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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ Please thank your counselor; next week is **School Counselor Week**. See congratulations in this edition for our **Swim Team** and Pre-Engineering Students who were **AutoCAD certified** this school year.
- ◆ **Spring Sports Mandatory Parent Night** is on Monday, 2/3 at 6:30 PM in the theatre. Parents of students playing a spring sport should attend.
- ◆ **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 absence with a valid reason. We will not excuse absences for parent notes turned in after ten days. In addition, not all parent notes are approved for excused absences.
- ◆ **Attendance Policy:** This will be checked weekly. Students are not to miss more than 7 class periods per course whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Please help us improve student attendance. 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.** Daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the NCHSAA. This means that student attendance counts toward eligibility for the Fall of 2020 in the Spring of 2020 (This semester).
- ◆ Join us on Friday, 2/7 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm as **Rho Kappa hosts the first annual Historical Beauty Pageant!** The audience will vote for the winner! See singing, martial arts, fencing and other performances while learning a little, too. See posters around the school for more information. Admission is \$5 and tickets will be available next week during lunches and at the door. Get tickets for the whole family!

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 31— NHS Officer Meeting, 8:15 AM, Rm. 609 (Ms. Jones)

Monday, February 3— PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM, Media Conference Rm.; **Johnson and Wales College Visit, 9:30 AM , Media Center**; Yearbook Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Fashion Club,, 3:30, Rm 616 (Casey); **Spring Sports Parent Night, 6:30 PM (Theatre)**

Tuesday, February 4—Shooting Sports Meeting, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); NHS Meetings, 8:15 AM and 3:35 (Media Center); **UNC Asheville Visit**, Media Center

Wednesday, February 5—Art Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Creative Writing Club, 3:45, Rm. 610 (Tesar)

Thursday, February 6—Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 Watts; Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

Friday, February 7— Historical Beauty Pageant , 6 PM (Theatre)

Upcoming Events- February

2/5 to 2/11– PTO Valentines Day Sale– All Lunches

2/11— Progress Reports

2/13—Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

2/15—Future Prep SAT Class Practice Test, 8 AM, Rm. 401

2/17—**NO School, Teacher Workday**

2/19—Josten's Class Ring Orders, (All Lunches)

2/19—Josten's Class Ring Order Parent Night, 3-5:30 PM (Outside of the main office)

2//20—Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

2/21 to 2/22— Freshman Theatre Performance Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

2/25—ACT for all 11th Graders

2/25—Spring Sports Pictures (After School)

2/26— Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media Conference Rm.

2/27—Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

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

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Cougar Pride, & Coffee with Counselors

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

CATA Swimmers:

Congrats, to our swimmers on a great season, the following swimmers qualified for the NCHSAA Regional Meet in Greensboro on Saturday, February 1st.

Men: Steven Bausinger, Carson Brackenbush, Trent DeMaio, Ben Esarove, Joseph Harman, Caleb Huff, Vincent Liantano, and Thomas Verrill

Women: Kate Harman, Eden Mshar, Grace Powell, Megan Rink, Olivia Santolucito, and Franceska Moore

Congratulations to our Pre Engineering Students: AutoCAD is a program to draw on the computer instead of by hand. CAD stands for "Computer Aided Drafting" and is the basis of most engineering drawings used by engineers. For industry there are 2 certifications showing levels of knowledge and mastery of the program. We do the first level called Certified User. The certification is good for 3 years.

William Adams	Abigail Mitchell
Jaden Allison	Jacob Mitchell
Dipesh Bhattarai	Hayden Oles
Grace Bonnell	Anjali Pal
Nicholas Croland	Rayan Patel
Ryan Dennehy	Morgan Pfister
Sarah Gamble	Jacob Pierno
Brayden Godfrey	Natalie Salema
Jonah Hudson	Brayden Shepherd
Bryce Jackson	Tyler Sims
Aaron Johnson	Elyssa Snively
Caroline Lawler	Bryce Taylor
Landon Lwea	Kai Wellenreiter

Transportation Academy Students Took a Trip to the CPCC Campus in Huntersville to learn about careers and continuing education beyond CATA once they graduate,.





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 [here](#) to register.

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. Montgomery Central, Win vs. Corvian Community School, Win vs. Mount Pleasant

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Montgomery Central, Win vs. Corvian Community School, Loss vs. Mount Pleasant

Wrestling – Team is 26-4 overall and 4-0 in RRC Matches ... will wrestle for the RRC conference championship on Thursday @ Mount Pleasant.

Indoor Track & Field – The teams both finished 2nd in the RRC Championship meet, great job everyone!

Swimming – See below for more details about our swimmers who have advanced to the NCHSAA Regional meet this weekend.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 31st:

AWAY – Basketball vs. West Stanly – 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, February 1st:

AWAY – Wrestling – Rocky River Conference Tournament – Forest Hills High School – All Day Event

AWAY – Swimming – NCHSAA Regionals – Greensboro Aquatics Center – All Day Event

Monday, February 3rd:

CATA Spring Sports Parent Night – 6:30 pm – CATA Auditorium

Tuesday, February 4th:

AWAY – Basketball – Anson – 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

TBD – 1st Round NCHSAA Wrestling Dual Team Tournament – Time/Location - TBD

Wednesday, February 5th:

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – Marvin Ridge – 4:00 pm

Thursday, February 6th:

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA State Meet – All Day Event – Cary, NC

Friday, February 7th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, February 8th:

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field @ Cuthbertson High – All Day Event

News & Information:

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

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 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. Attendance in 2 full blocks will count as a day attended. Further the 2 blocks **DO NOT** have to be consecutive. A student could attend 1st block and then be out with a doctors appointment 2nd and 3rd and be in 4th to complete the day.

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!

The Youth Media Award winners were announced on Monday. Stop by and see which award winners we own and check out a new book to read!

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>

Check the bias of the news media with the Interactive Media Bias Chart 5.0—

<https://www.adfontesmedia.com/interactive-media-bias-chart/?v=402f03a963ba>



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