



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

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Dear CATA Family,

**-Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Casey Starkey!** She was one of three finalist selected by our faculty and faculty committee! Ms. Watts and Ms. Casey were our other two finalists! This is Ms. Starkey's third year at CATA as our theater teacher!

**-Major Clarity-** This is a career management tool overview for parents on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00 PM. Register by [clicking here](#). This is an online event.

**-Winter Sports Parent Meeting:** Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM in the Theater. This meeting is required for any winter sports athletes and parent(s).

The Social Studies Honor Society will be hosting a **canned food drive** during 2nd block classes November 8-12. Bring in any non-perishable food items. All donations will be sent to HOPE for Union County and provide local families in need with food during the holidays. Whichever 2nd block has the most items will receive Krispy Kreme donuts!

**-Covered Canvas-** The CATA Performing Arts Department Dance Program in cooperation with our Art Classes present Covered Canvas on Friday and Saturday, November 19-20. This is an event in which the dance is interpreted in student created art. The Art will be bid on after the show! Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased by [clicking here](#).

**-Senior Movie Night Under the Stars** is NEXT WEDNESDAY, November 10 at 6:00 pm. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Seniors, bring your chairs, blankets and senior besties and enjoy an evening at the movies. Senior Pass holders will receive FREE CONCESSIONS and drinks. All seniors are welcome to bring snacks and drinks from home. Due to licensing limitations, this is a SENIOR EVENT only. We would also love to kick off the holiday season with a SeniorsGiving, a wonderful opportunity for our Seniors to give back to the community. Seniors, if you are able, please bring a new, unwrapped toy, socks or gloves to donate.

**-Help needed-** We are in search of a Social Studies teacher, a Pre Engineering teacher, head baseball coach, head softball coach, head and assistant football coaches, and substitute teachers, and CDL bus drivers. Please email Dr. Wall if you are qualified for these positions or know someone who may be interested, so we can start the application process.

**-Class of 2022 Graduation Date:** Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

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

**-Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 5** 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.

**-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.**

**-PTSO Information: Page 6.**

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

The **GSA** at CATA will be holding their first meeting November 10th, 2021 at 3:45 in the Den. Come out and meet some incredible people and see what we are all about.

**Minority Student Union:** Friday, November 5 at 8:30 AM, Media Center

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

**Society of Women Engineers:** Monday, November 8, 4:00 Rm. 505

**Yearbook Club** meeting: Monday, November 8 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

**Fashion Club:** Monday, November 8 at 4 in Rm. 616

**BETA Club General Meeting:** Tuesday November 9 at 8:30 AM and 3:45 in the Media Center

**Yearbook Club** meeting: Tuesday, November 9 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

**Speech and Debate:** Thursday, November 11 at 3:45 in Rm. 601

**ESports:** Friday, November 12 at 4:00 in Rm. 217.

**2022 Yearbooks  
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

**NONPERISHABLE  
FOOD DRIVE**

**NOVEMBER 8TH - 12TH**  
THE 2ND BLOCK WITH THE MOST DONATIONS  
**WINS KRISPY KREME!**

By Phi Kappa on behalf of HOPE for the  
Christmas Bureau of Union County

## 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.

**Class of 2022 Graduation Date:** Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

**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:**

There is less than a page of space left for senior tributes. Contact Deb Christensen at [deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you are interested in purchasing a tribute. This is the last chance to recognize your senior in the yearbook! **All picture and text are due by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us).



# College and Career Corner

## Information from the Counseling Department

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



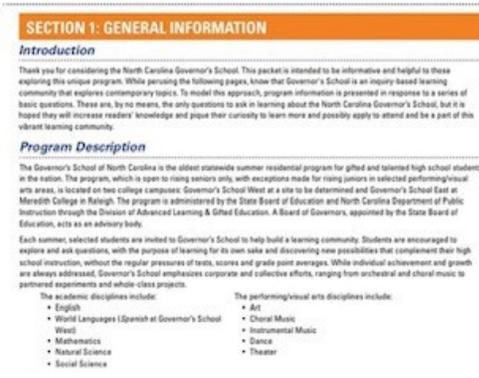
[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

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

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

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

*Click on the Pictures and Ads for more information*



**Study Abroad** in High School in Germany for a year with a host family. [Click here](#) if you are interested in more information and for the application.

**Free Speech Essay Contest** for Juniors and Seniors. This involves a scholarship. [Click here](#) if you are interested. [Click here](#) to apply.

**DAR Good Citizens Program:** Recognizes students who demonstrate dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Please [click here](#) to complete the nomination form if interested. The student selected will be eligible for a scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information.

**NC Governor's School:** If you are interested, then please contact [Ms. Goodwin](#) in the Counseling Center for more information.



### 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 News & Information](#)

## Last Week's Results

**Wednesday, Oct 27:** JVFB 38 - Parkwood 16

**Thursday, Oct 28:** Soccer 9 - Parkwood 0

*\*\*With this win the Cougars won the 2A/3A Rocky River Conference Championship!\*\**

**Saturday, Oct 30:** XC boys finish 7th at the 3A Regionals @Salisbury; XC Women finish 8th at the 3A Regionals @Salisbury

*\*\*\*Congratulations to Grace Lane for finishing 3rd to advance to the 3A XC State meet!\*\*\**

**Monday, Nov 1:** 1st Round of Soccer State Playoffs: CATA 4 - N. Davidson 2

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, Nov 4:** 2nd Round of Soccer State Playoffs: (H) vs. Ledford 6:00 PM

**Saturday, Nov 6:** NCHSAA 3A XC States: Good Luck to Grace Lane!

**Tuesday, Nov 9:** Winter Sports Parent Meeting: 7:00PM in the Auditorium

**Friday, Nov 12:** Cheer Tryouts for Winter Season

**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.

**Winter Sports Parent Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 9th at 7:00PM in the Auditorium. This meeting is required for any winter sports athletes and parent(s).

**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

### Winter Contact Information:

**Cheerleading** – Victoria Zeiher – [victoria.zeiher@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.zeiher@gmail.com)

**Indoor Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Basketball** – Dwight Miller – [dwrightmlr57@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightmlr57@gmail.com)

**Men's Basketball** – Marcus Winnegan – [mwinnegan86@gmail.com](mailto:mwinnegan86@gmail.com)

**Swimming** – Sally Goodwin – [sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Spring Contact Information:

**Baseball** – TBD

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)

**Softball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)



### **Save the Dates**

**Senior Movie Night Under the Stars** is NEXT WEDNESDAY, November 10 at 6:00 pm. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Seniors, bring your chairs, blankets and senior besties and enjoy an evening at the movies. Senior Pass holders will receive FREE CONCESSIONS and drinks. All seniors are welcome to bring snacks and drinks from home. Due to licensing limitations, this is a SENIOR EVENT only. We would also love to kick off the holiday season with a SeniorsGiving, a wonderful opportunity for our Seniors to give back to the community. Seniors, if you are able, please bring a new, unwrapped toy, socks or gloves to donate.

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](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com).

### **CATA PTSO**

**Website:** [www.cataptso.org](http://www.cataptso.org)

**Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil

**Twitter:** @CATA\_ptso

**Email:** [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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

