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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Exam make up day is this Friday, May 28. Students must come to the school to take the appropriate EOC or CTE exam and arrive by 9:00 AM and all teacher made exams or exams to be taken at home should be taken between 9:05 and 11:05 AM.**
- ◆ **Seniors Returning Items to CATA:** This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Jiffy Pass, library materials, and other school owned items. Seniors should drop these items off in the main office by Friday 5/28 from the hours of 8 am until 4 PM. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation and receive their tickets. All items need to be returned and all owed fees paid no later than 5/28.
- ◆ **UPDATE: Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information:** An **updated** email was sent to each senior to their UCPS email account and parents received a Connect Ed. email. Click [here](#) to see the letter. The letter is posted on pages 3-6 in this edition. Health guidelines are subject to change and we will update as needed. Please read carefully. Each graduate is allowed **4 tickets** with a chance to request up to two more for a total of **6 tickets**. Each graduate will receive two parking passes. We encourage each family to use only one of the parking passes if possible. The request for one or two extra tickets closes on May 31. Please read the Spring Senior Letter for full details. [Click here](#) to make the extra ticket request.
- ◆ **Senior Name Pronunciations:** All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by Tuesday, May 25. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us. Students who have not done this will be called.
- ◆ Senior Theatre Show- Into the Woods will be performed on Friday, May 28 at 7:30 on the field next to the theatre. Admission is free!
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are on sale for \$85.00. We have less than 100 left to sell! Reserve your copy today! Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>. Books will be delivered to CATA in July and we will have a signing party on the pickup day. More details will be shared once the delivery date and plans are known. The delay is due to the athletic schedule.
- ◆ **Athletics:** See our athletics information on pages 9 & 10 in this edition for information on our weekly schedule. **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear:** [click here](#) to purchase.



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

Order your yearbook!

Books are \$85.00 and can be purchased online at yearbookforever.com. Less than 100 copies left!

The book will cover the full year including prom and graduation. Delivery date is scheduled for July with a signing party.

Spring Semester Exam Dates 2020-21

Friday, May 28- Make-up Exams– All students are remote, except those making up state EOC/CTE exams.

9:05 – 1:05 Make-up STATE exams in EOC and CTE Classes on site. **For State Exams** Plan A and Plan D must come to school.

9:05 AM to 11:05 AM- Make-up **Teacher Made Exam** Window- All Virtual

1:05 – 1:35 lunch – in café and gym

1:45 – 3:45: Bus riders will sit in the gym or café until time to leave school with masks and distance.

Exam Information

All students who take STATE EOC or some CTE Exams must take their exam in the school building. Some CTE exams cannot be exempted and must be taken at home. If a student does not complete their final State exam (EOC or CTE) or teacher made exam within the five-day window they will receive a final grade of 0 and it will be averaged into their final grade. Mask, social distance, and room capacity rules will apply. Student drivers must park in their assigned student parking lot spot. If you have not purchased a parking spot then you need to have a parent bring you to and pick you up from school. Please do not drive to school without a parking pass.

List of At School STATE Exams

EOC State Exams- Take at School

Must come to CATA to take

Biology

English II

Math I

Math III

CTE STATE Exams- Take at School

Must come to CATA to take

Apparel & Textile Prod I

Apparel & Textile Prod II

Automotive Service II

Automotive Service Fundamentals

Business Law Honors

Health Science I Honors

Principles of Business & Finance

CTE UCPS EXAMS: CANNOT BE EXEMPTED, BUT TAKEN AT HOME

Advanced Manufacturing I Honors

AP PLTW AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Audio Engineering Technology I Honors

Audio Engineering Technology II Honors

Autom Serv Engine Drivetrain LCO

Electronics AC

Introduction to Cyber Security

Network Engineering Technology III Honors

PLTW Biomedical Innovations - Honors

PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing -

PLTW Digital Electronics 3

PLTW Engineering Design & Development H

PLTW Human Body Systems Honors

PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design I

PLTW Medical Intervention Honors

PLTW Principles of Biomedical Sciences H

PLTW Principles of Engineering 2

Robotics Engineering I Honors



Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information

Dear Class of 2021,

We are very proud of every one of you. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

Graduation: Our graduation date is on **Friday, June 4, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium.** The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home page. The link is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUwtCM_9cYM

Tickets and Parking Passes: Each graduate is allowed 4 tickets with a chance to request up to two more for a total of 6 tickets. Each graduate will receive two parking passes. We encourage each family to use only one of the parking passes if possible. The request form for one or two extra tickets closes on June 1. [Click here](#) to make the extra ticket request.

Name Pronunciations: All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by Friday, May 14. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

Returning Items to CATA: This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Jiffy Pass, library materials, and other school owned items. Seniors may drop these items off in the main office starting Friday, 5/21 up until Friday 5/28 from the hours of 8 am until 4 PM. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation or receive tickets. All items need to be returned and all owed fees paid no later than 5/28.

Graduation Practice: There will be no graduation practice.

Attire: All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

Graduation Packet Pick Up Day and Senior Wall Signing: Thursday, June 3, 9-11 AM

-Senior Wall Signing and Hand Print: Seniors will enter the building through the 100 Hallway door close to the student parking lot. Students will wear a mask and follow distancing protocols. The counselor will then guide the students through the hand print and signing procedure. Students will exit the 100 hallway door closest to the front of the building and walk around the side of the media center to pick up graduation packets.

-Graduation Packets: Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps) and should be picked up under the covered outside area of the media center on the way back to the student parking lot after the wall signing. Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online past year technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper or on the online payment site in the correct specific area. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by May 16, 2021. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.



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Health Disclaimer for the Graduation Ceremony If students or their guests are sick or are awaiting testing results for an unknown potential virus, then please do not attend this event. Please do not endanger others. If you are sick or someone you are living with is awaiting test results, then please stay home. It is suggested to distance six feet or more. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines.**

Graduates, Staff, and Guests should not attend if they have experienced the following within 48 hours of the event.

Fever of 100.4 or above

New cough

Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

Chills

New muscle aches/body aches

Sore throat

Diarrhea or vomiting

New onset of severe headache

New loss of taste or smell

Have been within 6 feet of a person with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 for fifteen minutes or more cumulative over a 24 hour period

These protocols may also call for additional measures to be put in place based on future guidelines.

Graduation Day Procedures: We will use the home side permanent stands, visiting side temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. We encourage families to distance from other families. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines. No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking passes and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Robin Viar. robin.viar@ucps.k12.nc.us**

Entering the Stadium (You will need to refer to the attached map): There are two entrances for ticketed guests. The double swinging gate off of S Johnson Street/Washington Street is Gate A, and the double gates off of S Johnson Street on the home stadium side is Gate B (GATE B is also the handicap entrance). Students with the last name A-L will enter Gate A and Students with the last name M-Z will enter gate B. Students will pick up Diploma Packets from guidance then go directly to their assigned seat on the field. There is no processional. The four parents or guests must present tickets and will sit on the home/visiting side or be directed to the field to sit in chairs. Parents must sit where asked. We will begin filling in the top rows first, then come down. The bottom row will be for late arrivals. Handicap seating is on the home side in front of the gate on the field. **Entrance begins at 7 am and is shut down at 7:45 AM. We cannot accommodate late arrivals past 7:45.**

Diploma Packets: Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets before students and parents enter the stadium to the students. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial).



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Student Assigned Seats: Students will be sitting in Alphabetical Order by Academy (Which are in alphabetical order). There are 11 rows. A to L and seats numbered 1-20. If a student does not pick up a packet, then their seat will be skipped and their name will be marked off the list to be called to walk across the stage. Student names and seat numbers will be marked on each seat. Students will be with their parents when they get their packets and will be told their seat number. All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Speakers will sit in row A seats 1-6 and return to assigned seat with their academy after they speak. Students will move tassels, but are asked not to throw caps.

Photographer: The student will stop for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

No Processional but a Recessional: As students enter and take their seats, "Pomp and Circumstance" will be played continuously starting 30 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the administration and UCPS officials will exit the stage and walk toward the running gravel track on the home side. Then, staff will help rows of students to get up one row at a time to walk in a circle around the field and then exit to their cars. Parents must remain in their seats (or stand at their seats) and cannot come down to the gate. Staff will keep students spaced apart. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the campus. Staff will keep students spaced apart. Parents will be dismissed at various exits after the recessional. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the stadium. Students are not allowed to pose for pictures at Walter Bickett Stadium after the recessional due to traffic concerns. Parents and Students may go to the CATA campus and take photos outside of the building.

Parking and Directions: You will be directed where to park. No one may just park; someone will direct you where to park. Each graduate is allowed ONE parking pass and four guests. All graduates and guests should arrive in one car. If you have to meet another group, then you may go to CATA's main campus at 600 Brewer Drive and meet in the student parking lot to get into one car. This is due to parking limitations at the stadium. The parking pass must be displayed to enter the parking entrance which is off of **Washington Street. All cars must enter on Washington Street off of Lancaster Avenue.** An officer will be placed at each entry point to turn cars around who do not enter in this manner. Cars should have no more than five people. (Graduate and four guests, unless it is a family with more than one graduating student). Cars that do not have a pass displayed or have more than the allotted number of people will be asked to leave and return once the procedures are followed.

Cars will proceed around the block to park on Griffith Road until full on the right side of the road only, cars will continue to turn right and park on S. Johnson Street until full. **Note the spaces next to the stadium gate are for handicapped parking and the handicapped entrance will be the gate off of S. Johnson Street onto the field close to Gate B. Please display your handicapped sticker or email josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us if there is a special circumstance we need to accommodate.** Cars will then go into the parking lot off of S Johnson at Sunset Park, and once the lot is full cars will turn left and park on S Johnson Street on both sides. Cars will continue up South Johnson and when full, park on both sides of Bickett Street headed toward Sunset Drive. Cars will continue to come in and park on Washington Street on both sides going toward S. Johnson Street. Parking can be on both sides and in some turn spaces all the way back to Lancaster Avenue. Once this parking is exhausted then cars will park in the WBES parking lots under the direction of a staff member.

Cars must follow an exit pattern: Those on Griffith Road will go straight and turn left or right on Lancaster Avenue. Those on S. Johnson parked toward Griffith Road on both sides of the will exit by going straight and turning right on Griffith Road. Those on Washington Street on the right side will turn right on S. Johnson, go straight and turn right on Griffith Road. Those on the left side of Washington will go straight, turn left on South Johnson, then right on Bickett to exit left or right onto Sunset. Those in the WBES parking lot will turn right on to Washington Street and may exit to the right or left on S. Johnson and follow those exit patterns.

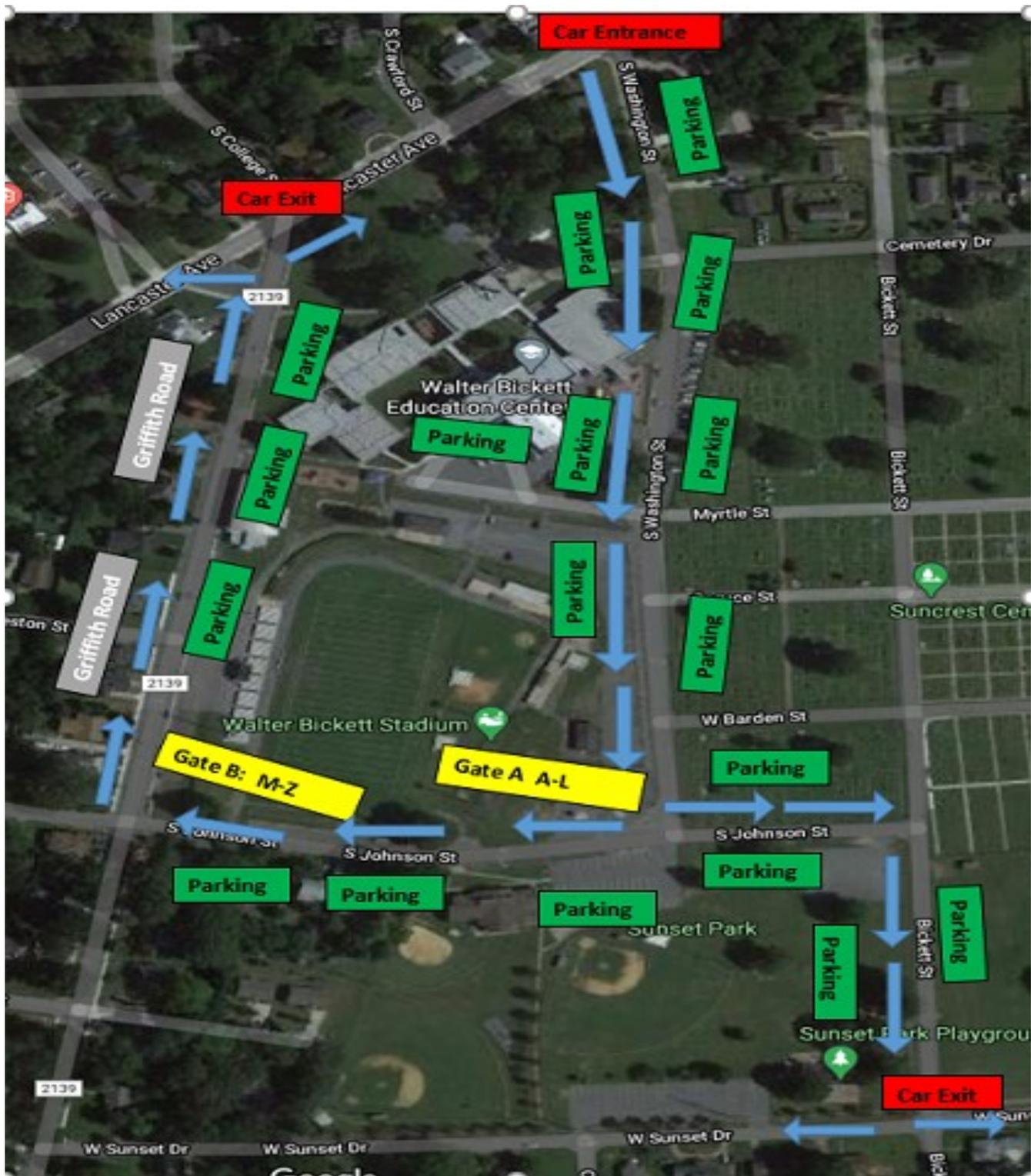
The paved area near the patron entrance at the corner of Washington and South Johnson: Gate A will NOT be used for parking to help traffic directors keep good line of site and to not clog up the entrance to Gate A.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

The map is on the next page.



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PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- [CATA PTSO– The Cougar Council](#)

Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](#)

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.

Seeking Scholarship Chair Information: The PTSO is looking for someone to chair the Scholarship Committee next year. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Fazzino at sarah.cataptso@outlook.com.

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

Harris Teeter Together in Education (link to CATA using code 3612)

Amazon Smile

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

Publix: Click [here](#) to register and choose cata as our school



The Counseling Department

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](#)



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>.

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Our 2021-2022
Yearbook
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We can't do it without YOU!

Email your counselor
to sign up

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 & Re-cording 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](#) [Click here for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons](#)

Last Week's Results:

Baseball: Loss vs Anson

Wrestling: Wins vs. Union Academy & Mount Pleasant

Women's Tennis: Loss vs Mount Pleasant

Track & Field: No events since last Chronicle

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 27th: AWAY – Baseball – Forest Hills – Double Header – 4:30/6:30 pm; AWAY – Women's Tennis – West Stanly – 4:00 pm; HOME – Wrestling vs. Monroe – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 1st: AWAY – Baseball @ Montgomery Central – 5:00 pm; AWAY – Track & Field @ Cuthbertson – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, June 2nd: HOME – Baseball vs. Montgomery Central – 4:30 pm

Thursday, June 3rd: AWAY – Women's Tennis @ Forest Hills – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 7th: Start of Summer Workouts; AWAY – Baseball – RRC Tournament – 1st Round – TBD

Tuesday, June 8th: AWAY – Track & Field – Montgomery Central – 10:00 am; AWAY – Women's Tennis – Montgomery Central – 4:00 pm

Thursday, June 10th: AWAY – Women's Tennis – Rocky River Tournament – Forest Hills – 10:00 am

Tuesday, June 15th: AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA Regionals – Mount Pleasant High School

Saturday, June 19th: AWAY – Track & Field – NCHSAA Regionals – Surry Central High School

Saturday, June 26th: AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA State Tournament – Wheatmore High School;
AWAY – Track & Field – NCHSAA States – NC A&T University

Parent Check List for Athletics: FamilyID for 2021-2022 will open on – JUNE 1st

FamilyID – Completed & Approved

Link: Please check the CATA Athletics website on June 1st for the new link

Must be done for summer workouts

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 1st – FamilyID opens for 2021-2022 school year

August 2nd – Official Start Date of FALL Sports

CATA Cougar Spirit Wear: [click here](#) to purchase.

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



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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
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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 – Marcus Winnegan – Email TBD
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Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
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Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball – Dwight Miller – Email - TBD
Women's Golf - TBD
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:

Baseball: April 12th – June 11th

Women's Tennis: April 12th – June 11th

Track & Field: April 12th – June 11th

Wrestling: April 12th – June 11th