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Dear CATA Family,

This is our **HOMECOMING** week. Friday is **Color Wars Day** (Freshmen-Maroon, Sophomores-Navy, Juniors-White, Seniors-Black). The **Pep Rally** is on Friday during fourth period. The **Homecoming Soccer Game** is on Friday 10/18 at 6:00 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium.

The **MONSTOBER HOMECOMING DANCE** is on Saturday 10/19 from 8-11 in the gym!

Important Information and Links

- ◆ **Report Cards**—All students received their Report Cards on Wednesday, 10/16 during 4th block.
- ◆ Our **Culture of Respect Week** is next week 10/21 to 10/25. Please see the ad on the next page for what we are doing each day. We will have activities on anti-bullying and kindness during the week.
- ◆ The **Fall Senior Letter** is in the edition.
- ◆ **Reed Parlier Scholarship** This will be announced to students on Thursday, October 24 10/24. Information Systems seniors and their parents will be invited by Connect Ed. message. This is at 10:30 AM in the Media Center.
- ◆ The **Performing Arts Academy Poinsettia sale** is 10/18 to 11/1. Please see the order form in this edition. You can order and pay online by clicking [here](#).
- ◆ **Underclassmen Make-up Photos** are in the Media Center on Friday 10/25.
- ◆ The **Homecoming Dance** is Saturday, 10/19 from 8-11 in the CATA Gym. Tickets are \$15 per person or 2 for \$25. Tickets will be on sale during lunches 10/16 to 10/18, and at the door. Tickets on sale at the door are \$15.
- ◆ **North Carolina College Application Week** is Monday, 10/21 - Friday, 10/25. Our school counselors will be in the cafe on Tuesday and Thursday to help you with applications or any college questions you might have. The list of NC college and universities waiving their fees are on the CATA Counseling Instagram.
- ◆ **FAFSA Night** is on Tuesday, 10/22 at 6:30 in the CATA Auditorium. SENIORS - if you need help with any financial information this is the event for you!
- ◆ **Career and College Promise Spring Registration**—Information on how to register is in this edition.
- ◆ **Powder Puff**—Forms and money are due 10/18. Our **Powder Puff** games are Friday, 10/25 beginning at 6 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium. Tickets are \$5 at the gate and proceeds go to Victory Junction.
- ◆ **Swim Team**—Anyone interested in joining the swim team this winter should stop by and see Ms. Goodwin in the counseling office this week to fill out an interest sheet and grab a team shop flyer.
- ◆ **Sprint Hot Spots** Technology services has asked us to send out the Sprint Mobile Hot Spot Student Survey again. Please be looking for this survey in an email from Mr. Stewart. Surveys will only be sent to students who did not receive a Sprint mobile Hot Spot. Please make sure you answer the questions honestly. These mobile hot spots are checked out to you in the Destiny system and will be recollected at the end of your senior year.
- ◆ **Canine Club Moe's Night**—Come to the Monroe Moe's on 10/25 from 5 pm to 7 pm and donate your receipt and the club will receive a portion of what you spent to support club activities. It would be PAWESOME to see you there!
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are \$75.00 until 11/30 when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).
- ◆ **Senior Shirts, Signs, & Passes:** Please come pick your shirts and signs in the Den. Senior passes are still available for \$20 and we have extra senior signs for \$20. Please see Ms. Christensen in the Den if you are interested.



Please take time to read over this newsletter. 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



CULTURE OF RESPECT WEEK

Culture of Respect Week - I AM CATA
October 21st to 25th
#CATACares

Monday - Mental Health
Awareness Day - WEAR GREEN

Tuesday - SELF CARE DAY -
WEAR PURPLE

Wednesday - YOU MATTER
DAY - WEAR YELLOW

Thursday - UNITED
NATIONS DAY - WEAR
ORANGE

Friday - CATA COUGAR
CARE DAY - WEAR CATA
SPIRIT



SPIRIT WEEK

**COME TO OUR
NEON OUT**

**HOME GAME @
WALTER BICKETT
@ 6:30
VS ANDREW
JACKSON**

Friday
COLOR WARS

*Freshmen : Maroon
Sophomores : Navy
Juniors : White
Seniors : Black*



**MONSTOBER
HOMECOMING**

\$ 15 for 1

\$ 25 for 2

**OCTOBER
19TH
8 - 11pm**



**HOMECOMING
GAME!**

**ON THE 18TH
@ WALTER
BICKETT
TIME - 6:00**

VS PRHS



Theme : Hawaiian
**HOMECOMING PRINCES,
PRINCESSES, KING and QUEEN
will be announced!!**



Around CATA

Friday October 18—Color Wars Day (See below for class colors); **Pep Rally, 4th period**; Maker Club, Rm. 612, 3:45; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM; **Homecoming Soccer Games, Walter Bickett, 6:00 PM**

Saturday, October 19—, MONSTOBER HOMECOMING DANCE is on Saturday 10/19 from 8-11 in the gym

Monday, October 21— Yearbook Club, Rm. 102, 3:30; Science Olympiad, Rm. 605, 3:30; Knitting for Good, Rm. 617, 3:30; Fashion Club, Rm. 616, 3:40; Powder Puff Practice, 3:45, Student Parking Lot Field

Tuesday, October 22— Shooting Sports Mtg, Rm. 102, 3:30 PM; FAFSA Night with Timeka Ruffin (CFNC), Theatre, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 23—UNCG Visit, Art Club, Rm. 102, 3:30; Powder Puff Practice, 3:45, Student Parking Lot Field

Thursday, October 24—Realign YCI, Rm. 605, 8:00 AM; Speech & Debate, Media Center, 3:30; Reed Parlier Scholarship announcement, 10:30 AM, Media Center

Friday, October 25—Underclassmen Make-up Photos, Media Center; Student Council Retreat, 3:30; Powder Puff Games, 6:00, WB Stadium; Canine Club Moe's Night; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM; Maker Club, Rm. 612, 3:45; NHS Officer Meeting, Rm. 609, 8:15 AM;

Saturday, October 26—Band at Pirate Cove Classic

(**Freshmen—Maroon, Sophomores—Navy, Juniors—White, Seniors—Black**)!

Upcoming Events— October

10/14 to 10/19— Homecoming Week
 10/18 to 11/1 Performing Arts Poinsettia Sale
 10/21 to 10/25—College Application Week
 10/21 to 10/25— Culture of Respect Week
 10/28— Winter Sports Parent Night
 10/29—**Shenandoah University Visit**
 10/30—**Progress Reports**
 10/30—First Day of Winter Sports
 10/30— PreACT (All 10th graders)
 10/30—**Guilford College Visit**
 10/31—**Julliard Visit**
 10/31—Annual Trunk or Treat , 4:30 to 6:30

DO YOU LOVE DOGS?

DO YOU LOVE MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DOGS WHILE EATING MOE'S?

JOIN CANINE CLUB AT THE MONROE MOE'S ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH FROM 5PM- 8PM. THE CLUB WILL RECEIVE A PORTION OF ALL SALES FROM EVERY RECEIPT WE COLLECT. ALL MONEY WE RECEIVE WILL HELP SUPPORT OUR PROJECTS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES.

MONROE MOE'S ADDRESS- 2915 MONROE WAY MONROE, NC 28110

Student Life

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

- ◆ **Canine Club Moe's Night**—Come to the Monroe Moe's on 10/25 from 5 pm to 7 pm and donate your receipt and the club will receive a portion of what you spent to support club activities. It would be PAWESOME to see you there!
- ◆ Our **Powder Puff** games are Friday, October 25 beginning at 6 PM at Walter Bickett Stadium. **Tickets are \$5 at the gate and proceeds go to Victory Junction.**



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](#)

Last Week's Results:

JV Football – Bye Week

Volleyball – Lost vs. Anson, Win vs. Union Academy, Win vs. Forest Hills

Men's Soccer – Win vs. Union Academy, Win vs. Mount Pleasant, Loss vs. West Stanly

Women's Tennis – Regular Season Complete

Cross Country – Men & Women finished 3rd @ Cuthbertson Invite, finished 1st in Tuesday's RRC meet at CATA



Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 18th:

AWAY – Women's Tennis – Freshman Lauren Johnson – NCHSAA Midwest Regional Singles Tournament – Salisbury, NC – All day event

HOME – Volleyball vs. Porter Ridge – 5:00 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Porter Ridge – 6:00/7:30 pm – Homecoming

Monday, October 21st:

AWAY – Soccer vs. Anson – 5:30 pm

HOME – Rocky River Conference Volleyball Tournament – 1st Round – 5:30/7:30 pm – please check Athletics Twitter feed for brackets.

Tuesday, October 22nd:

HOME – Rocky River Conference Volleyball Tournament – 2nd Round – 5:00/7:00 pm – please check Athletics Twitter feed for brackets.

AWAY – Cross Country – RRC Championship Meet – 4:30 pm – Oakboro Park

Wednesday, October 23rd:

HOME – Rocky River Conference Volleyball Tournament – Championship – 6:00 pm – please check Athletics Twitter feed for brackets.

HOME – Soccer vs. Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 24th:

HOME – JV Football vs. Anson – 6:30 pm

Friday, October 25th:

AWAY – Soccer vs. Shelby – 4:30/6:00 pm

News & Information:

Season Passes are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games

Winter Sports:

Monday, October 28th – Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 30th – 1st Day of Winter Sports

Wednesday, November 13th – Winter Sports Pictures – After School – Gym

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Winter Sports Coaches Contact s

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

**Class of
2020**

**Attention Seniors Class of 2020 Information Coming this Fall
Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the
Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC**

How to sign up for College Visits [Click Here](#)

**Dates for College Visits are posted in this Newsletter on the [Around CATA Page](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight](#)– [Click HERE](#) for more scholarships**

All students had Advisory, Thursday, 10/17 Below are the Naviance Activities and Information share per grade level. You are encouraged to speak to your student about these activities.

- 9th Grade - Culture of Respect Week Info, Career Interest Inventory via Naviance
- 10th Grade - Culture of Respect Week Info, PreACT Info, Do What You Are Inventory via Naviance
- 11th Grade - Culture of Respect Week Info, Super Match Activity via Naviance
- 12th Grade - Culture of Respect Week Info, College Application Week Info, and Scholarship Lookup

PreACT— All 10th graders will take the PreACT on 10/30

ACT—All juniors will be taking the **ACT** on 2/25, a college entrance exam. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

Attention 10th Graders - The representative from The **North Carolina School of Science and Math** will be at CATA on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm. If you are interested please see Ms. Tweed in the Guidance Office to sign up. If you have questions please see your assigned counselor.

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling



**Class of
2021**

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.



Career and College Promise– Spring Click the Form Below to Register

Calling ALL **Career and College Promise** students!
It's time for Spring registration!



Registration for Spring 2020 courses at SPCC will begin in October.

Current CCP students (students enrolled in Fall 2019 CCP courses) should complete the course request form on the following dates: October 7th – October 18th.

New and returning CCP students (students NOT enrolled in Fall 2019 CCP courses) should complete the course request form on the following dates: October 21st – November 1st.

November 4th – 8th will act as an open window for any student who has not previously completed the Google form.

****IMPORTANT!!****

By completing this form, you are listing the courses you are interested in taking during the Spring semester. This form **DOES NOT** guarantee entrance into a course. **BEFORE** completing this form, you should have met with your counselor **AND** career coach to discuss your pathway and course choices.

You will need to meet with both parties (school counselors **AND** career coaches) before Spring enrollment can be finalized.

CCP Google Form Instructions

To register for Spring 2020 SPCC courses, use one of the options below. Both options will take you to the Career and College Promise Google form, which will be available through **November 8th**. **You can only submit the form once.**

After submission, any changes have to go through your school counselor **AND** career coach.

CCP Course Request Link:

<http://bit.ly/CCPSpr2020>

CCP Course Request QR Code:





Cougar Pride & Media Center News

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ **Women's Tennis:** Congratulations to **Freshman Lauren Johnson** on finishing 3rd at the Rocky River Conference Singles Tournament, she will advance to play in the NCHSAA Regional Singles Tournament in Salisbury, NC on Friday 10/18. Good Luck Lauren!
- ◆ Congratulations to the Band of Blue for all of the accolades and awards won at the Jaguar Classic Rumble in the Jungle Band Competition at Southview High School. Winners of the Jay Bolder Spirit Award.



The Den Digest

October is...

- ◇ Adopt a Shelter Dog Month—do you have room to welcome a new shelter dog to your family?
- ◇ National Book Month—read a book today! Reading provides mental stimulation, reduces stress, provides you with knowledge, expands your vocabulary and memory, and it's free entertainment!
- ◇ Positive Attitude Month

High School Battle of the Books (HS BOB)



There was enough interest to start at Battle of the Books group. The next group meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th from 3:30—4:00 pm. HS Bob list—<https://ncslma.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2019-2020%20HBOB%20List.pdf>

Need help with research? Learn how to search the many databases available to students. Stop by The Den today to get help.

New books this month—*The Downstairs Girl* By: Stacey Lee, *We Speak in Storms* By: Natalie Lund, *Permanent Record* By: Mary H. K. Choi, *Becoming Beatriz* By: Tami Charles, and *Gut Check* By: Eric Kester

Stop by The Den today! We are your go-to place for checking out books, magazines, a quiet place to read, supplies to work on projects in our space, and help with research/citing sources.

Visit our website for many resources: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>



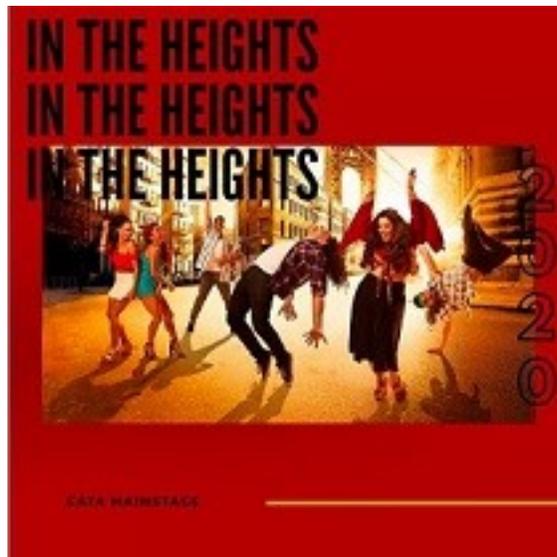
Performing Arts Events & Information

New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

Season Tickets.....Giving Plans.....Volunteer Needs

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

We are proud to announce our
Spring Musical is
"In the Heights"



The **Performing Arts Academy Poinsettia sale** is 10/18 to 11/1. This is a fundraiser that helps our Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO provide assistance to our theatre and dance programs. Please see the order form in this edition. You can order and pay online by clicking [here](#).



Juilliard Visit at CATA: Students must sign up in Naviance. Non-Performing Arts students interested in attending must speak with Ms. Cole in the Guidance Department before they sign up.

The **International Thespian Society** meets every first Thursday of the month at 3:40 in Rm. 616. Please see Ms. Casey, Mrs. Starkey, or Mr. Stiver for more information. ITS is an Honors Society focused on performing arts including singing, acting, dancing, and technical theatre. All Academies are Welcome!

Juilliard
AT CENTRAL ACADEMY
OF TECHNOLOGY AND
ARTS

Thursday, October 31st
10:20AM

Meet a representative from
Juilliard's Admissions Office to
learn about programs in Dance,
Drama, Classical Music, and
Jazz!



Performing Arts Holiday Poinsettia Sale



Holiday Poinsettias

Performing Arts Academy is selling poinsettias this season!

Plants are available in red, marble, pink and white.

Plants are a 6.5" pots (medium size).

All plants are \$15.00

Please use this form to place your order and return it with payment to the school no later than 4pm on November 1, 2019.

Plants will be delivered to the school the week after Thanksgiving. You will be notified when to arrange pick up. Payment can be made by cash or check, or online at www.cataperformingarts.org.

Name: _____	
Phone Number/Email: _____	
Red: _____	Marble: _____
White: _____	Pink: _____
Total Poinsettias: _____	
Total Amt Due: _____ (\$15each) Cash ___ Check/Check # _____	
Credit Card _____ credit card payments will incur a 3% credit card fee.	



Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2020,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (**1162 Eden Terrace** Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 12:00 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 (www.winthrop.edu). We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2020 Letter.

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. 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 in April or May 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 by 10:00 am if you flex first period). The exact date of the picture will be put in the Spring Senior Letter.

Senior Week is May 18 to 22: We will be sending more information about Senior Week in the coming months.

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Fall Senior Letter Continued

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 18 and 19 and all grade levels will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents will be invited to attend. We will list a specific date and time for each academy in the Spring Senior letter.

Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy chooses the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration in May. Please pay attention for the audition date in the announcements.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online past year 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 January.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 4– June 3 before/after school in the main office, and will be available to be purchased online: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at **\$10 each**. 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 4).

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 below).

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 as shown above.

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. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) cafeteria, media center, textbook, athletic, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 3 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.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal



Yearbooks, Spirt Wear & Parking Passes

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are \$75.00 until November 30th when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).



Parking Passes

- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 technology fees, 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.](#)
- All remaining sports will be sold in number 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.

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

**CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!**

Click [here](#) to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174