



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

-Friday, June 2 is make up exam day. If any student has an exam to make up, then please arrive at the school by 9.00 AM

-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.**

- Graduation Day Procedures This is a must read- Each Class of 2022 Graduate and their parents need to read this letter. This is different from the Spring Senior Letter. Please be familiar with the procedures and email josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us with questions. Click here for the Graduation Day Procedures Document or check out pages 4-6. [Click here to read the procedures.](#) There is a map on page 4.

-Updated Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter. Please [click here](#) and or see pages 7 and 8. This includes information about Graduation Packets, Graduation (Tickets and Parking), and Senior Picture. All seniors and parents need to review this letter.

-Senior Returns and Owed Fees: All seniors who owe Chromebooks, chargers, lunch fees, or any item to the school must turn those items in or pay by Friday, June 2. Graduates will not be able to pick up parking passes or tickets for graduation until all fees are paid and items returned. We will send a message home to those who owe items or fees.

-Senior Theatre Show: The senior theatre class presents the Wizard of Oz on Friday, May 3 at 7 PM. The event is free and is outside on the CATA Campus.

Athletic Summer Workouts: Coaches have schedules and plans for summer workouts. Please contact the head coaches for further information. The NCHSAA summer sports dead period will be July 4 - July 17. Athletes will need to have an updated physical & registration complete on Family ID in order to participate.

Fall Sports: Official start date for Fall Sports will be Monday, August 1. Athletes will need to have an updated physical & registration complete on Family ID in order to participate.

-Any families **moving over the summer** need to provide Data Manager, William Smith with 2 proofs of residency. Any other demographics updates need to be sent to Mr. Smith as well.

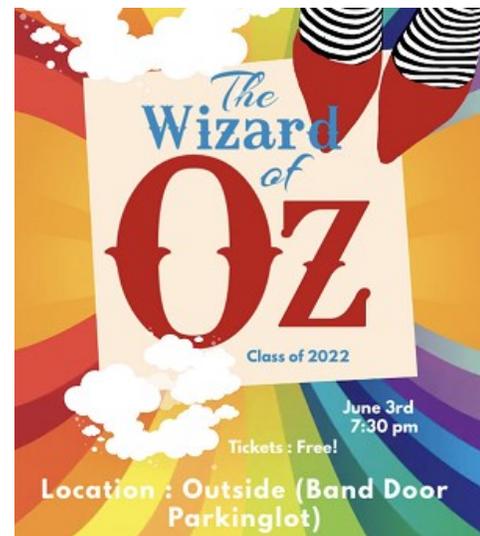
william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

-Any **student needing bus transportation who did not ride the bus at the end of the 2021 22 school year** must request this as soon as possible to Guidance Secretary, Tammy Tweed. Please specify AM or PM or Both.

tammy.tweed@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Summer hours are:
8 AM to 4 PM
Monday to Thursday.
Closed on Friday
Starting June 6th



Graduation Day Procedures 2022

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 page. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CentralAcademyNC>

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.**

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Graduation Day Procedures: We will use the home side permanent stands, temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. **No guests or students will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking passes and in the gates without tickets. 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**

Entering the Stadium (You will need to refer to the attached map): There are two entrances for ticketed guests. The double swinging gate off of S Johnson Street/Washington Street is **Gate A**, and the double gates off of S Johnson Street on the home stadium side is **Gate B**. Parents or guests must present tickets and will sit on the home side or be directed to the field to sit in bleachers or chairs. Parents must sit where asked. We will begin filling in the top rows first, then come down. The bottom row will be for late arrivals. **Entrance begins at 7 am and is shut down at 7:45 AM. We cannot accommodate late arrivals past 7:45.**

Handicapped Parking and Seating: Handicapped parking is on South Johnson Street in front of the stadium gate. Please display handicapped stickers or let a staff member directing traffic know you need accommodations for parking and seating. (GATE B is the handicap entrance. Guests who need assistance will sit in front of the home side of the stadium on the field on the gravel track and chairs will be provided for guests to sit together. All other handicapped accommodations should be emailed to josh.wall@ucps.k12.n.us.

Graduate Drop Off: Graduates should be dropped off at the Washington street driveway before the double gates to line up for the Processional. **An Academy teacher will be there to help line up students.** Parents and Guests should then proceed to park after dropping off seniors and Enter in Gate A or B.

Diploma Packets and Programs: Our Counseling Department will hand out diploma packets to **parents** right after entry into the stadium. **Parents** must pick up diploma packets before being seated. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial).

Graduate Assigned Seats: Students will be sitting in Alphabetical Order by Academy (Which are in alphabetical order). There are 14 rows of 14 seats. A to N and seats numbered 1 to 14. If a student is not here, then their seat will be skipped and their name will be marked off the list to be called to walk across the stage. Student names and seat numbers will be marked on each seat. **Students will receive a card with their seat number when they pick up their Graduation Packets (with tickets and parking passes). Students will be handed another card once they arrive on graduation day while in the processional line.** 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 Speakers will sit in row A seats 1-6 and return to assigned seat with their academy after they speak. Graduation speakers will lead the students in the processional. Students will move tassels, but are asked not to throw caps.

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Photographer: The student will stop 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.

Processional and Recessional:

Processional: Students will be lined up in alphabetical order by academies along the outside gate of the Washington Street Parking lot behind the concession stand building in the Walter Bickett Education Center Parking Lot. Academy teachers will be there to line up students and give out seating assignment cards. Students will be led by staff members and Junior Marshals in a single file line, enter the gate to the inside parking lot (Where the concession stand is located), walk down the hill onto the field, behind the stage and around to their seats. Students should walk down the row until they find their seat. If you have a 1 then you will be the first person on the row facing the stage (closest to the baseball infield) and if you are seat 14, then you will be the last student on the row (closest to the home stands). To keep it simple just have your seating card, the rows and seats will be labeled and staff will assist.

Recessional: At the conclusion of the ceremony, the administration and UCPS officials will exit the stage and walk toward the gravel track on the home side. Then, staff will help rows of students to get up one row at a time to walk in a circle around the field and then exit to their cars. You will exit the row the opposite way you entered the row. Junior Marshals and staff will be there to assist. Parents must remain in their seats (or stand at their seats) and cannot come down to the gate. Parents will be dismissed at various exits after the recessional. **Students are not allowed to pose for pictures at Walter Bickett Stadium after the recessional due to traffic concerns. Parents and Students may go to the CATA campus and take photos outside of the building.**

Parking and Directions: You will be directed where to park. Each graduate is allowed ONE or TWO parking passes and four to eight guests. **Each family is encouraged to use only one pass if possible.** All graduates and guests should arrive in one or two cars. If you have to meet another group, then you may go to CATA's main campus at 600 Brewer Drive and meet in the student parking lot to get into one car. This is due to parking limitations at the stadium.

The parking pass must be displayed to enter the parking entrance which is off of **Washington Street**. **All cars must enter on Washington Street off of Lancaster Avenue.** A staff member and a police officer will be placed at each entry point to check for passes.

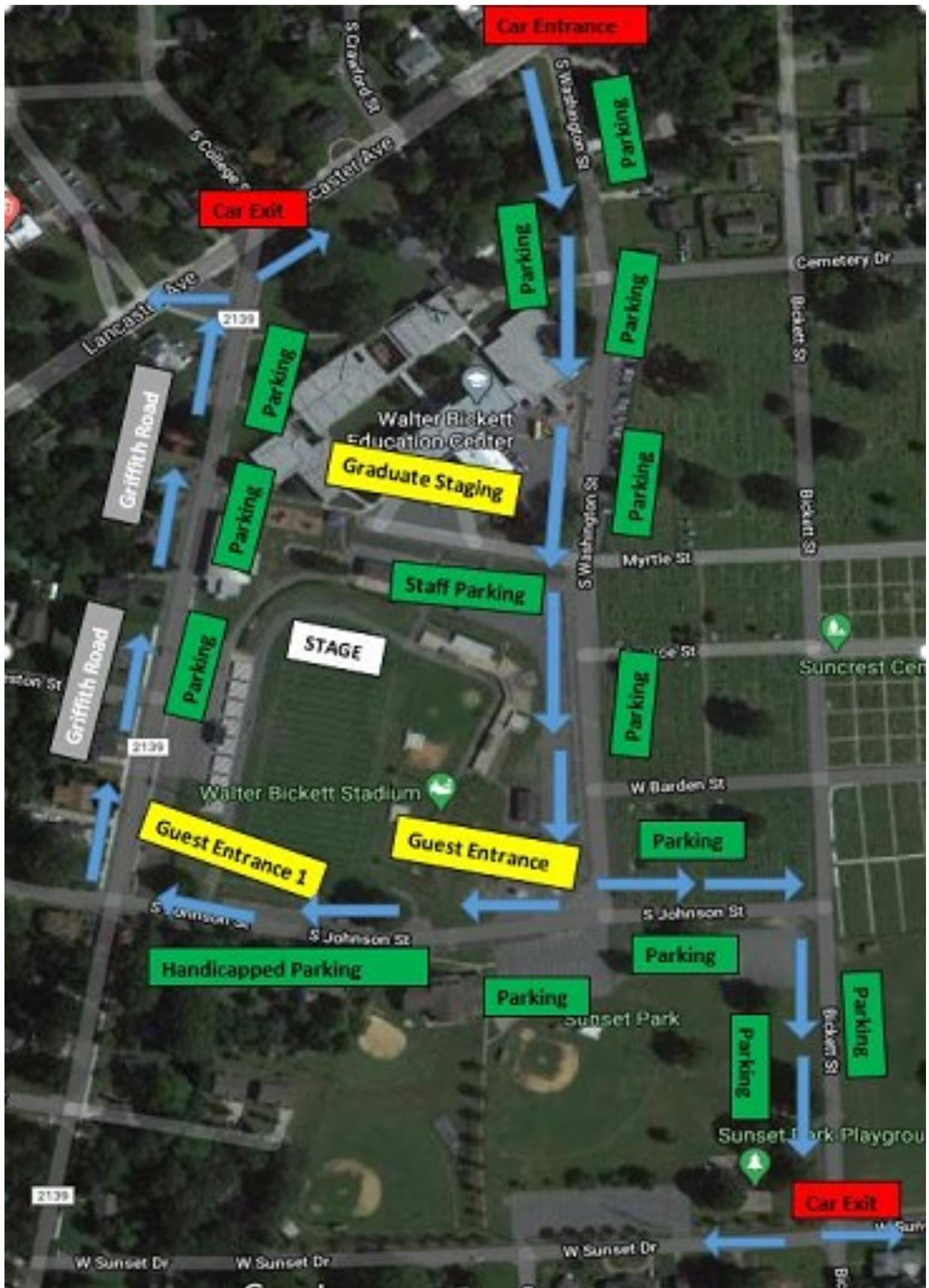
Cars will proceed around the block to park on Griffith Road until full on the right side of the road only, cars will continue to turn right and park on S. Johnson Street until full. **Note the spaces next to the stadium gate are for handicapped parking and the handicapped entrance will be the gate off of S. Johnson Street onto the field close to Gate B. Please display your handicapped sticker or email josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us if there is a special circumstance we need to accommodate.** Cars will then go into the parking lot off of S Johnson at Sunset Park, and once the lot is full cars will turn left and park on S Johnson Street on both sides. Cars will continue up South Johnson and when full, park on both sides of Bickett Street headed toward Sunset Drive. Cars will continue to come in and park on Washington Street on both sides going toward S. Johnson Street. Parking can be on both sides and in some turn spaces all the way back to Lancaster Avenue. In addition, cars may park on the roads in the cemetery. Once this parking is exhausted then cars will park in the WBES parking lots under the direction of a staff member.

Cars must follow an exit pattern: Those on Griffith Road will go straight and turn left or right on Lancaster Avenue. Those on S. Johnson parked toward Griffith Road on both sides of the street will exit by going straight and turning right on Griffith Road. Those on Washington Street on the right side will turn right on S. Johnson, go straight and turn right on Griffith Road. Those on the left side of Washington will go straight, turn left on South Johnson, then right on Bickett to exit left or right onto Sunset. Those in the WBEC parking lot will turn right on to Washington Street and may exit to the right or left on S. Johnson and follow those exit patterns.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

The map is on the next page.....

Graduation Ceremony Map



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.

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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 five 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>

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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.

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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

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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.

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College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

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CATA Counseling Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

[Ashley Cole](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Sarah Goodwin](#): Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

[Stephanie Graham](#): Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach [Rachael Petre](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](#)

Upcoming Events:

- After June 1, 2022 Family ID Registration will be open for the 2022-23 school year.
- June 11- Heart of Champion Day (*Physicals* - see info below)

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 2022-2023 school year, then you need to register with Family ID **starting after JUNE 1**. 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.

Men's Volleyball: CATA is potentially looking at starting a Men's Volleyball club in the Spring. We will need a volunteer coach to head up this club. Please contact our AD if you are interested.

Athletic Summer Workouts: Coaches have schedules and plans for summer workouts. Please contact the head coaches for further information. The NCHSAA summer sports dead period will be July 4 - July 17. Athletes will need to have an updated physical & registration complete on Family ID in order to participate.

Fall Sports: Official start date for Fall Sports will be Monday, August 1. Athletes will need to have an updated physical & registration complete on Family ID in order to participate.

CATA Coach Contacts

Fall Coaches Contact Info

Cheerleading - Arionna Johnson – arionna.johnson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – terrence.lewis@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Sports Coaches Contact Info:

Men's Basketball - Coach Winnegan – marcus.winnegan@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball - TBA

Cheerleading - Coach Johnson: arionna.johnson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Indoor Track- Coach Inuwa - kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swim - Coach Goodwin: sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling - Coach Jacobus: mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Sports Coaches Contact Info:

Men's Baseball: erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Softball - nathan.stewart@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis - Coach Lewis - terrence.lewis@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field - Coach Inuwa - kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer - Coach Niessner: jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf - Coach Jacobus: mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us