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Dear CATA Family,

-Fall Exam Schedule: [Click HERE](#) or see it posted on **pages 8 and 9**. **We do have major changes.**

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10. **Make-Up Exams: Friday, January 14, 9:05-1:05:** Only students taking make up exams are expected to come to school. Students taking teacher made exams or required at home CTE Exams should take their exams on Canvas during the exam time window. Students taking EOC and CTE Exams they are required to take at the school must come to school to make up exam.
11. **Be sure to double check with your teachers about exams, click on the link provided above, and read the Exam Schedules and procedures in this newsletter on Pages 8 and 9**

-All calculators that were checked out first semester need to be returned to the Den to get ready for testing next week. There are still about 100 calculators outstanding and we need them back or we will not have enough for testing.

-Second Semester Schedule Changes: The Schedule Change Google Form will open the first day of the second semester, January 19. Please do not email your counselors with schedule corrections requests at this time.

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 5** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

Please check out the links to the **winter sports fundraiser websites** on **Page 5**.

-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 & Career Development Information: Announcements and information on Page 4.

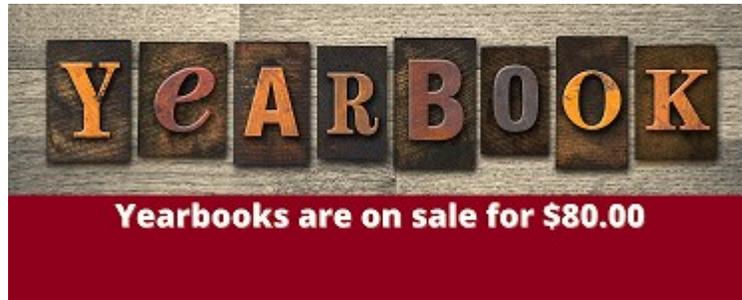
-PTSO Information: Page 6. Media Center Information– The DEN on Page 6

-School Procedure Information Page 7

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



CATA wants to congratulate **Jared Janpol** on performing in the North Carolina Honor's Chorus on November 7, 2021. Of the singers that audition, only 10% of each High School Choir is allowed to audition, and of those singers, only 10% of those singers are chosen. On top of that huge accomplishment and honor, Jared is the first singer from CATA to ever perform in this choir. Once again, congratulations to Jared on performing this incredibly prestigious choir!

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

ESports: Friday, January 7 at 4 PM in Rm. 217

Minority Student Union: Friday, January 7 at 8:30 AM, Media Center





Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

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: 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.





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

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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_Athletics](#)

Last Week's Results

WBB 28 - 24 Corvian

MBB 43 - Corvian 72

Smoky Mountain Wrestling Tournament Results

-CATA places 2nd as a team

-Kyle Montaperto, Aiden Curry, Brady Ross, & Loga Fite take 1st place

-Kyle Montaperto named Most Outstanding Wrestler

-Elijah Hariis takes 2nd place

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Jan 7: (H) BB vs. Monroe 5:00/6:00/7:30 PM

Saturday, Jan 8: (A) SWIM @ West Stanly YMCA 1PM; (A) Wrestling @ Mooresville Tournament

Thursday, Jan 13: (A) Wrestling @ Parkwood 6:30 PM

Friday, Jan 14: (A) BB @ Anson 5:00/6:00/7:30 PM; (A) Wrestling @ Mountain Island Charter Tournament

Saturday, Jan 15: (A) Wrestling @ Mountain Island Charter Tournament

News & Information

Coaches Needed: CATA is looking for a Head Softball Coach, an assistant softball coach & a baseball assistant coach. Please email our Athletic Director if you know anyone who is interested.

Cheerleading: Please give a big Cougar welcome to Ms. Arionna Johnson and Ms. Victoria Croft to our athletic program. Coach Johnson will be the new Varsity Cheer Coach and Ms. Croft will be the new JV cheer coach.

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

Winter Sports Parent Meeting: Thank you to all that attended. Here is the [LINK](#) to the Parent Contact Info Google Form. Here is the [LINK](#) to the required NCHSAA videos.

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](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate..

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

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

Winter Sports Fundraisers Click on the team to give!

[Cheerleading](#)
[Swimming](#)
[Men's Basketball](#)
[Women's Basketball](#)
[Winter Track](#)
[Wrestling](#)



Winter Contact Information:

Cheerleading – TBA

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

Women's Basketball – Dwight Miller – dwrightmlr57@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 Contact Information:

Baseball – TBA

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – TBA

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

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us



The PT SO is in search of an interim Vice-President. Duties include participating in monthly meetings, keeping an open dialogue with board members and overseeing committees. This is a great way to become more involved with the running of the PT SO. Interested individuals please reach out to Sarah Fazzino at sarah.cataptso@outlook.com.

Hello CATA Families!

Thank you for your continued support of our programs and events! Our senior committee is rocking the senior events (stay tuned for even more to come), our families have helped our hospitality team celebrate CATA teachers and staff (thank you), and most recently our parents helped filled baskets we'll be given to our custodians - our behind the scenes heroes (so many great things were sent in)!

As we move into the holidays, we wish everyone a safe and healthy season.

CATA PT SO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

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>.

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.



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>



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.

Technology Help Desk

Justin.Penegar@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



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](#)



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.



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

Fall Semester Exam Dates 2021-2022

Monday January 10th:

9:05-1:05 1st Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Tuesday January 11th:

9:05-1:05 2nd Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Wednesday January 12th:

9:05-1:05 3rd Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Thursday January 13th:

9:05-1:05 4th Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

Friday January 14th:

9:05-1:05 Make-Up Exams: Only students taking make up exams are expected to come to school. Students taking teacher made exams or required at home CTE Exams should take their exams on Canvas during the exam time window. Students taking EOC and CTE Exams they are required to take at the school must come to school to make up exam.

Exam Information:

1) Exam Exemption Policy: For TEACHER MADE EXAMS ONLY. Each teacher will notify exempt students. High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class

Teacher made tests are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student. Exam exemptions only apply to teacher made tests and are not available in courses which require the administration of an End of Course or state mandated final exams. Students enrolled in AP courses will still be required to take the AP exam. Students are expected to take all other assessments given at the school.

- 2) All **EOC Exams** must be taken on campus (Biology, English II, Math I, and Math III)
- 3) **CTE Exams taken on Campus that cannot be exempted:** Foods 1, Apparel 1, Health Science 1, Automotive Service 1, Collision Repair Fundamentals, Career Management, and Principles of Business.
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- 5) **All teacher made exams** are taken at home on Canvas.
- 6) **Only teacher made exams can be exempted and each teacher will notify the student if they are exempted from the week before exams.**
- 7) January 14th is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. If missing the exam is due to Covid-19, the school will communicate a plan with each individual student and family. **We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.**
- 8) **Dismissal: The school day ends around 1:05 PM or a little after when the exam period is over.** All car drivers must go home, all students who ride cars must go home, and bus riders can have a parent come pick them up or will wait at the school until the buses arrive in a supervised designated area. We are anticipating buses arriving between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. A student does not need a note to leave school if you drive, have a parent pick you up, or ride a bus home.
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Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 9:05 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study - let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

Type of Exams: We have three types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between January 10th-January 15th. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window timeframe.

Score Results: All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide on canvas to students prior to testing. Teachers will have review sessions for each class as stated in the schedule above. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity: Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam. **Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.