

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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### CATA Families,

**School is closed for students this Friday.** Our home basketball will be rescheduled as the visiting team cannot come due to weather. Our Away Wrestling Match at FHHS is still a go at this point and we wish our wrestling team the best! Go Cougars. **Exams** will begin on Tuesday 1/23 and go through Monday 1/29. The revised schedule is printed in the Chronicle: Tuesday-1st period exam, 2nd period review, Wednesday- 2nd period exam, 3rd period review, Thursday- 3rd period exam 4th period review, Monday 1/29-, 4th period exams. Review for 1st period exams will be Monday 1/22 during class. January 26th is still a teacher workday. We will communicate with you about make up exams but we urge you to have your child in school for every exam on the scheduled day. Congratulations to those students who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society this past week and to the Winter Guard for their first performance of the season.



**Second Semester Schedule Corrections** - The Schedule Correction Google Doc will open on Wednesday, January 24th by 9:00 am and will remain open until Friday, February 2nd at 5:00 pm. The link for the Schedule Correction Google Doc will be on the CATA website under Students/Parents tab. **Attendance waiver letters** for students with eight or more unexcused absences were sent home this week. Parents please sign and return these letters to the front office. Your child has been contacted about their attendance recovery time. Please direct any questions about recovery to [Ms. Karen Riley](#). Recovery must be completed before January 25th.

We do not have extra **chargers for exams**. Please stress to students that they must charge their Chromebook over night and bring their charger to school for the exam period in case they need it every day. **Seniors** -The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is posted on the website.

The CIAA Education Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th starting at 9:30 am at the Charlotte Convention Center. Students will hear from professionals and college students on ways to be a successful high school student to become a successful college student. There will be a college fair, lunch, and then we will attend the CIAA Tournament. The sign up sheet for interested students is in the Guidance Office. Please make sure to sign up by Wednesday, January 24th. If you have questions please see Ms. Lawson. Wingate University is sponsoring a **Health Fair** on January 27. Please see information in this edition and click [here](#) to email for more information.

**Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). **Future Prep will host an SAT Prep course** starting Wednesday, March 7th and ending Wednesday, April 18th at CATA (all sessions will be on Wednesdays). This prep will line up with the April 24th SAT that ALL juniors will take. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions please contact your assigned counselor. Please see the flyer in this edition. Remember that all Juniors have been preparing for the ACT in Cougar Time and will shift to the SAT after they take the ACT. The CATA PTO will be holding a **Valentine's Fundraiser starting 1/29**. Teddy Bears will be on sale to send to friends and teachers. Bears will be distributed on Valentine's Day. Pre-Order forms will be sent home the week of 1/29 and will be sold during lunch on 2/8 and 2/9. The cost is \$3 per bear. Please see the ad in this edition. Wingate University is sponsoring a Health Fair for the community on January 27th. Please see the flyer in this edition for details and times.

**Please take time to read over this newsletter** to see the great things our children and teachers are doing. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars! Dr. Fisenne

## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the School Counselors

**CLASS OF  
2018**

**Senior Information** Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum .

Please click [here](#) to see the Fall Senior Letter.

**College Recommendations:** Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

**Scholarship Information—** [Click Here for more Senior Scholarship Information](#)

### Student Opportunities

**JUNIORS**—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam, on February 27, 2018. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week since the start of the school year.

ACT offers—**Preparing for the ACT** - a free, comprehensive guide that includes information on what to expect on test day, strategies for preparing for the tests, and practice tests in each subject. The practice tests will help you get familiar with the instructions and format of the test, as well as the types of questions to expect. You can then score your practice tests and see the correct answers. **Please click here to access the material and practice tests:** [www.act.org/stateanddistrict/examinees](http://www.act.org/stateanddistrict/examinees).

**JUNIORS**—All juniors will be taking the SAT , a college entrance exam, on April 24, 2018 during the school day. Please see information about SAT Prep in this edition.

***All Juniors have been participating in College readiness exam prep during Cougar Time. This prep gives students practice and preparation for the ACT in February. Students will continue this prep through Kahn Academy online SAT prep leading up to the SAT they will take during school in April.***

**CLASS OF 2019**

**Class of  
2020**

**Class of  
2021**

#### **CATA Guidance 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 Lawson:** Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

**Ashley Cole :** Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

**Sarah Goodwin:** Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts.



Please click on this flyer to go the Future Prep Site to Register.

## SAT Review/College Prep Class

### *Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?*

*The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.*

*The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?*

*Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.*

### CENTRAL ACADEMY of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

Lesson #	Dates	Time
Math #1	Wed, 3/7	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #2	Wed, 3/14	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #3	Wed, 3/21	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #1	Wed, 3/28	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #2	Wed, 4/11	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 4/14	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #3	Wed, 4/18	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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or visit [www.futureprep.com](http://www.futureprep.com)

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## COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#).

Please check for more athletic information at the [CATA Athletics Website](#)

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA\\_Athletics](#)

### Results:

**Women's Basketball** – Loss vs. Anson

**Men's Basketball** – Loss vs. Anson

**Wrestling** – Competed in the King of King Tournament @ Olympic High School.



### Upcoming Events:

**Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.**

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Wrestling vs. Forest Hills & Anson @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm start

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Wrestling @ Monroe Tournament – All Day Event

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** HOME Wrestling vs. East Montgomery – 6:00 pm

AWAY Basketball vs. Mt. Pleasant – 4:00 pm Start – JV Girls

AWAY Swimming @ Stanly County YMCA in Albemarle – RRC Meet – 6:00 pm

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:** No events at this time – possible make up games

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Wrestling @ Rocky River Conference Tournament – All Day Event.

### Dates to Know:

**Exams – 1/19 - 1/29:** All non-winter sports are dead from 1/18 to 1/29 & the CATA Weight Room is closed.

**Spring Sports Parent Night** – Monday – January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium – A Notary will be on hand from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for anyone needing to have the UCPS Insurance Waiver Notarized that night.

**Football Parent/Athlete Information Night:** Thursday – February 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 pm – CATA Media Center.

**Winter Sports Awards Night** – Monday – March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

### Other Information:

Spring sports workouts have started or are scheduled to start soon...please contact your coach for workout information. Spring sports contact information can be found below.

**Paperwork** – If you have not already played a sport this year for CATA and you are planning on playing a spring sport get your paperwork turned in now. Don't be scrambling the first week of February. Paperwork is good for the entire school year (except your physical – 395 days). All paperwork must be handed in before spring sports tryouts start on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please **email Coach Niessner** with any paperwork questions @ [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## COUGAR ATHLETICS CONTINUED

### Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer– Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – [terrylewis@kw.com](mailto:terrylewis@kw.com)

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Softball – Gregory Peters – [Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### CENTRAL ACADEMY COUGAR HOME GAME ATHLETICS PASS STUDENT ONLY

**\$40 FOR Winter and Spring Sports**

**INCENTIVES SUCH AS CONCESSION ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS WILL BE OFFERED PERIODICALLY THROUGHTOUT THE YEAR.**

**PASS**

### UCPS Realignment

**Community members can view drafts of realignment maps at three Union County libraries.** The maps will be available at the Monroe, Union West and Waxhaw branches throughout the realignment process. The draft maps will still be accessible from the Student Realignment Citizens Advisory Committee webpage, which can be accessed from the UCPS website at [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us). Details about the branches are listed below.

#### Monroe Library

316 E. Windsor St.

Monroe, NC 28112

**Phone:** 704-283-8184

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00

Friday: 9:00 to 6:00

Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00

Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

#### Waxhaw Branch Library

509 S. Providence St.

Waxhaw, NC 28173

**Phone:** 704-843-3131

#### Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 to 6:00

Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00

Sunday: closed

#### Union West Regional Library

123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd

Indian Trail, NC 28079

**Phone:** 704-821-7475

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00

Friday: 9:00 to 6:00

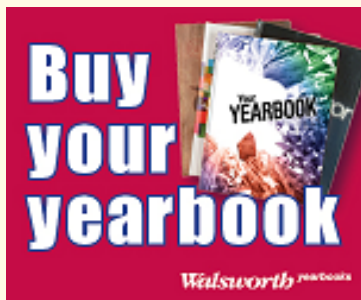
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00

Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

## **2018 Yearbook & Senior Tributes**

**Yearbooks** are on sale for \$85.00. Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! Order online at <https://www.yearbookforever.com> (search for CATA) or bring in a check or cash to Ms. Christensen. Make checks out to CATA.

All photos and messages for purchased tributes were due to Ms. Christensen by December 1st, so if you have not sent in your text and photo yet, please do so today! Main photo must be from the current year and not the same pose as will be in the yearbook. If you have any questions about yearbook sales or senior tributes, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at [deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.



## **Pre-Engineering Students meet with an Engineering Professional**

A licensed engineer came in and gave a presentation about civil engineering to our Civil Engineering & Architecture class. Mrs. Candice Rorie spoke about her work experience and education to become an engineer and also what a day in the life of an engineer looks like. Ms. Rorie works for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization as transportation planning engineer.



## **Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!**

- ⇒ Congratulations to our students who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society this past week.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the Winter Guard for their first performance of the year the basketball game this past week. Great job!



## Around CATA

**Friday, January 19**— Regular school day, stay tuned to UCPS for delays or cancellations

**Monday, January 22**— **Exam Period One, Second Period Review**

**Tuesday, January 23**— **Exam Period Two, Third period Review**

**Wednesday, January 24**— **Exam Period Three, Fourth Period Review**

**Thursday, January 25**— **Exam Period Four, Community Building**; End of Grading Period; Speech and Debate (Interpretation Workshops), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate (Debate Workshops), 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.);

**Friday, January 26**—**NO SCHOOL**— Teacher Workday

### Upcoming Events January

1/27—All District Band Clinic— Stewart Cramer High

1/29—First Day of the Spring Semester

1/29—Spring Sports Parent Night, 7:30 (Theatre)

*CATA PTSO will be holding a Valentine's Fundraiser starting January 29. We will be selling Teddy Bears that you can send to your friends & teachers. Bears will be distributed during 4th block on Valentines' Day!*

*Pre-Order forms will be sent home the week of January 29th and will be sold during lunch blocks February 8th & 9th.*



*Cost is \$3 per bear*

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- Kids zone (kid friendly activities)

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## Student Life

Many of our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here.](#)



# YOUR CATA PTSO

**Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:**

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Grace Watts

Treasurer - Ann Helms

**Click on this page if you,  
have an interest in serving  
on the CATA PTSO**

**Our Committee Chairs are:**

Communication - Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter

Hospitality - Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

Performing Arts - Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

Membership - Open

Staff Advisor/Liaison - Deb Christensen

If you, or someone you know, have an interest in serving CATA's students and staff in one of these areas, please [Click on this screen/ad](#) or contact us at [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com).

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Re-Link: 3612

**Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to  
volunteer at [catabandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:catabandpresident@gmail.com)**

**Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

## Cougar Council PTSO Information

Valentine Fundraiser starts in February– Ad in this edition.

Rocket Presentation February 2nd

Rocket Launch March 3rd

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Click [here](#) to view important PTSO information, minutes, and agendas.**





## ATTENDANCE AND EARLY DISMISSAL FACTS AND PROCEDURES

### People to contact for absences:

SCHOOL PHONE # (704)296-3088

FAX # (704)296-3090

Mrs. Nahum- School Secretary-  
[andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

[william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordinator- [karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us)

[Click Here for Information about attendance and absentee notes](#)

**Technology Fees:** The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is past due if it was not paid before September 5th. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. [You can pay this fee online at this link \(click here\).](#)

### Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata\_monroe

Dance @CATA\_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA\_Athletics

Football @CATA\_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA\_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

UCPS @UCPS\_MonroeNC

**Math Tutoring:** We have a general Math Lab Tutoring with Mr. Broome on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 on Mondays in room 519.

## Student Parking Passes

Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. **Please click [here](#) for Parking Pass forms and further information.** Past due fees must be paid before parking passes are issued.



### Bus Tracking App Now Available:

This school year, Union County Public Schools (UCPS) parents will be able to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on their smartphones, tablets or computers.

[Click here!](#)



### Volunteering at Central Academy:

We are happy to have our parents volunteer for events, field trips, and other school activities. Please click [here](#) to fill out an application to volunteer. There is a new volunteer portal, so volunteers who are already approved should have received an automated email from the new system with instructions on how to activate their volunteer status in the new system.



# Fall Semester Exam Dates 2017-18

## Monday, January 22

1<sup>st</sup> period review during class period.

## Tuesday, January 23

8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

## Wednesday, January 24

8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

## Thursday, January 25

8:50 – 12:50 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review

**Friday, January 26**—Teacher Workday-NO school for students

## Monday, January 29

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

### Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 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 four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **Exam make up day** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. 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.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between January 19 and January 25. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, 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 time-frame.

**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 to students prior to testing. 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.