



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who participated in the **Trunk or Treat** for Monroe Elementary Schools this week. We wish our Theater students great success at the **NCTC Regional Competition** this weekend in Greensboro with the competition performance of *Tartuffe*. The preview was wonderful this past week. Break a Leg! The Performing Arts Academy Dancers and our Visual Art Students are hosting the annual **Covered Canvas** on 11/9 and 11/10 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The cost is \$5 at the door and there will be an opportunity to bid to buy the student paintings created during the dance performance. The **ASVAB** is a Career Interest Inventory that is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The ASVAB will be held this year on Friday, 11/7 beginning at 9:00 am. The entire ASVAB will last three hours (you will miss 1st and 2nd block). If you are interested please sign up via Naviance - go to your home screen and click Colleges Home - the link will be on the bottom left of the screen. Sign-ups will close on Friday, 11/30. If you have any questions please ask your assigned counselor.



The Medical Science Academy will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Friday, 11/30 in the gym from 9 am to 2 pm. Students will have the opportunity to sign up during lunches the week preceding the blood drive. Parents are welcome to come and give. Please see inside this edition for further information. The **Canine Club** will be sponsoring a fundraiser during lunches 11/5 to 11/9 to help the Union County Sheriff's office purchase protective vests for their K-9 unit. Please bring in any change you have to help your grade level donate the most money to this cause. The Canine Club thanks you for your support!

- There is information in this edition about the **Huntington Learning Center's courses for SAT and ACT Prep**, Upcoming **College visits** at CATA, **SAT Prep Courses**, upcoming **athletic season workouts**, and **student life organization** meetings.
- **Last Notice:** Yearbook has one page worth of space left for senior tributes and anyone interested should contact Deb Christensen on 11/2 to reserve the space.
- The **UCPS Connect and Chat High School Programs Expo Chat** will be on Facebook Live 11/13 at 6:30. Please check out this edition for more details.
- The next **PTSO Meeting** is Monday 11/5 at 7 pm in the media center. All are welcome! Please check out how you can help CATA on the **Amazon Ad** in this edition.
- Check out the **CATA Media Center, known at "The Den,"** website [here](#) for information on books to read, research materials, and tools to enhance educational experiences for students.
- **CATA Spirit Wear** will be on sale during the upcoming winter sports season at basketball games.
- **CATA Athletic Season Passes-** Please see information in this edition. Winter Sports start soon. It is still a good deal for the rest of the year.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. 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!

CATA Families-

Did you know that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers? **Please Click on the Ad to go to the site.** So please select Central Academy and help support our great school and get your shopping done at the same time 😊



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

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JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the **ACT**, a college entrance exam on 2/20/19. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on **ACT preparation** during Cougar Time two times per week.

JUNIORS — All juniors will be taking the SAT on April 9, 2019.

SAT Prep Class with Future Prep will begin on Thursday, January 24. This prep class will help to prepare you for the March and April SAT that all juniors will take on 4/9. Please consider signing up for the class. **See the Flyer on the next page.**

**Class of
2020**

**Class of
2021**

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**CLASS OF
2022**

National SAT Dates - students must register at CollegeBoard.org

- November 3rd register by 10/5, with late fee until 10/24
- December 1st register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/20
- March 9th register by 2/8, with late fee until 2/27
- May 4th register by 4/5, with late fee until 4/24
- June 1st register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/22

National ACT Dates – students must register at ACTstudent.org

- October 27th register by 9/28, with late fee until 10/14
- December 8th register by 11/2, with late fee until 11/19
- February 9th register by 1/11, with late fee until 1/18
- April 13th register by 3/8, with late fee until 3/25
- June 8th register by 5/3, with late fee until 5/20
- July 13th register by 6/14, with late fee until 6/24

(students who receive free or reduced lunch or have a financial need should see their counselor about a fee waiver)



Huntington Learning Center-Weddington is partnering with UCPS to provide our students with test taking tips and tricks for the ACT and SAT. Students who attend earn participation points toward their school's #UCPSCollegeReady goal!

UCPS will be administering the ACT and SAT to all juniors for free.

- UCPS ACT administration date: February 20, 2019
- UCPS SAT administration date: April 9, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link	Test(s) Addressed
Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	TBD	Coming Soon!	SAT

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Attention Seniors -

Seniors— Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM- More Details are coming in the Fall Senior Letter in October.

College Visits— Sign up in Naviance if you would like to attend. Please see Ms. Cole if you have questions. If you would like to attend one or more of the following college visits please sign up in **Naviance**. You must have your teacher's permission to sign up.

Naviance Information : Are you seeing this icon in Naviance next to a school you're applying to? This means you need to indicate to Naviance how you are applying to that school. Documents will not be sent from CATA until this is corrected. You can change this on your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list."



[Senior Scholarship Opportunities: Please click here](#)

SENIORS:
If you are requesting a teacher recommendation through Naviance you **MUST** talk to that teacher about it. Give at least 2 weeks notice, if possible. Teachers may also request your resume before writing a letter.

Seniors! Here are the new standards for honors recognition

Summa Cum Laude: 4.25
Magna Cum Laude: 4.0-4.24
Cum Laude: 3.75-3.99

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.

The Central Academy of Technology & Arts
Dance Academy
presents

Covered Canvas

November 9th & 10th @ 7:00 PM

Location:
Central Academy of Technology & Arts
600 Brewer Dr
Monroe, NC 28112

Admission: \$5



The Performing Arts Academy
Dancers present the
Covered Canvas
Dance and Art Show on
November 9 & 10 at 7 PM
in the Central Academy
Theatre! Please come out
and watch a great dance
concert and bid on artwork
produced by our Art
students during the
performances.
Tickets are \$5



CENTRAL ACADEMY
of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

SAT Review/College Prep Class

Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.

The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.

CLASS SCHEDULE (Prepping for the April 9th SAT)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

600 Brewer Drive

Monroe, NC 28112

(Preparing for the March 9th)

Lesson #	Dates	Time
Math #1	Thu, 1/24	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #2	Thu, 1/31	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 2/2	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Math #3	Thu, 2/7	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #1	Thu, 2/14	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #2	Thu, 2/21	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #3	Thu, 2/28	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- Content Review focusing on all content areas of the **NEW SAT**
- Covers the **NEW SAT Essay**
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide with 8 Practice Tests published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
- Students will learn global and section-specific strategies that will help maximize test day performance.

**Click on
the Ad to
sign up.**

All This for ONLY \$199*!

(UCPS Students Receive \$100 off the Regular Tuition of \$299)

For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975

or visit www.futureprep.com

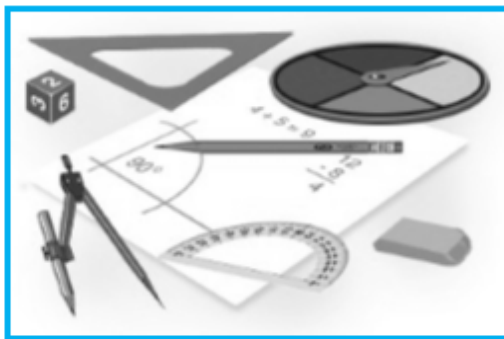
Like Us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/futureprep>

**Congratulations to the Band and Cheerleaders for being invited to participate
in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas!**



82nd Annual Game
Kick-off at 1:00pm
Saturday December 15, 2018
Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC
Played at Gibbs Stadium

Math Tutoring



with
Mr. Broome
In room 519

Mondays
3:30-4:30

Take Time to Visit our
Media Center known as
THE DEN



Click [here](#) on the media center website to learn about offerings of books to read, research materials for class, and tools to enhance educational experiences! Contact [Deb Christensen](#), media specialist for details

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to **Jake Karas** for winning a \$500 scholarship through the Make It in Union County Manufacturing Awareness Week contest through his CTE PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing class with Mr. Hidalgo!
- ◆ Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who participated in the **Trunk or Treat** for Monroe Elementary Schools.



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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

Last Week's Results:

Volleyball – Season Completed

Soccer – Win vs. Mount Pleasant (Season Completed)

Women's Tennis – Season Completed

Cross Country – The women's team finished 6th @ NCHSAA Regionals with Brooke Butler qualifying for the state meet.

JV Football – Season Completed

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 3rd:

AWAY – Cross Country – NCHSAA State Championship Meet – Ivey Redmon Park

Wednesday November 7th:

AWAY – Men's Basketball Scrimmage @ Central Page-land – 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 10th:

AWAY – Women's Basketball Scrimmage @ Monroe Jam-boree – 9:00 am

News & Information:

FAMILY ID: If you plan on participating in Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year you need to create a NEW Family ID account and get registered. Once you have registered, you must get approved before you can participate. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website. Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate

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

Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – aloudallen@yahoo.com

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

Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Spring Sports Contact Information:

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 – terry.lewis@kw.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

Sports Workouts and Interest Meetings

- Anyone interested in **swimming** this winter should stop by Coach Niessner's office and pick up the information.
- **Indoor/Winter Track** practice begins Monday Nov. 5th. meet at the track @3:45. You must have been approved through FamilyID before participating. Coach Inuwa
- The **weight room** will be open Monday through Thursday from 3:45 until 5:00 for anyone interested in playing **football** next season and all current football players not participating in winter sports.

Swimming – Starts 11/5

Indoor Track Starts – Starts 11/5

Cheerleading Tryouts– 11/1, 4 to 5:30; 11/2, 4 to 6; 11/3 10 AM



Around CATA

Friday, November 2— Theater at NCTC Regionals (Greensboro)

Saturday, November 3—Theater at NCTC Regionals (Greensboro); Speech and Debate Competition, 8 AM (Charlotte Latin)

Monday, November 5— PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM Media Center Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Conference Rm.)

Tuesday, November 6— NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM and 3:45, (Media Center)

Wednesday, November 7— Art Club meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Pentecost)

Thursday, November 8 — (Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Pentecost;

Friday, November 9— Canvas Dance Concert and Art Show, 7 PM Theatre; Science Olympiad Meeting, 3:30, Rm. 605, Cross)

Saturday, November 10— Canvas Dance Concert and Art Show, 7 PM Theatre

November Events:

11/5 to 11/9-Canine Club Fundraiser

11/12- NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day

11/15—Cougar Madness- Winter Sports Kickoff, 6:30 PM (Gym)

11/16—Alabama-Huntsville visit (Media Center)

11/20—Senior Make Up Day, Jostens (All Lunches)

11/21—NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday

11/22 & 11/23—NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving

11/27—End of Grading Period

11/28—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

11/29—Winter Sports Pictures, 3:30 (Gym)

11/29—International Thespian Society Decades Night, 6 PM (Theatre)

11/30—Red Cross Blood Drive (9 AM to 1:30 PM) (Gym or Outside of Gym)

12/6—Report Cards

Performing Arts
Parents can view the Academy
Calendar by
clicking [here](#).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Sponsored by the
Medical Science Academy**

**Friday, November 30
9 AM to 2 PM in the gym**

**Students can sign up at lunches
the week before the event.**

**Please click [here](#) for eligibility
and needed parent signed waivers.**



Student Life

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

- **NHS Meetings** on Tuesday 11/6 in the Media Center at 8:15 AM and 3:45 PM
- **Science Olympiad** on Friday 11/9 in Room 605, Ms. Cross
- **Student Council Officer Meeting** on Monday 11/5 3:30 (Media Conference Rm.)
- **Speech and Debate Competition** at Charlotte Latin, 8 AM on Saturday 11/3.
- The **Art Club** is meeting meets Every Wednesday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost)
- The **Yearbook club** meets Every Thursday in Rm. 02 (Ms. Pentecost).
- The **Canine Club** will be sponsoring a fundraiser during lunches 11/5 to 11/9 to help the Union County Sheriff's office purchase protective vests for their K-9 unit. Please bring in any change you have to help your grade level donate the most money to this cause. The Canine Club thanks you for your support!

Cougar Council PTSO Information

Click here to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.

If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information. We are still looking for a **membership** and **fund-raising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards. There are **Publix savings** cards in the main office.

The next PTSO Meeting is Monday 11/5 at 7 pm in the media center. All are welcome!

President: Nicole D'Amico

nicole.damico.me@gmail.com

Vice President: Meena Sreeraman,

meenaskalp@yahoo.com

Secretary: Sabrina Clontz,

sfclontz@carolina.rr.com

Treasurer: Ann Helms,

adhelms@aol.com

Communications: Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May,

jmk1098@gmail.com, sarah.w.may@gmail.com

Hospitality:

Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

ctaldo@me.com, meghuf5@yahoo.com

Performing Arts:

Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

carlasharrison@yahoo.com,

janetpeirano@yahoo.com

Membership: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant



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.

UCPS
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



► Join the conversation!
#UCPSCareerReady

Connect and Chat: High School Programs Expo

Tuesday, November 13
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

UCPS staff and students will share information about the High School Programs Expo and discuss the variety of course options through the Career Readiness (Career and Technical Education) Department. Topics include the application and registration process, work-based learning opportunities and summer programs.

Performing Arts Students work with CATA Alum and Hamilton Performer Tyler Mackenzie

On Monday October 22, the dance and theatre pathway students worked with Tyler Mackenzie, a CATA alumnus and performer in Hamilton. It was inspiring to work with him not only because he is extremely successful, but because he was once in our position and was able to reach such amazing heights. It was a unique opportunity for the performing arts department as the dance academy was able to dig a little deeper into the musical theatre genre while the theatre academy was exposed to more dance training. The master classes offered reflected the fast paced learning seen in the musical theatre profession and offered us a sneak peak into our possible future-careers. Working with Tyler Mackenzie was an incredible experience filled with fun and learning. **Written by Maddy Starr**



Yearbooks are on sale for \$75.00 until December 1st when the price will increase to \$85. Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! Order yours today! Make checks payable to CATA. Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> and search for CATA to link to our school. **If you have any questions about yearbook sales, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

BUY YOUR
Yearbook

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

Chromebook and Technology Help Desk: Students may see Mr. Ed-dins during the following times for help with Technology

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- 7:30AM-8:50AM
- 12:00PM-2:00PM



Student Parking Passes

ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, AND 2017-2018 technology fee, media center fees, cafeteria, and any fees owed to CATA.



- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **can-NOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA website under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**

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. **We have less than ten spaces left.**

The Student Section at CATA is the.... **BLUE CREW**



Purchase the 18-19 Blue Crew Shirt by clicking here for [our online link](#). Shirts cost **\$12 and are sold online, at home athletic events, and during lunches. **BUY** for the upcoming winter sports season**

Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit Fundraiser

**Sponsored by the
CATA Canine Club**

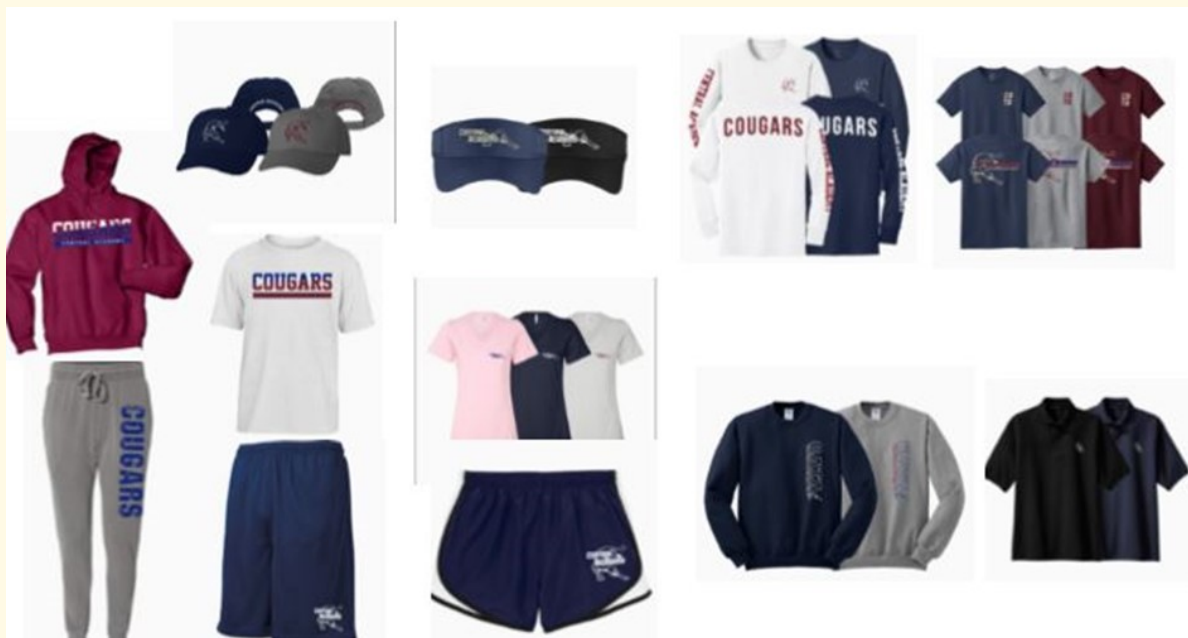
During lunches 11/5 to 11/9

**To help purchase protective vests for K-9 units
Grade Level Competition**



CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale on the dates posted below.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!
On sale during winter sports season at basketball games



Cougar Athletic Pass (For Parents and Students)

The Athletic Department is selling **athletic passes** for all CATA regular season home games for Winter and Spring seasons. The cost is \$50 for the year. This is a deal! Attending ten athletic events a year pays for the pass. You can purchase in person at home JV Football games, home Volleyball matches, home Men's Soccer matches, or online by clicking [here](#).



ATTENDANCE AND EARLY DISMISSAL FACTS AND PROCEDURES

An attendance letter will be sent home with students after the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence. At this time students will be notified if they owe recovery time for absences.

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- Absence Recovery Coordinator-

karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us