



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ The **ACT will be given to ALL Juniors** on Tuesday, February 25th during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd block. Please make sure that you have a calculator for the math section. Juniors will eat 3rd lunch on ACT Day. Make sure to be on time to school and know your testing location. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Lawson.
- ◆ Show someone how much you care! The CATA PTSO will be selling **Valentine cacti** for \$3 each. They will be delivered with your personal message during 4th block on Valentine's Day! Order forms are available in the front office or by clicking [here](#). The PTSO will be selling the cacti in the cafeteria during lunches on February 7th, 10th, & 11th. There is an order form in this issue.
- ◆ Attention Rising Seniors! Submit your designs for the **Class of 2021 senior** t-shirt to Ms. Christensen by Friday, February 21st and you may win a free t-shirt and senior sign from the PTSO! Please see the website by clicking [here](#) for all the rules. Designs must be created using CustomInk and emailed to Ms. Christensen. **All rules are posted in this edition.**
- ◆ **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, February 7**— Historical Beauty Pageant , 6 PM (Theatre)

**Monday, February 10**— Yearbook Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Knitting for Good, 3:30 Rm. 617 (Watts)

**Tuesday, February 11**—**Progress Reports**; Shooting Sports Meeting, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Beta Club 3:35 , Media Center (Morse)

**Wednesday, February 12**—Art Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Start of Spring Sports;

**Thursday, February 13**—Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 Watts; Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401; ITS Valentine's Cabaret Fundraiser

**Friday, February 14**— UCPS All County Band Clinic; PTSO Cacti Delivery

**Saturday, February 15**—Future Prep SAT Class Practice Test, 8 AM, Rm. 401; UCPS All County Band Clinic

### Upcoming Events– February

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

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 & 2/27— CATA Crawl

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

2/28 to 2/29—Student Dance Choreography Concert

## Valentine's Day Cactus!

(delivered to someone special with your personal message)



### Show someone how much you care!

CATA PTSO will be selling cute Valentine Cacti for \$3 each.

They will be delivered with your personal message during 4th block on Valentine's Day.

Order forms will be available starting 2/5 in the front office.

We will also be selling the cacti in the cafeteria during lunch on Feb 6th, 7th, 10th & 11th.



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

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## Cougar Pride, & Media Center News (The DEN)

### Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

#### Individual Conference Champions- Track and Field

**Girls:** Brooke Butler: 1000m and the mile, Maysen Melchor: 300m and 500m, 4x400 Relay Team

**Boys:** Jackson Hase: 300m and 500m, Elliot Wunder: 1000m, Noah Estrada: 1 mile and 2 mile 4x400 Relay Team, 4x800 Relay Team

**Rocky River Conference Runner (s) of the Year:** Jackson Hase and Maysen Melchor

**Rocky River All Conference Team:** Maysen Melchor Brooke Butler Kiersten Hicks Ally Lee Alana Richardson Avery Pardue Kyle MacLellan Jackson Hase John D'Amico Emanuel Williams Evan Brown Noah Estrada Elliot Wunder Marcus Wright Tyler Hudson Ben Wojtkowiak

#### CATA Swimmers:

Congrats, to our swimmers on a great season, the following swimmers qualified for the NCHSAA State Meet in Cary on Thursday:

**Men's 200 Medley Relay** – Trent DeMaio, Steven Bausinger, Ben Esarove, Carson Brackenbush

**200 Freestyle** – Steven Bausinger

**200 IM** – Ben Esarove

**500 Freestyle** – Steven Bausinger

**Men's 200 Free Relay** – Caleb Huff, Ben Esarove, Steven Bausinger, Carson Brackenbush



# The Den Digest

#### February is...

**National Black History Month**—check out this site for some great resources

<https://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>

**National Library Lovers Month**-<http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/>

**Random Act of Kindness Week**—February 17-21. Here's a link to 50 Acts of Kindness Ideas

<https://parade.com/985225/jessicasager/random-acts-of-kindness-week-ideas-2020/>

**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>



## 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](#)

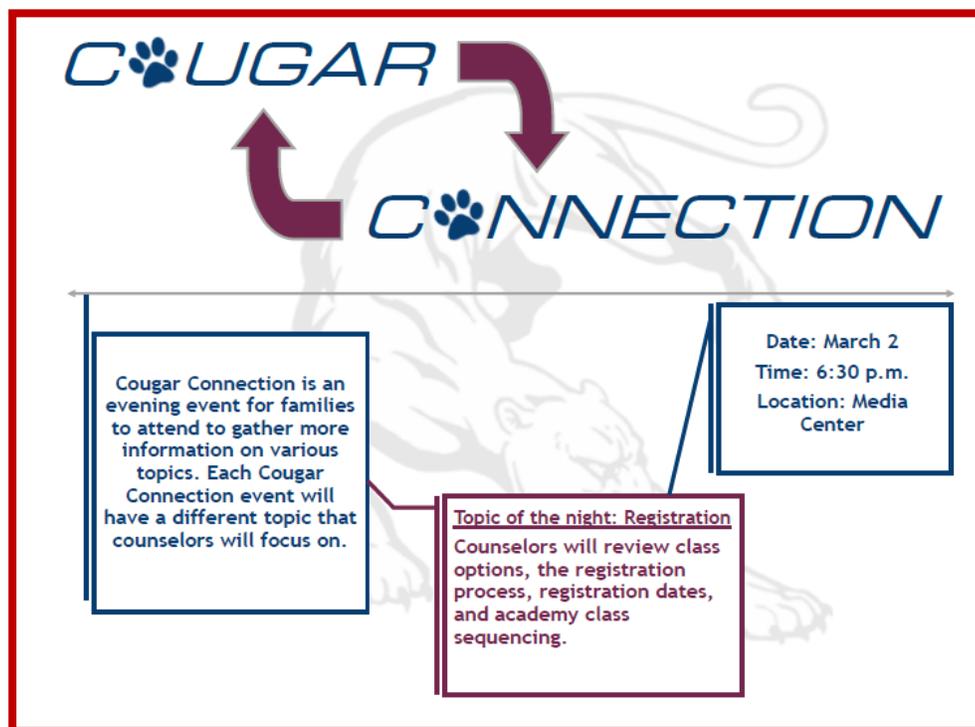
Sign up for College Visits [Click Here](#)

Dates for College Visits are posted in this Newsletter on the [Around CATA Page](#)

[Scholarship Spotlight](#)– [Click HERE](#) for more scholarships

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



### 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. West Stanly, Loss vs. Anson

**Men's Basketball** – Loss vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Anson

**Wrestling** – Win vs. Mount Pleasant, Win vs. Lincolnnton, Win vs. West Wilkes

**Indoor Track & Field** – No Events Last Week

**Swimming** – See below for more details about our swimmers who have advanced to the NCHSAA State Meet.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Start of Spring Sports

### **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Basketball vs. Montgomery Central – 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA Regionals – North Davidson High – 5:00 pm

### **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA Regionals – North Davidson High – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – NCHSAA State Meet – 4:00 pm

## 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:**

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Start of Spring Sports

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Cross Country** - Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Football** – Drew Hackett – [drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Soccer** - Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Volleyball** - Stephanie Peacock – [Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Golf** - Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Tennis** - Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)

### Winter Sports Coaches Contact Information:

**Cheerleading** – Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Indoor Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Basketball** – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Basketball** – Sam Smithson – [Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Swimming** – Sally Goodwin – [sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Spring Sports Contact Information:

**Baseball** – Matt Garcia – [matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)  
**Softball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## ***Performing Arts Events and Senior T-Shirts***

### **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!

## **Class of 2021 Senior T-Shirt Contest**

Attention Rising Seniors! The PTSO invites you to participate in the Senior T-Shirt design contest! Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2021 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is Friday, February 21, 2020! Thank you!

### **Student Instructions for T-Shirt Design**

Senior T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.

Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.

Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit.

Please make sure that you choose the following items:

T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)

Text (Size and fonts that you want)

Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.

No designs will be accepted through any other medium.

Once your design is completed on Custom Ink, please email the link to Ms. Christensen ([deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us)).



## *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](http://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



## *PTSO Valentine's Day Cacti Order Form*



Each Cactus is \$3.

Forms and money need  
to be turned into the office  
by February 11th.

Cacti will be delivered  
during 4th block on  
Valentine's Day.



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## Valentine's Day Cactus

———— ORDER FORM ————

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

4th Block Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Message:

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