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Dear CATA Family,

-Spring Exam Information, Dates, and Procedures are on pages 2 and 3.
-Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll: The fifth six weeks A and A/B Honor Roll is posted on **pages 10 and 11.**

-Updated Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter. Please [click here](#) and or see **pages 4 and 5.** This includes information about Graduation Packets, Graduation (Tickets and Parking), and Senior Picture. All seniors and parents need to review this letter. **We will send out specific graduation day communication next week. We are now offering up to 8 tickets per graduate.**

-Prom 2022 tickets are on sale until Friday, May 20 at Noon: Join us for a Night Under the Stars for Prom 2022 on May 21 from 8:00 to 11:00pm in the CATA courtyard. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 or 2 for \$55. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Once purchased, please [click here](#) to fill out the Google Form to be put on the guest list! Seniors and Juniors please also check your emails for the Prom Court Nomination form. Prom guest forms are in the front office and outside of Ms. Casey's Room.

-Spring Band and Chorus Concert: Please come out and support our amazing Band and Chorus students at our annual spring show entitled "Cinematic." On Friday, May 20 at 6 PM in the practice field by the bus parking lot. Enjoy hearing amazing movie music and enjoying food trucks! See you there!

-The yearbooks are here and we are having a signing party. Come join us after school on Monday, May 23 from 3:45-4:45 in "The Den" (Media Center). You do not need to have purchased a yearbook to participate. Currently we are sold out, but we may have a few extra yearbooks to sell. Stay tuned and we will announce if we have extras.

-Color Guard Tryouts: Do you enjoy music, visuals or dance? The CATA Band of Blue will be holding color guard tryouts on May 23, 24, and 26 from 4:30 PM on the CATA Campus. No prior experience is required and we will provide all equipment. Please dress to do athletic maneuvers.

-CATA Food Drive: Do you have extra cans lying in your cupboards? Are you interested in giving back to the community? Now through May 23, we are collecting canned food and nonperishable items to give back to the Union County Homeless Shelter. These items include peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, and dried pasta. By partnering with the Union County NAACP Youth Council, you will not only be giving back to your community in this food drive but also positively impacting lives. **Please see information on Page 6**

-Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Page 7 -Important PTSO Information Page 9.

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 8** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

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



Spring Semester Exam Dates 2021-2022

Friday, May 27

9:05-1:05 1st Period Exams

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

Tuesday May 31:

9:05-1:05 2nd Period Exams

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

Wednesday June 1:

9:05-1:05 3rd Period Exams

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

Thursday June 2:

9:05-1:05 4th Period Exams

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

Friday June 3:

9:05-1:05 Make-Up Exams: Students making up exams should arrive by 9:00 AM

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) **EOC Exams cannot be exempted:** (Biology, English II, Math I, and Math III) taken on campus
- 3) **CTE Exams cannot be exempted:** Apparel I, Apparel II, Network Engineering Technology III, Audio Engineering Technology I, Electronics AC, Automotive Service Engine Drivetrain LCO, Automotive Service Fundamentals, Automotive Service II, Introduction to Cyber Security, Robotics I, Health Science I
- 4) **All teacher made exams are taken ON CAMPUS**
- 5) **Only teacher made exams can be exempted and each teacher will notify the student if they are exempted from the exam the Monday before exams begin.**
- 6) **June 3rd** 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.**
- 7) **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.
- 8) **Teachers will be available via email until 3:45 PM** each day if students have exam or grade related questions.
- 9) **Lunch** will be served directly after exams for those that wish to eat lunch at school in the cafeteria.

Exam Study Tips and Information:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 9:00 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 May 27-June 3. 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.

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 a week before the event. **There is no graduation practice.**

Tickets and Parking Passes: Each graduate is allowed 4 tickets and has a chance to request up to four more for a total of 8 tickets until May 25. Each graduate will receive one parking pass. A family with a special circumstance or using more than six tickets in need of a second parking pass may request one by emailing Dr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us until May 25. Each family should try to only use the one pass. **Extra Ticket Request Form:** <https://bit.ly/3rjptYC>

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. Packets can be picked up on Monday, June 6, between 9-11 AM at CATA.**

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. **This is past due.** 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.

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>

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.

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. **All Past Due Fees must be paid by Thursday, May 26. 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

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Spring Senior Letter Continued

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. A detailed document about specific graduation day procedures will go out the week of May 23.**

Diploma Packets: Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets after students and parents enter the stadium to the parents. Parents must pick up their diploma packets before being seated. 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 Class Picture: Cady Studios has uploaded the picture for students to purchase at <https://cady.com/capgown22>. It is a 10x30 print for the cost of \$30. Click "See all packages" and then keep clicking through at the bottom until you get to the page with the senior class photo. See image below for reference.

The screenshot shows the Cady Studios website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for SENIORS, UNDERCLASS (6th-11th), ATHLETICS, FAQ, ABOUT, and a user profile for Honey Abangan with a SIGN OUT button. Below the navigation is a dropdown menu for PANORAMIC. The main content area features a 'STEP 4' badge and the heading 'Panoramics' with the text 'Get the BIG Picture! Capture the spirit of your Senior class with our exclusive 10x30 Panoramic prints!'. To the right, it says 'Ordering for Samantha Abangan' with a 'See Gallery' link and a small profile picture. The product card displays a large group photo of the senior class in blue graduation gowns, with the text 'ACADEMY' and 'CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS SENIOR CLASS 2022' overlaid. The price is listed as 'Formal Senior Panoramic \$30.00' and there is an 'Add to Cart' button.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal



Student Life Information

Beta Club: Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors: Are you interested in joining CATA's Beta Club next year? If so, please check your email to find the application link and information. All applications are due by May 24th. We hope you'll join us next year!

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Minority Student Union: Friday, May 20, 8:30 AM, The Den

Student Council Officer Meeting: Monday, May 23, 8:20 AM, The Den

Speech and Debate: Thursday, May 26, 3:45 Rm. 601

ESports: Friday, May 27 @ 4:00 PM , Rm. 217

Theatre Specialization Program: Friday, May 27, 7PM Theatre

Partner with the Union County NAACP
Youth Council and ...

Donate to
**The Union
County
Homeless
Shelter !**

May 5 - 23

Donation items include: Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal, Grits, Individual Bags of Chips, and Canned Items (Tuna, Soup, Pasta), etc.

Find a full list at www.unionshelter.org/needs/

Donation Items

- Hamburger Helper
 - Instant Potatoes
 - Granola Bars
 - Jelly
 - Peanut Butter
 - Oatmeal
 - Grits
 - Individual Bags of Chips
 - Canned Items
 - Tuna
 - Chicken
 - Beans
 - Fruit
 - Vegetable
 - Soup
 - Pasta
 - Fruit Juice
 - Milk (regular or dry)
 - Condiment Bottles
 - Dry Pasta and Ramen
 - Toaster Pastries
 - Dried Beans
 - Rice
 - Fresh Eggs and Produce
- Find a full list at www.unionshelter.org/



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](#)

Yearbook, Remembering the Holocaust, Mythology ,and Creative Writing: To sign up for one of these electives next year [click here.](#)



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, May 12: Soccer 3 - Parkwood 0

Friday, May 13: Track and Field Regional Meet @ Davie HS: **Qualifying to complete at the State meet on 5/20:** Seth Averill 1st place disc (148' 6"); Aaron Higgins 3rd in Long Jump (19' 11.25"); 4x800 Relay (B. Wojtkowiak, A. Catapano, I. Brown, E. Williams) 2nd (8:09.79); Avery Pardue 3rd 400m (1:01.78) & 4th in the 200 (26/83); Grace Lane 3rd in the 800m (2:25.81); Manny Williams 2nd in the 800m (2:03.91); Isaac Brown 4th 800m (2:06.95) ; 4x400 Relay 2nd (3:31.20) (B. Wojtkowiak, J. Kamenick, C. Little, & E. Williams); Evan Brown 3rd Triple Jump (42' 00.5"); Roger Melchor 4th in Triple Jump (42' 00"); 4x400 Relay 2nd (4:16.73) (G. Lane, A.Green, A. Pardue, &K. MacLellan); **Other Top Finishers include:** Manny Williams 7th in High Jump (5' 8"); Aaron Higgins 5th in the 100m (11.52); Avery Pardue 5th in the 100m (13/06); 4x200m Relay finishes 7th (Sergio Andrade-Cristo, A. Higgins, J. Jenkins, J. Kamenick) 1:32.99; Andrew Catapano finishes 5th in the 1600m (4:50.29); 4x100 Relay finishes 8th (A.Curry, J. Jenkins, A. Higgins, and R. Melchor) 45.49; Aaliyah Green 6th 400m (1:03.61); Gavin Jansen 5th 3200m (10:34.21)

Monday, May 16: Soccer 1st Round 3A NCHSAA Playoffs: Soccer 3 - Smokey Mountain 2

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 19: (A) Soccer 2nd Round 3A NCHSAA Playoffs @ Enka

Friday, May 20: (A) Track and Field @ 3A NCHSAA State Meet - A&T Greensboro

News & Information

Spring Sports All Conference: Congratulations to our Cougar Athletes earning All-Conference honors.

- **Baseball:** Caleb Ernst, Ben Green, & Ryan Ramirez
- Honorable Mention: Judd Isaacs & Morgan Pearson
- **Softball:** Addison Crawford, Kaitlin Zuendel, & Katelyn Easterly
- Honorable Mention: Jaden Kempf & Sarah Harrell
- **Soccer:** Megan Walker, Mayden Melchor, Bella Devila, Talia Alexander, Emma Griffin,
- Honorable Mention: Lily Alterman & Ana Orozco
- **Tennis:** Alex Bhargava, Anish Battineni, Carson Smith, and Evan Levitas
- Honorable Mention: Matthew Moyano & Logan Kerstiens
- Congratulations to Alex Bhargava for being named RRC Tennis Player of the Year
- Congratulations to Coach Lewis for being named Men's Tennis Coach of the Year
- **Golf:** Justin Jenkins, Alexander Murphy, & Rayan Patel
- Congratulations to Justin Jenkins for being named RRC Golfer of the Year
- Congratulations to Coach Jacobus for being named RRC Golf Coach of the Year
- **Track & Field:** Avery Pardue, Aaliyah Green, Grace Lane, Kyle MacLellan, Jadah Pringle, Issac Brown, Andrew Catapano, Jonathan Kamenick, Emanuel Williams, Ben Wojtkowiak, Sergio Andrade-Cristobal, Evan Brown, Aaron Higgins, Seth Averill, & Roger Melchor.
- Congratulations to to Coach Inuwa for being named RRC Men's Track Coach of the Year
- Congratulations to Emanuel Williams for being named RRC Athlete of theYear

News & Information

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate.



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

2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSO 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 PTSO 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 PTSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSO 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 PTSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).