



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

School starts on Monday, August 26, 2019. Students should arrive by 8:40 am to make the first bell of the day that signals students to move to their first class. On Monday and Tuesday, students will report to their **Advisories** (or home-rooms) first. Lists will be posted in the hall. **Attention Seniors:** Please do not forget to go to CATAPTSO.org to order your Senior Bundle (shirt and sign). In addition, there is an order form in this edition. All parents and students, please make a note of the UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy at this link. There are heavy penalties for tobacco and drug possession/use on campus. Please review the new consequences [here](#). For example, using a vape pen and other tobacco products is an automatic six day suspension. **Our Annual PTSO Invest in Excellence Campaign** will run August 19 - October 4. Instead of paying technology fees again we are asking that you donate \$25 to our school. Last year, we raised over \$20,000 when all matching funds were accounted for and this year we can do the same. We have big ticketed projects in mind that will enhance our school. I believe as a result of your contributions and support we had very little teacher turn-over and huge academic success. Please continue to support our PTSO Invest in Excellence campaign each year. **Saturday, August 17th** – The **Fall Sports Kick Off Event** is at Walter Bickett Stadium at 6:00 pm this Saturday 8/17. Please bring money for concessions and meet all the Fall Athletic teams. Information about our **attendance and tardy policies** are in this edition. Please read carefully as there are some major changes.

Back to School Days. Schedules, lockers, bus info, spirit wear will be available.

Freshman Orientation will be on Monday, 8/19 for ALL new NINTH grade students from 10:00 AM—12:30 PM. Students will meet in the theatre. Parents may choose to drop students off as the activities are **student only**. In addition, parents may choose to drop in to the media center between 10 & 11 to meet our PTSO parents and some staff for coffee and pastries. PTSO parents and staff will be available to answer questions and discuss both the high school and academy studies with you. Schedules and Bus Info will be given to students DURING their orientation.

New Sophomore (10th graders new to CATA) Orientation will be on Monday, 8/19 from 1:30—2:30. Please meet in room 401. Parents are welcome to drop in to the media center between 1:30-2:00 to ask questions about school procedures, or feel free to just drop your student off.

All current 10th, 11th, & 12th graders' Open House—Tuesday 8/20, 9:00—12:00 PM. Get schedules, lockers, bus information, spirit wear, student section t-shirts (\$12), senior shirts and signs, and parking passes (see Priority Times below). Lockers can be rented for \$5 for the year. Any schedules/bus information NOT picked up at open house will be mailed home the following Wednesday afternoon. **Parking passes** are available for **SENIORS ONLY** on 8/16 and 8/19, during office hours 9 AM to 3 PM. Senior Schedules will be given out on these days. **Passes are sold to all students** on Tuesday 8/20 with the following sale schedule: Seniors 9-10, Juniors 10-11, Sophomores 11-12. Please [click here](#) for information about **seniors painting park spots**. **Owed Fees:** Any student who owes fees will not be permitted to purchase a parking pass or items (such as homecoming and prom tickets) until all fees are paid in full to CATA. We will email invoices and send messages home over the summer.

Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA—Please see important information inside. A form will be sent home the first day of school in order for students to receive Chromebooks. All forms should be returned to the students advisory period the second day of school. Chromebooks will be given out on the second day of school. **Schedules and Schedule Changes**—Please see important information inside. **CATA Summer Read**—Please see important information inside.

Athletics: Please check out the [athletics page](#) in this edition for information about Family ID, and important summer dates. **Season Passes** are on sale. Students - \$25.00 and Adults - \$50.00. Passes are good for admission to ALL regular season HOME games. **CATA Cougar 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 with questions.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so the whole CATA community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. 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



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

Attention Seniors - Tuesday September 3rd at 7:00 pm (The Same Night as the Open House) in the CATA Auditorium the **Guidance Department will be hosting Senior Night**. This event is for all seniors and their parents. The purpose of CATA Senior Night is to review a packet of information that explains and guides the timeline of senior year. Seniors will also receive a copy of their unofficial transcript to use for college applications. *Beginning the week of September 5th to the end of September each guidance counselor will have an individual meeting with each of their assigned seniors—please note that seniors will receive important information that they need to have BEFORE they meet with their counselor. Your attendance at the evening meeting is strongly encouraged.* Please contact your assigned counselor if you have any questions.

PSAT: All **Juniors** and possibly, sophomores, will be taking the PSAT, on 10/16/19.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam on date TBD in the Spring. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

Open House—Meet the Teachers is on September 3rd. We hope to see you there!!

AP Level Classes: Announcements were made in the Spring and during registration about AP classes. It is quite typical for Fall AP classes to have summer reading or review activities for students. Please check the CATA website for information. Some teachers send an email to students, so students should check their UCPS student email as well (some teachers did this in the spring before school was out). [All students should check the CATA Website, LINK HERE](#)

Students in AP level courses should expect to take a rigorous AP-level final exam with their AP teacher prior to taking the actual AP exam. This AP level exam will count for 25% of their final grade in the AP course. This will ensure that they are preparing well enough to pass these college-level courses and exams. Teachers will discuss this more with your student at the start of each course. It is important that you and your student remember that an AP course is a college-level course, and as such, has college-level assessments.



**Class of
2021**





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Students Schedule Update:

We are working diligently to finalize the master schedule and meet student needs and requests for the upcoming school year. During July and early August we work with incoming ninth grade schedules to complete our master schedule. During the summer, the schedule is not complete as we work up until August to finalize all courses and student enrollment in these courses. If a student can accidentally see a schedule in PowerSchool for next year, it is NOT correct or complete.

Drafts of schedules will be available to students on Back to School days - Freshman: August 19 Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors: August 20. Seniors on parking pass days 8/16 and 8/19.

Students will either receive the class(es) they selected during the registration process last spring or students will see **“Please See Your Counselor”** on their schedule. We will not randomly give 10-12 grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter "Please See Your Counselor" as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict we need to discuss with the student. If a student has “Please See Your Counselor” on the schedule, there will be an opportunity for students to meet with a Guidance Counselor prior to the start of school. This dates for this are **8/21 to 8/23 in guidance from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.**

If a student does not have **“Please See Your Counselor”** on the schedule, the student received the classes he/she requested in Spring 2019. Information will be shared with students on the first day of school as to how to request a schedule change for a valid specified reason.

We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes throughout the summer as Guidance Counselors do not work full time in the summer and when they are here they are working on registering and completing schedules for the incoming ninth grade students so that we can finalize our entire schedule. They look forward to filling holes in late August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted this year. We will have an electronic form that students must complete during school hours the first five days of classes.

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 Information from the Guidance Counselors

SAT Course through Future Prep Educational Services

This course is preparing students for the October 5th SAT Test Administration. The course tuition of \$199 (which reflects the \$100 discount off of the regular price of \$299 afforded to all CATA students) is due by the start of the first class. If you wish to pay with check, please make payable to “**Future Prep Educational Services**” and bring it to the first class. If you wish to pay with Credit or Debit Card, please call 704-307-8975 to make those arrangements.

The course tuition does not cover, nor is Future Prep responsible for, registration for the SAT. You must register to take the SAT here: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>.

The location information and class schedule are provided below:

Central Academy of Technology and Arts
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28112
Room 401

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|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Math #1 | Thu, 8/29 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| Math #2 | Thu, 9/5 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| Math #3 | Thu, 9/12 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| Practice Test | Sat, 9/14 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM |
| Verbal #1 | Thu, 9/19 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| Verbal #2 | Thu, 9/26 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| Verbal #3 | Thu, 10/3 | 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM |

Please contact Kevin Abplanalp with any questions - 704.307.8975, kev-in.abplanalp@futureprep.com

Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. You will receive a form for changes with the student’s back to school paperwork. You may also email Mr. William Smith with any changes.



Attendance and Early Dismissal Reminders

Contact Information:

School Phone (704) 296-3088

School Fax (704)296-3090

School Secretary: Andrea Nahum

Date Manager: William Smith

Absence notes must be turned in to the front office upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered for excusal. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until a written excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool.

Attendance is taken in each class block. If a student misses more than 15 minutes of a block, then he/she is marked absent for that block.

Lunch is considered a part of 3rd block, therefore the 15 minute rule applies.

If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a handwritten parent note must be turned in to the front office before school in order to receive an early dismissal pass. The parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school, the parent's phone number and signature.

Any student being picked up early from school by anyone other than a parent, must bring in a note from a parent giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. The note must contain the date, the name of the person that is picking them up, the parent signature and parent phone number. This note must be turned in to the front office before school.

In the event that a parent doesn't write a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office. We will verify who you are by asking a couple questions, then ask you to follow up with an email. *If a parent emails the school without a phone call, the parent will be asked to call the school.



New Attendance Policy

Attendance Facts and Procedures

Attendance is taken daily for each class.

After the **eighth** absence for a class students are in jeopardy of not receiving credit for the class no matter the grade.

After the **eighth** absence for a class the school will make a determination on credit recovery. Students are allowed to recover up to **three** class periods or 4.5 hours per class.

To recover an absence a student must make up the missed class time, which is 1.5 hours per class missed after 7 absences.

After 10 absences excused or unexcused the student may not receive credit for the class no matter the grade.

If a student has over 10 absences excused or unexcused, then they must go through the waiver process. The waiver process may include assigning more recovery time.

Recovered absences do not change attendance records.

If you are asking for a waiver, then you must complete as much recovery as allowed for each class, complete a waiver request form, and attend ALL review sessions on exam day and be present for the make-up day.

Waivers & Criteria to Waive Absences for students with 10 or more absences

The following criteria will be used to waive absences:

1. Doctor's letter describing an ongoing problem with a chronic illness, communicable disease or injury when the problem is in the beginning stages.
2. Usual and customary doctor and dental visits when documented with a note from the doctor or dentist within three days after returning to school.
3. Documented court appearances where the student specifically is required to appear in court.
4. Death in immediate family (mother, father, sibling, grandmother, grandfather, or legal guardian)
5. Parent's notes are helpful when documenting absences; however, these notes do not necessarily mean absences will be automatically waived.
6. The number of absences meeting the criteria in items #1 through 4 above will be subtracted from the total number of accumulated absences for the semester or year.

The school nurse may have input regarding medical conditions of students who do not have access to medical treatment or benefits. This will be done on an individual case basis.

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New Attendance Policy

WAIVER AND RECOVERY PROCEDURES AND FAQ'S

- Can you explain waiver and recovery? Each student can have no more than **seven** absences in each class per semester. Any student who has more than **seven** absences in any class has failed that class because of the percentage of time missed from the class.
- In order to be considered eligible to pass the class, the student must be able to pass the class with appropriate grades, complete the maximum amount of recovery needed, and he/she must submit a form asking that some of his/her absences be waived.
- Failing a class due to absences = FF which is an F in the student's GPA!
- Who is responsible for completing each step of the waiver and recovery process? The student! It is not the responsibility of the staff to call the student down or remind them of waiver and recovery responsibilities.
- What is recovery? Recovery is "making up" absences. A student must recover class time minute-for-minute (90 minutes per period), in other words, the student must serve 1 ½ hours of recovery time for each absence that he/she must recover. So, if a student must recover two absences, they must make up 3 hours.
- I can recover all of my absences, right? Not necessarily! A student may recover a maximum of 3 absences per class. This is where the waiver comes in. If you are asking for a waiver, you must complete as much recovery as allowed, complete a waiver request form, and attend ALL review sessions on exam day and be present for the make-up day.
- Recovered absences do not change attendance records.
- It is possible to fail a class by not serving recovery time as required! It is also possible to fail a class if a student continues to be absent, even if they have completed recovery.
- For each recovery session, students are required to:
 - Get an assignment (before the recovery session) from the teacher for whom they are serving the time.
 - Report to the assigned area on time.
 - Bring all necessary supplies – no pencils, paper, computers or books will be provided. Work for the entire recovery session on the assignments.

Students who are late, are off-task or do not complete the recovery assignments to the teacher's satisfaction may have to repeat the session or not receive credit for attending the session. Students will receive one warning for talking or being off-task and then will be dismissed from the session with no credit for attending. Phones and music will not be permitted at recovery sessions. All recovery must be completed by the established deadline.

What happens if a student is absent after the deadlines? Absences count through the last day of the semester before exams!



Tardy Policy

TARDY POLICY-

At CATA, instruction is very important. All students are expected to be in their classrooms and ready to receive instruction before the tardy bell rings for each class. Following the tardy bell, students who are not in class must report to the front office for a tardy pass if they tardy to first period. During the rest of the day teachers will mark student tardy in the Powerschool Attendance System. Only students with a Tardy Pass will be admitted after the tardy bell rings for first period. **There is absolutely no food allowed in the classrooms. Students may not bring in food.**

Tardies will be recorded as unexcused unless an excuse can be verified by staff. Tardies will result in the following penalties:

All students must report to the office when tardy to first period and to class the rest of the day. Teachers will mark students tardy who are late to 2nd period, 3rd period, and 4th period. If a student is tardy twice in third period on Cougar Time days (Once before class and once after lunch), then the teacher will mark them tardy one time in Power School and write it up as a minor incident in Educator Handbook for the second tardy of the period.

1st/2nd Tardy: Warning from an administrator in the front office (1st period) and the teacher in the classroom (all periods).

3rd Tardy: Warning from an administrator in the front office (1st period) and the teacher in the classroom (all periods). **The teacher will contact the parent on the third tardy by phone.**

4th/5th Tardy: Warning from an administrator in the front office (1st period) and the teacher in the classroom (all periods) **The teacher will submit a discipline referral to the administration** and 1 day ASD with administration. The administration will contact the parent.

6th/7th Tardy: Warning from an administrator in the front office (1st period) and the teacher in the classroom (all periods). **The teacher will submit a discipline referral to the administration** and 2 days ASD with administration. The administration will contact the parent.

8th Tardy: Warning from an administrator in the front office (1st period) and the teacher in the classroom (all periods). **The teacher will submit a discipline referral to the administration and 3 days ASD.** The administration will set up a parent conference, create a written plan, and possible additional consequences.

Please note that administrator warnings will only come from an administrator in the office for first period tardies. Please be sure to give warnings to students in all other periods.

The administration reserves the right to modify consequences on a case-by-case basis whenever appropriate. This may include loss of parking privileges. Students arriving on late buses will not be considered tardy.



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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 17th:

Cougar Kick Off – Walter Bickett Stadium – All Fall Sports – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday, August 19th:

AWAY – Tennis @ Monroe – 4:00 pm
HOME – Soccer vs. Union Academy – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, August 20th:

Fall Sports Picture Day – 3:30 PM
Meet the new women's basketball Coach – Kevin Allran – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 21st:

AWAY – Tennis vs. Union Academy – Stone Bridge Country Club – 4:00 pm
AWAY – Volleyball vs. Union Academy – 4:30/6:00 pm
AWAY – Soccer vs. Forbush – 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 22nd:

HOME – JV Football vs. West Stanly – 6:30 PM
AWAY – Volleyball vs. Parkwood – 4:30/6:00 pm

Saturday, August 24th:

AWAY – Cross Country – Metrolina Invite – 9:00 am

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 with questions.

News & Information:

Saturday, August 17th – Fall Sports Kick Off Event – Walter Bickett Stadium 6:00 pm

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2019-2020 school year, you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website **Season Passes** will be on sale Please click [here](#) to buy online. Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 : Good for admission to ALL regular season HOME games

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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



Around CATA

Monday, August 19-Freshmen Orientation, 10-12:30 PM; **New to CATA Sophomore Orientation**, 1:30– 2:30 PM (Room 401); **Parent Drop in** (PTSO members, counselor, admin, and a couple of teachers to answer questions about processes and general curriculum, 10-11 AM (Media Center) OR 1:30-2:00 PM (Guidance for new Sophomore Parents)

Tuesday, August 20-Upperclassmen Open House 9 AM to 12 :00 PM (drop-in for schedule, parking passes, lockers): **Parking Pass Sells :12th graders:** 9:00 – 10:00 AM, **11th graders:** 10:00 – 11:00 AM, **10th graders:** 11:00 to 12:00 AM (Front of School)

Monday, August 26- First Day of School; Lockers for Sale during lunches

Tuesday, September 3– Open House, 6-8 PM, Senior Night, 7:00 PM (Theatre)

Student Life

Incoming students will get to tour a Student Life fair in the first week or two of school. It is so important to get involved in something at school, whether it is a club, student council, athletics, band, or a co-curricular organization. Keep your eyes open and be open to the possibilities!!!!

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

Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe

Dance @CATA_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @cata_football

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling

Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

Baseball @CATA_Baseball

Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC



Chromebooks, Yearbooks, and Summer Read

CHROMEBOOKS – 2019-2020

CATA is the school of Technology and all students are required to use their Chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chromebook again to use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will again benefit from. Students at CATA are required to bring their Chromebook to school every day.

Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. **EVERY student will receive a form on the first day of school.** The form will be due back the next morning (Tuesday 8/27). Students will not be able to receive a chrome book on Tuesday 8/27 unless the form is signed.

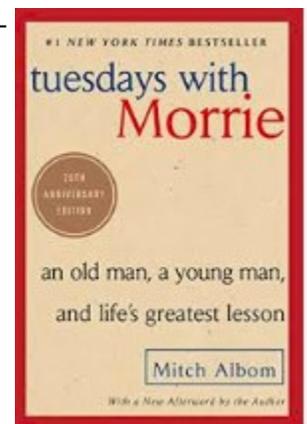
There is NO technology fee this year!

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be on sale when school starts and students will receive an order form the first day at school. Online sales will be available then as well. Pricing and details for senior ads will also be available. ALL senior ads must be purchased and paid for before the December break. There will not be any late ad sales. The yearbook staff has planned another exciting book so remember to buy one in August!

CATA Summer Read- CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. The goal for the summer reading program is for students to have a pleasurable and positive summer reading experience. Learning to read texts without structured assignments and being able to communicate and make connections with others about the reading is an essential skill. **All incoming ninth grade students will read: “Tuesdays with Morrie” by Mitch Albom**

When students return in the fall during Cougar Time, in small groups, students will have the opportunity to make connections with a teacher and their grade level peers. The CATA Summer Read is an annual tradition and each spring faculty pitch books and students get to pick their top three. Each student is eventually paired up with one of their book preferences (we usually have about 18-20 different books being read) and everyone gets to read and share. Next spring your student will get this same opportunity!



All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students should be reading their book selection. If you forgot your book, check your student UCPS email from last Spring, or call the school– we have the list. If you are a new sophomore, then please call the school for a list of books you are able to choose to read.



New Family Information

- School day hours: 8:50-3:30 (Class starts at 8:50, students should all **arrive by 8:40** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:20—8:30 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by your 3rd block teacher. Don't worry—you will meet people to sit with.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to Advisory first. Advisory assignments will be posted at the front of the school.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. Sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$5.00. **PE Lockers are required.** Your PE teacher will provide information. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room—ALL belongings must be secured with a school-issued lock. Students will be charged for missing locks.
- Supply lists will be posted on Teacher's Public Canvas pages on Thursday 8/22.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day for every class. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you don't miss too many days in one class.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, credit for courses, and affects eligibility for sports. **Students too sick to come to school may not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.** Absence notes MUST be turned in within three days.
- Every teacher will have a web page (on Canvas) for students and parents to access with course information.
- All students will receive a student login/password to the Parent Portal so that they can see their grades. This will become active on Monday, September 9.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.

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.





Student Section and Parking Passes

The Student Section at CATA is the...

BLUE CREW

Every year a new Blue Crew shirt is designed and voted on by students. Purchase the 19-20 Blue Crew Shirt by going to [our online link](#).



Shirts cost **\$12** and will be available for pick up on August 9th if ordered online.

Student Section Shirts will be sold at Freshman Orientation and at the Upperclassmen Open House

Parking Passes

Seniors Only – Parking passes will be on sale on 8/16 and 8/19 for Seniors ONLY on a first come first served basis during office hours, 89AM to 3 PM. Information about painting spaces will be sent later.

All students – Seniors, 9-10:00, Juniors 10:00—11:00, and Sophomores 11:00 to 12:00 **only on Tuesday 8/20.**

- 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.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**



STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. 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.



Senior T-Shirts, Signs and Senior Celebrations Opportunities



ATTENTION PARENTS OF 2020 RISING SENIORS !!!!



The PTSO Senior Events Committee is planning **BONUS** activities to make **CLASS OF 2020** a year of special memories. Activities may include ice cream social, dessert bar, other random surprise events during school day. Entrance into these particular **BONUS** Senior Events require a Senior Pass which can be purchased in one of the following packages described below

BASIC LEVEL: \$25 IF PURCHASED BY JUNE 24TH IN MEDIA CENTER

Senior Class T-Shirt and Senior CATA Yard Sign Only!!! No PTSO membership and NO Senior Pass included in this package. This package is also only payable by cash/check. Please see Ms. Christensen in Media Center for purchase.

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Senior Class T-Shirt
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Senior CATA Yard Sign
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