

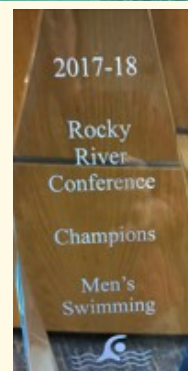
Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Families,

There is a **Meet and Greet for the cast and crew of On the Town** in the auditorium on Monday, 2/5 from 3:45 pm to 6:00 pm. All performers, cast/crew and faculty involved in On the Town are requested to attend. We will read through the script and briefly discuss production calendar and technical aspects. It is an opportunity for all involved to meet one another and hear the play. We will also hand out performance contracts for all our actors. Information on a Destination Broadway Workshop in late February is in the Chronicle. The **Music Production and Recording Arts (MPRA)** of the Performing Arts Academy will have a grand opening of the recording studio for students and parents on Thursday, February 8th at 6 PM. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6 PM followed by a tour and demonstrations. Congratulations to the men's swim team for winning the Rocky River Conference Championship. The team is headed to regionals this weekend. February 5-9 is national school counseling week. **We appreciate our counselors: Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, and Ms. Goodwin and our Career Development Counselor—Ms. Webb.**



Seniors please see information in this edition about the Union County Education Foundation Scholarship. The deadline is 2/23. Click [here](#) for more information.

February is **Black History Month**. Our Black History Club is sponsoring two activities this month. One, the club is providing a narrative each day this month for our morning and television announcements about a person or event that is important in black history. Two, the club is sponsoring a door decorating contest for our classes promoting black history.

The CATA PTSO 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. **Pre-order** forms for the bears are in this edition.

Student Parking spaces are sold out at this time and students will be placed on a waiting list if spots open later this school year.

On Tuesday, 2/6, Central Academy will play Forest Hills in basketball, games starting at 4 PM. This night we will also be having a **Canned Food Drive**. This is a competition with Forest Hills to see which school will bring the most cans. The winner will be announced at the end of Boys Halftime and whichever school wins will receive bragging rights. Be sure and wear Pink to the Game! Guests must bring a minimum of 5 cans for a \$1 off their admission ticket. Tickets are \$5 with at least 5 cans and \$6 if less than five cans. All cans will be donated to The Union County Community Shelter. See the ad in this edition. **Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the school athletic website. **Spring Sports Tryout Ticket Pick Up** – Coach Niessner's Office during all lunches – Thursday 2/8, Monday 2/12, Tuesday 2/13, Wednesday 2/14. Paperwork can be handed in at any time. You must have all 8 forms turned in to participate in a spring sport.

Off-Season football workouts will begin Monday morning 2/5 in the weight room at 7:30 and lasting until 8:30 am. Another session will be after school at 3:45 and lasting until 4:55. These times are for all current and prospective football players who do not have weight lifting class during the day. Those who want to play are asked to participate in at least one session; mornings, class, or afterschool.

Spotlight on Academies this week: Cybersecurity Students Get Hands-On Experience– [Click here to read the story](#). Our Medical Science Project Lead the Way Classes– [Click here](#). Pre-Engineering: Civil Engineering and Architecture Class– [click here](#). Transportation Systems– [Click here](#). Experience Dance at Central Academy– [Click here](#).

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.



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.***

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.

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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

- Content Review focusing on all content areas of the **NEW SAT**
- Covers the **NEW SAT** Essay
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide with 8 Practice Tests published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
- Students will learn global and section-specific strategies that will help maximize test day performance.

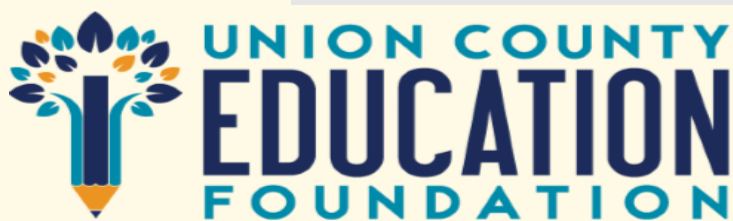
All This for **ONLY \$199*!**

(UCPS Students Receive \$100 off of the Regular Tuition of \$299)

For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975

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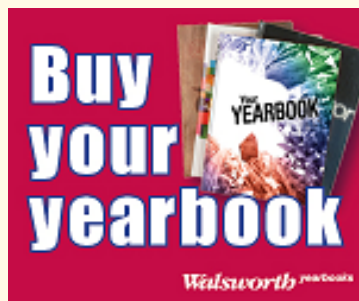
College Scholarship Opportunities

Union County Education Foundation Scholarship--Each spring we award twelve \$1,000 college scholarships to UCPS seniors who pay tribute to a special teacher as part of their application process. Deadline: Feb 23 at midnight. Click [here](#) for more information.

Agnes Liles Scholarship--Every four years the Union County Education Foundation awards the Agnes Liles Scholarship as a service to Larry Harrington's Law Office. Ms. Liles established a trust that provides six UCPS students a \$30,000 college scholarship. (\$7,500 per year for four years.) Deadline: March 2 at midnight. Click [here](#) for more information.

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. If you have any questions about yearbook sales or senior tributes, please contact Ms. Deb Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.



Destination Broadway to Host Workshops at CATA

On **Saturday, Feb 24th**. We will be having two workshops at CATA, delivered by Destination Broadway. <https://www.destinationbroadway.org/>

Clyde Alves, who played lead as Ozzie on 2014 Broadway's Revival of "On The Town", will be working on performance, characterization and choreography with the CATA student cast of "On The Town". His workshop will start at 10:30 am.

Tiffany Haas, who played Glenda on Broadway in "Wicked" will be working on a vocal/dance master class and mock audition for a musical. Her master class will begin directly after Clyde's and is open to all CATA and Non-CATA students. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and watch the workshops.

Destination Broadway Auditions Tiffany will also be presenting her "Destination Broadway" week long summer intensive in NYC. She will also be holding auditions after her master class for those interested in attending. This is open to CATA and Non-CATA Students.

Valentine's Fundraiser Teddy Bear
ORDER FROM
*Fill out form and turn into office
 with money by February 8th.
 Bears will be distributed during 4th
 block on Valentines' Day!*
Cost is \$3 per bear



TO: _____ **4th Block Class** _____

FROM: _____

Message -

Around CATA

Monday, February 5 — Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); On the Town Cast/Crew Meeting, 3:45 (Theatre); PTSO General Meeting, (6:30 PM (Media Center)

Tuesday, February 6— NHS meetings, 3:35 & 8:15 AM (Media Center); Fashion Club, 3:30 (Ms. Casey's Rm.); Travel Club, 3:30 (Ms. Foreman's Rm.); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Gaming Club, 3:45 (Mr. Bryan's Rm.); Speech and Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Barron's Rm.); GSA Meeting, 3:45 (Ms. Peacock's Rm.)

Wednesday, February 7— **Early Release Day– School is 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM;** Band Boosters– Winter General Meeting, 6 PM (Band Rm); Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:20 AM (Rm. 401)

Thursday, February 8— **Report Cards; MPRA Grand Opening, 6 PM (MPRA Suite);** FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Speech and Debate Interpretation, 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate: Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.)

Upcoming Events February:

PTSO Valentine Fundraiser, 1/29 to 2/9

2/19 to 2/20—Josten's Ring Orders during lunches

2/20- Parent Night for Josten's Class Rings, 3 to 6 PM (Front Lobby)

2/20—CATA Crawl (Sun Valley, Marvin Ridge, East Union)—6:30 to 8 PM

2/20—Progress Reports

2/22—CATA Crawl - Porter Ridge, Cuthbertson, Piedmont— 6:30 to 8 PM

2/27—CATA Crawl - Parkwood, Weddington, Monroe— 6:30 PM to 8 PM

2/27—Spring Sports Pictures, 3:30 PM

2/27— ACT Testing– ALL JUNIORS

2/28— Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference)

Student Life

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

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

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ **Congratulations to our wrestling team:** The team finished 2nd at Rocky River Conference Tournament. They defeated North Surry in the 1st Round of the NCHSAA Dual team tournament, team then lost to host West Wilkes in the 2nd Round of the NCHSAA Dual Team Tournament.
- ⇒ Congratulations to the **men's swim team** for winning the Rocky River Conference Championship.

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 – Lost vs. Mt. Pleasant, Lost vs. West Stanly, Lost vs Porter Ridge

Men's Basketball – Lost vs. Mt. Pleasant, Lost vs. West Stanly, Lost vs Porter Ridge

Wrestling – Finished 2nd at Rocky River Conference Tournament. Team defeated North Surry in the 1st Round of the NCHSAA Dual team tournament, team then lost to host West Wilkes in the 2nd Round of the NCHSAA Dual Team Tournament



Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, February 2nd:

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

Saturday, February 3rd:

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA 1A/2A Regionals – Uptown MAC – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track @ Cuthbertson – All Day Event

Tuesday, February 6th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm – JV Girls Start

Thursday, February 8th:

1st Day to pick up Spring Sports Tryout Tickets at Lunch – Coach Niessner's Office

AWAY – Basketball @ East Montgomery – 4:30 pm – JV Boys Start – No JV Girls Game

Friday, February 9th:

HOME – Basketball vs. East Montgomery – 4:30 pm JV Boys Start

Senior Night activities will take place before each varsity game

Girls' parents please arrive by 5:30 pm

Boys & Cheerleading parents please arrive by 6:30 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ NCHSAA State Meet – JDL Fast Track – Winston Salem

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA State Meet – Cary Aquatics Center

AWAY – Wrestling @ NCHSAA Midwest Regionals – Mt. Pleasant High School

Saturday, February 10th:

AWAY – Wrestling @ NCHSAA Midwest Regionals – Mt. Pleasant High School

Dates to Know:

Spring Sports Tryout Ticket Pick Up – Coach Niessner's Office during all lunches – Thursday 2/8, Monday 2/12, Tuesday 2/13, Wednesday 2/14.

Paperwork can be handed in at any time. You must have all 8 forms turned in to participate in a spring sport

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

COUGAR ATHLETICS CONTINUED

Other Information:

CATA Lacrosse Club:

If you have interest in being a part of the CATA Lacrosse Club for the Spring 2018 season, and want to be a part of helping bring Lacrosse to CATA then please send us an email at: cougarslaxclub2018@gmail.com

Please include the following information:

Name

Current grade level

Prior lacrosse experience (if any) along with positions played.

Any other sports played in or out of school

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 14th. Please **email Coach Niessner** with any paperwork questions @ jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – alouallen@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

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

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – terrylewis@kw.com

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball – Gregory Peters – Gregory.peters@ucps.k12.nc.us

CENTRAL ACADEMY COUGAR HOME GAME ATHLETICS PASS

STUDENT ONLY

\$40 FOR Spring Sports

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

PASS

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.

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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>

Harris Teeter
Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy
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education**
Re-Link: 3612

**Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to
volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com**

Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at 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 14th

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

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordinator- 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– SOLD OUT– Students will be put on a waiting list

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.

