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Dear CATA Family,

Spring Break: April 15 to 22. The first day back from Spring Break is on Monday, April 25.

Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter. Please [click here](#) and or see **pages 9 and 10.**

Senior Scholarship Reporting: Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.

Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions: Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact [Mrs. Henry](#) for important details about the process.

Marching Band: Registration for the 2022 season is due by Friday, April 15th. Please visit the band website at www.cataband.org and view the marching band page to register today!

Do you have a sport or club that you think would be a great fit for CATA? After we return from Spring Break we will be taking a survey during Cougar Time in order to gather ideas for a new sport or club here at CATA. Please be thinking of some ideas over your break and be ready to participate in the survey on Monday, April 25.

Family Fun Festival: Mark your Calendar for Apr 30, 11 AM - 3 PM to come and have some fun at our fundraising Family Fun Festival. We will have food trucks, lots of raffle baskets, fire trucks, and games! Proceeds will go toward much-needed equipment for our Cross Country and Track teams.

NHS Talent Show: Thursday, April 8 at 6 PM in the theatre. Please see **Page 2** for the QR code to buy tickets.

General PTSO Meeting Information: Our Spring CATA PTSO General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2 at 5:30pm at the school. Please join us as we present "a PTSO year in review" and vote on our 2022-2023 board.

CATA students have you bought your yearbook yet? There are only 23 yearbooks left for sale! Check the bulletin board outside of The Den to see if your name is on the list of students who have purchased a book. Don't miss out! Order online at yearbookforever.com and search for CATA.

-Important PTSO Information Page 7: PTSO Scholarship, 2022-23 PTSO Committee Chair needs, May General Meeting

-Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 4 & 5:

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 6** 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.

-Senior Class of 2022 Information on Page 3, Media Center Information- The DEN on Page 3, School Procedure Information Page 8.

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

HOSA completed a service project for Hospice House of Union County. We made heart magnets and ornaments and called them "HOSA's Healing Hearts!"



Rho Kappa: Held the first annual Historical Beauty Pageant. Contestants answered questions from an historical perspective and there was a talent portion of the competition. Erin Collins was Henrietta Lacks and won the event. Proceeds will go they Union County Council on aging.

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Fashion Club: Monday, April 25, 4:00 PM, Rm. 616

SWE: Monday, April 25, 4:00 PM, Rm. 505

Yearbook : Tuesday April 26, 4 PM, Rm. 102

Student Council Officer Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 8:20 AM, The Den

Student Council General Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 8:20 AM, the Den

Rho Kappa General Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 8:30 AM, Rm. 604

ITS Induction: Tuesday, April 26, 7 PM, Theatre

Speech and Debate: Thursday, April 28, 3:45 Rm. 601

NHS Officer Meeting: Friday, April 29, Rm. 604

ESports: Friday, April 29, 4 PM, Rm. 217

Student Council Election Filing: April 25 to April 29





Senior Class of 2022 Information

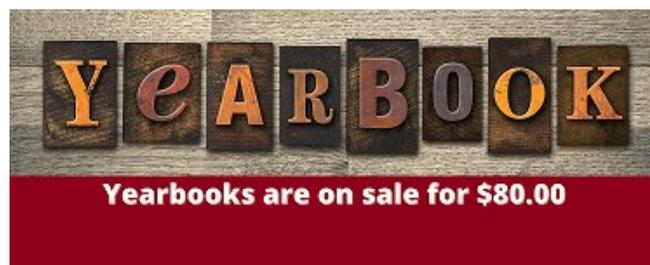
[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

**Den
Digest**

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



Scholarship Reporting: It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.



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](#)

Remembering the Holocaust Class Offering: If you are interested in taking this course next year, please click [here](#) and fill out the form.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORTING

- ☑ GATHER UP ALL OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS
- ☑ MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL OFFERS, EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THEM
- ☑ EMAIL OR TURN IN YOUR OFFERS TO MS. COLE



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

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

Seniors in Medical, Pre-Engineering, IT, MPRA and Transportation: are you looking for scholarships for college? CTE has two \$1000 scholarships available. You must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted gpa, be a CTE concentrator and have been accepted to an accredited college or university. See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information on how to apply.



**CHARLOTTE EYE
EAR NOSE & THROAT
ASSOCIATES, P.A.®**

OPHTHALMIC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH CEENTA

This program brings candidates into the world of eye care through classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and hands-on experience from our selected trainers to prepare them for a role as a CEENTA Ophthalmic Assistant, Imaging Technician, or Contact Lens Technician.

- **IDEAL CANDIDATES ARE:**
- High school graduates with a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- 18 years of age by the start date of the program (August 30th, 2022)
- Available full-time (40 hours/week) during the duration of the program

Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates, P.A. (CEENTA) is looking for high school graduates to take part in a one-year paid apprenticeship with our award-winning Ophthalmology Department!

Apply Starting On
MAY 16TH, 2022

Apprenticeship Begins
AUGUST 30TH, 2022



COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATE - FULL BENEFITS PACKAGE - GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT AFTER COMPLETION
 For additional information, please contact CEENTA's Recruiting Team (recruiting@ceenta.com).



Are you looking for **FREE**, fun and engaging summer activities for your middle or high school student? Union County Public Schools is offering nearly 20 Career and Technical Education camps that will expose students to a variety of careers and provide hands-on experiences. Camp options include music production, robotics, coding, career exploration, culinary, finance, automotive service and health science.

DETAILS:

- WHEN:** Camps are weekly in June and July
- WHERE:** Various middle and high schools
- COST:** No cost for families
- MEALS:** Lunch will be provided
- TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is not provided

Additional information and registration:

APPLY BY MAY 15
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>



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

Friday, April 8: Soccer 6 - West Stanly 0

Saturday, April 9: (A) T/F @ Spring Valley All-American Track Classic: 4x400 Relay (Manny Williams, Ben Wojtkowiak, Sergio Andrade-Cristobal, & Jonathan Kamenick) finished in 6th place. 4x800 Relay (Manny Williams, Ben Wojtkowiak, Isaac Brown, & Andrew Catapano) finished in 11th place

Monday, April 11: BB 11 - Forest Hills 1

Golf wins at Monroe Country Club: Alexander Murphy shot the low score of 37: SB 5 - Covenant Day

Tuesday, April 12: Golf wins against Arborbrook; Soccer 2 - Forest Hills 1; BB 8 - Forest Hills 11; BB 16- Forest Hills 4

Wednesday, April 13: Tennis wins the 3A Rocky River Conference Championships:: Congratulations to Alex Bhargava, Carson Smith, Anish Battineni, and Evan Levitas who will advance to regionals; SB 0 - Parkwood 2

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 – Nathan Stewart– Interim
olynate105@gmail.com

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 26: (H) Soccer vs. West 6:00 PM; (A) SB @ Forest Hills 6:00 PM; (A) BB @ Monroe (A) G @ RRC Championship 1 PM

Wednesday April 27: (A) SB @ Mount Pleasant 6PM

Thursday, April 28: (A) Soccer @ Monroe 6PM; (H) SB vs. Parkwood 5:00PM *Senior Night*; (H) BB vs. Monroe DH 4:30 / 6 *Senior Night*

Friday, April 29: (H) Soccer vs. Monroe 6:00 PM

News & Information

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 2021-2022 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.



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

PTSSO Senior Scholarship NOW OPEN

CATA PTSSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSSO by the end of 2021. Amount: \$250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: April 13, 2022

Application: **Click [here](#)**

2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSSO board for next year. We have a few more spots to fill including Membership, Scholarship/Grant and Fundraising. If you've been involved at your previous school(s), please reach out. High School PTSSO involvement is much different than elementary or middle school - less hands on and more behind the scenes - and we need you! New to this whole PTSSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSSO experience needed - just a desire to share ideas, brainstorm and have input on how to support CATA. Our goal is to provide resources and support for our school and give our children the best learning experience (oh and we have fun too - it's a great way to meet new CATA parents).

If you'd like to learn more about any of these open needs or just to learn more about CATA PTSSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).

May 2 General PTSSO Meeting Information:

Save the date ... our Spring CATA PTSSO General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2 at 5:30pm at the school. Please join us as we present "a PTSSO year in review" and vote on our 2022-2023 board. Listed below is the 2022-2023 Officer Nomination Slate.

President - Antoinette Enohmbi
Vice President - Michelle Fehlman
Treasurer - Amy Dieffenbach
Secretary - Kristen Shearin

If you are interested in running for one of the officer positions, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com) to be added to the nomination slate.

Look forward to catching up with everyone at the general meeting!

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. **Additions to the UCPS Attendance Policy: While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6 week grading period as the absence. This means the school will take it under consideration.**



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 Transporta-

tion: 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

Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2022,

We are very proud of every one of you. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

Graduation: Our graduation date is on **Tuesday, June 7, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium**. The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home webpage. We will share the link closer to the date of the event. In addition, we will send senior families logistics on parking and stadium entrance about two weeks before the event.

Name Pronunciations: All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by **Weds. May 11**. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us with your first and last name in the subject line.

Senior Scholarship Reporting: Email or turn in a hard copy of all scholarship offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you do not plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by Monday, May 9.

Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions: Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact [Mrs. Henry](#) for important details about the process.

Rain and Weather: Unless otherwise stated we will hold our graduation at 8:00 AM. If you arrive and there is a delay, please check our social media sites for updates. Since we are at an off campus venue, then we will ask graduates and guests to wait in their cars until we give an all clear unless otherwise announced. If there is not a delay for lightning and just rain, then you may stay in the stands with an umbrella if you do not wish to go to your car. **It is strongly suggested you bring a towel to wipe down seats or stadium seat cushions.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CATAMonroeNC/>

Twitter Account: @CATAMonroeNC

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/catamonroenc/>

Website: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/10>

Tickets and Parking Passes: Each graduate is allowed 4 tickets and has a chance to request up to two more for a total of 6 tickets until May 3rd. Each graduate will receive one parking pass. A family with a special circumstance in need of a second parking pass may request one by emailing Dr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us. Each family should try to only use the one pass. **Extra Ticket Request Form:** <https://bit.ly/3rjptYC>

Returning Items to CATA: This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Jiffy Pass, library materials, and other school owned items. Seniors are asked to drop these items off in the main office starting Friday, 5/23 up until Friday 5/27. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation. All items need to be returned and all owed fees paid. Students will not receive tickets or passes if items are not returned and fees are not paid.

Attire: All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

Graduation Practice and Packet Pick up Day: Monday, June 6, 2-4 PM

Graduation Practice is on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Spring Senior Letter Continued

Graduation Packets: Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps). Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets. Students should bring any remaining items or fees to the front office. **Students will not be allowed to pick up packets if they owe materials and fees to the school.**

Senior Class Picture: Cady Studios has not uploaded the picture for students to purchase at this time, but it will be available soon at <https://cady.com/capgown22>. It is a 10x30 print for the cost of \$30. It can be found in "add ons" on the ordering site.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online payments through the Central Academy Website, or make direct payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.

Graduation Day Procedures: We will use the home side permanent stands, temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage (about 3 feet so they can be easily seen by guests in the stands). **No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking passes and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Deana Huneycutt. Deana.Huneycutt@ucps.k12.nc.us**

Diploma Packets: Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets after students and parents enter the stadium to the students. Students must pick up their diploma packets before being seated. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial too).

Photographer: The student will stop on stage for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

Senior Pass holder Events:

April 29: Grab and Go Cookies for Senior PASS Holders only (Cougar Time)

May 13 (8:30-9:15) student lot Dunkin Donuts for ALL Seniors and Coffee Truck for Senior PASS Holders ONLY.

Senior Academic Signings: Each academy will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 16-17 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

Senior Week: May 16-20 (Spirit Days will be announced two weeks before)

Academic Signing/Awards Day Ceremonies

Monday, May 16:

Pre-Engineering:	1 st Block	(9:15 to 10:15)
Information Systems:	2 nd Block	(10:40 to 11:40)
Performing Arts:	3 rd Block	(11:55 to 12:55)

Tuesday, May 17:

Medical Science:	1 st Block	(9:15 to 10:15)
Transportation Systems:	2 nd Block	(10:40 to 11:40)

Wednesday, May 18: Senior Breakfast/Tie Dye Shirts and Crown Making: 1st Block

Thursday, May 19: Senior Field Trip to the Whitewater Center (Details to be emailed)

Friday, May 20: Senior Kickball Tournament/Field Day/Chalk Wars 4th Block

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal