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Dear CATA Family,

There is information in this edition for parents and students consideration of **Plan D Remote Learning for the second semester**. Please go to our Counseling section on page two for information and links. **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear is NOW AVAILABLE for sale online: Please [click here](#) to purchase.**

- ◆ **End of the Grading Period:** Nov. 6 is the end of the second grading period. Parents check Power School for your child's grades and contact the teacher with questions. This is a reminder we have a third six weeks and final exams that both count 25% of the final grade. We will communicate final exam schedules in the coming weeks.
- ◆ **Freshman Theatre Show: "Etched"** The Freshmen Theatre Students filmed a monologue show during their class time. This will be released on Friday, 10/30. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE SHOW!](#)
- ◆ **Attention Seniors who purchased a Senior Event Pass:** You have a special gift to pick up next week at the follows times: **For Mon/Tues** students: Pick up Mon, Nov 2nd from 3:30-3:45pm - under awning by student parking lot. **For Weds/Thurs** students: Pick up Thurs, Nov 5th from 3:30-3:45pm - under awning by student parking lot. **For virtual students** (and anyone else not able to pick up at previous times) Pick up Fri, Nov 6th from 1-2pm in front of school
- ◆ Our **Athletics seasons** are about to get underway with Volleyball, Cross Country. Please see our athletics pages in this edition for information on all teams. We have more information on cheerleading, basketball, and swimming.
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Information about your senior portraits:** Class of 2021, remember to schedule your senior portraits online at cady.com/schedule. You can now make an appointment at either the studio at Crown Point Plaza or on 11/13 at CATA. When you go to the website, search for CATA, pick an additional scene (brick will be what is at CATA), then click continue. On the next page you will see prices for session (sitting) fees. If you want the basic \$30 option then scroll to the bottom of the page and select simple session. After your pictures are taken you'll receive a portfolio in the mail. Keep anything you'd like to purchase and return everything else in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Seniors must complete this task in order to be in the yearbook. **Please see the ad on page 7 in this edition. Time is running out for seniors to get their picture in the yearbook.**
- ◆ **UPCS Holiday Card Contest:** Students have a chance to create the official UCPS Holiday card. Click [here](#) fore details.
- ◆ **Yearbook Survey:** Have you filled out the yearbook Summer survey? We need your responses to accurately represent the school as a whole. Everyone who fills it out will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Chick fil a. You can find the survey in your email or at this [link](#).
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are on sale for \$75.00. Reserve your copy today! Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>. **Search for CATA.**
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Senior Tributes [CLICK HERE:](#)** If you would like to purchase a senior tribute for the yearbook, then click the link for pricing and to learn about the process!
- ◆ **Union County Christmas Bureau** For assistance with Christmas food and gifts/toys for children 18 and under, you may apply until 11/20, 9:00 to 3:30 pm, Mon-Fri by calling 704-296-4828.



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



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

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

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)

[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)

[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

CATA Tutoring Times - Fall 2020

CATA will be offering tutoring times each day of the week based on subject. Approved CATA students will be providing the tutoring. If tutoring is needed, then please click the Teams link to join during the assigned times. Tutoring

- ◆ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Social Studies, click here to join [Social Studies](#)
- ◆ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Math 1 & 2, click here to join [Math 1 & 2](#)
- ◆ **Monday** - 3:45-4:45 for Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4, click here to join [Math 3, 4, & Pre-Calculus](#)
- ◆ **Tuesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Science, click here to join [Science](#)
- ◆ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2, click here to join [Math 1 & 2](#)
- ◆ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4, click here to join [Math 3, 4, & Pre-Calculus](#)
- ◆ **Thursday** - 3:45 to 4:45 English, click here to join [English](#)
- ◆ **Friday** - All 5 subjects will be offered from 1:30 - 3:30 in 2 shifts (1:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 3:30), click the links above for the subject you need for tutoring

Union County Public Schools is providing a very important update about instructional models. **In an effort to plan for second-semester classes**, teaching schedules and more, UCPS is launching a Virtual Academy Application for middle and high school students. If your child will remain in or transition to the **Virtual Academy (Plan D)** for the second semester, you must complete the 6-12 Virtual Academy application via Scribbles. The application period will open Friday, Oct. 30 and close Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:59 p.m. If your child will remain in or transition to Plan B for in-person learning at school, two days a week, there is no action for your family. Under Plan B, students are expected to attend school (in person) on their assigned day. Students who do not attend school will be marked absent. To access Scribbles, click [here](#) or visit the UCPS homepage and click on the I Want To section. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Merritt.



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](#)

News & Information: [Click here](#) for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons

News & Information:

Parent Check List for Athletics: The following need to be completed prior to starting a sport at CATA:

- FamilyID – Completed & Approved: [Link Click Here](#)
- CATA Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting Sign Off – Completed [Link Click Here](#)
- **Contact** your student's coach. We need to know how many kids are trying out for sports (especially indoor sports) due to limitations on our numbers. Coaches Contact information can be found below

Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting: Due to limitations on gatherings, we will not be holding any in person preseason meetings. All students interested in participating should follow the link below to our virtual meeting and complete the sign off. This must be done before starting a sport. This only needs to be completed ONE time for the 2020-2021 school year. Teams will hold virtual parent nights after teams are selected.

Link: <https://forms.gle/b46cVRwuYxuBSfSr7>

UCPS Eligibility – Attendance Matters: 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 4th – Start of Volleyball & Cross Country Season

Volleyball – 4:30 – 6:30 pm – Wednesday & Thursday (Tryouts)

Cross Country – Start of season (no tryouts) 4:30 - Dark

November 12th – 14th – Cheerleading Tryouts

Check with Coach Lawson for more information

November 23rd – Start of Swimming Season

Tuesday, November 24th – Bryce Family YMCA – 8:00 – 9:15 pm

Please contact Coach Goodwin for more information

December 7th – Start of Basketball Season

Tryouts – Monday & Tuesday 12/7 & 12/8

[CLICK HERE FOR 2020-21 SPIRIT WEAR](#)

Athletics Coaches Contacts and Important Dates are on the next page.



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletic Department Contact Information:

- Athletic Director** - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Administrator over Athletics – Dr. Josh Wall – josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us
Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cheerleading - Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Football – Shane Griffin – Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com
Softball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com
Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Adjusted Sports Season's 2020-2021:

- Volleyball:** November 4th – January 9th
Cross Country: November 4th – January 9th
Swimming: November 23rd – January 28th
Men's & Women's Basketball: December 7th – February 19th
Basketball Cheer: November - February
Men's Soccer: January 11th – March 12th
Football: February 8th – April 9th
Football Cheer: February – April
Men's & Women's Golf: March 1st – April 30th
Men's Tennis: March 1st – April 30th
Softball: March 1st – April 30th
Women's Soccer: March 1st – April 30th
Baseball: April 12th – June 11th
Women's Tennis: April 12th – June 11th
Track & Field: April 12th – June 11th
Wrestling: April 12th – June 11th



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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of students and staff we are implementing the following procedures for the 2020-2021 school year.



MEETING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Email your counselor to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment. If a student is in crisis they will need permission from their teacher to visit a counselor.



SAFETY MEASURES

One student in a counselor's office at a time
 Masks are required
 Remain 6ft apart
 Entrance doors will remain shut

REASONS TO CONTACT US

COUNSELORS

Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, Ms. Goodwin

To discuss academic, social/emotional, and career questions. This includes, but is not limited to: Class selection, college/career choices, scholarships, and friendship/relationship/family issues.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Mrs. Corbett

To discuss career fields and job qualifications. To discuss internship options within the county. Students enrolled at SPCC can discuss class options. Students interested in SPCC can discuss how to get enrolled.

COUNSELING SECRETARY

Mrs. Tweed

The first person you see when entering our office. Mrs. Tweed can provide transcripts and bus passes. She can help with most school-related questions and can help students determine if they should meet with a counselor.

New Daily Schedule

First Period:	9:05 to 10:35
Second Period:	10:40 to 12:10
Third Period:	12:15 to 2:10
Lunch A:	12:10 to 12:35
Lunch B:	12:42 to 1:07
Lunch C:	1:14 to 1:39
Lunch D:	1:46 to 2:10
Fourth Period:	2:15 to 3:45

Friday Schedule: Each student must check in with their teachers on Friday. Each teacher has been asked to communicate with students the expectations for each Friday. Attendance is taken on Friday, so students must complete assigned tasks for each teacher to be counted present. This information should be posted on each teacher Canvas page.

Monday and Tuesday- Last name A-K

Wednesday and Thursday- Last name L-Z



Parents can now access Scoir!

What can you do with a Scoir account?

1. See which colleges your child is following.
2. Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
3. Complete a personalized financial aid calculator to receive a custom price estimate.

How do you get a Scoir account?

Your child must invite you!

Students should:

- Log in
- Visit "My Profile"
- Click on "Invite a parent"

Students will need their parent's email address.

Parents
+ Invite a Parent

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.

@UCPSCollegePrep



Click on the Ad to register

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

For more info and to register visit <https://bit.ly/collegereadywebinars>

Paying for College.....	September 21, 2020
Getting Ready for College.....	October 19, 2020
College Entrance Exams 101.....	November 16, 2020
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	December 8, 2020
Scoir for Underclassmen Parents.....	January 11, 2021
Paying for College.....	February 8, 2021
College Entrance Exams 101.....	March 8, 2021
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	April 19, 2021

All webinars will be held at 6:00 pm.
 Dates are subject to change.

@UCPSCollegePrep



The Den Digest (Media Center) & The Career Development Corner

The Den Digest

The CATA Media Center website has been transformed into a Virtual Learning Commons. Check out the website and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold. We will deliver it to you!

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or science teacher. You can still get a calculator if you are in the virtual academy.

<https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can still access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>

November is:

November 3rd: Election Day-remember to make a plan and cast your vote!

November 8-14: World Kindness Week

National Book Awards Week

Children's Book Week

Career Development Corner

Spring registration will begin the 1st week of November for current SPCC students.

If you are new to SPCC and interested in registering for a course, please contact Mrs. Corbett at adri-anne.corbett@ucps.k12.nc.us

SPCC offers bi-weekly information meetings for students interested in the career & college promise program with SPCC. Please see flyer for more information.

Visit the Career Development [Canvas page](#) on Clever for career exploration/college resources, career videos (being updated monthly) & CDC updates.

Parents, if you are interested in sharing a quick 5-7 min. career video for our virtual career fair, please complete this [career speaker google link](#).

Reach out to Mrs. Corbett in the counseling office regarding any additional, SPCC, Career or Internship questions @ adri-anne.corbett@ucps.k12.nc.us or (704)296-3088.



SPCC Career and College Promise Information Session

Join us for an information session about the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at South Piedmont Community College

When and Where?

• Every other Tuesday during the fall semester via a Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

• Dates:
 • 9/22 • 11/3
 • 10/6 • 11/17
 • 10/20 • 12/1

• Time
 • 4:00pm

For any questions please contact

High School Programs at:

highschoolprograms@spcc.edu

704.296.5090

spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/

How?

Simply click the link below to join:
 Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- More!



PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- [CATA PTSO- The Cougar Council](http://www.cataptso.org)

Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](http://www.cataptso.org)

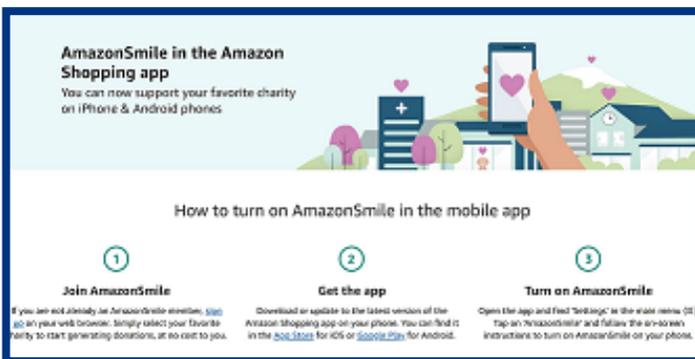
Click [HERE- PTSO APPLICATION/INVEST IN EXCELLENCE FORM](#)

Click [HERE- Online Invest in Excellence Donation Website](#)

HELLO CATA FAMILIES!! Please visit our CATA PTSO website www.cataptso.org for information including Invest in Excellence, PTSO Membership and more. Feel free to reach to us at catacougarcouncil@gmail.com with any questions, ideas or suggestions. We know this year will look very different for us all which is even more reason to get involved and stay informed.

NEW - MORE FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL:

Publix Partners has contributed \$37.7 million to more than 4,600 schools across the Southeast and YOU can help CATA receive some of those funds. Participating is easy, simply create or sign into your **Publix account** (www.publix.com/myaccount/register), click My Publix Partners at the top, and Central Academy of Technology & Arts as your school. That's IT! Then enter your phone number or use pay with the Publix app every time you check out. They'll give back to CATA just for shopping at Publix (it does not cost you any more to support CATA). **This is NEW so if you shop at Publix, please take a few minutes to sign up - thank you so much!**



Please consider supporting CATA by linking to these companies when you are shopping next time!

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(link to CATA using code 3612)

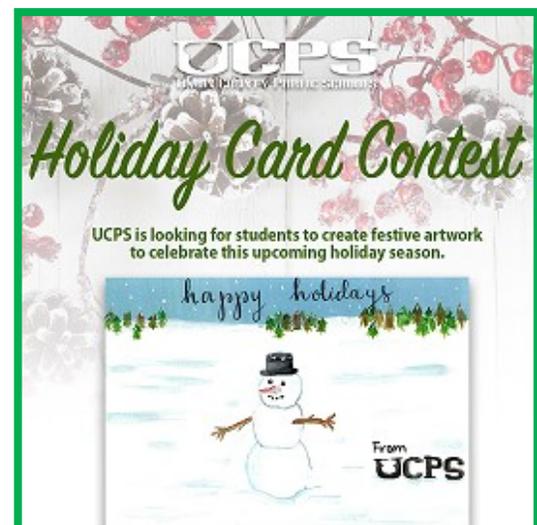
Amazon Smile

(<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>)

UPCS Holiday Card Contest

You have the opportunity to create the UCPS official holiday card.

[Click Here for the Guidelines](#)





Yearbooks, Senior Tributes, Technology Assistance,

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Yearbooks on sale >>>
Remember the year forever, buy the yearbook or ad today!

buy a yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$75.00
Senior tributes are also on sale!

IT'S YOUR LIFE. SHARE YOUR PHOTOS OF IT!

YEARBOOK SNAP

SNAP IT — SHARE IT — SEE IT!

Walsworth yearbooks

SCHEDULE YOUR SESSION TODAY!
cady.com/schedule

CA DY

Senior Pictures

Seniors, time is running out to schedule your senior portraits! You can sign up for a session at the studio in Matthews or for the Friday, November 13th session at the school but you **MUST** make an appointment for either place.

All senior pictures must be taken by December 1st in order to be included in the yearbook. After you get your photos taken, don't forget to go online and select the pose you'd like in the yearbook.

CA DY SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS cady.com/schedule

SCHEDULE NOW >
OUR SCHOOL'S EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHER

Technology Help Desk— Mr. Eddins

[Click Here for Assistance Form](#)

Email James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Links

[UCPS Technology Help Desk](#)

[UCPS Technology](#)

[Chromebook Start Up Link](#)

[Canvas Help](#)

Help Desk for Students:
Monday 8:30AM – 10:AM
Tuesday 12PM – 1:30PM
Wednesday 8:30AM – 10AM
Thursday 12PM – 1:30PM





School Safety, Attendance and Notes, Parking Passes, Bus Information

School Protocols Safety– [Click Here](#) Click [here](#) for state Guidelines

Attendance will be taken for student participation on their assigned day at school and virtually each day in Power School.

School is in session and students are expected to be in class or logged into a class session at the appropriate time each day unless otherwise stated.



Parking Passes One cannot drive and park at the school if they have not purchased a parking pass. Parking in any lot other than the student parking lot is not permitted. The process for purchasing parking pass is on FamilyID this year, an account will need to be created if you do not already have one. [Click here for FamilyID](#). Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who has outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via student UCPS email. Parking passes are \$45. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. [Andrea Nahum](#).



Bus Info: Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents

should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Attendance and Absence Notes:

Absence notes must be **emailed** and/or scanned to [Mr. William Smith](#) our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover some unexcused absences.

