



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,



We are proud to announce our first edition of "Scratch Off," which is our Communication Club's first broadcast reveal. Please click [here](#) to see the video. **Registration for the 2019-2020 school year:** From 3/21 to 4/11 counselors will have individual meetings with assigned students during 2nd block. All registration forms will be due to the counseling office by Friday 4/12 at 3:30 pm. All juniors will be taking the **SAT** on 4/9. Rising Junior and Senior Parents, please see information about registering for

**Career and College Promise** courses in this edition. Juniors: There is information in this edition about a **Common App Simulation Activity** hosted by our guidance department. CATA will be offering an activity to help students see behind the scenes of how students are admitted to college - grades, test scores, community service, extra-curricular activities, and other items. Please see the information on the counseling pages in this edition to sign up. **The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships** to CATA seniors. Please check out the information in this edition about qualifications and click [here](#) for the application. The PTSO is sponsoring the **Senior Shirt Contest**, where rising Seniors have a contest to design their shirt for the Class of 2020, so please see information in this edition. All returning & perspective football players and parents are invited to the Media Center on Monday, 3/25 @ 7:00 pm to **meet new head football coach** Drew Hackett, and learn more about the 2019 football season. The **Prom** is on Saturday, March 30 at Rolling Hills Country Club from 8 PM until 11:55 PM. Tickets will be sold at lunch for \$70.00 until 3/22. Students can only buy one or two tickets. Please pick up non CATA student permission forms in the front office. All off campus permission forms are due by 3/22. All past due accounts must be current and you must not owe any money to the school to attend the prom. All tickets will be handed out at the door upon arrival. This week is the last week to buy prom tickets.

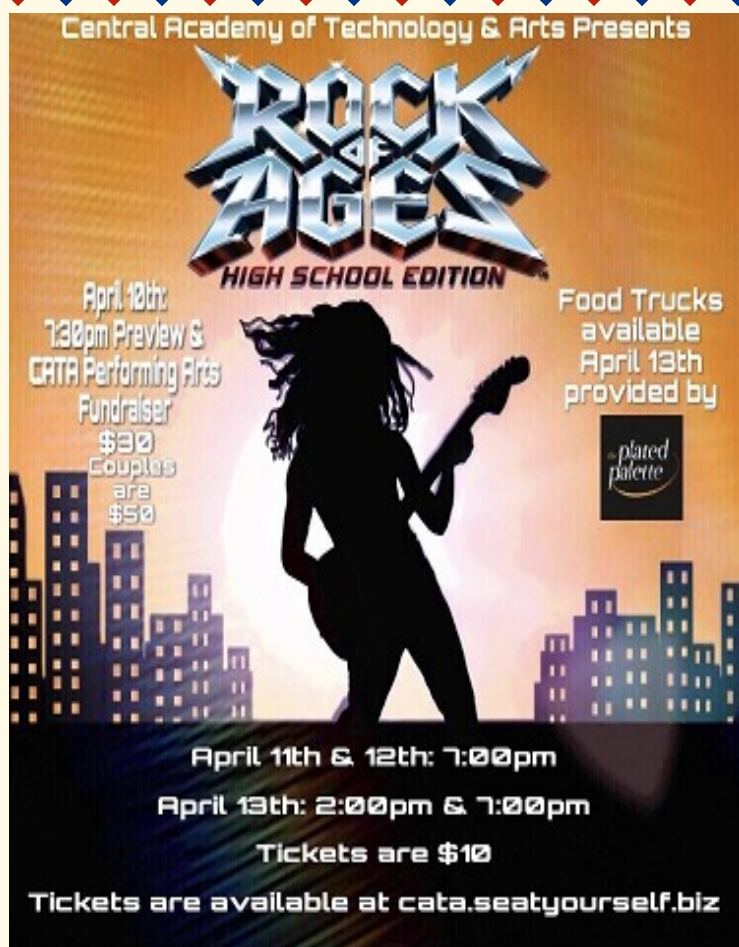
**The Spring Musical is "Rock of Ages"** and is April 10-13. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets for the **'80's Preview Celebration Performing Arts Fundraiser!** The event will be a totally awesome '80's night, where we will invite guests to dress in '80's clothes, dance it up with a DJ and even sing karaoke to '80's rock songs. There may even be prizes for the best costume and karaoke performance! The admission price will include hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, a "Rock of Ages" souvenir, DJ, and admission to the Wednesday night performance, along with a complimentary ticket to another Rock of Ages performance! Single Tickets are \$30 or get two for \$50! This is to raise money for our entire performing arts academy. **Rock of Ages regular show times** are 4/11 and 4/12 at 7 PM and 4/13 at 2:00 and 7 PM. Regular show time tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online [here](#). **Seating is reserved.** There will be food trucks on 4/13. Please visit our Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO website for more information [here](#).

Seniors click [here](#) to see the Spring Senior letter in this edition. Seniors, information about the **senior trip to the National Whitewater Center** is in this edition. **The annual NHS talent show** is coming soon, and students can click [here](#) to sign up to audition. More information is in this edition. Our **Spring Smash Brothers tournament** will take place Friday 4/29 from 5pm until 8pm in the media center. Tickets are \$10. Buy tickets from Mr. Bryan before or after school in room 217 or at lunch the week of the event. See more details in this edition.

**CATA will host its 1st career fair** on 3/27 from 9am-12pm! Each CATA Academy will be represented by career professionals from the community. The speakers will offer career & continuing education advice to the students and answer career related questions. Please contact Ms. Cain (Career Development Coordinator) or the Guidance Department with any additional questions or if you would like to volunteer as a presenter. Please see the ad in this edition. In addition, seniors interested in learning about Union County employment opportunities available to students after graduation can register to attend the Union County Job Fair on 4/2 from 11-12:30 pm. Transportation & lunch will be provided. Please see Ms. Cain in the guidance office no later than Tuesday, March 26, 2019 to register.

**CATA Spiritwear** is on sale online by clicking [here](#). For questions please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174. There is information in this edition about the **Yearbook, Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors**, upcoming **College visits** at CATA, **upcoming home athletic events**, and **student life organization** meetings.

**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!



## UNION COUNTY JOB FAIR

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | 9:30 am to 1 pm**  
**SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
 4209 Old Charlotte Highway Monroe, NC 28110  
 in the Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Conference Center

### Network in Union County

- Connect With Local Employers
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Visit  
the SPCC  
Cruiser  
for Career  
Assistance

Contact Ms. Cain  
for more information

Visit the  
Veteran's  
Mobile Unit  
for Veteran's  
Benefits

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PIEDMONT  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
[www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu)

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**NCWorks**  
career center  
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# SUPER SMASH BROS.™ ULTIMATE



## Tournament Number II Friday, March 29 from 5-8pm

All are welcome to compete, play casually, or observe and hang out

**Tickets are \$10**  
from Mr. Bryan before school or during lunch.

Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Controllers will be available to use, but bring your own if you have a preference.



The 1st place winner will get to choose between an Arctis 3 Bluetooth headset and a \$50 Gamestop gift card.



Catai's  
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*Who's got talent?  
CATA's Got Talent*

*Audition for the NHS Talent Show.*

*Auditions are April 3rd, 4th, and 5th after school in the Den Conference Room.*

*Sign up by clicking [here](#) to audition.*

*The talent show will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm.*

## College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors



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

**Seniors**– Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 PM



**The Annual Senior Field Trip** will be to the **US National Whitewater Center**.

It is on Friday, May 24th and the cost is \$75.

Permission slips and waiver forms are available in the front office.

Money, permission slips, and waiver forms are due to Ms. Bivens by Friday, April 19.

Contact Ms. Royster if you have any questions.

**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.

**Savannah College of Art and Design** 3/28 at 11:00 AM (Media Center)

**Senior Scholarship Opportunities:** [Please click here to learn more and see scholarship offerings.](#)

**The CATA PTSO will award six \$500 scholarships** to CATA seniors. To be eligible, you must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and parent or student must be a member of the PTSO before the end of first semester. The student must be applying to attend a technical school, community college, or 4-year college/university. Click [here](#) for the application. Amount: \$500. **Deadline: March 29, 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 **SAT** on April 9, 2019.

**JUNIORS** — **Common App Simulation Activity** - do you want a better view of how students get admitted to college? CATA will be offering an activity to help you see behind the scenes of how students are admitted - grades, test scores, community service, extra-curricular activities, and other items you would never think about!! Please go to your Naviance account, click College Home, and then the link to sign up will be at the bottom of this page. Only 30 Juniors are eligible, so sign up quickly!!! **See Ms. Lawson for questions.**

**JUNIORS** — Rising Seniors, the PTSO invites you to participate in the **Rho Kappa Honor Society**: There's a new honor society and it's accepting applications now for the 2019-2020 school year! Rising seniors who have an overall 3.0 GPA and a 3.5 GPA in social studies please see Ms. Jones' room, room 609, for more information regarding Rho Kappa! It's an honor society and you may earn a cords for graduation if you meet the requirements. We also hope to host a "historical beauty pageant", an occasional trivia night, and other events to help spread interest in social studies school-wide and out to the community. The application and two recommendations are due by May 1st. See Ms. Jones with any questions.



### Attention Rising Juniors & Seniors- Career and College Promise Information

Are you interested in taking South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) courses during the 2019-2020 school year? If so, course registration for Career & College promise (CCP) will be held in the CATA guidance office on the following dates:

**April 1, 2019** for returning Career & College Promise students (already enrolled in the program).

**May 1, 2019** for new Career & College Promise Students.

**All interested students** should see Ms. Cain in the Guidance Office to sign-up for this course registration event. Returning students should sign-up by 3/26/19, and New students should sign up no later than 4/18/19.

**New students** will also need to complete the CCP enrollment application on the SPCC website prior to the registration date. Once your application has been submitted, please notify Ms. Cain within 1-2 days for submission of your transcript/test scores. The following link will take you to the program/application site: <https://spcc.edu/programs-and-courses/high-school-programs/>

Please see Ms. Cain for any additional questions regarding Career & College Promise or the application process.

**Senior T-Shirt design contest:** Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2020 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, complements of the PTSO! Design your shirt on the [Custom Ink website](#) and email a link to Ms. Christensen. Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is Friday, March 29th! Thank you!

**Student Instructions for T-Shirt Design: Senior T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.**

- Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.
- Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit.

**Please make sure that you choose the following items:**

- T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)
- Text (Size and fonts that you want)
- Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

**All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.**

- No designs will be accepted through any other medium. Once your design is completed on Custom Ink, please email the link to Ms. Christensen ([deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us))

## Around CATA

**Monday, March 25**— Master Class Fight Workshop, 9 am to 1:30, Theatre;  
Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center Conference Rm.); Meet  
the Football Coach, 7 PM (Media Center)

**Wednesday, March 27**—**Progress Reports**; CATA Career Fair, 8:30 AM (GYM);  
Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Room) Art Club, 3:30  
(Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost);

**Thursday, March 28**— SCAD Visit, 11:00 AM (Media Center); Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm 102, Ms. Pen-  
tecost);

**Friday, March 29**—Super Smash Bros Tournament II, 5:00 PM (Media Center)

**Saturday March 30**—Prom, 8PM to 11:55 PM, Rolling Hills Country Club

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

### March Events:

3/1 to 3/29—(Monday to Friday)— Spring Musical Rehearsals

3/20 to 3/24—Regional High School Dance Festival, Norfolk, Va.

3/21 to 3/23—International Thespian Festival, Greensboro

### April Events:

4/1—East Carolina Visit , 9:30 AM (Guidance Suite)

4/1—Alabama-Huntsville Visit , 10:30 AM (Media Center)

4/1—PTSO Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

4/2—UNCC Visit, 11:00 (Media Center)

4/9—SAT— All Juniors

4/10—Rock of Ages Preview Night

4/11—Catawba College Visit, 2:30 PM (Guidance Suite)

4/11 to 4/13— Rock of Ages Spring Musical (Check ad for times)

4/15—Columbia College Chicago Visit, 10:30 (Guidance Suite)

4/15—Senior Cap and Gown Delivery Day (Lunches)

4/15—NHS Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, 3:30 PM (Theatre)

4/16—End of Grading Period

4/16—NHS Talent Show, 7 PM (Theatre)

4/17—Senior Cap and Gown Picture, 2nd period (Gym)

4/17— (Red Cross Blood Drive

4/18—Annual Student Council Volleyball Tournament (4th period)

**4/19 to 4/28— NO SCHOOL— Spring Break**

4/29—First Day Back from Spring Break

4/30—AP Testing Pre-Administration

4/30, Junior Night, 6:30, Theatre

## Student Life

Our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here](#).

- **Who's got talent? CATA's Got Talent!** It is nearly time to audition for the annual **NHS Talent Show**. Auditions will be April 3rd, 4th, and 5th after school in the Den Conference Room. Sign up by clicking [here](#) to audition. The talent show will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm.
- Our 2nd **Smash Brothers tournament** will take place this Friday 4/29 from 5pm until 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and pizza and drinks are included. The 1st place winner will get to choose between an Arctis 3 Bluetooth headset and a \$50 Gamestop gift card. Buy your tickets the week of the event at lunch or from Mr. Bryan before or after school in room 217. The **Melee** and **64** versions will be available for casual play.
- The **Art Club** is meeting meets Every Wednesday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost)
- The **Yearbook club** meets Every Thursday in Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost).
- There is a **Student Council Officer Meeting**, 3:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.) every Monday





## COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA\_Athletics** **Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.** **Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Last Week's Results:

Baseball – Loss vs. Mount Pleasant, loss vs. Mount Pleasant

Softball – Loss vs. Mount Pleasant

Women's Soccer – Win vs. Buford, Win vs. Mount Pleasant

Track & Field – Cougars had a great performance at the Clash of the Carolinas races at Cuthbertson High School.

Men's Golf – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in RRC Match, Win head to head vs. Lancaster & Pageland Central

Men's Tennis – Wins vs. Monroe, Win vs. West Stanly

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

AWAY – Baseball vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:30/7:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Golf – Irish Creek – Noon

#### **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

AWAY – Golf – Irish Creek – 8:00 am

#### **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Soccer vs. West Stanly – 5:00 pm

HOME – Softball vs. Marvin Ridge – 5:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm

HOME – JV Baseball vs. Porter Ridge – 5:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Baseball vs. West Stanly – 4:30/7:00 pm

AWAY – Softball vs. West Stanly – 6:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ Monroe High – 3:45 pm

AWAY – Golf – Rolling Hills Country Club – Union County Tournament – 1:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Baseball vs. West Stanly – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Anson – 5:30 pm

#### **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Track & Field – West Stanly – 3:45pm

HOME tennis vs. Union Academy @ Monroe High – 4:00 pm

#### **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Baseball vs. West Stanly – 4:30/7:00 pm

HOME – Softball vs. West Stanly – 5:00 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm

#### **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Track & Field – Weddington – 9:00 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 Athletics Website. Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate

### 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)

**Football - Meet the Coach:** All returning & perspective football players and parents are invited to the CATA Media Center on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm to meet new head football coach Drew Hackett, and learn more about the 2019 football 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!!!

**Signings:** Congratulations to Senior **Blake Argo** on signing with Emmanuel College in Georgia for Clay Target Shooting. Blake competes nationally in the National Skeet shooting Association. (NSSA) and has received numerous NSSA awards including:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 gauge competition
- 5th in the 20ga tournament at the 2018 Junior Worlds Skeets Tournament
- A Kreighoff All American in 2016 & 2018.
- Runner up at the 2018 South Carolina State Skeet Tournament and was the Junior (under 18) Champion.
- Ranked in the top 20 of all junior shooters (under 18) in the U.S. for 2018.



**Governors School:** Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into the prestigious North Carolina Governor's Summer Program for Gifted Students. These students will have a 5 week collegiate experience with curriculum taught by professors from throughout the country at one of Governor's School two campuses in the state: Salem College and Meredith College. This is the first time CATA has had this large of a presence in the Theatre pathway at Governor's School.

**Carl Sampson – for Theatre**  
**Susi Mejia Martinez – for Theatre**  
**Iyanna Brooks – for Theatre**  
**Thomas Verrill – for Band**



**Thank you** to the **Performing Arts Academy Sophomore Theatre Students** for presenting a great Play Scene Night for two performances this past weekend.





## 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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[meenaskalp@yahoo.com](mailto:meenaskalp@yahoo.com)

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[sfclontz@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sfclontz@carolina.rr.com)

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Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

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[janetpeirano@yahoo.com](mailto: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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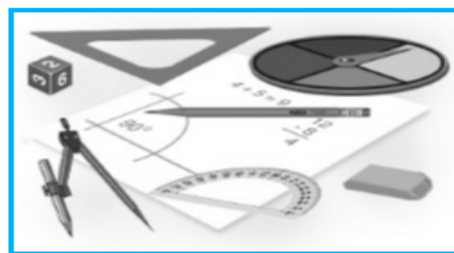
## Take Time to Visit our Media Center known as

### 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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.**

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

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

Follow CATA at @cata\_monroe  
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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

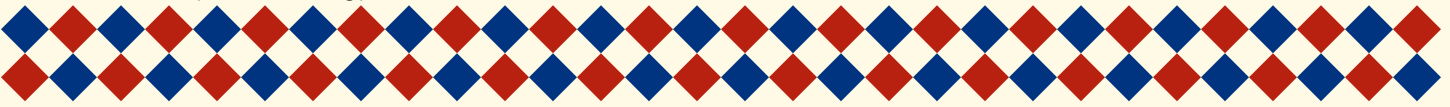
**Chromebook and Technology Help Desk:** Students may see Mr. Ed-dins during the following times for help with Technology

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday

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







## Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2019,

We are very proud of every one of you. This spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for of your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your senior year and want to be sure you know all necessary information and expectations.

**Graduation:** The ceremony is on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (**1162 Eden Terrace** Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 1:00 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website ([www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu)).

**Graduation Practice:** Practice is on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

**Attire:** Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

**Ladies:** Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress that is no longer than their gown or dark slacks. There should be no collar showing with the gown. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate; however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

**Gentlemen:** dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie. No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

If you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

**Senior Cap and Gown Picture:** The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Wednesday, April 17 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here prior to the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> block if you flex). The Senior Cap and Gown photo will cost \$15.

**Senior Week is May 20-24:** We will make a separate announcement about the Senior Week Field Trip.

**Monday: Academic Signing Day:** Medical Science (9:00 to 10:15), Pre-Engineering (10:30 11:45), Performing Arts (12:15 to 1:30), **Tie Dye Shirts**, fourth period café and courtyard (45 minutes at the beginning of the period), **Wear your college Gear**

**Tuesday: Academic Signing Day:** Transportation Systems (9:00 to 10:00), Information Systems (11:00-12:15), **Field Day**, Fourth Block, **Wear your college Gear**

**Wednesday: Reality of Money**, First and Second Block

**Thursday: Senior Breakfast** (PTSO) and **Crown Making**, First Block in the Café, **Toga and Crowns Day**

**Friday: Senior Trip to the Whitewater Center in Charlotte**, All Day (Information will go out separately for the trip)

**Senior Academic Signings:** Each academy will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 20-21 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

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## Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter

**Graduation Speeches:** Each academy has one senior speak at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy choose the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration to this committee on **Wednesday, May 1 or Thursday, May 2** starting at 3:45 in the media center conference room. Please pay attention to the announcements for information on how to register to audition on May 1 and 2.

**Past due fees:** Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of April. Students will not receive graduation packets, which include tickets if past due fees are not paid. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 5 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

**Tickets:** Tickets will be on sale beginning **May 6– June 5** before/after school in the main office, and will be available to be purchased online on the school website: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$10.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on “Event Tickets” on the right tab starting May 6).

**Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$10 per ticket** before the graduation ceremony.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.

Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see above).

Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.

Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies.

### **Extra Information about graduation day:**

Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.

Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.

Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.

A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.

At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside of the arena. Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**

## Students to Rock On in 1980s themed musical *Rock of Ages*

This year at Central Academy of Technology and Arts, students from all over the school will come together to perform *Rock of Ages*, a musical set in the 1980s that has all the best 80s music you know and love. Songs from the musical include "We Built this City," "I Wanna Rock," and "Don't Stop Believin'."

First produced in 2005, *Rock of Ages* follows a young woman named Sherrie Christian (played by Miia Harris) on her journey to fame in West Hollywood in 1987. Along the way Sherrie meets Drew (played by Sayo Oni), a Bourbon Room busboy that dreams of playing rock and roll, Dennis Dupree (played by Aamar Culbreth), the owner of the Bourbon Room, Lonny (played by Henry Helms), Dennis' assistant, and Stacee Jaxx (played by Matthew Warren), a famous rock god that's called in to help save the Bourbon Room from destruction.



In honor of their 10 year anniversary, the touring cast of *Rock of Ages* is going around the country to bring the story of Sherrie Christian and the boys of the Bourbon Room for audiences enjoy. The show came around to Charlotte in December and some of the actors had to chance to see it and learn from it.

Interviews with the cast revealed what certain cast members have learned from being in the show. "[This show] has motivated me to do more. It kind of shows me things about the school too, that they're not discriminatory of age or what stage [of acting] you're in," Jazelle Pingel, a freshman at CATA, talks about what this show has taught her and how it has impacted her as her first time performing at CATA.

Some of the leads also have some advice for students at CATA who are thinking of joining the Spring musical next year, "Just put yourself out there because you never know what opportunities could come out of it," says Sayo Oni, a senior.

"It's a lot of fun and there is plenty of great music. It's also a great throw back [to the 80s]." Paige Sampson, a junior, comments on why everyone should come out and watch this years school musical, *Rock of Ages*.

Central Academy will be performing *Rock of Ages* on April 10 at 7:30, April 11 and 12 at 7:00, and April 13 at 2:00 and 7:00. Tickets are \$10.

Come out and enjoy the show!