

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Families,

ALL students received report cards and transcripts in Advisory today. Attached to the report cards is the Family Connection Parent Portal Access that allows you to see what your child has done in their Family Connection account. 9th Grade - Reviewed ONE WORD activity and worked on Goal Setting through Family Connection. 10th Grade - Received PreACT Results, registered with Khan Academy (practice SAT tool through College Board), and worked on Goal Setting through Family Connection. 11th Grade - Registered with Khan Academy (practice SAT tool through College Board) and worked on Goal Setting through Family Connection. 12th Grade - Received Workkeys Results, researched scholarships through Family Connection and the CATA Counseling Website, and selected Senior Superlatives.

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.. We showed our appreciation to them this week with lunch, flowers, and treats. We truly appreciate their hard work and dedication to our school and community. Our teachers work hand in hand with our counselors to make a great team!**

This past week we collected cans for the Union County Community Shelter by asking the students of Central Academy and Forest Hills to bring canned food goods to the basketball games between the schools this week. Attendees who brought five cans were given a discount on game tickets. Thank you to the students, parents, and staff members of both schools. Thank you also to the CATA Staff for participating in our Souper Bowl of Caring Annual soup and chili cookoff to raise money for the UC Community Shelter. They raised \$150!

Some of our Pre-Engineering and Physics Students are participating in a **rocketry program** offered by UNCC students. The UNCC students presented to our students last week and our students will work in teams during Cougar Time over the next month building their own rockets and will have a launch on 3/3 on the CATA fields.

All Juniors are taking the ACT Tuesday, 2/27 Students can check out an ACT workbook from the Front Office or go to www.act.org/stateanddistrict/examinees to prepare for the exam.

Information on a **Destination Broadway Workshop for musical theatre** in late February is in the Chronicle. **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 is holding a **Valentine's Fundraiser**. 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 sold during lunch 2/9, and students can use the order form in this edition to purchase in the main office or at lunch. The cost is \$3 per bear. Please 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** at Coach Niessner's Office during all lunches – Monday 2/12, Tuesday 2/13, Wednesday 2/14. Get your paperwork in now. You must have all 8 forms turned in to participate in a spring sport. Huge shout out to Michael Snider for winning the regionals in the 50 freestyle and to Mitchell Palmer for finishing 3rd in the regionals 100 Breaststroke. Good luck and Go Cougars to our **swimmers and runners that advanced to STATE competition this week!** Way to go.

Off-Season football workouts have started and are in the weight room at 7:30 AM 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: Check out our website for our Academy and school Spotlights! **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

ACT for ALL Juniors on Tuesday, February 27th

Students can check out an ACT workbook from the Front Office or go to www.act.org/stateanddistrict/examinees to prepare for the exam.



SAT for ALL Juniors on Tuesday, April 24th

Upon completion of the ACT students will start to review SAT during Cougar Time with College Board & Khan Academy

Students can visit satpractice.org for individual practice at home



ADVISORY ACTIVITIES from February 8th, 2018

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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.

[Sarah Webb](#): Career Development Coordinator for all CTE based Academies.



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go the Future Prep Site to
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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)
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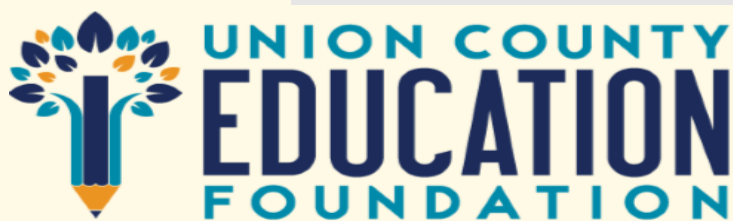
All This for **ONLY \$199*!**

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

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

or visit www.futureprep.com

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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.

Destination Broadway to Host Workshops at CATA

Attention Young Singers - Dancers - Actors

Special Opportunity at CATA

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

**Vocal and Musical Theatre Master Classes
followed by auditions for Destination Broadway 2018**



**Broadway Star
Tiffany Haas**

GLINDA

in Broadway's Wicked

Tiffany will conduct **FREE** master classes on musical theatre and mock audition process for a Broadway musical. She will also speak with Students and Parents about what it takes to succeed as a young performer. Afterwards, she will hold auditions for the prestigious Destination Broadway summer program.

This is open to ALL students.

If you are interested in a career as a performing artist, don't miss this opportunity!

This is your chance to learn from a Broadway star!

Central Academy of Technology & Arts (CATA)

600 Brewer Drive, Monroe, NC 28112

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Vocal and Musical Theatre master classes

4:00 pm Auditions* for Destination Broadway 2018

Call 757-873-0454 to register. Space is limited.

**The Audition will consist of a one-on-one private interview. You will be asked to vocalize. IF you have a prepared song, please bring sheet music and be prepared to sing. You will be accompanied on the piano.*

Parents are invited...and strongly urged...to watch the master classes!

Check this website for a fantastic video about Destination Broadway!



www.destinationbroadway.org

Destination Broadway to Host Workshops at CATA

Attention CATA Cast of ON THE TOWN

We are excited to announce *Clyde Alves*, will be at CATA for a one-day workshop to work with the student cast.



Broadway Star
Clyde Alves
'Ozzie'
 Lead Performer in Broadway's
ON THE TOWN



Clyde will be here to work with the student cast on:
 * **Performance** * **Characterization** * **Choreography** *
for the upcoming spring performance.

This is a special opportunity. Parents are invited to attend and watch.



Clyde Alves is a Canadian dancer, actor, and singer. Alves appeared on Broadway in The Music Man in the Susan Stroman revival (2000) as Tommy Dillas, winning the Fred Astaire Award for Best Male Dancer. He repeated his role in the ABC television special of The Music Man which aired in 2003.

He has also appeared on Broadway in Wicked, Hairspray, Oklahoma! as Jess (2002) and as Mike in the 2008-09 tour of A Chorus Line. Alves also appeared in the Off-Broadway musical Boobs! The Musical and Altar Boyz as Juan. Alves was in the Tony winning revival of Anything Goes with Sutton Foster and Joel Grey. Recently he starred in the 2014 Broadway revival of On The Town.

Saturday
February 24, 2018
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

In the theatre at:
 Central Academy of
 Technology & Arts (CATA)
 600 Brewer Drive, Monroe, NC 28112



DESTINATION
BROADWAY
 sing | dance | act

In addition to performing, Clyde teaches Master Classes around the country. He is on the faculty of Destination Broadway, a musical theatre intensive for ages 8-18 held each summer in New York City.

Check this website for a fantastic video about Destination Broadway!

www.destinationbroadway.org

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. Anson, Lost vs. Forest Hills

Men's Basketball – Lost vs. Anson, Lost vs. Forest Hills

Wrestling – No Events Last Week

Swimming – The CATA men finished in the top 10 in the 1A/2A Regional Meet – State Qualifiers: 200 Medley Relay - Mitch Palmer, Steven Bausinger, Jack Wild, Michael Snider, Josh Likes (Alternate), S. Bausinger – 200 IM, M. Snider – 50 Free – Regional Champion, M. Palmer – 100 Butterfly, M. Snider – 100 Butterfly, S. Bausinger – 500 Free, M. Palmer – 100 Breast – 3rd Place Regionals, 400 Free Relay, Palmer, Bausinger, Wild, Snider & Likes (Alternate)

Indoor Track – Congrats to the Event: 4x200 relay team of Joel Simpson, Evan Schmitt, Jackson Hase, Donovan Walker & Bryce Roberson (alternate) who qualified for the State Championship Meet

Upcoming Events:

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

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 – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Swimming @ NCHSAA State Meet – Cary Aquatics Center – 8:00 am

AWAY – Wrestling @ NCHSAA Midwest Regionals – Mt. Pleasant High School – 5:30 pm

Saturday, February 10th:

AWAY – Wrestling @ NCHSAA Midwest Regionals – Mt. Pleasant High School – 9:00 am

Tuesday, February 13th –

AWAY Basketball – 1st Round of Rocky River Conference Tournament – Time/Location – TBA

Wednesday, February 14th –

First day of spring sports

Thursday – Saturday Feb. 15th – 17th

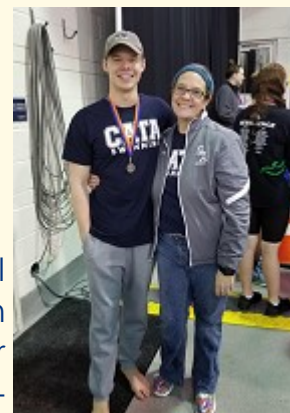
AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA State Tournament – Greensboro Coliseum

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

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**

Around CATA

Saturday, February 11—Speech and Debate Competition, Queens University, starts at 8 AM

Monday, February 12 — WorkKeys Make-up Testing; Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Math Lab Tutoring, 3:30 (Rm. 519 Mr. Broome)

Tuesday, February 13— BETA Club Meetings, 8:15 AM & 3:40 (Media Center); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.); Fashion Club, 3:45 (Rm. 616 Ms. Casey); 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.)

Wednesday, February 14— Chess, Club, 3:30 (Mr. Markle's Rm.); Black History Club, 3:30 (Mr. Peter's Rm.)

Thursday, February 15— FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Science Olympiad, 8:00 AM (Ms. Cross' Rm.); 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

2/23—MPA Band Retreat— Band Rm. And Theatre, 8 AM to 5 PM

2/24—Destination Broadway, 10:30 AM (Theatre)

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)

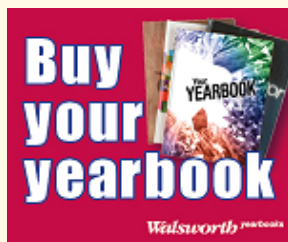
Student Life

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



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.



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ Congratulations to our student athletes on the men's swimming team and the men's indoor track team who are attending the NCHSAA State meets this week.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our individual wrestlers attending regionals this weekend.
- ⇒ Thank you to our students who are going to be building rockets over the next month and launching them through a cooperative program with UNCC.

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.



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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You shop. Amazon gives.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>

Harris Teeter
Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy
**together in
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– and order form on the next page.

Rocket Launch March 3rd

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff March 14th

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



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

*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 -
