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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **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 7 or more unexcused absences for a class period have been notified about recovery and waivers. Students may fail classes who do not complete recovery.
- **Early dismissal during Exam Week:** Students must bring a parent note to the front office before 8:40 am to receive an early dismissal pass (a parent note will be needed for each day your student is leaving early). Please remember that parent notes must include the student's full name, be written and signed by a parent, and dated. All students with early dismissal passes will be dismissed at the conclusion of the exam session, which is approximately 1:00 pm each day. No student will be dismissed prior to that time. Students must hand their dismissal pass to the adult at the door or parking lot in order to leave school. If students lose or misplace their early dismissal note, then they will not be given another pass unless another parent note is provided. If students do not have a dismissal note, then they will attend lunch and the review session until the conclusion of school each day.
- ◆ **Spring Semester Schedule Corrections:** Schedule Corrections will only be reviewed if they are submitted via the Schedule Correction Google Doc. **The** Google Doc will open on Monday, 1/13 and stay open until Wednesday, 1/28. Click [here](#) for the schedule correction form. Please understand that all schedule correction requests will not be honored. Counselors will communicate via email if the correction was honored and if it was not explaining the reason why. If a correction is requested before the 1st day of the 2nd semester, then the counselors will do their best to make the correction before the start of the 2nd semester. New schedules will be given in Advisory on the 1st day of 2nd semester on 1/22.
- ◆ **Student Absent Note Policy 2nd Semester:** All parent notes for student absences must be submitted to the front office within ten days of a student absent with a valid reason for absence. We will not excuse absences for notes turned in after ten days. Please be aware of our attendance policy by clicking [here](#)
- ◆ **New UCPS Athletic Eligibility & Attendance for fall 2020:** Beginning in fall of 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. Please check out the rules in this edition.
- ◆ **Coffee with Counselors:** This is a parent only event on Wednesday, 1/29 from 8-9 AM in the Counseling Lobby. Counselors will be available to chat and answer any parent questions.
- ◆ **Varsity Football Meeting:** There will be an informational meeting for all football players and their parents on Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.

Fall Exam Schedule

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.

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



Around CATA

Friday, January 10—First Block Exam Review during first block. This is a regular school day.

Monday, January 13 — *First Block Exams, Second Block Review*; PTSSO Meeting, 5:30 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.)

Tuesday, January 14—*Second Block Exams, Third Block Review*

Wednesday, January 15—*Third Block, Exams, Fourth Block Review*

Thursday, January 16—*Fourth Block Exams, Community Building*; Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 Watts; Travel Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 Pentecost, Hands Helping Others, 3:45, Rm. 527 Hinson,

Friday, January 17—*Make-up Exams; End of Grading Period*

Upcoming Events- January

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.](#)

- We STILL need people who are wanting to participate in the **Historic Beauty Pageant!** Dress up like one of your favorite historical figures and then try to win. We need to know who is interested by Friday. See Ms. Thompson, room 609, with any questions or concerns.



Cougar Pride, & Coffee with Counselors

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ◆ Avery Pardue won the 2019 AAU Taekwondo Leadership award! She won a \$1000 scholarship and a certificate after submitting essays and her competition record. She was the female recipient, of the award.
- ◆ The Canine Club took a field trip to the Lancaster Shelter before winter break.
- ◆ Thank you to our chorus students, band students, theatre students, dance students, and MPRA students for w great Winter Collaborative Concert.
- ◆ Thank you to our Chorus Students for a wonderful winter concert the week before the break.
- ◆ Thank you to the student council for host the annual Basketball Tournament for Victory Junction.
- ◆ Congratulations to the winners of our semi-annual Super Smash Brothers Tournament: Melvin Priyemskiy won 1st place and Ivan Ceballos won 2nd place



You're invited to...

Coffee with Counselors



Ashley Lawson: Medical and Transportation Academies

Ashley Cole: Dance, Theatre, and Pre-Engineering Academies

Sally Goodwin: Information Systems and MPRA Academies

Counselors will **be** available to chat and answer any questions you may have.

January 29, 2020
8 a.m.— 9 a.m.
Counseling Lobby

Coffee and light snacks will be provided.



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

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

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

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.

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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 14 th / 25 th SAT) | | |
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| 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*!**

(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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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](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Last Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Loss vs. Union Academy, Loss vs. Country Day, Win vs. West Stanley

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Parkwood, Loss vs. Pageland Central, Loss vs. West Stanley

Wrestling – The team finished 8th at the Holy Angels Tournament over winter break, the team finished 3-2 at the Adidas Duals this past weekend.

Indoor Track & Field – Continues to qualify runners for the NCHSAA State Meet.

Swimming – Continues to qualify swimmers for the NCHSAA regional meet.

Upcoming Events:

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

Saturday, January 11th:

AWAY – Wrestling @ Rocky River High School – All Day Event

Friday, January 17th:

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

AWAY – Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 5:00 pm JV Boys Start

AWAY – Swimming – Stanly County YMCA – Multiple Teams – 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 18th:

AWAY – Wrestling – Parkwood Duals – All Day Event

News & Information:

Varsity Football Meeting:

There will be an informational meeting for all football players and their parents on Thursday, January 23rd @ 6:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium. All returning players and anyone interested in playing in the fall of 2020 are encouraged to attend this meeting. Coach Hackett will be going over the spring football schedule as well as summer workout information. If you cannot attend the meeting please let Coach Hackett know – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us so that he can get you the information.

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

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

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Athletics & UCPS Athletic Eligibility

UCPS Eligibility & Attendance for fall 2020:

Beginning in fall of 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in:

Daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the NCHSAA.

The policy will begin being enforced for the 2020-21 school year and **will use attendance from the 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year to determine attendance eligibility for fall and winter sports.**

PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 straight blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition, which may have created an attendance hardship.

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 Information:

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:

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



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

January is...

National Hobby Month-Want to learn a new hobby? Come by and see what we have to help get you started!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—January 20th, read more about this historic leader and speaker.

National Library Shelfie Day—January 22nd, take a picture of your bookshelf and email it to Ms. Christensen!

National Puzzle Day—January 29th, did you know we have puzzles in The Den?

Remember that you can bring a book to read in case you get done with your exams before the exam period is over. Stop by today and see what we have to offer!

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

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). Time for ordering books with name stamps is running out.

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– We are very limited in space at this time

- 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