Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

Dear CATA Family,

Thank you for giving to our Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Invest in Excellence campaign. We raised a record \$18,211 and are ready to do it again next year! Please see the image on this page detailing how your investment directly helped our school and students. Each item helps our teachers with direct instruction and more meaningful and productive instructional areas. Thank you! Please keep in mind February is Black History Month! We have features in this edition on our ROTC program, Winter Sports, and the NHS Bright Blessings Program.

Report Cards went home on 2/7. 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.

Students, the **Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser** is underway. All proceeds go directly to the Union County Community Shelter. You can help us raise money by bringing in loose change 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 2/8 and 2/11. In addition, you can find order forms in this issue. Information on how to help our school with your Harris Teeter VIC Cards is in this edition.

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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. 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 pass-**

es 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.

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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 <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



(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.









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); \$2,5000 (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

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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.

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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.iv/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

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 ACT student.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)

Performing Arts

Parents can view

the Academy

Around CATA

Friday, February 8— Science Olympiad Meeting, 3:30 (RM 605, Cross) **Monday, February 11—** Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); Travel Club Meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208, Ms. Foreman)

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Tuesday, February 12— Progress Reports; Junior Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 (Rm. 401 Fish Bowl); Beta Club Meetings, 8:20 AM and 3;35 (Media Center)

Calendar by clicking here.

Wednesday, February 13—First Day of Spring Sports; Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost) **Thursday, February 14**— Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102, Ms. Pentecost); SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:00 (Rm. 401)

Friday, February 15—Union County All Band Clinic, 9 AM (PRHS)

Saturday, February 16—Huntington Learning Center Blitz, 9:15 AM (Theatre); Union County All Band Clinic, 9 AM (PRHS)

February Events:

2/4 to 2/8—School Counselor Week

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

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
- Science Olympiad is meeting on Friday 2/8 at 3:30 in Room 605 with Ms. Cross
- The **Travel Club** is meeting on 2/11 at 3:30 PM in room 208 with Ms. Foreman
- The **Junior Beta** Club is meeting at 8:15 in room 401 on 2/12
- The Beta Club is meeting at 8:20 AM and 3:35 in the media center on 2/12

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COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, <u>Coach Jay Niessner</u>. 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 – <u>jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

Last Three Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Win vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Anson

Men's Basketball - Loss vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Anson

Swimming – The Men's 200 Free Relay Qualified for States as did Steven Bausinger in the 500 Freestyle

Winter Track – No events since last cougar chronicle **Wrestling –** No events since last cougar chronicle

Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 8th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Regionals – Lexington High – 4:00 pm AWAY – Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm – All Four Teams **Saturday, February 9**th:

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

Wednesday, February 13th:

Start of Spring Sports

Friday, February 15th:

AWAY – Basketball – East Montgomery – 5:00 pm – No JV Girls **Saturday, February 16th:**

AWAY – Baseball Scrimmage @ Indian Land, SC 11:00 am

News & Information:

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

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

Athletics Website. Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate.

See the Cougar Pride Section for acknowledgement of athletic accomplishments during the Winter Sports Season.



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 canNOT 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!!!

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

All Conference:

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

Mr. Rob Atkins, Regional Director, HQ/AFJROTC, presents Cadet Taylor Raine the Top Performer Award. Every three years, headquarters Air Force Jr ROTC (AFJROTC) visits each of the 878 AFJROTC units around the world. This past Monday, NC-931, Monroe / CATA AFJROTC, was inspected in 15 categories ranging from cadet knowledge to uniform inspection; from instructor program management to corps of cadet operations; from compliance to inventory. This year's inspection couldn't have gone any better, earning an "Exceeds Standards" (highest rating) in 14 out of the 15 rated areas, placing us in the top 2% of all 878 AFJROTC Units and over 121,000 high school students worldwide. This all made possible by the outstanding effort and dedication of Cadet Taylor Raine. Cadet Taylor Raine was recognized as one of the two top performers as a result of her untiring work over the last six months. As the Director of Logistics, she is responsible for the management of all equipment and inventory items. This includes, but is not limited to the following: all practice rifles, drill rifles, replica weapons and swords/sabers. She insures all accountable uniform items are managed, issued, and inventoried via WINGS data base by individual size and quantity while maintaining an active file of signed hand receipts for items in cadets' possession. She makes sure all Air Force equipment is serially controlled, properly marked and displayed and all AFJROTC curriculum items, books, and technology are properly marked and accounted for. All in all, Cadet Raine manages over 5,900 individual inventory line items, with cadet issued uniform items valued at over \$75,000 alone. Superior job well done Ms. Raine!







CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale on the dates posted below.

Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!

Click <u>here</u> 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 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 <u>here</u> 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

<u>nicole.damico.me@gmail.com</u> **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



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 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), 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 \bigcirc

Please Click on the Ad to go to the site.

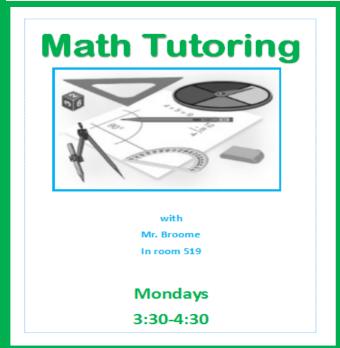




THE DEN

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 <u>Deb Christensen</u>, media specialist for details.





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://



<u>yearbookforever.com/</u> (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 <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>

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



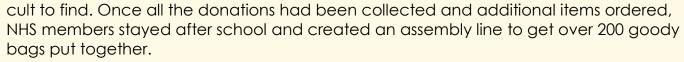


CATA's NHS Chapter Fills Birthday Goody Bags for Needy

Mae Hinson, CATA's 2018 National Honor Society (NHS) president, suggested collecting supplies and making goody bags for Bright Blessings for the NHS chapter's required first semester project. Bright Blessings' "birthday program brings [a] message of joy and positive recognition to homeless and impoverished children whose special day may otherwise go unnoticed."

Children who may otherwise not have the means to celebrate their birthday can have a celebration at a local shelter or housing program. Each child receives a goody bag with a sweet treat, some needed items, and some fun items.

This was a whole-school collection drive where each class was asked to donate something specific such as fruit snacks, pens, small notebooks, etc. The NHS members then brought in some monetary donations to cover purchasing items such as stress balls and temporary birthday tattoos that might be more diffi-



On a teacher workday, Mae Hinson came to CATA and picked up the boxes of goody bags to take to Bright Blessings. The organization was happy to accept the donation for their birthday parties. To learn more about Bright Blessings and the other services they provide, please go to their website at https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/.





Click on the Ad for information on entering the Harris Teeter sweepstakes