



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Report Cards will go out 2/7. February 4-8 is **school counselor appreciation week**, so be sure to thank our counselors Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, and Ms. Goodwin, and our Career Development Coordinator, Ms. Cain for all their hard work on behalf of our students. The next **PTSO Meeting** is Monday 2/4 at 6:30 in the media center. All are welcome! **Athletic Events at home this week:** Home Basketball vs West Stanley this Friday 2/1 and next Friday vs Anson on 2/5, JV girls begin at 4 PM, JV Boys and Varsity Girls and Boys to follow! Congratulations to the men's swim and indoor track teams for winning the **Rocky River 2A Conference (RRC) titles!** Women's swimming and our Wrestling team finished second in the RRC. Individual wrestlers will go on to compete in the NCHSAA tournament this week. **Spring Sports Parent Night** is Monday, 2/4 @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.



Students, starting this coming Monday, 2/4, the **Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser** begins. All proceeds go directly to the Union County Community Shelter. You can help us raise money by bringing in loose change throughout the week to **first block classes**. Money will be tallied daily and the winning class will receive breakfast! 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 are available 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 issue.

Students wishing to purchase **parking passes** must go to the main office to be placed on a waiting list. We have no more available parking spots at this time. **CATA Spiritwear** is on sale online by clicking [here](#) and at our basketball games on 2/5. For questions please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174. 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. The Athletic Department is selling **athletic passes** for all CATA regular season home games for the Spring season. The cost is \$50 for the season. This is a deal! Attending ten athletic events pays for the pass. You can purchase in person at home athletic events or online by clicking [here](#).

Attention Seniors - Check out the Fall Senior Letter by clicking [here](#). 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, **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



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:

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. 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

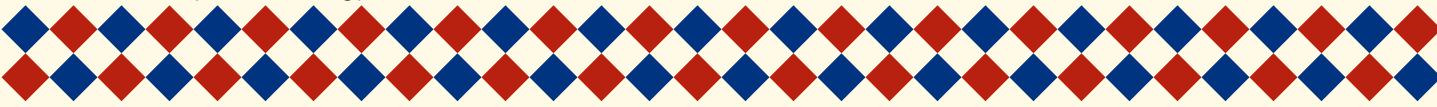
A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses 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.**

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Class of 2020

Class of 2021

CLASS OF 2022

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

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.



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/bit11-17-18 | SAT & ACT |
| Saturday, February 16, 2019 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | CATA 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 | http://bit.ly/bit2-16-19 | 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

Saturday, February 2— SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401);

Monday, February 4— Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); **Spring Sports Parent's Night, 7 PM (Theatre)**; PTSO Meeting, 6:00 (Media Center)

Tuesday, February 5— NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM & 3:35 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, February 6—Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost)

Thursday, February 7 — **Early Release Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM; Report Cards**; SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

Friday, February 8— Science Olympiad Meeting, 3:30 (RM 605, Cross)

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

February Events:

2/4 to 2/8—School Counselor Week

2/4 to 2/28 (Monday to Friday)— Spring Musical Rehearsals

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
- **Rock of Ages Musical rehearsals** start February 4. All involved in Rock of Ages need to check their email OFTEN as well as the bulletin board in the performing arts hallway for scheduling updates. We are still missing a few performance contracts and activity fees and these must be completed by the start of rehearsal. Please see Ms. Fairchild if you have questions!
- There are **NHS Meetings** this week on Tuesday 2/5 at 8:15 or 3:35 PM in the Media Center
- There is a **Science Olympiad Meeting** on Friday, February 8 at 3:30 PM in Ms. Cross's room 605.

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](https://twitter.com/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 – Win vs. East Montgomery, Loss vs. Mount Pleasant

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. East Montgomery, Loss vs. Mount Pleasant

Swimming – Men's team won the Rocky River Championship, Women's Team finished 2nd in the Rocky River Meet

Winter Track – Men's Team won the Rocky River Championship, Joel Simpson was named runner of the year, Women's team finished 5th in the Championship

Wrestling – The Team won the Individual Rocky River Tournament, Wins vs. West Wilkes, Loss vs. West Lincoln – dual team season is complete

Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 1st:

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA Regionals – Greensboro – 3:00 pm

HOME – Basketball vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm – All Four Teams

Saturday, February 2nd:

AWAY – Winter Track – Cuthbertson Meet – All day Event

Tuesday, February 4th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Anson – 4:00 pm – All Four Teams

Senior Night

Friday, February 8th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Regionals – Lexington High – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm – All Four Teams

Saturday, February 9th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Regionals – Lexington High – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track – NCHSAA State Championships – JDL

FastTrack – 9:00 am

AWAY – Swimming – NCHSAA State Championships – Cary Aquatics – 8:00 am

News & Information:

Winter Updates:

Men's Swimming – Rocky River Conference Champions

Men's Indoor Track & Field – Rocky River Conference Champions

Women's Swimming – 2nd Place

Wrestling – 2nd Place

Women's Indoor Track & Field – 5th Place

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.

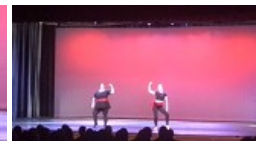


- ALL Students, **MUST** print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **can-NOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents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

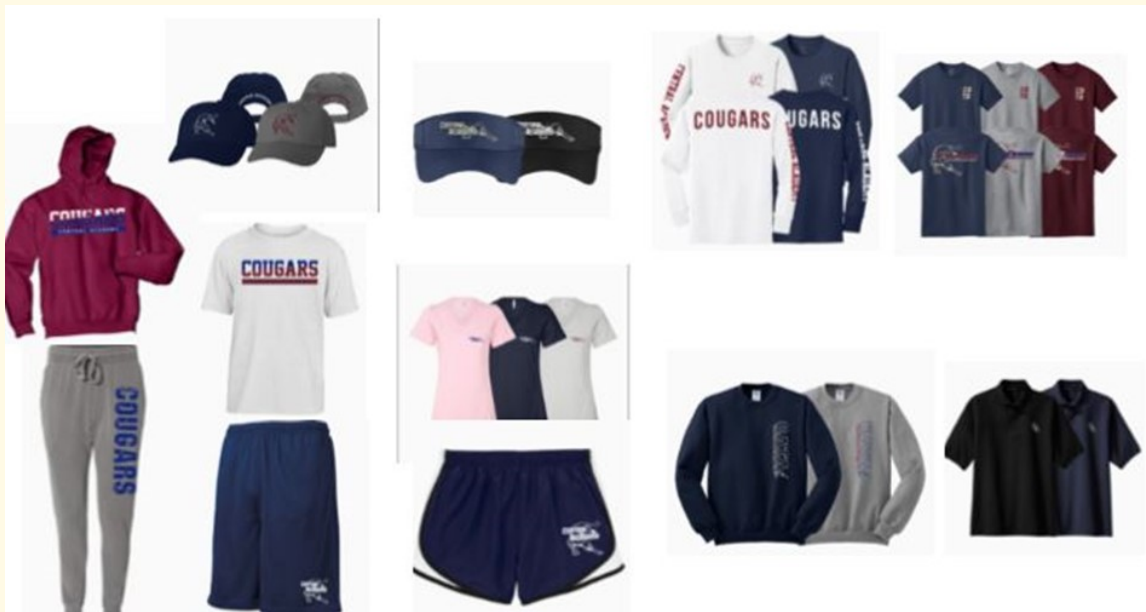
- ◆ The **Winter Guard's** first performance of the season was this past Friday. Thank you for a great performance!
- ◆ Thank you to our Band of Blue for performing in this year's **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade!**
- ◆ Thank you to the **Cougar Council PTSO** for providing a soup luncheon for our faculty and staff last week. The food was delicious and everyone loved the hospitality!
- ◆ Thank you to former Assistant Principal, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Peacock, Ms. Lawson, and Ms. Hinson for participating in the **Performing Arts Dancers, "1,2, 3" Show** this past week. All the student and faculty acts were wonderful!
- ◆ **All Conference Athletics:**
- ◆ **Swimming** – Annika Farley, Grace Powell, Katherine Haman, Megan Rink, Steven Bausinger, Jack Wild, Blake Teague, Carson Brackenbush, Josh Likes, Caleb Huff
- ◆ **Wrestling** - Cade Haines, Kyle Montaperto, Elijah Harris, Preston Scarborough, Jake Dodson, Aiden Curry & Nick Swayze
- ◆ **Indoor Track & Field** – Joel Simpson, Jackson Hase, Noah Estrada, Evan Schmidt, Donovan Walker, Sergio Garcia, Elliott Wunder, John D'Amico, Nick Pirozzi, Riley Fecker, Allyson Lee



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 on February 5.
Click [here](#) to purchase online. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions. .



Cougar Athletic Pass (For Parents and Students)

The Athletic Department is selling **athletic passes** for all CATA regular season home games for the Spring season. 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 [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,

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



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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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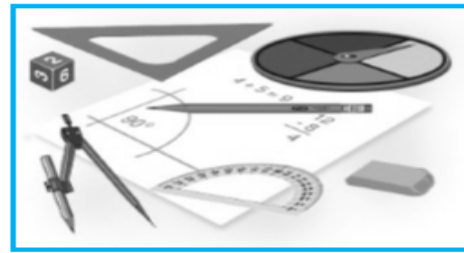
Take Time to Visit our Media Center known as

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. 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.**

BUY  **YOUR**
Yearbook

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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

