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Dear CATA Family,

-Head Softball Coach: Please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Coaching Staff, Mr. Robert Steffman. Coach Steffman is our new Varsity Head Softball Coach.

-Head Baseball Coach: Please welcome to the Cougar Athletic Coaching Staff, Mr. Erik von Husen. Coach von Husen is our new PE teacher and Varsity Head Baseball Coach

-Shakespeare's Twelfth Night: This is a play presented by our CATA Performing Arts Theatre Department and the Sophomore theatre class on Friday, January 28 at 7 PM in the Theatre. Tickets are on sale at cata.seatyourself.biz for \$5.

-Class of 2022 Bowling Party: Fox's Alley, Wednesday, February 9 from 1-4 PM. All Seniors are welcome. The entire bowling alley will be reserved for the CATA Senior Class. Seniors can bowl, play corn hole, or just hang out. Senior pass holders will receive free bowling and food. Come have fun and make great senior memories with you friends.

- Senior Yearbook Information: Hello, seniors! Yearbook needs your help by deciding your photo type for the 2022 book. These responses are due by January 28th, 2022. If you do not choose, the staff will choose your photo. If you need to see your options, formal or informal, go see Ms. Christensen in the den. An email link has been sent to your UCPS email to make the choice. Click [here](#) to make the choice.

-Spring Sports: Official tryouts for Spring Sports begin on February 14. Please make sure to have registered in Family ID & make sure you have an up to date physical on file. Spring Sports include: baseball, softball, women's soccer, track & field, men's golf, & men's tennis. Please check out our Athletics page in this edition for more information: **Page 5**.

-Baseball Meeting: Attention - any students interested in playing BASEBALL this spring: Please plan on attending the baseball interest meeting on Tuesday, Feb 1 in the CAFETERIA at 4PM.

-Class Rings (Sophomores): The class ring order date is on Thursday, February 17 during all lunches for students and from 3 -6 PM in front of the main office for parents. Please see **Page 8** for full details from Jostens and to order online.

-CATA's chapter of the National English Honors Society is offering CATA students and staff opportunities to read for pleasure and to discuss those books with friends. This is a student-led endeavor although each group has a faculty sponsor. The English department has multiple copies of some of these titles; check with the faculty sponsor to see if you can borrow a copy. Please see **Page 2** for more information.

-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**.

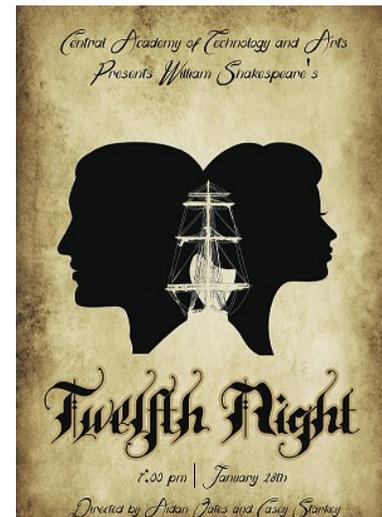
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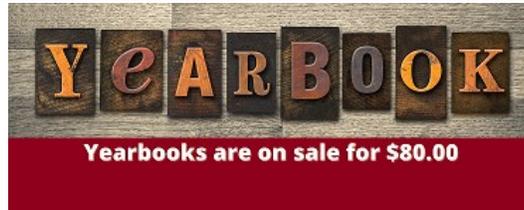
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Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt





Student Life Information



Congratulations to CATA's **Poetry Out Loud** contestants at the Union County contest: **Stephanie DiMeo won first place and Kire Elsasser is the runner-up for the district-wide competition!**

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

NHS Officer's Meeting: Friday, January 28, 8:30 AM in room 604

Society of Women Engineers Monday, January 31, 4 PM, Rm. 505

Fashion Club: Monday, January 31, 4:00 PM, Rm. 616

NHS General Meetings: Tuesday, February 1 8:30 AM & 4 PM, Media Center

Yearbook Club: February 1, 4 PM, Rm. 102

Creative Writing Club: Wednesday, February 2, 3:45 PM in room 610

Speech and Debate Meeting: Thursday, February 3, 3:45 PM in room 601

Esports: Friday February 4, 4 PM Rm. 217

Minority Student Union: Friday, February 4, 4 PM, Media Center

The **HANDS HELPING OTHERS CLUB** will be meeting on Friday, Feb. 4 after school in Mrs. Hinson's room #517. This is a NEW meeting day due to a change in scheduling for the new semester, so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for next **Friday, Feb 4 at 3:50.**

New for Twenty-Two Book Clubs

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

Stephen King



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Stardust by Neil Gaiman*
NEHS member Austin Anderson, faculty sponsor Ms. Hutson

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline*
NEHS member Christian Day, faculty sponsor Mr. Hidalgo

They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera*
NEHS member Emma Gwyn, faculty sponsor Ms. Atwood

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
NEHS member Buggs Nelson, faculty sponsor Ms. Starkey

Parkland: Birth of a Movement by Dave Cullen*
NEHS member Charvi Kavadekar, faculty sponsor Ms. Barron

Beloved by Toni Morrison*
NEHS member Lasya Kandukuri, faculty sponsor Ms. Henry

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
NEHS members Ally O'Day and Bridget McBride, faculty sponsor Ms. Thompson

*mature themes and potentially strong language in the book



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.

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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](#)

Now hiring inspiring
 Student Hiring Event on
 Saturday, January 29th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
 The Grove Restaurant @ 2030 Windsor Run Lane, Matthews NC, 28105
 Great Pay! Flexible Hours (3.5 hrs per Week!) Fun Work Environment!
 RSVP: 704.413.6232 | Wendy.Williams@windsorrun.com
 Pre-register here: 
Windsor Run
 BY ERICKSON SENIOR LIVING

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

January 18th @ 6pm
 February 8th @ 6pm
 March 8th @ 6pm
 (Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessions)

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](mailto:Rachael.Petre). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Last Week's Results

- WBB 26 - Parkwood 52
- MBB 51 - Parkwood 72
- RRC Wrestling Conference Tournament - 2nd place team finish: Individual Conference Champions: 132 Kyle Montaperto; 138 Elijah Harris; 145 Logan Fite; 195 Brady Ross; Big Congratulations to Elijah Harris for being named Conference Wrestler of the Year!!!!
- Swim Pfeiffer RRC Tournament: Congratulations to CATA Men's Swim on taking 1st place! RRC Champs!: Women's Swim finished 3rd
- WBB 39 - West Stanly 52
- MBB 58 - West Stanly 33

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Jan 27: (A) Indoor Track @ JDL RRC Meet 5:00 PM

Friday, Jan 28: (A) BB @ Monroe 5/6/7:30 PM

Tuesday, February 1: (H) BB vs. Anson 5:00/6:00/7:30 PM

- **Halftime during Men's Basketball game our 2021 State Champion Wrestlers will be honored**

Thursday, February 3: WBB (Away) 5:30 PM Carolina Christian; JV and Varsity MBB (Away) 6:00/7:30 Arborbrook

Friday, February 4: HOME JV MBB, WBB, MBB vs Forest Hills 5/6/7:30 PM

News & Information

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

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 Spring Season Pass - \$50

Winter Contact Information:

Cheerleading – Coach Johnson
arionna.johnson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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 – Erik von Husen
erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Softball – Robert Steffman
robert.steffman@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 PT SO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

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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



CLASS RINGS

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