick their top three choices. Next spring, freshmen students will get this same opportunity! All returning 10th-12th graders [click here](#) to see which book you chose to read. Please remember if you chose a book with an asterisk, to click [here](#) for the permission slip or the link for the online google [permission form](#). This form needs to be turned into the front office or emailed to Kimberly.Black@ucps.k12.nc.us

Open House: This is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 from 6-8 PM. More details will be given once we have further information about how this will look.

Student Life Organizations and Clubs: We will have a Student Life Fair starting on September 12th.

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

Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition. Our fall sports are currently having work out sessions. Please contact our athletic director if you have any questions. Athletic gear will be on sale at our orientations and we will have details about the online store in the coming weeks.

CATA Band Spirit Wear: The Central Academy Spirit Wear online store is now open! Spread the word! Wear your CATA t-shirts, sweatshirts, masks, and more with PRIDE all around town! Items are available for children and adults. Check out all of the available options and make purchases by visiting the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/mr33k59u>. All orders are considered pre-orders and will be made available for pickup during your child's Orientation. If you have any questions, contact the CATA Band Spirit Wear Team at catabandspiritwear@gmail.com. A percentage of all purchases go back to our awesome Band of Blue so they can continue to provide our school and community quality entertainment and programs. Please see flyer on page 8.



Counseling + College and Career Corner Class Information

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

[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

Student Schedules/Schedule Corrections

Counselors will be diligently working on schedules during July and August. Freshmen and new 10th graders will receive a copy of their schedule at orientation on August 22nd. All students in 9th-12th grade will be able to access their schedules in PowerSchool starting on August 19.

Students will either receive the classes they selected during registration last Spring or students will see **“Please See Counselor”** in their schedule. We will not randomly give 10th-12th grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter **“Please See Counselor”** as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict that needs to be discussed with the student. If a student has **“Please See Counselor”** in their schedule, they will have the opportunity to meet with their counselor in-person on **August 24th and August 25th from 12:00pm – 3:30pm**. Counselors will see students on a first come first served basis.

If a student does not have **“Please See Counselor”** in their schedule then the student received the courses they selected during registration in the Spring. Students who do not have **“Please See Counselor”** in their schedule but would like to request a correction to their schedule for a valid specified reason will have the opportunity to do so during the **Schedule Correction** process.

The **Schedule Correction** form will be open from **August 23 to September 2**. More information on this process is forthcoming.

We ask that you please respect the process and not email the School Counselors to inquire about schedule changes throughout the summer as school counselors do not work full time in the summer. They look forward to filling schedule holes in August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted. All schedule correction requests must be entered into the schedule correction form that will be open the first five days of school.

More Counseling Information on the next page.....



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[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](#)

Senior Night

The Counseling Department will host **Senior Night** on **September 7 at 7:00pm in the auditorium** (directly after Open House). This event is for all seniors and their families. Attendance is strongly encouraged as counselors will review important information about senior year. Topics will include college applications, scholarships/financial aid, Scoir, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and more.

After senior night, throughout the month of September, counselors will meet individually with every senior to discuss their senior year and post-high school plans. Seniors will receive information during senior night that will be important for their individual counselor meetings. Again, attendance is strongly encouraged. Please contact your assigned counselor with any questions. We will have limited space and senior families will need to sign up. We will send out a link to sign up later in August.

11th Graders/Juniors ONLY: Please continue to monitor school communication for updates on PSAT registration and dates.

- UCPS will cover the cost for 11th graders who opt to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Only UCPS 11th graders are eligible to register.
- Students who want to take this assessment should complete the registration form that was sent to student emails on Thursday, July 21. Registration must occur by August 12, 2022 (Friday).

Who should I contact with questions about the PSAT/NMSQT?

AP Testing Coordinator- angelia.turner@ucps.k12.nc.us (available after the start of the school year).

CATA Counseling 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 Cole : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

Stephanie Graham: Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair), and IB



Cougar Athletics

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach [Rachael Petre](#).

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

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

News & Information

Fall Sports: Official start date for Fall Sports will be Monday, August 1. Athletes will need to have an updated physical & registration complete on Family ID in order to participate.

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA [physical form](#) for the 2022-2023 school year is on our athletics website under forms

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2022-2023 school year, then you need to register with Family ID **starting after JUNE 1**. *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 [HERE](#).*

CATA Sports Profile: click [HERE](#) for the CATA Sports Profile. Here you will find info/date/contact info for all the Athletics offered at CATA in addition to some helpful links for our Athletic Department.

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate.

Men's Volleyball: CATA is potentially looking at starting a Men's Volleyball club in the Spring. We will need a volunteer coach to head up this club. Please contact our AD if you are interested.

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Rachael Cline - Rachael.Cline@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis - Terrence.Lewis@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Rachael Cline - Rachael.Cline@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Basketball - Nathan Stewart - Nathan.stewart@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Basketball - Marcus Winnegan -

Marcus.Winnegan@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Spring Sports Contact Information:

Baseball - Erik vonHusen - Erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Men's Tennis - Terry Lewis - Terrence.Lewis@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball - Nathan Stewart - Nathan.stewart@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online soon. We will keep you updated.

- **For All Try Out Information, Please Click [HERE](#)**





Class of '23 Orders



CATA CLASS OF 2023

Senior Package Order Form

CATA PTSO is offering senior t-shirts, yard signs, and the Senior Events Committee has planned BONUS activities to make this year full of special memories for the Class of 2023. These BONUS activities will be available to Senior Event Pass Holders only! We are offering all senior items separately or bundled with a discount for your convenience.

PACKAGE PRICING:

Senior Items	Maroon	Navy
Senior Event Pass		✓
PTSO Membership (\$10 value)	✓	✓
Senior Class T-Shirt	✓	✓
CATA Senior Yard Sign	✓	✓
PACKAGE PRICING	\$ 35	\$ 65

ORDER FORM:

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.CATAPTSO.ORG WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD OR FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK PAYMENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR THE DEN/MEDIA CENTER.

PACKAGE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Maroon	\$35		\$
Navy	\$65		\$
Purchase Individually or Add-on to Package Above			
Senior Class Shirt	\$18		\$
CATA Senior Yard Sign	\$22		\$
Senior Event Pass	\$30		\$
TOTAL PAYMENT:			\$

SENIOR EVENT PASS

Don't miss out on the fun!

BONUS activities will be available to SENIOR PASS HOLDERS ONLY! These events may include:

- Ice Cream Social
- Parking Space Paint Party
- Bowling
- Drive-In Movie
- Many more surprise events during and after school!

SENIOR SHIRT

FRONT

BACK

SENIOR YARD SIGN

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CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS

ORDERS PLACED BY JULY 22nd WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT OUR FIRST SENIOR EVENT

2023 Senior Name: _____

Student PERSONAL Email (NOT ucps email): _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

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

Package Type: _____ Payment (check only with form): \$ _____ Check # _____



Senior Portraits

Seniors, it's time to get your senior yearbook photo taken! Go online to <https://cady.com/book22> to schedule your session! You must register and schedule a session, no drop-ins. We need more students to sign up for the July date or it could be canceled due to low numbers. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. Follow the directions below to sign up to get your picture taken.

Class of 2023 Senior Pictures

Attention Class of 2023 students! You can now book your senior picture session through Cady. Go to <https://home.cady.com/welcome/>

1. Click on Book Seniors.
2. Read the step information and then scroll to the bottom and click on Book Now.
3. Search for Central Academy of Technology & Arts, click on our name, and click select.
4. You will have to select a second scene. Timeless is one that is part of a basic sitting fee. Scroll down and hit continue.
5. If you only want a basic session, then scroll to the bottom of the page and select Simple Session for \$29.00.
6. Confirm your choice, scroll down and click on Continue.
7. You can add extras if you wish, but if you're not interested, just move past this page. Uncheck re-touching unless you are interested in paying for that.
8. Select your location. You can go to the Cady Studios on Crownpoint Executive Drive or book a session on the school picture day. At the school session, there will only be the option of a formal picture, cap and gown, and one basic scene. There are more options at the studio.
9. You are welcome to get your senior pictures taken by someone else, but for the yearbook, everyone must be photographed by Cady. There will be a "yearbook only" shoot right before the photo deadline, but if you choose to come to that session you will not receive any proofs or be able to purchase any pictures.
10. You will receive a portfolio of pictures in the mail and you can choose to buy some or just return the whole portfolio using the postage-paid label included in your mailing.
11. If you have questions, please contact Cady at (704) 859-0737 or email Ms. Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us.

SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR PHOTOS





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OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS

SPIRIT SHOP

NOW OPEN





Information for New CATA Families

- School day hours: 9:05-3:45 (Class starts at 9:05, students should all **arrive by 8:55** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:40—8:55 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by the 3rd block teacher. We will inform students of their lunch time on the first day of school.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to Advisory first. Advisory assignments will be posted at the front of the school.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. In PE, sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$5.00. These can be rented in the front office. **PE Lockers are required.** Your PE teacher will provide information. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room—ALL belongings must be secured with a school-issued lock. Students will be charged for missing locks.
- Supply lists will be posted on Teacher's Public Canvas pages on Thursday 8/25.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day for every class. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you do not miss too many days in one class.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, credit for courses, and affects eligibility for sports. **Students too sick to come to school may not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.** Please see the NEW UCPS policy and CATA guidelines regarding absences. All absence notes need to be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#).
- Every teacher will have a web page (on Canvas) for students and parents to access with course information.
- All students will receive a student login/password to the Parent Portal so that they can see their grades. This will become active on Monday, September 12th.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.
- Please take the time to read or browse the Cougar Chronicle each week. All important school information is in this document.

Bell Schedule

1st Period: 9:05 - 10:25

2nd Period: 10:30 - 11:50

3rd Period: 11:55-1:45

A Lunch: 12:00 to 12:30

B Lunch: 12:40 to 1:10

C Lunch: 1:15 to 1:45

Cougar Time: 1:50 to 2:20

4th Period: 2:25 to 3:45