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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ The **Fall Senior Letter** is on our website. Senior students and parents please [click here](#) for the letter.
- ◆ **The Performing Arts Academy Presents** the Dance and Art departments annual collaboration concert "**Covered Canvas**" on 11/15 & 11/16 at 7:00 pm in the theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and there will be a silent auction of the artwork created after the show. Tickets are \$5 at the door and you can reserve your seats ahead of time by [clicking here](#).
- ◆ **Covered Canvas Artists Needed:** We are seeking students interested in participating in the Covered Canvas Dance Concert as an artist. See Mrs. Pentecost to select your song inspiration & the day you want to participate. Artists paint what inspires them as our students dance.
- ◆ The National Honor Society is sponsoring a school-wide **Operation Christmas Child** drive 11/4 to 11/8 during third block. Please bring in small toys, personal hygiene products, accessories, school supplies, crafts, and other items that will easily fit inside a shoe box. We will be collecting items for children ages 2-14 who are in impoverished places around the globe. A small shoe box can make all the difference for a young child. The 3rd block class has the most donations will receive a tasty treat. If you have any questions please ask any member of NHS or Ms. Thompson. See the visual in this edition for examples of items to donate or click [here](#).
- ◆ **Men's Basketball Raffle:** Men's basketball is selling raffle tickets for a free parking space of your choice for the 2020-21 school year. Two tickets for five dollars. Winners must be eligible for a parking pass before 8/20. See Coach Smithson in Rm 107 before or after school to purchase.
- ◆ **Softball Meeting:** All girls interested in playing Varsity Softball this season should come to Coach Allran's room #602 on Friday morning 11/8 at 8:30 am for a brief meeting.
- ◆ **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 Tributes Yearbook:** We have 3/4 of a page left for Senior tributes. We can take either 1/2 and a 1/4 page or three 1/4 page tributes. See Ms. Christensen to get more information. This is the last chance to have a senior tribute in the yearbook! The cost is \$100 for a 1/4 page and \$195 for a 1/2 page. You can have up to 3 photos for a 1/4 page and 6 pictures for 1/2 page. This is a first-come, first-serve opportunity. Please email Ms. Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us. Payment is required to hold the space.
- ◆ **Future Prep SAT Review/College Prep Class:** The new class will begin on Thursday, 1/30 beginning at 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The cost is \$199. Please see flier in this edition for more details.
- ◆ **Senior Shirts, Signs, & Passes:** There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for \$10. 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.
- ◆ **UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy** at this [link](#)
- ◆ **Attendance procedures and new attendance policy:** Click [here](#).



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



Upcoming Student Life Events

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

- ◆ Do you want to join **CATA's GSA? That** stands for: **Gay Straight Alliance**. We will be holding an interest meeting on November 20th after school in room 208. Have questions? See Ms. Foreman or check out our Instagram at @CATA.gsa
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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



"WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.



Around CATA

Friday, November 8—NCTC Festival Rocky River High School; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM; Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45;

Saturday, November 9—NCTC Festival Rocky River High School

Monday, November 11— **NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day**

Tuesday, November 12— Shooting Sports Mtg, Rm. 102, 3:30 PM; Beta Club Meeting, 3:35 (Media Center)

Wednesday, November 13—Art Club, Rm. 102, 3:30; Creative Writing Club, 3:45 Rm. 610; Winter Sports Pictures, CATA Gym after School

Thursday, November 14—Realign YCI, Rm. 605, 8:00 AM; Speech & Debate, Media Center, 3:30

Friday, November 15—Covered Canvas Dance Concert, 7 PM, Theater ; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM; Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45;

Saturday, November 16—Covered Canvas Dance Concert, 7 PM, Theater ; UCPS Robotics Competition, 8:30 AM, Union County AG Center

Upcoming Events- November

11/19—End of Grading Period

11/19—International Thespian Society Decades Night

11/20—Site Based Team Meetings, 3:45, Media Conference

11/23—Huntington Blitz , 10:00 AM, Theatre

11/24—Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 PM

11/25—Poetry Out Loud School Competition, 2 PM, Theatre

11/26—Report Cards

11/27 to 11/29—NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break





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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Last Week's Results:

JV Football – Season Complete

Volleyball – Season Complete

Men's Soccer – Season Complete

Women's Tennis – Season Complete

Cross Country – The men's and women's teams both finished in 6th place at the NCHSAA Regionals – Season is now complete



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 9th:

HOME – Women's Basketball Jamboree – CATA Gym 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

News & Information:

All girls interested in playing **Varsity Softball** this season should come to Coach Allran's room #602 on Friday morning at 8:30 am for a brief meeting.

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

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

Spring Sports:

Monday, February 3rd – Spring Sports Mandatory Parent Night – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12th – Start of Spring Sports

Tuesday, February 25th – Spring Sports Pictures – After School – Location TBD

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

Spring Sports Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball – Matt Garcia – matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@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

**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**

ACT—All juniors will be taking the **ACT** on 2/25/20, a college entrance exam. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

SAT—All juniors will be taking the SAT on 3/25/20.

All students grades 9-12. If you are interested in attending **UNC Chapel Hill**, they are offering a one day program on November 16th called SPLASH. You can find out all information by googling UNC SPLASH or see Ms. Horne. Our very own Maggie Horne will be teaching two seminars that day; fractals and 3 circles!!!

**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.



SAT PREP
 Click the Flyer to **ENROLL**



SAT Review/College Prep Class

Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.

The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.

CLASS SCHEDULE (Prepping for the March 14th / 25th SAT)		
Central Academy of Technology and Arts 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112		
<u>Lesson #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Math #1	Thu, 1/30	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #2	Thu, 2/6	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #3	Thu, 2/13	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 2/15	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #1	Thu, 2/20	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #2	Thu, 2/27	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #3	Thu, 3/5	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- Content Review focusing on all areas of the test
- Proven strategies for each question type
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
- Students will learn about the College Admissions process, how to craft a Curriculum Vitae, and more!

All This for **ONLY \$199*!**

(UCPS Students Receive \$100 off the Regular Tuition of \$299)

For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975

or visit www.futureprep.com

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Cougar Pride & Media Center News (The DEN)

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to **Brooke Lester** who was recognized this week by the school board of Union County Public Schools as the recipient of the John H. Crowder Service Award!
- ◆ Congratulations to Central Academy for having a **100% graduation rate for 2018-2019!**
- ◆ Thank you to all of our students and student life organizations for a wonderful **Trunk or Treat** this past week!



The Den Digest

November is...

- National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) - <https://www.nanowrimo.org/>
- Military Family Month—"The observance recognizes the commitment and dedication these families make to their service members." <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/>
- November 11th—Veteran's Day
- November 13th —World Kindness Day <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day>

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

We just got a new shipment of books! Lots of great titles so come in and check out what we have to offer.

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/>

We have a special section just on Evaluating News Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/online-resources/identifying-fake-news>



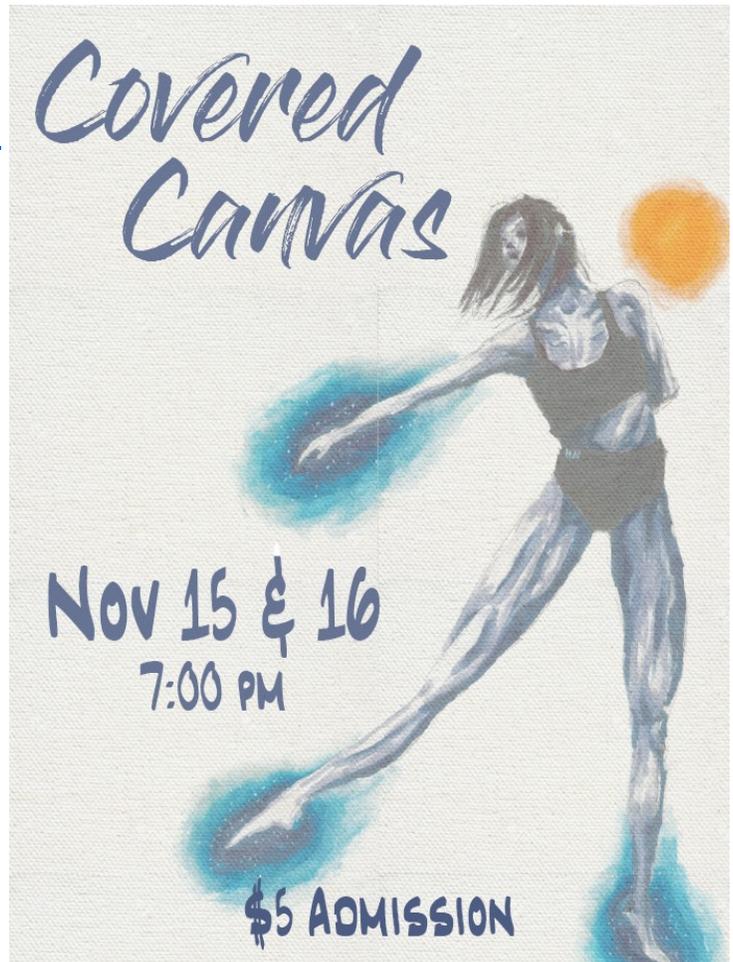
Performing Arts Events & Information

New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

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Medical Science Academy Human Body System's Classes Dissect Pig Hearts





Yearbooks, Spirt Wear, Senior T-Shirts & Parking Passes

2019-2020 Yearbooks

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BUY YOUR
Yearbook



ATTENTION SENIORS!

There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for purchase. See Ms. Christensen in The Den if you would like to buy one. The cost is \$10.00 and you can pay by cash or a check made out to the PTSO.

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 web-site 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