

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle Volume 6;

Volume 6; Issue 20 January 17, 2019

Dear CATA Family,

The first day of the second semester, is Wednesday, January 23. Monday, January 21 is the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and Tuesday, January 22 is a teacher workday. There is no school on both days. Students wishing to purchase **parking passes** must go to the main office to be placed on a waiting list. We will inform waiting list students about second semester parking on 1/24/18. The Performing Arts Academy Dancers are presenting "1 2 3" on Saturday, January 26 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The cost is \$5.00. Come see your favorite faculty and staff participate the show along with our CATA dancers.



Please see the ad in this edition to register for the **UCPS Raising Tech Healthy Families events** on 1/22 at CA-TA and 1/23 at Weddington High at 6:30 PM. **SAT Prep Class with Future Prep** will begin on Thursday, January 24 at CATA. 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 edition or click <u>here</u> for information and to register.

The **Spring Semester Schedule Corrections** Google Doc is open (the Google Doc Link is on the CATA School Counseling Page under the Registration Tab) and closes on Tuesday, 1/29 at 5:00 pm. Click <u>here</u> for the schedule correction form. Schedule Corrections will only be reviewed if they are submitted via the Schedule Correction Google Doc. Please understand that all schedule correction requests will not be honored. Counselors will communicate via email if the correction was honored and if it was not explaining the reason why. If a correction is requested before the 1st day of 2nd semester the counselors will do their best to make the correction before the start of the 2nd semester. **New schedules will be given in Advisory on the 1st day of 2nd semester on January 23.** If you have a specific question please reach out to your assigned counselor. If your student is interested in becoming a **page for the North Carolina General Assembly**, then please see the information in this edition. Apply for the Senate by clicking <u>here</u>.

Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking here. The student council is hosting its annual powder puff games on 1/31. 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 1/30 and 1/31 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 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 <u>https://yearbookforever.com/</u> (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.

There is information in this edition about Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors, the upcoming College visits at CATA, SAT Prep Courses, student life organization meetings, 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 <u>click here</u>. 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









Thursday January 31 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!





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 auidance 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); \$2,5000 (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.



College and Career Corner Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam on February 20, 2019. 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**.



CENTRAL ACADEMY of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

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



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 9 th SAT) Central Academy of Technology and Arts | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | 600 Brewer Dr | ive | | | |
| | Monroe, NC 28 | 112 | | | |
| (Preparing for the March 9 th | | | | | |
| 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 <u>CollegeBoard</u> (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*!** sign up. (UCPS Students Receive \$100 off the Regular Tuition of \$299) For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975
- or visit <u>www.futureprep.com</u> Like Us on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/futureprep</u>









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.lv/biltz11-17-18 | SAT & ACT |
| Saturday, February 16, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 | http://bit.ly/biltz2-16-19 | ACT |
| Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | TBD | Coming Soon! | SAT |

Compensation

Pages may be compensated by stipend or community service credit. Pages who opt for a stipend will be paid a total of \$150.00 for one week of service. Pages who opt to be compensated through community service will receive 30 hours credit in accordance with their school policy.

Dress Code

A dress code of business professional attire is mandatory at all times and strictly enforced. Any House Page dressed inappropriately will be asked to correct the inappropriate attire. Listed below is a general overview of acceptable business professional, along with unacceptable attire. Pages are sent a detailed description of appropriate attire upon appointment.

- Young Men: A suit or dress pants with sport jacket, collared dress shirt, tie, and comfortable dress shoes are recommended.
- Young Ladies: Dress slacks, skirt with a jacket, or a dress and comfortable dress shoes are recommended. Skirts and dresses must sit at, below, or just above the knee.
- Unacceptable attire: Sweatshirts, tops with a large logo, t-shirts, tank tops, belly tops, tight-fitting or "clingy" tops, slacks or skirts, sheer tops or other seethrough fabric, capri pants or shorts, mini skirts or dresses above the knee, denim fabric, western wear of any kind, flip-flops or athletic shoes.
- Name and security badges are required and must be worn at all times during the work day.

Accommodations

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to make lodging arrangements prior to arriving in Raleigh. Pages may stay with family, friends, or host families. Host families provide lodging, breakfast, dinner, and transportation at a cost of \$100 per week. A complete list of host families will be available upon appointment.



Questions?

If you have any questions about the House Page Program, please use the contact information below:

House Page Supervisor North Carolina General Assembly www.ncleg.net/house/housepagesite/

16 West Jones Street, Room 1329 Raleigh, NC 27601 P: (919) 733-5701 HPS@ncleg.net

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PAGE PROGRAM



House Page Information Guide



Around CATA

Monday, January 21-NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Tuesday, January 22-NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday

Wednesday, January 23—First Day of the Second Semester; Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost); Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference Rm.) Thursday, January 24 — Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Pentecost); SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401) Friday, January 25— Dancing with the Stars Rehearsal, 3:30 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, January 26— Dancing with the Stars Show, 7 PM (Theatre)

January Events:

1/23 to 1/29—Online Schedule Change Request Window 1/25 & 1/26—All District Band Clinics (Stuart Cramer High) 1/31—Report Cards 1/31—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401) February Events: In the next edition

Performing Arts Parents can view the Academy Calendar by clicking here.

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 Powder Puff football game freshmen/sophomores vs juniors/seniors teams is on 1/31 at 6:30 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium See information on the first page and the ad in this edition.
- The Performing Arts Academy Dancers are presenting "1 2 3" on Saturday, January 26 at 7 PM in • the Theatre. The cost is \$5.00. Come see your favorite faculty and staff participate in the show along with our CATA dancers.

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

We would like to thank all of our faculty, staff, parents, and students for a great first semester. Let's have a wonderful second semester!



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 Three Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Loss vs. West Stanly Men's Basketball – Loss vs. West Stanly **Swimming –** Swimmers continue to put up great times and qualify for regionals Winter Track – No events since last CC Wrestling - Loss vs. Mount Pleasant, King of Kings Tournament Champions

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 18th:

HOME Wrestling vs. Monroe – Senior Night – 6:00 p m AWAY Basketball vs. Anson – 4:00 pm JV Girls Start

Saturday, January 19th:

AWAY Wrestling – Parkwood Duals – All Day Event Tuesday, January 22nd:

HOME Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm – All four Teams

Thursday, January 24th:

AWAY Wrestling @ East Montgomery – 6:30 pm AWAY Indoor Track & Field @ Piedmont – 4:00 pm AWAY Swimming @ RRC Meet @ Albemarle YMCA – 6:00 pm

Friday, January 25th:

HOME Basketball vs. Corvian (JV Girls) East Montgomery (JV Boys/Varsity) 4:00 pm start

Saturday, January 26th:

Away Wrestling @ RRC Meet @ West Stanly – 9:00 am start

News & Information:

Spring Sports Parent Night: Monday, February 4th @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.

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". <u>Click here for the link.</u>
- <u>Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school</u>. 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.



Click <u>here</u> to register for CATA: Click <u>here</u> to register for Weddington High



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 athletic events or online by clicking <u>here</u>.



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 Secretaryandrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us Mr. Smith- Data Managerwilliam.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us Mrs. Riley- Absence Recovery Coordinatorkaren.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 <u>catacougarcouncil@gmail.com</u> 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@amail.com Vice President: Meena Sreeraman, meenaskalp@yahoo.com Secretary: Sabrina Clontz, sfclontz@carolina.rr.com **Treasurer:** Ann Helms, adhelms@aol.com Communications: Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May, jmk1098@gmail.com, sarah.w.may@gmail.com Hospitality: Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman ctaldo@me.com, meghuf5@yahoo.com Performing Arts: Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano carlasharrison@yahoo.com, janetpeirano@yahoo.com Membership: Vacant Fundraising: Vacant **Harris** Teeter educa 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.



Effective 10/1/18, Publix Partners cards will no longer scan or be accepted. To support our school, sign up for Publix Partners through your Publix.com account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school. Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase. Harris Teeter VIC link update: So far we have linked 191 Harris Teeter cards. We have gotten \$341.33 from them year to date. If you are doing any holiday shopping on Amazon, please consider signing up for Smile.Amazon.com. We have gotten \$105.10 from Smile Amazon.

Volunteering at Central Academy:

We are happy to have our parents volunteer for events, field trips, and other school activities. Please click <u>here</u> to fill out an application to volunteer.

CATA Families-

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

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.





Click <u>here</u> 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



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

BUY BUY

itag at checkout). You can order online at <u>https://yearbookforever.com/</u> (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 <u>deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

Be in the Know by following us on Social Me-

<u>dia</u>

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe Dance @CATA_DANCE Performing Arts @CougarArts Athletics @CATA_Athletics Football @cata_football Band @catabanddirect Student Council @StucoCata Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer Baseball @CATA_Baseball Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre Chromebook and Technology Help Desk: Students may see Mr. Eddins during the following times for help with Technology

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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





Math Tutoring

with

Mr. Broome