



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

All **seniors** must purchase their **caps and gowns** by 12/5 from Jostens. Those who have not purchased yet will receive a reminder message. Seniors must have a cap and gown to participate in graduation. Students, check your UCPS email to see if you received an invitation for the **PTSO STAR breakfast** which will be on Wednesday, 12/5 at 8:45 in the gym. The list is posted on the bulletin board across from guidance and is in this newsletter. Students attending the STAR breakfast were nominated by their teachers for excellence in the classroom. Information about **Fall exams** is in this edition. The **performing arts committee is asking for assistance** for the Laramie Project performances for ticket sales and concessions. Please click [here](#) to volunteer. The Performing Arts Theatre students are performing the play, "**The Laramie Project**" on 12/7 and 12/8 in the theatre at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5 at the door or can be purchased online by clicking [here](#). 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. Please see inside this edition for further information. 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, 12/7 beginning at 9:00 am. If you are interested, then please see your counselor and the information in this edition. Congratulations to the Band and Cheerleaders for being invited to participate in the **Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas!** Tickets are on sale by clicking [here](#) for \$15. Information about the **CIAA Education Day** is in this edition. Please check out the information in the Guidance section and see Ms. Lawson if you are interested by 11/30. The **UCPS High School Programs Expo** is Saturday, 12/1 from 9:30 to 1:00 at the SPCC Tyson Center. Please check out this edition for more details.



The **NHS** is collecting items to make goody bags for **Bright Blessings**, an organization that helps students in shelters. Bring the following items to your third block classes: Freshmen: small notebooks; Sophomores: packs of chewing gum, mints, or fruit snacks; Juniors: gender neutral cello bags; Seniors: pens. The student council is hosting its annual **powder puff** games on 12/14. We still need students to sign up, especially juniors and seniors. Packets are in the front office. The deadline is Monday, 12/3. The \$20 fee includes a t-shirt. Proceeds go to the Victory Junction Camp, which is a camp for kids with chronic illnesses. Click [here](#) to watch a brief video about victory junction. Practice dates are 12/5, 12/6, 12/12, and 12/13 at 3:45 on the field next to the student parking lot. Students are asked to attend at least two practices. For further information please email our student council adviser [Cory McDowell](#). The student council is hosting its **annual basketball tournament** on 12/21 during fourth period. The cost is \$20 per team of six players and a captain, and \$15 for a team with a teacher. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold during lunches from 12/17 until 12/21. No tickets will be sold at the door. Teams sign up with Mr. McDowell in room 111. The FCA's semiannual waffle breakfast is on 12/6. Come to Ms. Casey's room starting at 8 am and enjoy some waffles, fruit, juice, and fellowship.

The yearbook has a quarter page worth of space left for **senior tributes** and anyone interested should contact Deb Christensen to reserve the space. Bring in payment to the school or you can also order online at <https://yearbookforever.com>. This is the last week to order **yearbooks** at the \$75.00 price. On 12/1 the price goes up to \$85.00. You can order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> (search for CATA) or send a check (made payable to CATA) or cash to Ms. Christensen at school. **Seniors: Did you pick your pose** for the yearbook? Please come to The Den and see Ms. Christensen to pick your pose. The yearbook staff will choose the pose if you do not. Please get this done by 12/14. There is information in this edition about the , Upcoming **College visits** at CATA, **SAT Prep Courses**, **student life organization** meetings, the UCPS **Holiday Bake Shop**, and the UCPS **Fall Robotics Competition**.

- **CATA Athletic Season Passes-** Please see information in this edition. Winter Sports are here. 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! Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS  
PERFORMING ARTS

# THE LARAMIE PROJECT



Written by Moisés Kaufman & the Tectonic Theater Project  
Directed by April Olt

November 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7 PM

Grandview Heights High School Auditorium, 1587 West Third Avenue

General Admission \$5.00

Student tickets \$1.00 Thursday only

Please note that this show is not suitable for young audiences as it contains strong adult language, adult situations, and adult subject matter including descriptions of violence in a brutal hate crime.

For more information or to purchase tickets online: [www.ghcsd.org](http://www.ghcsd.org)

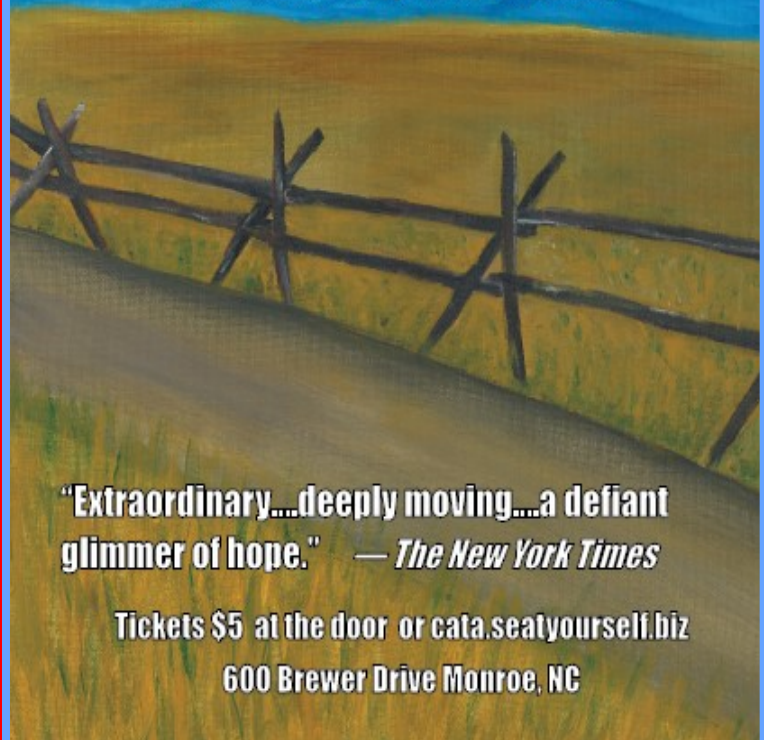
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# THE LARAMIE PROJECT

By Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project

Presented by CATA's Theatre Department

December 7 & 8, 2018 7:00PM



"Extraordinary....deeply moving....a defiant glimmer of hope." — *The New York Times*

Tickets \$5 at the door or [cata.seatyourself.biz](http://cata.seatyourself.biz)

600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC

## 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.**



**Chromebooks:** This is a reminder that students/parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of all damages incurred if the protective case is removed from the Chromebook regardless of the cause. **This means students must keep the protective cases on the Chromebook.**



## College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

**Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter in this Edition**



**Seniors— Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM**

**College Visits—** Please sign up in **Naviance** if you would like to attend. See Ms. Cole if you have questions. 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 to learn more and see scholarship offerings.](#)**

**Farah Usmani Scholarship:** This scholarship is open to any CATA senior. There is no GPA requirement. Those interested in applying must submit an essay (1,000 word maximum) describing how they would use their college degree to give back to their community. You do not have to declare or know your major at the time of submission. Students must submit their essay to Ms. Cole by the deadline. **Amount:** \$500. **Deadline:** December 7, 2018

**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.



## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

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, 12/7 beginning at 9:00 am. The entire ASVAB will last only three hours (you will miss 1st and 2nd block). If you are interested please sign up via Naivance - go to your home screen and click College-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.

**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 this page.**

**CIAA Education Day** will be on Wednesday, February 27th starting at 9:30 at the Charlotte Convention Center. CIAA Education Day will include a panel discussion regarding preparing for college and beyond, student and teacher recognition, and an inspirational speaker. After the program students will have the opportunity to attend a College Fair and attend the CIAA Tournament. This event is open to Juniors and Seniors. Please see Ms. Lawson if you are interested in attending by **November 30th**. Thank you.

**Class of  
2020**

**Class of  
2021**

**CLASS OF  
2022**



**FUTURE PREP**  
Educational Services

**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.*

<b>CLASS SCHEDULE (Prepping for the April 9<sup>th</sup> SAT)</b>		
<b>Central Academy of Technology and Arts</b>		
<b>600 Brewer Drive</b>		
<b>Monroe, NC 28112</b>		
<b>(Preparing for the March 9<sup>th</sup>)</b>		
<b>Lesson #</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Math #1</b>	Thu, 1/24	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Math #2</b>	Thu, 1/31	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Practice Test</b>	Sat, 2/2	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
<b>Math #3</b>	Thu, 2/7	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Verbal #1</b>	Thu, 2/14	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Verbal #2</b>	Thu, 2/21	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Verbal #3</b>	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.

**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](http://www.futureprep.com)

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

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

**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	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18">http://bit.ly/blitz11-17-18</a>	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<a href="http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19">http://bit.ly/blitz2-16-19</a>	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	TBD	Coming Soon!	SAT

## Student Life

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

- The **Art Club** is meeting meets Every Wednesday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost)
- The **Yearbook club** meets Every Thursday in Rm. 02 (Ms. Pentecost).
- There is a **Student Council Officer Meeting**, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.) every Monday
- There is a **Red Cross Blood Drive** (9 AM to 1:30 PM) (Gym or Outside of Gym) on 11/30.
- Come out to the UCPS Holiday Bake Shop at 4:00 PM in Downtown Monroe on 12/1.
- The **Society of Women Engineers** is meeting at 3:30 on 12/3 in room 525.
- There is an **NHS Meeting** on 12/4 at 8:15 AM in the media center.
- This week's **Powder Puff practices** are on 12/5 and 12/6 at 3:45 PM at the field next to the student parking lot.
- The **Laramie Project** will be performed 12/7 and 12/8 at 7 PM, tickets are \$5 at the door.
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## ***Around CATA***

**Friday, November 30**—Red Cross Blood Drive (9 AM to 1:30 PM) (Gym )

**Saturday, December 1**— UCPS Holiday Bake Shop (CTE Foods Programs, 4:00 PM, (Downtown Monroe); UCPS High School Program of Studies Expo, 9:00 AM (SPCC Tyson Family Center)

**Monday, December 3**— WorkKeys for Seniors; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.); Society of Women Engineers Meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 525, Mr. Recher); PTSO Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

**Tuesday, December 4**— **Early Release Day, 8:50 to 12:30 PM;** NHS Meeting, 8:15 AM (Media Center)

**Wednesday, December 5**— WorkKeys for Seniors ; PTSO Star Breakfast, 8:40 AM (Gym), Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking)

**Thursday, December 6** — **Report Cards;** Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); World Language Club, 3:30 (Rm. 521, Ms. McAbee); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking); FCA Waffle Breakfast, 8 AM (Rm. 616, Ms. Casey)

**Friday, December 7**— WorkKeys for Seniors; ASVAB Testing (10th, 11th, & 12th graders) (Media Conference Rm.); The Laramie Project Play, 7 PM (Theatre)

**Saturday, December 8**—The Laramie Project Play, 7 PM (Theatre); UCPS Fall Robotics Competition, 9AM (SPCC Tyson Family Center)

### **December and January Events:**

12/12—Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking)

12/13—Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (Theatre)

12/13—Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking)

12/14—Powder Puff Football, 6:00 PM (Walter Bickett Stadium)

12/15—Band and Cheerleaders to the Shrine Bowl, 9:00 AM (Spartanburg, SC)

12/17—Progress Reports

12/18—UCPS Poetry Out Loud 3:30 PM (Theatre)

12/18— Winter Music Showcase (Chorus), 7 PM (Theatre)

12/19—Site Based Team, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

12/20—Winter Collaborative, 7 PM (Theatre)

12/21—Annual Stuco Sponsored Basketball Tournament, 2:00 (Gym)

**12/24 to 1/4— NO School Winter Break**

**1/7— First Day Back from Winter Break**

1/7— PTSO Meeting, 6:30 (Media Center)

1/14—Exam Period One, Review Period 2

1/15—Exam Period Two, Review Period 3

1/16—Exam Period Three, Review Period 4

1/17—Exam Period Four, Community Building

1/17—Make-up Exam Day

1/17—End of Grading Period

**1/21—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**1/22—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday**

**1/23—First Day of the Second Semester**

1/23 to 1/29—Online Schedule Change Request Window

1/23—Site Based Team, 3:45 (Media Conference Rm.)

1/24—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

1/25 & 1/26—All District Band Clinics (Stuart Cramer High)

1/25—Dancing with the Stars Rehearsal, 3:30 PM (Theatre)

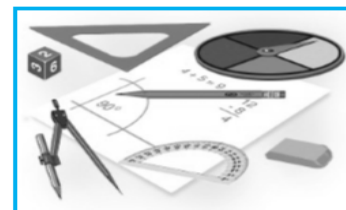
1/26—Dancing with the Stars, 7 PM (Theatre)

1/31—Report Cards

1/31—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

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

## **Math Tutoring**



with  
Mr. Broome  
In room 519

**Mondays**  
**3:30-4:30**

## 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:

**Women's Basketball** – Loss vs. Sun Valley, Loss vs. Queens Grant, Loss vs. Cuthbertson

**Men's Basketball** – Loss vs. Sun Valley, Loss vs. Queens Grant, Loss vs. Cuthbertson

**Swimming – No Events**

**Winter Track – No Events**

**Wrestling** – Win vs. Mallard Creek, Win vs. Harding, Win vs. Central Cabarrus

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Basketball vs. Weddington – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:**

AWAY – Wrestling @ Pinecrest Duals – All Day Event

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Basketball vs. Grace Academy – 5:00 pm – No JV Girls

AWAY – Wrestling vs. Forest Hills – 6:30 pm

AWAY – Indoor Track – Weddington – 3:00 pm

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Basketball vs. Christ the King – 4:30 pm – NO JV Girls

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Basketball vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm – No JV Girls

AWAY – Swimming – Stanly County YMCA – 6:00 pm

HOME – Wrestling – CATA Quad – 4:00 pm Start

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Indoor Track – JDL Fast Track – Invite – Winston Salem – Time - TBA

### News & Information:

**Spring Sports** – See your coach for more information about workouts

**Football-** 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.

**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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

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

**Men's Basketball** – Sam Smithson – [Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Swimming** – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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



### Spring Sports Contact Information:

**Baseball** – Aaron Hammers –

[aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus –

[mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis –

[terry.lewis@kw.com](mailto:terry.lewis@kw.com)

**Softball** – Greg Peters –

[Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa –

[kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner –

[jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)



**Congratulations to the Band and Cheerleaders for being invited to participate in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas! Tickets are on sale [here](#) for \$15.**



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

## 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 all students who participated in CATA's **Poetry Out Loud** school-wide competition yesterday. The following students were the winners: third place goes to Kaitlyn Speiser for her recitation of "Women Who Love Angels", second place goes to Nikol Stoycheva for her recitation of "Learning to Love America" and CATA's first place winner this year is Andrew Parker for his recitation of "Quite Frankly." All three of these students will advance to the county-wide competition in December.
- ◆ Our Pre-Engineering students visited **McCoy Manufacturing** in Monroe to learn about textile production. CATA bring real world experiences and applications to academic courses!
- ◆ **Ms. Cross' Biology students** researched and debated about genetics and biotechnology with a twist. Students studied the make-up and procedures of the U.S. Senate and modified their debate based upon a simulation of procedures and debates in the lawmaking body. Civics in Biology! Great instruction happening at CATA!
- ◆ **Ms. Casey's Foods Classes** created alternative Thanksgiving Meals and sent invitations to faculty and staff to come partake in the meals. Students researched and created the menu and critiqued their own creations. Great food!





## 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 no spaces left and students will now be put on a waiting list .**

## 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**

## Bright Blessings Goody Bag Drive

The CATA NHS chapter is collecting supplies from now until December 18th to make goody bags for children in need.

Bright Blessings provides these Bless-a-Birthday goody bags to students in shelters and domestic violence programs. Help us meet our goal to fill bags for needy children! We are collecting the following items in third block classrooms:

**Freshmen** – small notebooks (think reporter size)

**Sophomores** – packs of chewing gum, mints, and/or fruit snacks

**Juniors** – cello bags (gender neutral, can often be found in dollar stores, Walmart, party stores, etc.)

**Seniors** – Pens

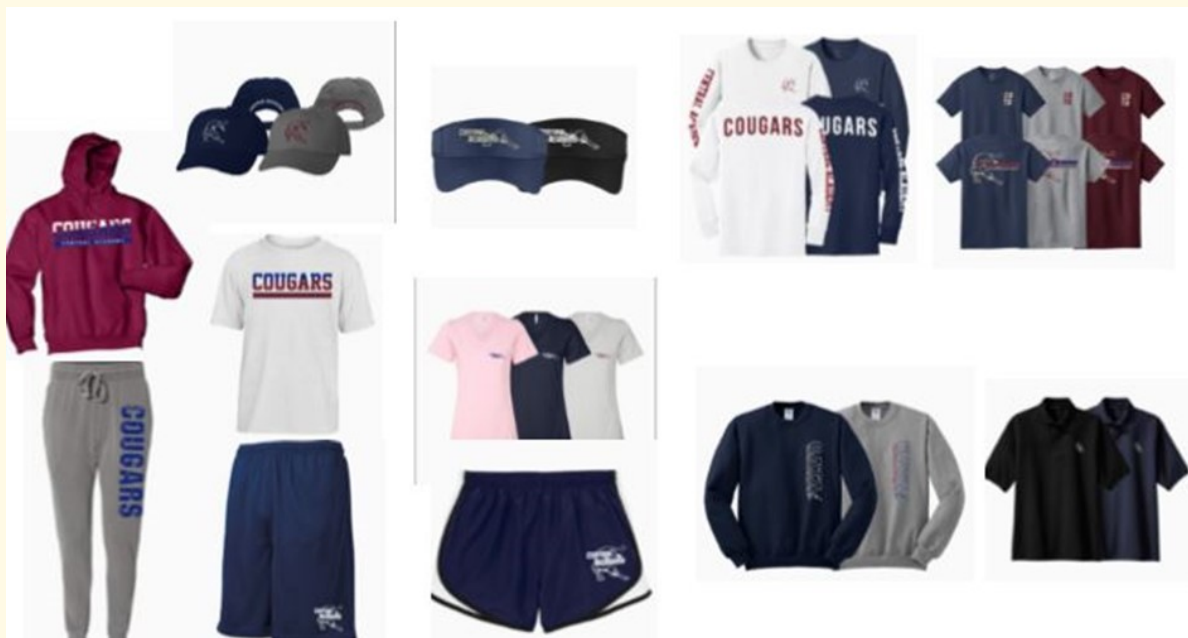
**NHS members** - \$3.00 (to purchase stress balls and birthday tattoos, bring your donation to Ms. Christensen)



**Bright Blessings®**

## 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 games 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

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[andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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Mrs. Riley- Absence Recovery Coordinator-

[karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com) for more information. We are still looking for a **membership** and **fundraising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards.

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**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.

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 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



# Fall Semester Exam Dates 2018-19

## Friday, January 11

1<sup>st</sup> period review 8:50 to 10:20

## Monday, January 14

8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

## Tuesday, January 15

8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

## Wednesday, June 16

8:50 – 12:50 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review

## Thursday, January 17

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

**Friday, January 18 is a makeup exam day**  
– students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

### Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

**Type of Exams:** We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

### Exam Exemptions for Teacher Made Exams ONLY:

**High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:**

- ⇒ The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 3 absences (excused or unexcused) in the class; or
- ⇒ The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 absences (excused or unexcused) in the class. **See the Next page**

# Fall Semester Exam Dates 2018-19

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted.

**January 18** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between January 14 and January 18. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.







## Class of 2019 Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2019,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year.

**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 PM 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](http://www.winthrop.edu)). We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2019 Letter.

**Graduation Practice:** Practice is on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. 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 April 2 in the gym. This occurs during second block on a Cougar Time Day and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:30 am if you flex first period).

**Senior Week is May 20-24.** We will be sending more information about Senior Week in the coming months.

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**Senior Awards and Signing Days:** 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 20 and 21** 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. We will send the exact times and dates for each academy in the Spring Senior Letter.

**Graduation Speeches:** Each academy has one senior give a speech 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 in May in the media center conference room. Please pay attention for the audition date in the announcements and in the Spring Senior Letter.

**Past due fees:** Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments from past years through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of January.

**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: 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 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. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) cafeteria, media center, textbook, athletic, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 5 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.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal,

# PTSO STAR BREAKFAST

FALL 2018 STAR BREAKFAST		
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 8:45 am in the Gym		
Heather Allred	Mae Hinson	Merilyn Thomas
Marco Almeida	River Hove	Michael Vazquez
Quinn Anderson	Angel Humble	Ryan Vega
Ashline Arnaud	Douglas Huynh	Thomas Verrill
Landon Atwell	Sophie Jansen	Aiden Votta
Marilee Avalos	Spencer Jarvis	Phoebe Waldrop
Dalton Bain	Justin Jenkins	Isabella Walle
Isaac Bareham	River Johnson	Jack Wild
Emilee Batchelor	Gillian Jones	Janeese Williams
Sophie Beeman	Grace Joyner	Grason Wilson
Alexa Berkwits	Johathan Kamenick	Benjamin Wojtkowiak
Carson Brackenbush	Lasya Kandukuri	Melanie Zapata-Zapata
Iyanna Brooks	Jeremy Lamb	
Caitlyn Brown	Makayla Lang	
Wyatt Brown	Alex Lay-Calvert	
Sydney Bupp	Laurenne Losier	
Brooke Butler	Dawson Maher	
Niklas Carlberg	Abigail McDonald	
Alec Celis	Brynne McKillop	
Alex Chadwick	Natalie Meuser	
Chethana Chennuri	Amber Mossembekker	
Riley Chickoree	Christopher Nguyen	
Daniel Coffey	Alex O'Connor	
Aidan Contino	Sayo Oni	
Kendall Cook	Thomas Palmer	
Bryan Cruz-Camargo	Andrew Parker	
William DiBella	Charver Perez	
Stephanie DiMeo	Jacob Phillips	
Wesley Duff	Heidi Picazo-Gonzalez	
Chase Edmiston	Kira Polchow	
Jaclyn Edwards	Morgan Putts	
Jasmine Evans	Nicholas Rangolan	
Jake Fabrizio	Tyler Read	
Lauren Francis	William Recher	
Nate Funderburk	Emmanuel Reyes-Chavez	
Alessandra Granda	Thalia Salas-Zagacki	
Emma Griffin	Rosaura Saucedo-Leana	
Andrew Guemmer	Shelby Schuster	
Daniel Gustafson	Carissa Segerlin	
Daphne Hamblin	Stephanie Shue	
Isaac Harris	Emma Simons	
Cristina Harry	Ashley Sohn	
Zoe Helms	Kaitlyn Speiser	
Rachel Hetzler	Bella Thews	