



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Thank you to Mr. Dan Edwards, assistant principal, for your service at CATA! Mr. Edwards will begin to serve the Union County Early College as an AP effective the new year. Welcome to Mr. Thomas Stewart, assistant principal, who will serve at CATA effective the new year. 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. **Holiday Cookie Grab & Go for Teachers:** Help us give our teachers an extra dose of holiday spirit by providing a mid day snack of cookies, treats and candy. Parents, please take a look at the sign up [here](#). 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 **Winter Band Concert "Fire & Ice"** will be on 12/13 at 6:00 PM in the theater. This is an evening of entertainment including dessert, hot chocolate, candy grams and a silent auction. The **Annual Winter Collaborative** is a show with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students. Please join us on Thursday 12/20 in the theatre at 7 PM for this show.



Important Parent Notification: The North Carolina State Board of Education is continuing to allow successful students in grades 6-12 to accelerate their learning. **Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM)** affords accelerated students the opportunity to earn high school course credit by a demonstration of mastery in the course curriculum without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for 135 hours of seat time. Please click [here](#) or contact your child's guidance counselor if interested. 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. Congratulations to the Band and Cheerleaders for an invitation to participate in the **Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas!** Tickets are on sale by clicking [here](#) for \$15.

The **NHS** is collecting items to make goody bags for **Bright Blessings**, an organization that helps students in shelters. Bring the following items to third block classes: Freshmen: small notebooks; Sophomores: packs of chewing gum, mints, or fruit snacks; Juniors: gender neutral cello bags; Seniors: pens. The **Junior Beta Club** is organizing a **food drive** to benefit the pantry at the local Loaves and Fishes. Students should bring non-perishable foods which are in-date to their second period classroom. Please see the list of food items needed in this edition. The student council is hosting its annual **powder puff** games on 12/14. The freshman/sophomore team will play the junior/senior team at 6:30 at Walter Bickett Stadium. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at lunches 12/13 to 12/14 and at the gate. 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. 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 12/19 until 12/21. No tickets will be sold at the door. Teams sign up with Mr. McDowell in room 111. The Arcade Club is hosting a **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate** tournament on 12/14 from 5-7 in the media center. Anyone is welcome to attend to either compete, play casually, or observe and just hang out with friends. Tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase from Mr. Bryan before school or during lunch. Please see more details in this edition.

The **yearbook** has a quarter page worth of space left for **senior tributes**: If interested, then contact Deb Christensen to reserve. Bring in payment to the school or order online. **Yearbooks** are \$85 and 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. Please see the yearbook ad inside for more information. **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 **Fall Robotics Competition**, and **CATA Athletic Season Passes**.

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

Holiday Food Bank Sponsored by the BETA Club

Please bring the following items to
your second block classes!

Please do not bring individual servings or individual snacks. Make sure that the food is not past the "Best if used by" date. Donations of full sized health and beauty aides can also be donated such as bars of soap, bottles of shampoo, bottles of conditioner, and toothpaste.

Holiday snacks (nuts, crackers, candy)

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa

Canned Sliced Pineapple

Stuffing Mix

Cookie & Cake Mix

Pickles & Olives

Turkey or Chicken Broth

Turkey Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Canned White Tuna

Canned Fruit Cocktail

Applesauce

Canned Pineapple

Pasta Sauce

Canned Corn

Tomato Paste

Boxed Flavored Rice

Grape or Strawberry Jelly

Cake Mixes

Canned Pasta

Hearty Beef Soup

Hamburger or Tuna Helpers

Grape or Strawberry Jelly

Baked Beans/Canned Chili

Ketchup or Mayonnaise

Salad Dressings

Pancake Mix & Syrup



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)



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.**



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
600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC

Winter Collaborative



Thursday, December 20
7 PM in the Theatre

The annual winter collaborative is a concert with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students.

CATA Band Presents:

FIRE AND ICE

December 13th at 6:00pm

Evening of entertainment including dessert, Hot Chocolate, Candy Grams and a Silent Auction in the Cafe
Concert Begins at 7:00 PM in the auditorium



Welcome to the Main Event

Please consider supporting all of these student life activities in the coming weeks!



SUPER SMASH BROS.TM ULTIMATE



Tournament

Friday, December 14 from 5-7pm

All are welcome to compete, play casually, or observe and hang out

Tickets are \$5 from Mr. Bryan before school or during lunch.



Pizza and drinks will be provided.



Powder Puff Football

**Freshmen/
Sophomores**



**Juniors/
Seniors**

Friday December 14 at 6:30 pm

**At the historic
Walter Bickett Stadium.**

Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at lunches the week of event and at the gate.

Proceeds go to the Victory Junction Camp, which is a camp for kids with chronic illnesses. Click [here](#) to watch a brief video about VJC!



Annual Basketball Tournament



**Friday December 21
During 4th Period**



Sign-ups



- ♦ \$20 per team of 6 players & a captain
- ♦ \$15 for a team with a teacher.
- ♦ Teams sign up with Mr. McDowell in room 111.

Tickets are \$5

Sold during lunches from 12/19 to 12/21.

NO tickets will be sold at the door!

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.

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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 signed up to take the ASVAB).

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.**

**Class of
2020**

**Class of
2021**

**CLASS OF
2022**

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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.

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.

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

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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	http://bit.ly/bttr11-17-18	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	http://bit.ly/bttr2-16-19	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
- This week's **Powder Puff practices** are on 12/12 and 12/13 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.
- The **UCPS Fall Robotics Competition** is at 9AM at the SPCC Tyson Family Center on 12/8.
- There is a **Travel Club Meeting** on 12/10 at 3:30 PM in room 208 with Ms. Foreman.
- There is a **Junior Beta Club Meeting** at 8:15 AM In room 401 on 12/11 and there are **Beta Club** Meetings at 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM on 12/11 in the media center.
- The **Winter Band Concert**, Fire and Ice is on 12/13 at 7 PM in the Theatre.
- There is a **Science Olympiad** meeting at 3:30 PM in room 605 with Ms. Cross on 12/14.
- The annual **Winter Collaborative Show** is on 12/20 at 7 PM in the theatre. This is a collaboration with band, chorus, dance, theatre, and MPRA.
- The **Powder Puff** football game freshmen/sophomores vs juniors/seniors teams is on 12/14 at 6:30 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium. See information on the first page and the ad in this edition.
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Around CATA

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, 9 AM (SPCC Tyson Family Center)

Monday, December 10— Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.); Travel Club Meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208 Foreman)

Tuesday, December 11— Junior Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 AM (Rm. 401); Beta Club Meetings, 8:15 AM and 3:45 (Media Center)

Wednesday, December 12— Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking)

Thursday, December 13 — Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (Theatre); Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 (Field Next to Student Parking)

Friday, December 14—Powder Puff Football, 6:30 PM (Walter Bickett Stadium); Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament, 5-7 PM (Media Center); Science Olympiad Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 605 Ms. Cross)

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

December and January Events:

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](#).**

**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

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

Last Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Win vs. Carolina International, Loss vs. Weddington, Win vs. Grace Academy

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Carolina International, Loss vs. Weddington, Win vs. Grace Academy

Swimming – No Events

Winter Track – Competed at the Forest Hills & Weddington Invites – Joel Simpson set a school record in the 55 m, Jackson Hase qualified for states in the 500, the men's 4x200 relay qualified for states.

Wrestling – Wins vs. Cheraw, Chesterfield, Apex, Jack Britt, Chapel Hill, Southern Lee, Scotland and Forest Hills to move to 12-0 on the season.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 7th:

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 8th:

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

Monday, December 10th:

AWAY – Men's Basketball Only – vs. Mountain Island Charter School – 4:30/6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 11th:

HOME – Wrestling vs. Anson/Parkwood – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Swimming @ Kannapolis YMCA – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 12th:

AWAY – Swimming – Union County Meet – Uptown MAC – Noon

Thursday, December 13th:

AWAY – Basketball vs. Grace Academy – 4:30 pm – No JV
Girls Crews Road Recreation Center @ 1201 Crews Rd, Matthews, NC 28105

AWAY – Indoor Track @ Cuthbertson Invite – 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 15th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Statesville Invite – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Fast Track – Winston Salem – All Day Event

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



Winter Sports Coaches 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 – alouallen@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 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

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



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 **fundraising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards.

President: Nicole D'Amico

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Membership: Vacant

Fundraising: Vacant



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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.

CATA Families-

Did you know that when customers shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers?

So please select Central Academy and help support our great school and get your shopping done at the same time 😊

Please Click on the Ad to go to the site.

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

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.



Yearbooks

BUY YOUR Yearbook

Have you purchased a yearbook yet? Yearbooks are now \$85.00. The last day to order a book with a name stamp is 1/22. Metal name tags can be ordered until March (select itag at checkout). You can order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/> (search for CA-TA) or send a check (made payable to CATA). The yearbook staff is hard at work designing another fabulous book. **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.**

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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



Fall Semester Exam Dates 2018-19

Friday, January 11

1st period review 8:50 to 10:20

Monday, January 14

8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review

Tuesday, January 15

8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review

Wednesday, June 16

8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

Thursday, January 17

8:50 – 12:50 4th 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**

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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.

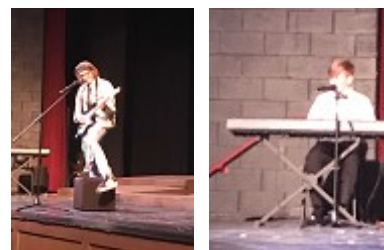
Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

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.

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ The PTSO hosted our **STAR Breakfast** this past week. Teachers nominate students for doing excellent things in their classes for this event.
- ♦ Thank you to the Medical Science Academy for hosting a successful **Red Cross Blood Drive** this past week.
- ♦ The **International Thespian Society** held their first event: Decades Night, and it was a great success with 21 acts. Way to go.
- ♦ Our English II students in Ms. Foreman's and Mr. McDowell's classes took a trip to the **Jewish Community Center** in Charlotte to learn about the Holocaust.





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). 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,