Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

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 first to third block. **All students should bring a calculator**, and if you do not have one, then please check out one from the media center the day before the test. **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.

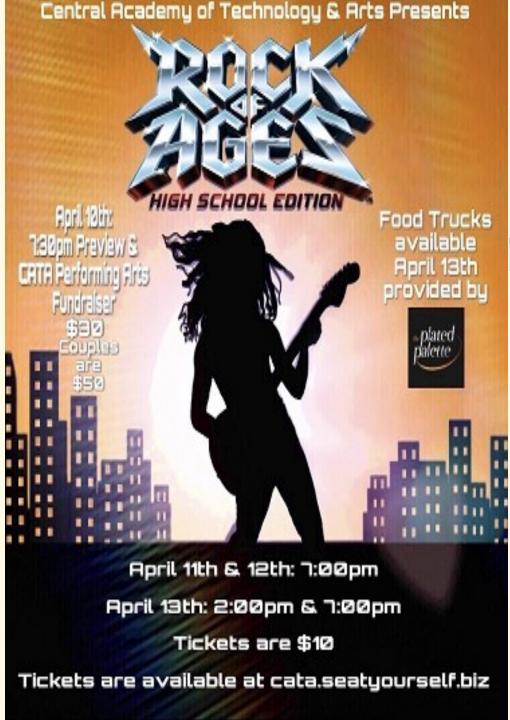
The Spring Musical is "Rock of Ages" and is April 10-13. Click here to purchase tickets for the '80's Preview Celebration Performing Arts Fundraiser on 4/10! The event will be a totally awesome '80's night, where we will invite guests to dress in '80's clothes, dance it up with a DJ and even sing karaoke to '80's rock songs. There will be a contest 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 and parents click <u>here</u> or go to the CATA website to see the Spring Senior letter with all information seniors need to know for the rest of the year. Seniors, information about the **senior trip to the National Whitewater Center** is in this edition and permission and waiver forms are due by 4/17.

The Student Council is hosting its annual volleyball tournament on 4/18 during 4th block. Six-member teams are \$20. Teams with a faculty member are \$15. Tickets to attend will be \$5 and on sale during lunches 4/16 to 4/18. See Mr. McDowell to fill out the form for your team and bring your money. The last day to sign up is Friday, 4/12. Also, teams may sign up at this link. Any student interested in running for a student council officer position next year needs to inform Mr. McDowell before 4/18. Interviews, campaigns, and voting will be held in May. The spring Red Cross blood drive will be on 4/17. Please consider giving and sign-up during lunches this week. You must be 16 in order to donate. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Turner in room 600. The Canine Club is Sponsoring a Puppy Day: Service puppies in training are coming to CATA on Friday 4/12 and you can buy a ticket to meet one! Buy a \$2 ticket during your lunch on 4/8 thru 4/10. All money raised will benefit Project2Heal in Waxhaw. CATA's Got Talent! It is nearly time to audition for the annual NHS Talent Show. Auditions will be April 5th after school in the Den Conference Room. Sign up by clicking here to audition. The talent show will be held on Tuesday, 4/16 at 6:30 pm. The CA-TA Band of Blue will be holding marching percussion tryouts April 15, 16 and 17th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the band room. All students interested are welcome to try out and prior band experience is preferred but not required. Please see Mr. Retzlaff for more information! CATA Spiritwear is on sale online by clicking here. Get your CATA gear! Check out the new CATA Spirit Wear store. The link to the store is located on the main CATA page on the bottom left of the page. We've got t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, pants to show off your school spirit! Check out the display case near the front office to see the aear.

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 <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





The Canine Club is Sponsoring

Service Puppy Day

Service puppies in training are coming to CATA on Friday, April 12

Buy a ticket to meet one for \$2 during your lunch on 4/8 thru 4/10

All money raised will benefit Project2Heal in Waxhaw.



Join the Performing arts academy for a '80's Night Fundraiser!

Wednesday, april 10th 6:00pm



Come enjoy the totally awesome music of '80s before being the first to see

ROCK OF ages!

Rock your best big hair for the costume contest, and warm up that rock scream to win karoke!

Hors d'Oeuvres, Soft Drinks, a concert ready souvenir as well as admission to the Preview included!

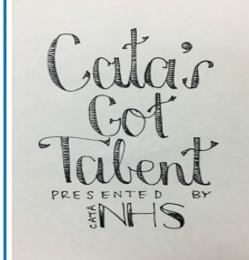
Bonus complimentary ticket to another Rock of ages performance!

> Single Tickets \$30 or get 2 Tickets for \$50!

Cet tickets at cataperformingartsPTSO.com!

Funds raised at this event will go toward a new
Marley Dance floor for the theatre stage
as well as, converting the theatre classroom space
into a an area for small performances.
Please consider attending this event,
as it will help enhance the Performing arts academy
as a whole for years to come.





Join us for CATA's Got Talent!!

The annual talent show will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Admission is \$5.00 and that gets you 5 vote tickets. Additional voting tickets are \$1.00 each. The winner will be determined by audience votes and a panel of judges.

All proceeds raised will be donated to a local charity.

Please join us for a fun night of student talent!



Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Blood Drive

9:00 am – 1:30 pm Red Cross Bus

To schedule your life-saving appointment, please see Mrs. Turner or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: CATA

Please remember to eat breakfast and bring a picture IDI

Be rewarded for leading efforts that help save lives. Learn more about the High School Leadership Program today at leader.redcrossblood.org.

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Annual Volleyball Tournament



April 18, 4th Block \$5

Tickets on sale 4/16
to 4/18 at lunch
Proceeds to
Victory Junction a
camp for kids with
Chronic Illnesses

See Mr. McDowell to fill out the form for your team and bring your money. The last day to sign up is Friday, April 12th. Also, teams may sign up at this link.

Around CATA

Friday, April 5— Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Rm. 605 Ms. Cross)

Saturday, April 6 — Rock of Ages Tech/Rehearsal 10 am to 6 PM

Monday, April 8— Student Council Officer's Meeting, 3:30 (Media Conference); Travel Club, 3:30 (Rm. 208 Ms. Foreman); CATA Cougar Skills Basketball Camp, 6 PM (Gym); PTSO Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

Calendar by clicking here.

Performing Arts
Parents can view

the Academy

Tuesday, April 9—SAT- All Juniors; Junior Beta Club, 8:15 AM (Rm. 401); Beta Club Meetings, 8:20 and 3:35 (Media Center); Eater Egg Hunt, 10:30 AM (Wolfe School)

Wednesday, April 10—Rock of Ages Preview Night 6:00 and show begins at 7:30; Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Ms. Pentecost);

Thursday, April 11— Yearbook Club, 3:30 (Rm 102, Ms. Pentecost); Catawba College Visit, 2:30 PM (Guidance Suite); Rock of Ages Spring Musical Performance, 7 PM (Theatre)

Friday, April 12—Rock of Ages Spring Musical Performance, 2:00 PM and 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, April 13—Rock of Ages Spring Musical Performance, 2PM and 7 PM (Theatre); UCPS Spring Robotics Challenge, 7:30 AM (Parkwood High School)

April Events:

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

5/2—Report Cards

May and June Events:

5/1 and 5/2—Graduation Speech Auditions, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Rm)

5/2— Report Cards

5/6—PTSO Meeting, 6:30 (Media Center)

5/6—AP US Government Exam, 7:30 AM, (PDC)

5/6—AP Environmental Exam. 11:30 AM, (PDC)

5/7—AP Physics Exam , 11:30 (PDC)

5/7—ITS Induction Ceremony, 6PM (Theatre)

5/9—AP Chemistry, 7:30 AM (PDC)

5/9—AP Psychology, 11:30 PM (PDC)

5/10—AP US History, 7:30 (PDC)

5/10—AP Computer Science Principles, 11:30 PM (PDC)

5/10 to 5/11—Dance Spring Show, 7 PM (Theatre)

May and June Events Continued:

5/13—AP Biology, 7:30 (PDC)

5/14—AP Calculus AB & BC, 7:30 AM (PDC)

5/14— AP Art History, 11:30 AM (PDC)

5/15—AP English Language, 7:30 AM (PDC)

5/16—Progress Reports

5/17—Class Ring Delivery All Lunches

5/19—Blumey Awards, 6 PM (Blumenthal PAC)

5/20 to 5/24—Senior Week

5/20—Academic Signing Day, Medical Sciences, 9:00 AM, Pre-Engineering, 10:30 AM, Performing Arts, 12:15 PM (Theatre)

5/20—Senior Week- Make Tie Dye Shirts, 4th Period (Café Court-yard)

5/21— Academic Signing Day, Transportation Systems, 9:00 AM,

Information Systems, 11:00 AM (Theatre)

5/21—Senior Week– Field Day (Fourth Block)

5/21—Performing Arts Banquet, 6 PM (Café)

5/22—Senior Week: Reality of Money, 1st period (Gym)

5/22—Speech and Debate CATA Showcase, 6:00 PM (Media Center)

5/22—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 PM (Media Conference Rm.)

5/23—Senior Week—Senior Breakfast, 1st period (Café) (Toga and Crowns Day)

5/23—Spring Band Concert, 7 PM (Theatre)

5/24—Senior Trip, National Whitewater Center

5/27—NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day

5/28—CATA Band Banquet, 7 PM (Gym/Media Center)

5/31 and 6/1—A Raisin in the Sun Play, 7 PM (Theatre)

5/31— Exam Period One, Review Period Two

6/3—Exam Period Two, Review Period Three

6/4—Exam Period Three, Review Period Four

6/5—Exam Period Four, Community Building

6/6—Make-up Exam Day

6/6- End of Grading Period and Last Day of School

6/6—Graduation Practice, 2:00 PM (Gvm)

6/7—Required Teacher Workday

6/9—Graduation, 2 PM (Winthrop University Coliseum)



Student Parking Passes

We have NO more parking spaces for the 2018-2019 school year.



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- Congratulations to Sid Sivaram who was accepted into the North Carolina School for Science and Mathematics!
- Thank you to Ms. Casey and the Juniors Class of the Student Council for putting on a great 2019 Prom at Rolling Hills Country Club this past weekend!



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.
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- Any student interested in running for a student council officer position next year needs to inform Mr. McDowell before spring break. Yes, even if you are currently an officer, you still need to see Mr. McDowell. Interviews, campaigns, and voting will be held in May.
- The Canine Club is Sponsoring a Puppy Day: Would your school day be better if there was a puppy in it? Service puppies in training are coming to CATA on Friday April 12th and you can buy a ticket to meet one! Buy a \$2 ticket during your lunch on 4/8 to 4/10. All money raised will benefit Project2Heal in Waxhaw.
- The final **Science Olympiad** meeting of the year is this Friday, 4/5 in Ms. Cross's room at 3:30. A group picture and officer elections will take place.
- The **Travel Club** is meeting on Monday 4/8 at 3:30 in (Rm. 208 Ms. Foreman)
- The Junior Beta Club is meeting on 4/09 at 8:15 AM in (Rm. 401);
- The Beta Club Meetings are on 4/9 at 8:20 AM and 3:35 in the (Media Center);
- 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, <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 Week's Results:

Baseball – Loss vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Anson

Softball – Loss vs. West Stanly

Women's Soccer – Loss vs. Union Academy, Win vs. Forest Hills, Win vs. East Montgomery

Track & Field – Cougars continue to post great times this week at the Weddington Meet

Men's Golf – Won RRC Match @ Eagle Chase, Finished 7th @ Monroe Invite

Men's Tennis – Loss vs. Mount Pleasant, Win vs Forest Hills

Upcoming Events:

Friday April 5th:

HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm @ Monroe High

Monday, April 8th:

AWAY – Golf vs RRC @ East Montgomery Course – 3:30 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Sun Valley @ Monroe High – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9th:

AWAY – Baseball @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Tennis @ West Stanly – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Softball @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10th:

HOME – Softball vs. Providence Day School – 5:00 pm

AWAY - Soccer @ West Stanly - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 11th:

HOME – Tennis vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm

HOME – Golf vs. Charlotte Christian – 3:30 pm

AWAY – JV Baseball @ Indian Land – 6:00 pm

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

Friday, April 12th:

HOME – Baseball vs. Forest Hills – 4:30/7:00 pm – Varsity Double Header

HOME – Softball vs. Forest Hills – 5:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Sun Valley – 5:00 pm

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 – <u>aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – <u>mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

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



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 17. 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.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities: Please click here to learn more and see scholarship offerings.

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.



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Class of 2020

Class of 2021



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:

<u>April 1, 2019</u> for <u>returning</u> Career & College Promise students (already enrolled in the program). <u>May 1, 2019</u> for <u>new</u> Career & College Promise Students.

<u>All interested students</u> 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.



CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

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

Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!

Click here to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions. .



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

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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), 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.

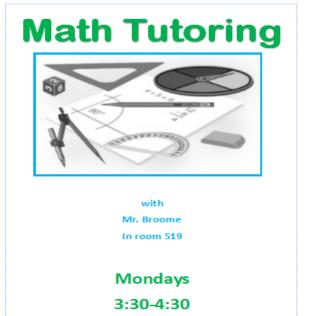




Take Time to Visit our Media Center known as THE DEN

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.

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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























































