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Dear CATA Family,

-The Performing Arts Academy Dancers presents the **Student Choreography Concert this week**, Friday and Saturday February 25 and 26 at 7 PM in the theatre! Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at [CA-TA.seatyourself.biz](https://www.cata.seatyourself.biz)

-**Registration:** We have a virtual Registration 101 Parent Night on Monday, February 28 at 6:30 PM. [Click here](#) to sign up and receive the link. A registration timeline listed on **Page 4**.

Attention Seniors and Parents Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Order here: [cady.com/capgown22](https://www.cady.com/capgown22)

-**Administrative Advisory Council**– Apply February 21-25 by [clicking here](#). Improve your school and make your voice heard. There will be one Junior and Senior appointed per Academy Pathway. The council will meet with administration once a term and with their academies once a month. Applicants must be interviewed, submit a teacher recommendation, and participate in an interview. See Ms. Cole in the counseling center for more information.

-**HOSA is sponsoring a Medical Awareness Week** until 2/25. Please wear Gold or Silver on Friday for Golden Years' Awareness. We will have **ACADEMY coin wars** in the cafeteria each day during lunch--earn a chance to win one of 5 gift cards with every \$1 you give! All proceeds go to the Council on Aging of Union County.

-**Counseling Center & Career Development Information:** on **Pages 4 & 5:** Check out information about **Criminal Justice Internships, SPCC Career and College Promise, summer job opportunities, and CTE Internships**. Please see Ms. Bartell or your counselor in the counseling center.

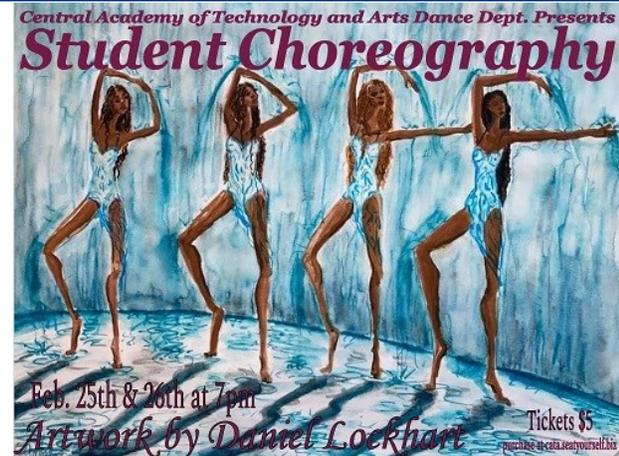
-**Trojan Women Performance:** Friday, March 4. This is our final performance before heading to the SETC competition, and serves as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at [CATA.seatyourself.biz](https://www.cata.seatyourself.biz). There is also an option to donate if anyone cannot attend, but would like to help our students go to SETC.

-**Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on Page 6 or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#). **Please check out our Winter Sports Rocky River All- Conference Athletes on Page 7**

-**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** on **Page 3, PTSO Information** on **Page 8, Media Center Information**– The DEN on **Page 3, School Procedure 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

CATA Robotics wins Sportsmanship Award at the State Qualification Vex Tournament! Way to go CATA Robotics Team!

NHS Officer Meeting: Friday, February 25, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604

Student Council Officer Meeting: Monday, February 28, 8:20 AM, the Den

Fashion Club: Monday, February 28, 4 PM, Rm. 616

SWE: Monday, February 28, 4 PM, Rm. 505

Yearbook : Tuesday March 1, 4 PM, Rm. 102

NHS General Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 8:30 AM & 4:00, the Den

Student Council General Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 8:20 AM, the Den

Creative Writing Club: Wednesday, March 2, 3:45 PM, Rm. 610

Speech and Debate : Thursday, March 3, 3:45 Rm. 601

Hands Helping Others: Thursday, March 3, 3:45, Ms. Hinson's Rm.

Minority Student Union: Friday, March 4, 4 PM, the Den

ESports: Friday, March 4, 4 PM, Rm. 217

GOOGLE FORM



Apply
February
21-25

APPLY TO JOIN
ADMIN ADVISORY
COUNCIL

1 Jr & 1 Sr per pathway

Meet directly with Admin each term

Hear issues within academies

Must fill out form, submit teacher recommendation and be interviewed



Yearbooks are on sale for \$80.00

New for Twenty-Two Book Clubs

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”
Stephen King



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. Be aware that some of the titles have mature themes and may not be suitable for younger readers or may introduce uncomfortable topics or language. Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to thoroughly vet a title before engaging. The English department has multiple copies of some of these titles: check with the faculty sponsor to see if you can borrow a copy.

- 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 Alilly O'Day and Bridget McBride, faculty sponsor Ms. Thompson
- *mature themes and potentially strong language in the book



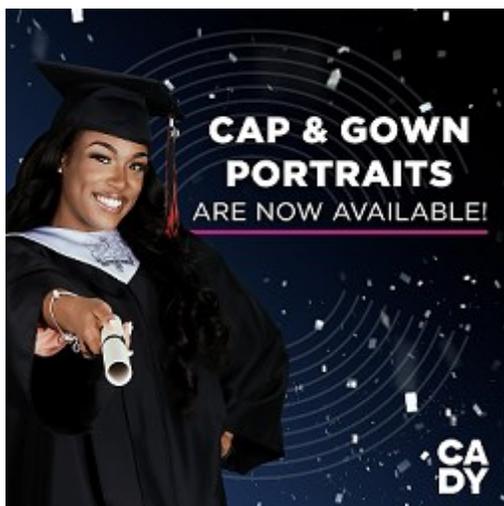
Senior Class of 2022 Information

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

**Den
Digest**

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

Seniors: mid-year transcripts are being uploaded into Scoir. Your counselor will automatically send to every school that requires one. You do not need to request it via Scoir or email.



Attention Seniors and Parents, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Celebrate this special achievement. Click below to order now!
cady.com/capgown22



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.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher.

<https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>



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](#)

REGISTRATION

Classroom presentations (Feb. 14 - 25): Counselors will present to their academy classes about the registration process.

Registration Window (March 2 - 9): Students will be able to register in PowerSchool during this window.

2nd Block Counselor Meetings (March 14 - 31): Every student will meet with their counselor during 2nd block to review their registration. Each second block class is assigned a specific day for their meeting (swipe for schedule). Students who do not register within the window will meet with their counselor on the make-up days.

Make-Up Counselor Meetings (April 1st and 4th): These meetings will be for students who were absent on their assigned day or who did not register during the window.

- Criminal Justice Professionals**
- State and local sworn law-enforcement officers.
 - State correctional officers.
 - State juvenile justice officers.
 - Other correctional officers maintained by local governments, and juvenile justice agencies.
 - Sworn Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs.
 - Detention Officers.
 - Telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency.



Fellowship

- Provide 100 fellowships annually for students to attend a NC community college that are interested in a criminal justice profession.
- The student must receive their Associates Degree.
- Students that receive the fellowship will have five years to repay the loan once receiving their Associates Degree.
- The loan will be forgiven if the student enters a criminal justice profession in an eligible county in North Carolina and works for four years.

Application Process

- The application process will open on November 1st and will close on May 31st of each year.
- The application can be located on the Department of Justice website www.ncdoj.gov.
- Applicants will be notified of their selection of a fellowship no later than June 1st of each year.



Every Applicant Must Submit:

- SAT/ ACT Scores.
- Transcript showing GPA.
- School and Community Service/ Activities.
- Essay describing your future career goals in the criminal justice profession.
- References.

Eligible Counties

Counties with a Population of less than 200,000

Alamance	Edgecombe	Orange
Alexander	Franklin	Pamlico
Alleghany	Gates	Pasquotank
Anson	Graham	Pender
Ashe	Granville	Perquimans
Avery	Greene	Person
Beaufort	Halifax	Pitt
Bertie	Harnett	Polk
Bladen	Haywood	Randolph
Brunswick	Henderson	Richmond
Burke	Hertford	Robeson
Caldwell	Hoke	Rockingham
Camden	Hyde	Rowan
Cartersville	Iredell	Rutherford
Caswell	Jackson	Sampson
Catawba	Jones	Scotland
Chatham	Lee	Stanly
Cherokee	Lenoir	Stokes
Chowan	Lincoln	Surry
Clay	McDowell	Swain
Cleveland	Macon	Transylvania
Columbus	Madison	Tyrrell
Craven	Martin	Vance
Curry	Mitchell	Warren
Dare	Montgomery	Washington
Davidson	Moore	Watauga
Davie	Nash	Wayne
Duplin	Northampton	Wilson
		Yadkin
		Yancey

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An applicant may reside in any NC county at the time of application and may attend any NC community college.

2

After completion of their degree, the applicant must be employed as a criminal justice professional in an eligible county.

3

The applicant must not have been convicted of a felony or any crime as outlined in the course guide.

MISSION

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school graduates and high school seniors into the criminal justice profession. Each year this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Additional Information

- We encourage applicants to begin establishing relationships with agencies they plan to seek employment with.
- This program is not meant for those who intend to get a Bachelor's Degree immediately after earning an Associates Degree.
- Those that are accepted into the program must graduate within two years with their Associates Degree.
- If a fellow chooses to work for a state agency he/she must request the agency post them in an eligible county.

NC Department of Justice
Criminal Justice Fellows Program

Office: 919-661-5980
 Email: cjfellows@ncdoj.gov
 Website: <http://ncdoj.gov/cjfellows>



North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program



Criminal Justice Standards Division

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM



Graduate of high school or high school senior looking for a career in the criminal justice field?

Wanting to have a positive impact on your local community?

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program can aid you in achieving your goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. We are here to offer you a 100% forgivable loan to go to any North Carolina Community College to acquire an Associates Degree. The loan will be forgiven upon 4 years of working in an eligible profession and county.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1
THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL CLOSE MAY 31



Criminal Justice Standards Division
 Post Office Drawer 149
 Raleigh, NC 27632

Call: (919) 661-5980
 Email: cjfellows@ncdoj.gov
 Full eligibility requirements, forms and FAQ listed @ <http://ncdoj.gov/cjfellows>



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

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

Attention Juniors: Are you interested in an internship next year? The application is open in MajorClarity under the work based learning link for you to apply for a summer internship or a full internship where you can get class credit in the fall or spring next year. You must have had two CTE courses and one 2nd level to apply. See Ms. Bartell for details.

CATA students: are you looking for a job? Swim Club Management will be here during lunches on Wednesday, March 2nd to answer any questions you might have or to apply for employment with them. Also, **Greiner Bio-One** will be here during lunches on Thursday, March 3rd to speak about Pre-apprenticeship and Apprenticeship opportunities with their company. Stop by their tables to find out more!

INTERNSHIP CATA

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides high school seniors opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career or academic interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Internships may be paid or unpaid. Applications are ranked and processed based on program criteria.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

- Senior during school year / rising senior for summer
- Has successfully completed at least two CTE courses and reached concentrator status within a career pathway (Priority given to students completed coursework in their internship field.)
- No more than 7 absences in any semester for the current and past two (2) years
- No suspensions (ISS or OSS) or serious disciplinary incidents on high school record
- Reliable transportation
- Encourage at least 2.5 overall GPA
- Can attend at least eight hours per week
- Positive feedback on references

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application in Major Clarity
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and contact information on the application
- For medical internships, submit vaccination records
- Interview with prospective sponsor(s), if necessary
- **Deadlines:** April 15 for a summer internship, May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year and October 1 (medical) or October 15 (non-medical) for a second semester internship.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

- Most assignments are completed online
- Time Sheet
 - Reflection Questions
 - Journal
 - Capstone Project
 - Analysis Questions
 - Career Development Articles
 - Terminology
 - Major Clarity Assignments
 - Workplace Readiness Modules

GRADE / CREDIT

Grade is based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings and sponsor evaluation. Successful completion of the course will result in one unit of general elective credit.

- Semester**
- Grade shows on report card for each grading period
- Summer**
- Grade added to transcript after completion of course requirements

SCHEDULING

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their mutual convenience.

- Minimum of 135 total hours required (100 contact hours)
 - Student attends at least eight hours per week (two or three days per week for three to four hours per day)
- Semester**
- Placement must be confirmed by Internship Coordinator before course is added to class schedule
 - Completed during first or second semester with one release period
- Summer**
- Hours and assignments completed before the beginning of first semester

BENEFITS to STUDENT

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Connect classroom learning with career opportunities
- Make more informed decisions regarding post-secondary education or training
- Gain industry experience
- Make contacts that will help when applying for specific college programs or scholarships

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Go to the CTE website: ucpscte.org
- Log onto Major Clarity and select Work Based Learning Opportunities
- Contact Elizabeth Bartell, Career Development Coordinator
 Central Academy of Technology & Arts
elizabeth.bartell@ucps.nc.us 704-296-0105
 Location: Guidance Office



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 Session)

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_Athletics](#)

Last Week's Results

Thursday, February 17 - 19 3A Wrestling State Championships: Big Congratulations to our Wrestling Team who were the state runners up in the 3A State Tournament! CATA sent 6 wrestlers to the state competition and ALL 6 placed Top 6 in the state. We had 3 wrestlers win individual state championships: **Kyle Montaperto** is the State Champion for the 126 weight class. This is Kyle's 4th consecutive state championship!!! He was also voted as Most Outstanding Wrestler for the meet. **Aiden Curry** is the State Champion in the 160 weight class. He finishes the season with an overall record of 34-1. **Brady Ross** is the State Champion in the 182 weight class. He finishes the season with an overall record of 39-1. Other top finishers included: **Elijah Harris** was state runner up, **Logan Fite** finished 3rd, and **Collin Lutz** finished 6th.

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

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 24: (A) Soccer @ Olympic Scrimmage 5PM; (H) SB vs. Metrolina Scrimmage 4PM

Friday, February 25: (A) SB @ Sun Valley Scrimmage 5:45 PM

Monday, February 28: (A) BB @ Concord 5PM; (A) SB @ Concord 5PM

Tuesday, March 1: (A) Soccer @ CDS 6 PM; (H) TN vs. PR 3:30 PM

Thursday, March 3: (A) TN @ PR 3:30 PM; (H) Soccer vs. Corvian 4:00PM; (A) BB @ Metrolina 4:00 PM; (A) SB @ UA 5:00 PM

Spring Sports Home Games Changes: As construction begins on our fields, **Softball home games** will be played at **Don Griffin Park**, **Baseball home games** will be played at **Walter Bickett Stadium**, and **Soccer home games** will be played at **Monroe HS**.

News & Information

Coaches Needed: CATA is looking for assistant coaches track (field events & sprints). Please email our Athletic Director if you know anyone who is interested.

Spring Sports Parent Meeting: Parents please make sure you have completed [Contact Info Google Form](#) for Spring Sports. Also, please make sure you watch the [NCHSAA Videos](#). Here is the [LINK](#) to the Slides if you were unable to attend the meeting.

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 2021-22 school year, then you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once & 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 is 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



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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

Winter Sports All Conference: *Congratulations to all of our Rocky River All- Conference Athletes:*

- ◆ **Men's Swim:** Caleb Huff, Carson Brackenbush, CJ Mayo, Jacob Curtiss, Junior Enombi, Carter Williams, Ellis Harrison
- ◆ Male Swimmer of the Year: Caleb Huff
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Michael York & Andrew Adler
- ◆ **Women's Swim:** Kelly Todd & Eden Mshar
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Alessandra Granda & Olivia Santolucito
- ◆ **Men's Basketball:** Jake Shearin
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Ben Green & Ethan Rangolan
- ◆ **Women's Basketball:** Zoie Jordan
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Sarah Gamble & Jordan Kempf
- ◆ **Men's Indoor Track:** Emanuel Williams, Isaac Brown, Evan Brown, Jonathan Kamenick, Ben Wojtkowiak, Roger Melchor, Gavin Jansen, Seth Averill, Roman Lopina
- ◆ Athlete of the Year: Evan Brown
- ◆ Field Event Athlete of the Year: Roger Melchor
- ◆ Coach of the Year: Kim Inuwa
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Andrew Catapano & Hayden Christensen
- ◆ **Women's Indoor Track:** Avery Pardue, Grace Lane, Maysen Melchor, Natorian Green, Aailyah Green, & Riley Schauer
- ◆ Runner of the Year: Avery Pardue
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Lilt Alterman & Andrea Martinz-Sanchez
- ◆ **Wrestling:** Kyle Montaperto, Elijah Harris, Brady Ross, Aiden Curry, Logan Fite, & Collin Lutz
- ◆ Wrestler of the Year: Elijah Harris



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

Free Money Reminders

Did you know that our local grocery stores will donate a portion of your grocery bill to the school? AND it does not cost you a penny more! Both Harris Teeter and Publix have partnerships with the local area schools to give back. Here are the details of each programs:

Harris Teeter – be sure your VIC card is linked to Central Academy of Technology & Arts (code: 3612).

Publix – To support your school, **sign up** for Publix Partners through your Club Publix account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school (Central Academy of Technology & Arts - Monroe, NC). Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase.

Amazon will also donate back to the school, it's just as easy! Same products, same prices, same service. When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/>, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. Simply select Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc as your charity of choice.

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

UCPS is offering five workshops to help parents with resources and tools to navigate tough situations. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend one or all of the following sessions.

UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE
Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. - Cuthbertson High School
 • Practical strategies to treat trauma.
 • Principles for mitigating the impact of traumas as parents and a school community.
PRESENTER: Rachel Milbourn, LCSW - Sage Counseling

GRIEF
March 17 at 6 p.m. - Piedmont High School
 • How to identify grief and types of losses?
 • How to support grieving children?
PRESENTER: Judy Cline, MSW, LCSW - Bereavement Technician

SUICIDE AWARENESS
March 24 at 6 p.m. - Porter Ridge High School
 • Warning signs and myths.
 • Current national and state trends.
PRESENTERS: Dr. Tracey Carney - SEL Coordinator, Dr. Melissa Todd - School Psychologist
 Susan Slattery-Rogers, MSW - School Social Worker, Belle Walker, MSW - Lead School Social Worker
 and Kelly Whitley, M.A. - School Counselor

RULES: WHAT EVERY TECH HEALTHY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW
April 28 at 6 p.m. - Forest Hills High School
 • How to develop a tech-healthy family?
 • Trends and resources to help navigate social media.
PRESENTER: Janell Burley Hoffman

FAMILY WELLNESS
May 19 at 6 p.m. - Sun Valley High School
 • How to develop a wellness plan for my family?
 • Resources/apps to help my family.
PRESENTER: Tracey A. Leitner, RN, ISN - Atrium Healthcare

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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

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

