



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Students wishing to purchase **parking passes** must go to the main office to be placed on a waiting list. We will inform waiting list. We have no more available parking spots at this time.

The Performing Arts Academy Dancers are presenting "1 2 3" this 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. **Spring Sports Parent Night** is Monday, 2/4 @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium. **CATA Spiritwear** is on sale online by clicking [here](#) and at our basketball games on 1/25 and 2/5 For questions please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174. The PTSO will be selling cute **Valentine Frogs** for \$3 each to be delivered with personal message during 4th block on Valentine's Day. Order forms will be available starting 1/31 in the front office and in the cafeteria on 2/6, 2/8., and 2/11. In addition, you can find order forms in this edition. The **Union County Education Foundation is sponsoring a scholarship** for seniors who pay tribute to one of their favorite teachers. Please click [here](#) and click on "grants and scholarships" for more information. **The deadline is 2/25.**



**Report Cards will go out 2/7:** We were notified that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) announced last week that there are errors occurring in the software that all North Carolina school districts use to report student grades. NCDPI and PowerSchool identified a malfunction with the grade calculation function currently used by PowerTeacher Pro. Union County Public Schools is currently assessing all students' grades to determine if there has been any impact on grades in our school system. Be assured that the grades your son or daughter received up to now will not be negatively impacted by the new calculations. As a result, UCPS is extending the report card period to February 7, 2019. Report cards will not be issued on January 31st. Our school will provide an update once all assessments are complete. If you have questions, feel free to contact administrators at our school.

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 [here](#) 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 were 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 [here](#). Apply to the House by clicking [here](#).

**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**. **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. There is information in this edition about **Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors**, 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 [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



## Powder Puff Football



*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!

# Frogs for Valentine's Day!

(delivered to someone special with your personal message)



## Show someone how much you care!

CATA PTSO will be selling cute Valentine Frogs for \$3 each.

They will be delivered with your personal message  
during 4th block on Valentine's Day.

Order forms will be available starting 1/31 in the front office.

We will also be selling the frogs in the cafeteria  
on Feb 6th, 8th and 11th.



Frogs are \$3 each.

Forms and money need  
to be turned into the office  
by February 11th.

Frogs will be delivered  
during 4th block on  
Valentine's Day.



CATA PTSO

## Valentine's Day Frog

ORDER FORM

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

4th Block Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Message:

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## 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.](#)

**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](mailto: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.

**NC Legislative Pages:** 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 [here](#). Apply to the House by clicking [here](#).

### 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.**

**Class of  
2020**

**Class of  
2021**

**CLASS OF  
2022**

### 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



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

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

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

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link	Test(s) Addressed
Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<a href="http://bit.ly/bit11-17-18">http://bit.ly/bit11-17-18</a>	SAT & ACT
Saturday, February 16, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112	<a href="http://bit.ly/bit2-16-19">http://bit.ly/bit2-16-19</a>	ACT
Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	TBD	Coming Soon!	SAT

### 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)

## ***Around CATA***

**Friday, January 25**— Dancing with the Stars Rehearsal, 3:30 PM (Theatre); All District Band Clinics (Stuart Cramer High)

**Saturday, January 26**— Dancing with the Stars Show, 7 PM (Theatre); All District Band Clinics (Stuart Cramer High)

**Monday, January 28**— Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

**Tuesday, January 29**— Hands Helping Others, 3:30 (Rm. 527, Ms. Hinson);

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

**Thursday, January 31** — Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 102, Pentecost); SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401); Powder Puff games, 6:30 (Walter Bickett Stadium)

**Saturday, February 2**— SAT Prep with Future Prep— Practice Test 8:30 AM (Rm. 401)

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

### **January Events:**

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

### **February Events:**

2/4—Spring Sports Parent's Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

2/4—PTSO Meeting, 6:00 (Media Center)

2/4 to 2/8—School Counselor Week

### **2/7—Report Cards**

2/7—Early Release Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

2/7— SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

### **2/12—Progress Reports**

2/13—First Day of Spring Sports

2/14—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

2/16—Huntington Learning Center Blitz, 9:15 AM (Theatre)

2/15 & 2/16—Union County All Band Clinic, 9 AM (PRHS)

2/18 & 2/19—Josten's Class Ring Orders (All Lunches)

2/19—Josten's Class Ring Parent Night 3 PM (Outside of the Front Office)

2/20—ACT for all 11th graders

2/21—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

### **2/22— NO SCHOOL— Teacher Workday**

2/25—Minnie Jean Brown Trickey Guest Speaker, AM (Theatre)

2/26—Spring Sports Pictures, 3:30 PM (Gym)

2/27—Site-Based Team Meeting, 3:45 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

2/28—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

## **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.
- There is a **Hands Helping Others** meeting at 3:30 on Tuesday 1/29 in room 527 (Ms. Hinson)



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

### Last Three Week's Results:

**Women's Basketball** – Loss vs. Anson & Forest Hills

**Men's Basketball** – Loss vs. Mountain Island Charter, Anson & Forest Hills

**Swimming** – No events since last meet

**Winter Track** – Runners continue to put up great times, five relays have qualified for the state Meet.

**Wrestling** – Wins vs. Monroe, South Stanly, Porter Ridge, Cuthbertson, Lexington & Buford

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:

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 25<sup>th</sup>:

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

#### Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:

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

### News & Information:

**Spring Sports Parent Night:** Monday, **February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.

**Softball** workouts will start on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 – 5:15 on the field.

**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](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

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

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

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

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

### Spring Sports Information:

**Baseball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [terry.lewis@kw.com](mailto:terry.lewis@kw.com)

**Softball** – Greg Peters – [Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## 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!!!

- ♦ The following band students made **all district band**: Dianna LaTerra, Qasim El-Amin, Ruth Rodriguez, Alexander Lay-Calvert, Thomas Verrill, Matthew Warren, Alexa Shure
- ♦ Congrats to Ashley Benson, **CATA Theatre Junior**, for being selected from a highly competitive group of applicants to represent CATA as a **Blumey student critic** for the 2019 Blumeys Season! Ashley will attend theatre productions in the area competing in the Blumey High School Musical Theatre program and write reviews as well as attend workshops on theatre criticism sponsored by the Blumenthal Arts Center.







## Cougar Council PTSO Information

**Click [here](#) to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.**

If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com) for more information. We are still looking for a **membership** and **fundraising chairperson**. Please re-link your **Harris Teeter VIC** cards.

**President:** Nicole D'Amico

[nicole.damico.me@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.damico.me@gmail.com)

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**Secretary:** Sabrina Clontz,

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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.

**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-

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.

## 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

**BUY**  **YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

Have you purchased a yearbook yet? Yearbooks are now \$85.00. 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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

## Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

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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

