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Dear CATA Family,

-Homecoming Week: Please check out **page 4** for details. We will feature pictures from Homecoming week next week.

-Homecoming Court Nominations- The court will be presented and crowned at the homecoming Soccer game on Friday, October 22. The first 50 CATA students will receive a vuvuzela horn. The game starts at 7:00 PM. Buy your tickets: [Click Here](#)

-NCTC Shows- The CATA Performing Arts Theatre presents Dracula and Trojan Women as a part of our North Carolina Theatre Conference competition performances at CATA on Thursday, October 28 at 7 PM in the Theatre. Tickets are \$5. [Click here](#) to purchase.

-Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. The Fall Senior Letter will go out next week more senior information.

-2022 Yearbooks are now available to order! [Click HERE](#) and search for CATA. The price is \$70 until January 1.

-Site Based Management Team (SBMT): Students and Parents needed. If you are interested in serving on our Site Based Management Team then please email [Dr. Wall](#) by Friday, Oct. 22. **We are in need of two students and one parent to serve.** The purpose of SBMT is to enhance student achievement and give faculty, students, and parents a voice in school-based decisions.

-CLNA Survey for CTE: Every two years our CTE department asks all UCPS parents to complete the required Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Surveys. The data received from these surveys is required by the state in order to continue to receive funding for our CTE courses and to help shape future pathway and work-based learning opportunities for all UCPS students. The survey is anonymous and will not be shared with individuals outside of UCPS. We ask that parents take 10 minutes out of their schedule this week to complete these required surveys. [Click here:](#) Parent Survey.

-Senior Tributes: for the Yearbook: Senior students and families, if you would like to purchase a senior tribute remember that the deadline to place your order and pay is **Friday, October 22**. Order and pay online: [Click HERE](#). Search for CATA. Click "Create a Personal Ad" at the bottom. (Make sure your pop up or ad blocker is turned off to see the link.). You do not have to upload pictures when you place your order and pay. Just enter some text in the required text boxes and then on the top right click on the "I will deliver photos to the school at a later date" link to skip uploading pictures. You can either email the photos or upload them to the Google form by November 19th. Please complete this Google Form: [Click HERE](#) with additional information about your senior tribute order.

-ATTENTION SENIOR PASS HOLDERS* GET READY! Your next Senior Pass Holder event will be on Friday, October 29, immediately after school. Please stop by the Senior Pass holder table outside the front office on your way out the door for treats, TREATS or BIG TREATS for a special holiday surprise.

Senior Movie Night—Seniors, vote for your choice of movie to be shown at the PTSO Senior Movie Night on November 10th. Voting ends on 10/29. All seniors were emailed voting information.

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 8** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

-Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#).

-Spirit Wear: [Click here](#) to purchase. We are doing a pre-order for hoodies (only this year's design) Pre-ordering is still done through the online spirit wear store and is offered until Oct. 31.

-Student Life announcements on **page 2**.

-Senior Class of 2022 Information is on **Page 3**.

-Counseling Center and Career Development Coordinator Information: Announcements and information on Pages 5-7.

- PTSO Information: Page 9

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





Student Life Information



Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Homecoming Pep Rally: Friday, October, 22, 4th period.

Homecoming Soccer Game: Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM

Homecoming Dance, Saturday: Saturday, October 23, 8-11 PM, CATA field next to student parking.

Maker Club: EVERY FRIDAY, at 4:00 PM in Room 525

Yearbook Club meeting: Monday, October 25 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

Fashion Club: Monday, October 25 at 4 in Rm. 616

Society of Women Engineers Meeting, Monday, October 25 at 4 in Rm. 505

Yearbook Club meeting: Tuesday, October 26 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

Rho Kappa General meeting: Wednesday, October 27, 8:30 AM Rm. 604

Speech and Debate: Thursday, October 28 at 3:45 in Rm. 601

NHS Officer Meeting: Friday, October 29, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 29 in the Staff Parking Lot, 4:30 to 6:15

YEARBOOK *2022 Yearbooks* **YEARBOOK**
Now on Sale!

Yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00
 The price increases to \$80 on 1/1/2022
 Senior tributes are also on sale!
 Payment due by 10/22/2021
 Photos and message due by 11/19/2021

The Den Digest

- Check out the [Virtual Learning Commons](#) and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.
- Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold or stop into the media center and check one out.
- Need a calculator? [Click HERE](#) and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or science teacher.
- Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog by [Clicking HERE](#)
- Interested in joining a Battle of the Books team? Fill out the interest form at <https://bit.ly/HBOB2122>. Learn more by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/CATAHBOB>.



Senior Class of 2022 Information



ATTENTION SENIOR PASS HOLDERS GET READY! Your next Senior Pass Holder event will be on Friday, October 29, immediately after school. Please stop by the Senior Pass holder table outside the front office on your way out the door for treats, TREATS or BIG TREATS for a special holiday surprise.

Senior Cap and Gown Orders: Jostens was on campus last week during lunches taking orders for Graduation products, caps and gowns, and ring orders. Each senior was emailed a link to order through their UCPS Account as well along with an informational form. Please [click here](#) to order if you did not purchase items at school. Caps and gowns are required for the graduation ceremony.

Senior Tributes:

Order and pay online: [Click HERE](#)

1. Search for CATA. Click "Create a Personal Ad" at the bottom. (Make sure your pop up or ad blocker is turned off to see the link.)
2. You do not have to upload pictures when you place your order and pay. Just enter some text in the required text boxes and then on the top right click on the "I will deliver photos to the school at a later date" link to skip uploading pictures.
3. You can either email the photos or upload them to the Google form by November 19th. Please complete this Google Form: [Click HERE](#) with additional information about your senior tribute order.

Seniors and Senior Parents, Class of 2022 Information about your senior portraits: Seniors, it's time to get your senior portraits and yearbook photo taken! Go online to cady.com/book22 to schedule your session! CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews where your photos are taken. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. **Wednesday, October 20th is the second chance day for seniors to get their picture taken at CATA, and students have to sign up with CADY for this session.**

1. CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews.
 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.



Homecoming 2021

Spirit Days

Friday: **Color Wars: Seniors Black, Juniors White, Sophomores, Navy Blue, Freshmen, Maroon**

Homecoming Week Events

Homecoming Pep Rally: Friday, October, 22, 4th period.

Homecoming Soccer Game: Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM, **The Court will be crowned at half time.**

Homecoming Dance, Saturday: Saturday, October 23, 8-11 PM, CATA field next to student parking. Tickets are \$15 per individual and \$25 for two. Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets. Non CATA student forms are in the front office and due by Oct. 21. Once you have paid then [click here to register](#) for the event. You will receive a ticket once you arrive and check in.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND COLOR WARS

Wear your class
color!

Freshmen: Maroon **Sophomores:** Navy

Juniors: White **Seniors:** Black

Staff: Tie Dye

The pep rally will be held during
4th block!





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](#)

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)



Future Prep is offering FREE live online proctored SAT practice tests throughout October. Click on the SAT Picture above to sign up. This is a great way to get free practice and diagnostic feedback to prepare for the real exam.

SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for an information session that will cover everything you need to know about the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.

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!

DATES & TIMES

The second Tuesday of each month during the fall semester via Microsoft Teams (Virtual Sessions)

September 14th @ 6 pm
October 12th @ 6 pm
November 9th @ 6 pm

HOW TO ATTEND:

Simply click the link below to join:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

CONTACT INFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at:
sep@spcc.edu
704.290.5090

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

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

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_Athletic](#)

Last Week's Results

Thursday, Oct 14: JV FB 8 - Pageland 6; Soccer 3 - West Stanly 1; VB loses to Parkwood

Monday, Oct 18: RRC Volleyball Tourney - CATA loses to Forest Hills in first round of the Conference Tournament

Tuesday, Oct 19: Soccer 0 - Monroe 2; XC RRC Championships- CATA Men's & Women's XC takes 2nd place

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Oct 22 - HOCO Soccer Game (H) Soccer vs. Garringer 5:30/7:00 PM;(A) Tennis 3A Regionals @ Lee Myers Park (Concord)

Saturday, Oct 23: (A) Tennis 3A Regions TBA @ Concord

Tuesday, Oct 26:(A) 2nd Round Tennis Team Dual -TBA ; (A) Soccer @ Forest Hills 6:30PM

Thursday, Oct 28: (H) Soccer vs. Parkwood 5:30 PM; (A) JVFB @Parkwood 6:30 PM

Friday, Oct 29: (A) Tennis 3A States TBA

Saturday, Oct 30 : (A) XC Regionals @ Salisbury; (A) Tennis 3A States TBA

News & Information

Tennis Coach of the Year: Congratulations to Coach Terry Lewis on being named Rocky River Conference Coach of the Year for Tennis!

Tennis All Conference: Congratulations to Lauren Johnson, Cora Sokhi, & Emily Adams for being named to the Rocky River All-Conference Tennis Team. Also, congratulations to Caroline Herndon & Erin Collins for being named to the Honorable Mention Tennis team.

Winter Sports: Official start date for winter sports will be **November 1**. Winter sports include: *men's basketball, women's basketball, indoor track, wrestling, cheerleading, & swimming*. You must have an updated physical on file & completed Family ID to participate in tryouts.

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

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](#).

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#).

Season Sports Passes - Go to [CATA Athletics Website](#) for Season Pass Information.

Student All Sports Pass - \$40, Parent All Sports Pass - \$100, Parent Fall Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Fall 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 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

Preseason Workouts/Info:

Wrestling - Tues/Thurs in Oct 3:45 - 5:00 PM. Contact

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

M. Basketball - Preseason workouts: 10/26, 10/27, 10/28. 6-8 PM.

W. Basketball - Preseason workouts: 10/26 4:00-6:00 PM.

Baseball - preseason workouts: 10/27, 10/29. 4:00 - 5:30

Spring 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



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Save the Dates

Senior Movie Night will be on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Bring your blankets, your lawn chairs, your lovey and your senior friends as you cuddle up under the stars and enjoy a movie. What if it rains? Don't worry – we've got a back up plan! We'll keep you nice and dry as you enjoy Senior Movie Night in the gym! Senior Pass holders will receive free concessions. All seniors are welcome to bring snacks and drinks from home. Look for your chance to vote on the Senior Movie Night movie next week.

SeniorsGiving will be on Thursday, November 18 during 4th Block. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Come join your senior friends as you give back by participating in a service project together. More information on this event will follow in the coming weeks.

Hello CATA Families!

We streamline all our fundraising efforts into our **Invest in Excellence campaign**. This is our simple, one-time straightforward way for individuals, families, and businesses to invest in the excellence of CATA. 100% of the money donated is invested in CATA.

Below you will find the link to the **Invest in Excellence** page on our website. You can pay with your credit card online or you can write a check (Contact the PTSO email below). Remember, your Invest in Excellence donation includes your PTSO Membership! But don't worry, you also have the opportunity to purchase the PTSO Membership separately if you wish – we want EVERY family to be part of the PTSO.

Click Here to Invest in Excellence: <https://cataptso.org/shop/>

Want to get more involved? When you fill out the online form, we also have an opportunity for you to tell us how you'd like to volunteer. As we have programs, projects, or events where we need help, this will be the first list we reach to. We are always open to new ideas and know each family at CATA makes a difference. Please feel free to reach out at any time – we'd love to hear from you, our email is catacougarcouncil@gmail.com.

CATA PTSO

Website: www.cataptso.org

Facebook: @catacougarcouncil

Twitter: @CATA_ptso

Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

Items to Remember

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 up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence.



Bus Transportation: 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](#)



Parking Passes— are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform “**FamilyID**” An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://bit.ly/3s9faWh>



Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#), our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number. Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.



CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. [Click here](#)

-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. [Click here to view.](#)

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: [Click here](#) and go to pages 21-23.



Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com

Technology Help Desk

[Email:James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519

Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
 Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
 Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
 Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
 Friday 9AM – 10:30AM

