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Dear CATA Family,

This is the first Cougar Chronicle Newsletter edition for the 2021-22 school year. In the coming weeks we will continue to communicate with you via this newsletter each Thursday, social media, and our website. **Please follow our social media sites which are linked in the icons above. More New Family Information is on page 8.**

Seniors and Senior Parents, Class of 2022 Information about your senior portraits: Seniors, it's time to get your senior yearbook photo taken! We have a road shoot that will be at **CATA on Wednesday, July 28th**. Go online to cady.com/book22 to schedule your session! You must register and schedule a session, no drop-ins. We need more students to sign up for the July date or it could be canceled due to low numbers. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. In addition, you can schedule an appointment at the CADY studio. **Please see detailed information on page 7 about Class of 2022 Senior Portraits.**

2020-21 Yearbook Information and Distribution: Less than 50 2020-21 are left for sale! Buy yours by [clicking here](#). Distribution day with a signing party will be **Monday, August 2** from 12-3 pm in The Den. Join the fun and get your 2020-21 book! Information about yearbooks for the upcoming 2021-22 year will be available when school starts in August.

11th Graders/Juniors ONLY, The PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION is available to you NOW. The test is on **October 13**, and is optional. UCPS will cover the cost for 11th graders who opt to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT. Only UCPS 11th graders are eligible to register. Students will have to be logged into their UCPS Google Drive to complete the form below by **August 10- no delay**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). See more details on page 4.

Parking Passes- are available for SENIORS ONLY on 8/12 and 8/13, during office hours 9 AM to 2 PM. No schedules will be give out on these days. Passes are sold to all students on Wednesday 8/18 with the following sale schedule: **Seniors 9-10, Juniors 10-11, Sophomores 11-12**. Information about **seniors painting parking spots** will be sent to seniors separately. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the **FamilyID** platform again this year. An account will need to be created if you do not already have one (This is what is used for athletics). A link to the application will be on the CATA website beginning on Thursday, 8/12 at 8:00 am. 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. **The PTSO will be sponsoring a Senior Parking Space Paint Party on Friday, August 20th for all Seniors. Pass holders will get an extra COOL treat. More details to follow.**

Student Schedules will be distributed by UCPS email for 10-12 grade students on August 16. Freshmen will receive a copy of their schedule at orientation on August 17. There is detailed information about schedules on **page 3**.

Schedule Corrections: Students will fill out the appropriate online form for a schedule change in August once it is released by guidance after the final schedules are released. **Please follow our procedures for schedules on page 3.**

New to UCPS Freshman Student Orientation is on Tuesday, August 17 for ALL new NINTH grade students who are new to UCPS at 10:00 AM in the media center. After this event the freshmen will go to the Freshman Orientation from 11-1. New to UCPS Freshman parents may choose to drop in to the gym from 10 to 10:30 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. **New to UCPS Students will receive Chromebooks and technology information at this time.**

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More Important Information from Page 1

Freshman Orientation is on Tuesday, August 17 for ALL NINTH grade students from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. Students will meet in our theatre. Parents should to drop students off. Freshman Orientation activities are for students only. Parents may choose to drop in to the gym from 11 to 11:30 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 Orientation (10th graders new to CATA) will be on Tuesday, August 17 from 1:30—2:30. Please meet in room 401—or what we call “the fishbowl”. Parents are welcome to drop in to the guidance office between 1:30-2:00 to ask questions about school procedures. Feel free to just drop your student off.

Open House for all current 10th-12 grade students—Wednesday, August 18, 9:00—12:00 PM. Purchase lockers, bus information, spirit wear, senior shirts and signs, and parking passes (see Priority Times on page 2). Lockers can be rented for \$5 for the year. Schedules will be emailed to students through their UCPS email.

Senior Night: Please see information on Page 4.

School starts on Monday, August 23! Students should arrive by 8:55 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 (homerooms) first. Lists will be posted in the hall. Our **bell schedule** for this year is the same as last year. Our school time is from 9:05-3:45. Please [click here](#) for the bell schedule or go to **page 8**.

Bus information will be sent out the week before school begins. We need to know what details about your student's transportation status for the 21-22 school year. We understand that things may change as the year goes on, however, this information will be very helpful for the beginning of the year. Please [click here](#) and fill out this form if a bus is needed.

Seniors and Senior Parents: Attention Rising Seniors - **Senior T-Shirts, Yard Signs and Event Passes** are now available to order by clicking [here](#). This is a great way to show your CATA Senior Spirit and enjoy special treats throughout the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to PTSO (catacougarcouncil@gmail.com). **An order form is in this edition on page 6.**

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 and new sophomore students will read: “A Separate Peace” by John Knowles.** 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 returning 10-12 graders [click here](#) to see which book you chose to read.**

Open House: This is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 from 6-8 PM. More details will be given once we have further information about how this will look. **Student Life Organizations and Clubs:** We will have a Student Life Fair the Second week of school.

AP Summer Assignments and reading: Please click [here](#) to for a list of the assignments

Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#). Our fall sports are currently having work out sessions. Please contact our athletic director if you have questions. [Rachael Petre](#) is our new athletic director. Athletic gear will be on sale at our orientations and we will have details about the online store in the coming weeks. **Cheerleading Tryout Information– [Click HERE](#)**

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 Counseling Department

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

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

New Counselor Introduction

The Counseling Department would like to welcome Stephanie Graham to our team. Ms. Graham will be the counselor for the Medical Sciences and Transportation Academies. Students in those academies should contact her for assistance. We encourage you to stop by and say hi and welcome her to the CATA family. Ms. Graham is from Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended Western Carolina University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation with a Minor in Music. She earned her Master of Arts in Counseling at UNCC. Since 2006, Ms. Graham has been counseling children and adolescents in public and private school settings from K-12 grades. From 2014-2018, she worked as an international school counselor in Southeast Asia: Taiwan for three years serving as the 1st-12th grade counselor, and a short-term assignment in Myanmar as a college counselor. Her hobbies include playing the piano, hiking, biking, and spending time with friends and family. She is excited to be joining the CATA Guidance Team.



Student Schedules/Schedule Corrections

Counselors will be diligently working on schedules during July and August. All schedules are not final until you receive a copy of it. If you are somehow able to view your schedule in PowerSchool it is NOT correct or complete. **Freshmen and new 10th graders will receive a copy of their schedule at orientation on August 17. All students in 9th-12th grade will be emailed a copy of their schedule on August 16.**

Students will either receive the classes they selected during registration last Spring or students will see **"Please See Counselor"** in their schedule. We will not randomly give 10th-12th grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter **"Please See Counselor"** as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict that needs to be discussed with the student. If a student has **"Please See Counselor"** in their schedule, they will have the opportunity to meet with their counselor in-person on **August 19 and August 20 from 12:00pm – 3:30pm.**

If a student does not have **"Please See Counselor"** in their schedule then the student received the courses they selected during registration in the Spring. Students who do not have **"Please See Counselor"** in their schedule but would like to request a correction to their schedule for a valid specified reason will have the opportunity to do so during the **Schedule Correction** process.

The **Schedule Correction** form will be open from **August 23 to August 27.** More information on this process is forthcoming.

We ask that you please respect the process and not email the School Counselors to inquire about schedule changes throughout the summer as School Counselors do not work full time in the summer. They look forward to filling schedule holes in 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. All schedule correction requests must be entered into the Schedule Correction form that will be open the first five days of school.

More Counseling Information on the next page.....



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[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](#)

Senior Night

The Counseling Department will host **Senior Night** on **September 7 at 7:00pm in the auditorium** (directly after Open House). This event is for all seniors and their families. Attendance is strongly encouraged as counselors will review important information about senior year. Topics will include college applications, scholarships/financial aid, Scoir, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and more. *After senior night, throughout the month of September, counselors will meet individually with every senior to discuss their senior year and post-high school plans. Seniors will receive information during senior night that will be important for their individual counselor meetings. Again, attendance is strongly encouraged. Please contact your assigned counselor with any questions. We will have limited space and senior families will need to sign up. We will send out a link to sign up later in August.*

11th Graders/Juniors ONLY, The PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION is available to you NOW- do not delay!

Here's what you need to know about the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test:

- **October 13, 2021**, PSAT/NMSQT will be promoted as **OPTIONAL** for any 11th grader who wishes to participate.
- UCPS will cover the cost for 11th graders who opt to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Only UCPS 11th graders are eligible to register.

Students will have to be logged into their UCPS Google Drive to complete the form below by **August 10- no delay**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Who should I contact with questions about the PSAT/NMSQT?

Principal Vicki Merritt- vicki.merritt@ucps.k12.nc.us (available anytime)

AP Testing Coordinator- angelia.turner@ucps.k12.nc.us (available after the start of the school year).

CATA Counseling 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 Cole](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Sarah Goodwin](#): Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

[Stephanie Graham](#): Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



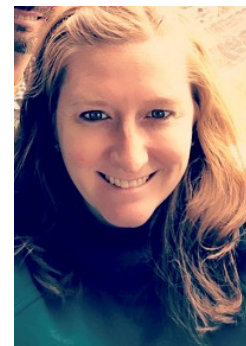
COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach [Rachael Petre](#).

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](#)

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

Meet our New Athletic Director: Rachael Petre: I am excited to be joining the Cougar Family as the new Athletic Director. Over the past fourteen years, I have been a multi-sport and multi-season coach. I look forward to stepping into this new role by bringing the experiences I have had as a coach and veteran teacher. I look forward to growing the athletic department at CATA and continuing to strive for excellence in both academics and sports.



Cheerleading Tryout Information– [Click HERE](#).

News & Information: Summer Workout Information – All summer workout information can be found on the [CATA Athletics Webpage](#) on the right hand side in either a PDF or link to a google site. If you cannot find your sport or have any questions please contact your sports coach (see list below).

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA physical form for the 2021-2022 school year is on our athletics website under forms– [click here](#).

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2021-2022 school year, then 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 [HERE](#)

Fall Sports Parent Night – Tuesday, August 10 @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium or will be held virtually. More details to come.

Season Passes– Details Coming Soon

Fall Sports Kick Off Event – Details Coming Soon

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Victoria Zeiher – victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin-shane.griffin@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 – Victoria Zeiher – victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – – Dwight Miller- dwightmlr57@gmail.com

Men's Basketball – – Marcus Winnegan- mwinnegan86@gmail.com

Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Sports Contact Information:

Baseball – TBD

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

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online soon. We will keep you updated.

Cheerleading Tryout Schedule

Summer Workouts:

- July 27th, 28th, 29th 8am-10am
- August: 3rd, 4th 8am-10am

Cheer Clinic:

- Aug 5th 5:30pm-7:30pm

Cheer Clinic/Mock Tryout:

- Aug 6th 3pm-5pm

Cheer Tryouts:

- Aug 7th 1pm-3pm





CLASS OF '22 ORDERS



CATA CLASS OF 2022 Senior Package Order Form

Your PTSO is offering senior t-shirts, yard signs, and the Senior Events Committee has planned BONUS activities to make this year full of special memories for the Class of 2022. These BONUS activities will be available to Senior Event Pass Holders only! We are offering all senior items separately or bundled with a discount for your convenience.

PACKAGE PRICING:

Senior Items	Maroon	Navy
Senior Event Pass		✓
PTSO Membership	✓	✓
Senior Class T-Shirt	✓	✓
CATA Senior Yard Sign	✓	✓
PACKAGE PRICING	\$ 30	\$ 60

ORDER FORM:

PLEASE ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.CATAPTSO.ORG OR FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE OR THE DEN/MEDIA CENTER.

PACKAGE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Maroon	\$30		\$
Navy	\$60		\$
Purchase Indi or Add-on to Package Above			
Senior Class Shirt	\$15		\$
CATA Senior Yard Sign	\$20		\$
Senior Event Pass	\$30		\$
TOTAL PAYMENT:			\$

SENIOR EVENT PASS

Don't miss out on the fun!

BONUS activities will be available to SENIOR PASS HOLDERS ONLY! These events may include:

- Ice Cream Social
- Parking Space Paint Party
- Bowling
- Drive-In Movie
- Many more surprise events during and after school!

SENIOR SHIRT

FRONT

BACK

SENIOR YARD SIGN

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ORDERS PLACED BY JULY 16TH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT OUR 1ST SENIOR EVENT

2022 Senior Name: _____

Student PERSONAL Email: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ T-Shirt Size (if ordering above): _____

Package Type: _____ Payment: \$ _____ Online Cash Check # _____



Senior Portraits

Seniors, it's time to get your senior yearbook photo taken! **We have a road shoot that will be at CATA on Wednesday, July 28th.** Go online to <https://cady.com/book22> to schedule your session! You must register and schedule a session, no drop-ins. We need more students to sign up for the July date or it could be canceled due to low numbers. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. Follow the directions below to sign up to get your picture taken.

1. CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews. There will also be a photoshoot at CATA on Wednesday, July 28th.
 2. When you go to the website, search for Central Academy, pick an additional scene, and then click continue.
 3. 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.
 4. Your session fee (sitting fee) is the fee you are paying for the photographers to take your picture and there are a lot of different priced options with multiple locations, dedicated photographers, makeup artists, etc. This fee DOES NOT pay for any of the photos that you might want. You will have to purchase your photos after you receive your proofs.
 5. Make sure to remove any pre-checked items you do not want such as double proofs, retouching, etc.
 6. Select your date and time, create an account, and pay the sitting fee.
 7. Show up for your appointment date and time you selected to get your pictures taken.
 8. 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.
 9. Remember, we want 100% of our seniors represented in this book but we can't do it without you.
 10. Yearbook and senior tribute orders can be placed once school starts in the fall. The yearbook is always at its lowest price the first week of school so order early to get the best deal!
- If you have questions about senior pictures, please contact CADY Studios. If you have questions about other issues, contact Ms. Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us.

CADY IT'S TIME TO SCHEDULE YOUR
CADY.COM **SENIOR PORTRAITS**



WE WILL BE COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL ON:

JULY 28th

DON'T GET LEFT OUT OF YOUR SENIOR YEARBOOK!
 SCHEDULE YOUR SESSION ONLINE TODAY AT

[CADY.COM/BOOK22](https://cady.com/book22)



Information for New CATA Families

Bell Schedule

1st Period: 9:05 - 10:35
2nd Period: 10:40 - 12:10
3rd Period: 12:15-2:10
A Lunch: 12:10 to 12:35
B Lunch: 12:42 to 1:07
C Lunch: 1:14 to 1:39
D Lunch: 1:46 to 2:10
4th Period: 2:15 to 3:45

- School day hours: 9:05-3:45 (Class starts at 9:05, students should all **arrive by 8:55** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:40—8:55 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by the 3rd block teacher. We will inform students of their lunch time on the first day of school.
- 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 8/19.
- 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 do not 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 or emailed within three days of an absence to [Mr. William Smith](#).
- 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 6.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.
- Please take the time to read or browse the Cougar Chronicle each week. All important school information is in the newsletter.