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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Progress Reports** were sent home this week.
- ◆ Our **Winter Spirit Week** is next week: **Mon. 12/16:** Pajama Day, **Tues. 12/17:** Twin Day, **Weds., 12/18:** Meme/Tik Tok Day, **Thurs. 12/19:** Ugly Sweater Day, **Fri., 12/20:** Holiday Character Day: **Sr.** The Claus Family, **Jr:** Reindeer, **So:** Elves, **Fr:** Presents
- ◆ **Winter Chorus Concert:** "Christmas Through the Ages" Tues. 12/17 at 7 PM in the Theatre, Free Admission, Donations Accepted
- ◆ **Fall Exam Schedule**– [Click here](#) for Information. **Exam Exemptions:** Students who are exempt from **teacher made exams** will be notified on 1/10. Please note that if students miss school on 1/10 it could change their exemption status. Exemption rules for teacher made exams are listed [here](#).
- ◆ **Attendance Waivers and Recovery:** Students who have missed 7 or more class periods for any reason will be notified about recovery and waivers on 12/16 and 12/17. Please be aware of our attendance policy by clicking [here](#).
- ◆ The **Fall Senior Letter** is on our website. Senior students and parents please [click here](#) for the letter.
- ◆ **Winter Collaborative:** This annual concert is on Thurs. 12/19 in the Theatre at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5 at the door.
- ◆ **Credit for Demonstrated Mastery** applications are now available. Applications are due to Ms. Lawson by 12/20. If you are interested in trying to earn credit for a course without actually taking the course CDM may be for you. Please see your assigned counselor if you have specific questions. Click [here](#) for an application.
- ◆ The **Annual Student Council Basketball Tournament** is 12/20 during 4th block. Sign ups are open until 12/13. Teams may have 6 players. Only 2 of the 6 may be basketball players and/or coaches. The cost is \$20 per team; \$15 if you have a teacher or faculty member. See Mr. McDowell to sign up. This tournament will raise money for Victory Junction, a camp in our state for kids with chronic illnesses. Tickets for the event will be on sale at lunch 12/18 to 12/20 and are \$5. No tickets at the door.
- ◆ The semi-annual **Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament** will take place on 12/18 from 5 to 8 in the media center. Bring your own controller. Tickets to attend or compete cost \$10 if purchased the week before; \$12 after. Pizza and drinks are provided. 1st place prize is a Ring Fit with a copy of Ring Fit Adventure.
- ◆ Are you interested in representing CATA in **Champ Camp Leadership Council**? Please see the information on how to sign up in this edition on the Counseling page.
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).
- ◆ Our **lost and found** box is overflowing. Please stop by the front office until 12/20 to claim what may belong to you. Anything not claimed by Winter break will be donated.

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. Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt

Fall Exam Schedule

Friday, January 10

1st period review 8:50 to 10:20

Monday, January 13

8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review

Tuesday, January 14

8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review

Wednesday, January 15

8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

Thursday, January 16

8:50 – 12:50 4th period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

Friday, January 17 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.



Winter Collaborative Concert, Annual Basketball Tournament, & Winter Spirit Week

Annual Basketball Tournament

Friday December 20

During 4th Period

Sign-ups

- ♦ \$20 per team of 6 players
- ♦ \$15 for a team with a teacher/staff member.
- ♦ Teams sign up with Mr. McDowell in room 111.



Tickets are \$5 Sold during lunches
from 12/18 to 12/20.

NO tickets will be sold at the door!



All money raised goes to
Victory Junction-
A Camp for children with
chronic illnesses.

Winter Collaborative Concert

Thursday, December 19

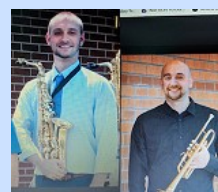
7 PM in the Theatre

\$5 tickets at the door

The annual winter collaborative is a concert with our band, chorus, theatre, dance, and MPRA students.



WINTER SPIRIT WEEK



Monday, December 16: Pajama Day
Tuesday, December 17: Twin Day
Wednesday, December 18: Meme/Tik Tok Day
Thursday, December 19 Ugly Sweater Day
Friday, December 20: Holiday Character Day

Seniors: The Claus Family

Juniors: Reindeer

Sophomores: Elves

Freshmen: Presents

Staff: Holiday Villains



The Dress Code must be followed at all times.



Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament, Winter Chorus Concert, and More Winter Collaborative Info.

Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournament



Wednesday, 12/18

5 to 8 PM

\$10 to play or compete

(Tickets purchased the week before)

\$12 to play or compete

(Tickets purchased the same day)

Pizza and drinks will be provided

1st place prize is a Ring Fit with a copy of Ring Fit Adventure.

CATA Performing Arts Presents

WINTER COLLAB/SILENT AUCTION

Thur December 19th @ 6:00 pm

Join us in celebrating the holidays with our Performing Arts Department.

Band, Drum Circle, Theater, Dance, MPRA, Chorus

SILENT AUCTION

Georgia Aquarium Tickets, South Carolina Zoo Tickets, Charlotte Ballet Tickets, Top Golf Gift Card, and More.

Bidding Begins @ 6:00pm

Bid sheets will be available for each item. Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card (3% credit card convenience fee.)

Winners will be announced at the end of winter collaboration. All proceeds will go into the Performing Arts Department.

www.cataperformingarts.org

winter spirit week:

dec. 16-20

monday PJ DAY	tuesday TWIN DAY
wednesday MEME DAY	thursday UGLY SWEATER DAY
<div> <div>friday</div> <div> <div>9TH: HOLIDAY DECOR</div> <div>10TH: ELVES 11TH: REINDEER</div> <div>12TH: THE CLAUSES</div> </div> </div>	

Winter Chorus Concert Christmas Through the Ages

Tuesday, December 17

7 PM in the Theatre

Free Admission

Donations Accepted

"The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"





Around CATA

Friday, December 13—FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM (Inuwa); Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries);

Monday, December 16— Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM, Rm. 102 (Pentecost); Knitting for Good, 3:30 PM, Rm. 617 (Watts); Fashion Club, 3:40, Rm. 616 (Casey)

Tuesday, December 17— Winter Choir Concert, 7 PM, Theatre; Shooting Sports Rm. 102, 3:30 PM (Pentecost); Gay Straight Alliance, 3:30, Rm. 208 (Foreman)

Wednesday, December 18— Smash Brothers Tournament, 5 PM , Media Center; Art Club, Rm. 102, 3:30 (Pentecost);

Thursday, December 19— Winter Collaborative, 7 PM, Theater; HOSA, 8:15 AM, Rm. 600 (Turner); Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 (Watts); Travel Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Pentecost); Hands Helping Others, 3:45, Rm. 527 (Hinson)

Friday, December 20—Student Council Basketball Tournament, Gym, 4th block; Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries); FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM (Inuwa); NHS Officer Mtg., 8:15 AM, Rm. 609 (Jones)

Monday, December 23 to Wednesday, January 1— **NO SCHOOL Winter Break**

Thursday, January 2 to Friday January 3— **NO SCHOOL Optional Teacher Workdays**

Monday, January 6—**First Day Back from Winter Break**; PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM, Media Conference; Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM, Rm. 102 (Pentecost); Fashion Club, 3:40, Rm. 616 (Casey)

Tuesday, January 7—Shooting Sports Rm. 102, 3:30 PM (Pentecost); NHS General Mtg. 8:15 AM or 3:35, Media Center (Jones)

Wednesday, January 8—Art Club, Rm. 102, 3:30 (Pentecost); Creative Writing Club, 3:45, Rm. 610 (Tesar); Beta Club Meetings, 8:15 & 3:35 PM, Media Center (Morse)

Thursday, January 9—District Wide Poetry Out Loud Contest, 4 PM, Theatre; Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 (Watts)

Friday, January 10—First Block Exam Review during first block

Upcoming Events– December and January

1/13—First Block Exams, Second Block Review

1/14—Second Block Exams, Third Block Review

1/15—Third Bloc, Exams, Fourth Block Review

1/16—Fourth Block Exams, Community Building

1/17—Make-up Exams

1/17—End of Grading Period

1/20—NO School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

1/21—NO School, Teacher Workday

1/22—First Day of the Second Semester

1/22—Site Based Mtg, 3:45, Media Conference

1/22 to 1/28— Schedule Corrections

1/24—Guest Speaker, Gym, 4th period.

1/28—Report Cards

1/30-Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

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

- **HOSA is selling Medical Academy** t-shirts! Designed by one of our seniors, the shirts are for anyone in the Medical Academy. We have long sleeve (\$15) and short sleeve(\$12) options. See a Medical Academy teacher to order, the deadline is December 17th.
- The next **Gay Straight Alliance** meeting will be after school on Tuesday the 12/17. Don't forget to check the GSA Instagram for further announcements at cata.gsa



Cougar Pride, SAT Future Prep, & Champ Camp (Click on the Ads to sign up)

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ Our Medical Science Students and HOSA Students led a **Red Cross Blood drive** and 52 pints of blood were donated. Thank you,
- **Taylor Raine:** Superstar CATA student, Monroe/CATA-AFJROTC Corps of Cadet Commander, and "extreme" community volunteer is set to graduate from SPCC's Emergency Medical Technician School on Monday, December 16 and become one of the youngest to achieve such an accomplishment.



CENTRAL ACADEMY
of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

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

Lesson #	Dates	Time
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*!**

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

or visit www.futureprep.com

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The Champ Camp Leadership Council offers students the unique opportunity to be mentored by highly successful community and business leaders from both the local and national level.

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College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Attention Seniors Class of 2020

Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC
The Fall Senior Letter is on our website. Senior students & parents [click here](#)

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

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

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.

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. Click on the flier to register.

WorkKeys: Thank you to the 171 CATA Seniors who completed their **WorkKeys Assessment** over the past two weeks!!! Ms. Lawson will deliver the score reports next week.

Champ Camp Leadership Council: We are looking for five students to meet five times in the Spring Semester (here at CATA in the evenings and dinner will be provided). You will get the opportunity to represent CATA and offers students the unique opportunity to be mentored by highly successful community and business leaders from both the local and national level. The link to apply is [here](#). Please see your assigned counselor with any questions.

Advisory was on 12/122. All students should have received their progress reports today so make sure you ask to see them!! Make sure to talk to your student about the activities they participated in during their grade level advisory - 9th - Resume Building via Naviance, 10th - PreACT Results, PSAT Books, & Supermatch via Naviance, 11th - PSAT Books (for those that took it) & Game Plan Survey via Naviance, and 12th - After High School Plans & Yearbook Index Survey for the 2020 Yearbook

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



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:

Women's Basketball – Loss vs. Lincoln Charter

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Lincoln Charter, Loss vs. Grace Academy

Wrestling – Win vs. South Rowan, Davie County, Lexington, South Stanly & Morehead.

Indoor Track & Field – Runners continue to compile state qualifying times and did a great job at the Cuthbertson Meet.

Swimming – Swim team finished 5th overall at the Union County Meet.



Winter Sports Coaches Contacts

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

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 13th: HOME – Basketball vs. Union Academy – 5:00 pm

JV Boys, 6:00 pm Varsity Girls, 7:30 pm Varsity Boys; AWAY – Swimming – TBD, Time – 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 14th: AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – JDL Invite – All Day Event

Monday, December 16th: HOME – Basketball vs. Christ the King – 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys

Tuesday, December 17th: AWAY – Basketball vs. Mount Pleasant – 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys

Wednesday, December 18th: AWAY – Indoor Track & Field @ Weddington – 3:45 pm

Thursday, December 19th: HOME – Wrestling vs. West Stanly – 6:30 pm; AWAY – Basketball vs. Union Academy – 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys

Saturday, December 21st: AWAY – Wrestling – Statesville High – All Day Event

Friday, December 27th: AWAY – Wrestling – Holy Angels Tournament – Bojangles Coliseum – All Day Event

AWAY – Men's Basketball @ Parkwood Tournament – 8:00 pm vs. Parkwood

Saturday, December 28th: AWAY – Wrestling – Holy Angels Tournament – Bojangles Coliseum – All Day Event

AWAY – Men's Basketball @ Parkwood Tournament – TBD

Friday, January 3rd, 2020: AWAY – Women's Basketball @ Charlotte Country Day – 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 4th, 2020: AWAY – Wrestling – Hickory Ridge Duals – All Day Event

Tuesday, January 7th: HOME – Basketball vs. West Stanly – 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys; HOME – Indoor Track & Field – Monroe High – 4:30 pm; AWAY – Swimming – East Rowan YMCA – 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 9th: HOME – Basketball vs. Apprentice Academy JV – Corvian School Varsity 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys; AWAY – Wrestling – Anson – 6:30 pm

Friday, January 10th: HOME – Basketball vs. Anson – 5:00 JV Boys, 6:00 Var Girls, 7:30 Var Boys; AWAY – Swimming – RRC Championship Meet – Stanly County YMCA – 6:00 pm

News & Information:

- **Fundraising:** The winter sports fundraiser is underway please help to support CATA athletics by giving at: <https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics-winter-fundraiser>
- **Season Passes** are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games. Please [click here](#) to purchase.
- We are pleased to announce that the school plans to return to playing **Varsity Football** during the 2020-2021 school year. It is our hope that we will field a JV & Varsity team during the 2020-2021 school year and continue to build on the success that we have had on the JV level the last two seasons. We are fully committed to continue to grow the CATA Football Program under the leadership of Coach Hackett and hope that anyone interested in playing football next year will see coach for more information about playing in the fall. In addition, we will hold a football informational night in January for all returning players & families as well as for all students interested in playing football in 2020.



Performing Arts Events & Media Center News (The DEN)

New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

We need parent volunteers to serve as leaders in the areas of: event flyer creation, hospitality/food, sponsorships, fundraising, social media/public relations, and ticket sales. Please click [here](#) for details about each category. By signing up you want to volunteer to be the lead in this area and facilitate other parent volunteers. This is helpful to our teachers, and students. Thank you for the support!

The Den Digest

December is...

Hour of Code Week—December 9-15, <https://hourofcode.com/us>

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7th,

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-pearl-harbor-remembrance-day-december-7/>

National Bill of Rights Day—December 15, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/bill-of-rights-day-december-15/>

Winter Solstice—December 21, <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html>

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>



Yearbooks, Spirt Wear, Senior T-Shirts & 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).

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