

Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

We have our **annual Winter Spirit Week** next week. Please see the ad in this edition for the dress up theme each day. Information about **Fall exams** is in this edition and by clicking [here](#). The **Annual Winter Collaborative** is a show with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students. Tickets are \$5. Please join us on Thursday 12/20 in the theatre at 7 PM for the show. **Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking [here](#)**. Come out to **Moe's in Monroe** before and after the basketball game on Wednesday, 12/19 to support the **CATA Beta Club**. Place your receipts in the Beta Box to donate Proceeds to the CATA Beta Club. Congratulations to the Band and Cheerleaders for an invitation to participate in the **Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas** on 12/14! 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, and the rain date is 12/18. 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**.

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.

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

Winter Collaborative

Thursday, December 20
7 PM in the Theatre
\$5 tickets at the door

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



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, January 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**

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.

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

Monday: Ugly Sweater Day

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday: Blizzard Out/Snow Day (Dress like it's Cold)

Thursday: Santa's Workshop

Seniors: Santa Claus/Ms. Claus

Juniors: Reindeer

Sophomores: Elves

Freshmen: Presents

Friday: Class Color Day

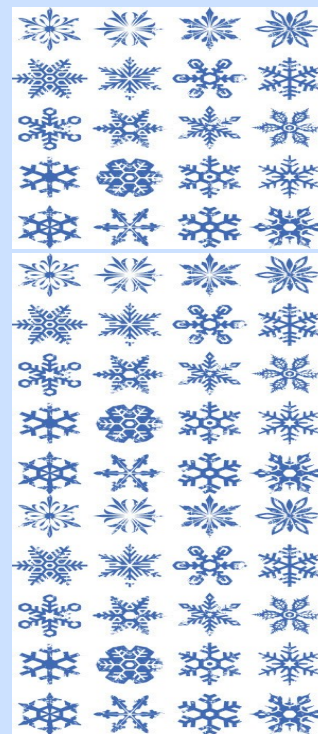
Seniors: RED

Juniors: WHITE

Sophomores: GREEN

Freshmen: ROYAL BLUE

Staff: GOLD



Contest for best participant in spirit week:

Use #cataspiritweek on twitter or instagram and tag @catastuco

Dress Code must be followed at all times.

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)



Moe's Night

**Come out to
Moe's in Monroe
before and after the
basketball game on
Weds., 12/19 to
support the
CATA Beta Club.**



**Place your receipts in the Beta
Box to donate Proceeds to the CA-
TA Beta Club"**

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 in the Media Center

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
Rain date is Tuesday December 18
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 by clicking [here](#).

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.

National Beta Scholarship: All seniors in National Beta Club are encouraged to apply for the scholarship program. They're looking for students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, commendable character, and school and community service. Application will open on Nov. 1. For more information click [here](#). **Amount:** \$1,000-\$15,000. **Deadline:** January 24, 2019.

Optimist International Essay Contest: To be considered for this scholarship, students are asked to write an essay on the topic "When all of the world's problems are solved, is optimism still necessary?". Students must submit their essay and the application form to bruster1117@msn.com. Application forms can be found in the guidance office. **Amount:** Unspecified. **Deadline:** February 11, 2019.

Light on the Hill Society Scholarship: The Light on the Hill Society Scholarship will award 10 scholarships to African-American students who will enroll at UNC Chapel Hill for fall 2019. They will award two Julius Peppers scholarships, valued at \$2,000 each and renewable for up to three years, and eight LOTH scholarships, that are a one-time award valued at \$2,500 each. A selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the following: academic achievement, evidence of community service, leadership qualities, and strength of essays. To apply, click [here](#). **Amount:** \$2,000 (Julius Peppers scholarship); \$2,500 (LOTH scholarship). **Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. (EST) on March 3, 2019.

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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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 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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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

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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.

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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
- 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 cost is \$5
- The **Powder Puff** football game freshmen/sophomores vs juniors/seniors teams is on 12/14 at 6:30 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium. **The rain date is on 12/18.** See information on the first page and the ad in this edition.
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- There is a **Society of Women Engineers** Meeting at 3:30 (Rm. 525, Mr. Recher) on 12/17.
- There is a **Hands Helping Others** Meeting at 3:30 (Rm. 527 (Ms. Hinson) on 12/18.
- There are **NHS Meetings** at 8:15 and 3:35 on 1/7 in the Media Center.
- There is a **Junior Beta Club Meeting** at 8:15 AM in Rm. 401 the Fish Bowl on 1/8
- There are **Beta Club Meetings** at 8:20 AM and 3:35 on 1/8 in the Media Center.

Around CATA

Friday, December 14—Powder Puff Football, 6:30 PM (Walter Bickett Stadium) with rain date of 12/18; 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)

Monday, December 17— **Progress Reports**; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.); Society of Women Engineers Meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 525, Mr. Recher)

Tuesday, December 18— UCPS Poetry Out Loud 3:30 PM (Theatre); Hands Helping Others, 3:30 (Rm. 527 (Ms. Hinson); Powder Puff Rain Date, 6:30 PM Walter Bickett Stadium)

Wednesday, December 19— Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); Site Based Team, 3:40 (Media Center Conference); Beta Club Moe's Night in Monroe, 5-9 PM

Thursday, December 20 — Winter Collaborative Show, 7 PM (Theatre); Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost)

Friday, December 21—Annual Stuco Sponsored Basketball Tournament, 2:00 (Gym)

Saturday, December 22 to January 6— **NO SCHOOL, Winter Break**

Monday, January 7—**First Day Back from Winter Break**; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.); NHS Meetings, 8:15 and 3:35 (Media Center)

Tuesday, January 8— Junior Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 AM (Rm. 401 Fish Bowl); Beta Club Meetings 8:20 AM and 3:35 (Media Center)

Wednesday, January 9— Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost);

Thursday, January 10— Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost)

Friday, January 11— **Review for Exam Period one during First Period**

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

January Events:

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

1/18—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)

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 – Loss vs. Christ the King, Loss vs. Union Academy

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Christ the King, Loss vs. Union Academy

Swimming – The team competed in its first two meets of the season, qualifying two relays for regionals.

Winter Track – No events since last CC

Wrestling – Wins vs. Forest Hills, Weddington, Cox Mill, Charlotte Latin, Anson & Parkwood. Team moves to 17-0 on the season 2-0 in the Conference

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 15th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Statesville Invite – All Day Event

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

Monday, December 17th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Parkwood – 4:00 pm (All Four Teams)

Tuesday, December 18th:

AWAY – Wrestling vs. West Stanly – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 19th:

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

Thursday, December 20th:

AWAY – Basketball vs. Porter Ridge – 4:00 pm (All Four Teams)

Saturday, December 22nd:

AWAY – Wrestling – Sun Valley Dual Team Tournament

Thursday, December 27th:

AWAY Women's Basketball at Piedmont Holiday Tournament – TBA

Friday, December 28th:

AWAY Women's Basketball at Piedmont Holiday Tournament – TBA

AWAY Wrestling @ Holy Angels Tournament – Bojangles Coliseum

Saturday, December 29th:

AWAY Wrestling @ Holy Angels Tournament – Bojangles Coliseum

Thursday, January 3rd:

AWAY Wrestling @ Buford High – Tri Match – 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 5th:

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

Tuesday, January 8th:

HOME Basketball vs. Mount Pleasant – 5:00 pm – No JV Girls

Wednesday, January 9th:

HOME Men's Basketball Only vs. Mountain Island Charter – JV Boys 5:00 pm – Varsity Boys 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 10th:

HOME Wrestling vs. Mount Pleasant – 6:30 pm

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.

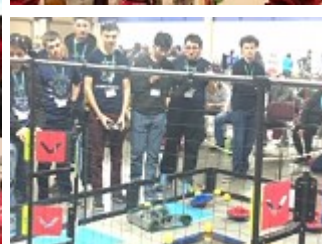


- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **can-NOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents 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 .**

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ We would like to thank our theatre students for performing the "Laramie Project" this past week. The Monroe Enquirer Journal featured our students and the show. Thank you for a job well done! Excellent play!
- ♦ Thank you to our Hands Helping Others Club for sponsoring a Christmas Party for The a Special Needs Dance studio, "A Chance to Dance". This year the party was at Rolling Hills County Club. This was the third year for this event.
- ♦ The CATA Robotics Team competed in the UCPS Robotics Competition this past week-end and finished third in the Elimination 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

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

nicole.damico.me@gmail.com

Vice President: Meena Sreeraman,

meenaskalp@yahoo.com

Secretary: Sabrina Clontz,

sfclontz@carolina.rr.com

Treasurer: Ann Helms,

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

Hospitality:

Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

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Performing Arts:

Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

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janetpeirano@yahoo.com

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.

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.**



CATA Families-

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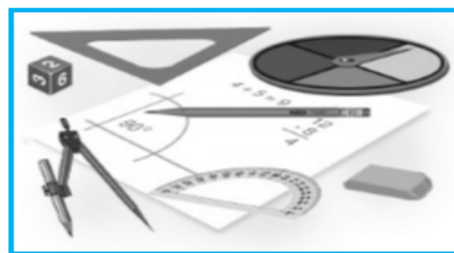
Take Time to Visit our Media Center known as

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.



Math Tutoring



with
Mr. Broome
In room 519

Mondays
3:30-4:30

Yearbooks

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 CATA) 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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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

