

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Families,

This past week at Central Academy some of our Performing Arts students had a Destination Broadway workshop, which allowed them to meet former cast members of the musical *On the Town*, and participate in acting workshops and auditions. Please stay tuned for information about our students performances of the musical, *On the Town*, this spring. A group of our Pre-Engineering students have been working the past several weeks with the UNCC Rocketry program to build and launch rockets. The rocket launch will be this Saturday 3/3 at 2 PM on the fields behind the school. We



are pleased to announce that a group of Central Academy Alumni are in the process of starting an alumni association. If you know any former students who are interested, then please have them contact [Deb Christensen](#) our media specialist so that she can connect them to the alumni association. Please check out our **CATA to College** Banner in this edition, which indicates average SAT and ACT Scores for popular colleges our students apply to in North and South Carolina. Please check out the **PTSO page** in this edition to see upcoming sponsored events and meetings for the Month of March.

Attention Seniors - Jostens will be here on Monday, 3/26 (during student lunches) to deliver Cap & Gowns, Graduation Announcements and other Senior items! All orders must be paid in full in order to pick up your Cap & Gown. If you haven't ordered a Cap & Gown yet, time is running out... you can still order online at [Jostens.com](#). **Juniors**, more than 200 schools from across the country will be at the **Charlotte National College Fair** on March 18 from 12-4pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about different schools. We will provide transportation to this event. Juniors have priority, but other grades can attend if there is space. Please sign up via the [Google form](#) on the school counseling website. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

The **CATA Band Program** is selling \$20 cards for Krispy Kreme Donuts. These cards give 10 opportunities to buy one get one dozen donuts from Krispy Kreme. Please see a band student today or go to the band website [www.cataband.org](#) to place your order by March 5th. There is an order form with links in this edition. The **annual NHS talent show auditions** for all Central Academy Students is at 4 PM on Tuesday 3/6 and 3:30 PM on Thursday 3/8 in the Media Center Conference Room. Interested students should contact [Ms. Christensen](#).

The SAT will be administered to all Juniors on April 24th. Students will work to prepare for this during Cougar Time after we complete the ACT. The school is also hosting a SAT review session series after school that is advertised in this week's chronicle. There is a fee for this series.

Athletics: For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). It is very important to follow our Athletic Twitter for the fastest updates on our schedules, especially with the weather we get in the Spring season. 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: cougarlaxclub2018@gmail.com Winter Sports Awards Night will be on Monday March 12th at 7:00 in the auditorium.

We thank all of our students and staff for supporting the **CATA Crawl** to showcase our school to prospective students. It has been great to hear our students talk to interested families about why they enjoy their CATA experience. We would like to ask parents and visitors to be sure they have identification with them when they visit our school as this is required for entry.

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

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](#).

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Results:

Men's Golf: Win vs. Pageland Central

Softball: Lost vs. Butler

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, March 2nd:

HOME – Baseball vs. Union Academy – 5:30 pm

HOME – Softball vs. Union Academy – 4:00 pm

Monday, March 5th:

HOME – Golf @ Monroe Country Club vs. Rocky River Conference – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Tennis @ Porter Ridge – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ Piedmont – 5:30 pm

AWAY – Softball @ Forest Hills – 4:30/6:00 pm – Double Header (Non-Conference)

Tuesday, March 6th:

HOME – Baseball vs. Concord – 4:30/7:00 pm @ Walter Bickett Stadium

AWAY – Soccer @ Monroe – 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 7th:

AWAY – Baseball @ Concord – 4:30/7:00 pm

Thursday, March 8th:

HOME – Softball vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ Monroe – 3:45 pm

Friday, March 9th:

HOME – Baseball vs. Metrolina – 4:30/7:00 pm @ Walter Bickett Stadium

HOME – Soccer vs. Sun Valley – 4:00 pm

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

CATA Lacrosse Club – cougarlaxclub2018@gmail.com

Dates to Know:

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

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: cougarlaxclub2018@gmail.com. Please include the following information: Name, Current grade level, Prior lacrosse experience (if any) along with positions played., and Any other sports played in or out of school

CATA

Class of **2018**

Cap & Gown Delivery Day!

Announcements & Senior GEAR will be delivered, too.

Monday, March 26th

During ALL Lunches



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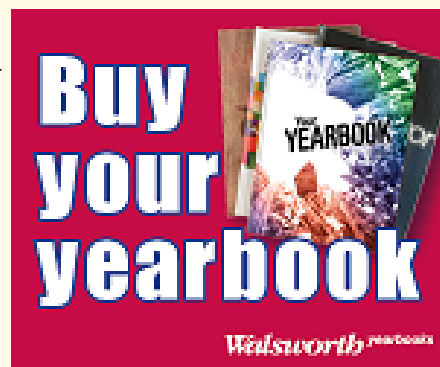


Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

⇒ We thank all of our students and staff for supporting the **CATA Crawl** to showcase our school to prospective students. It has been great to hear our students talk to 8th graders about why they enjoy their CATA experience.

2018 Yearbook

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.



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the School Counselors

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](#)

Please see Ms. Cole if you have questions.

Student Opportunities

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

2018-2019 CTE Internship: Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Mrs. Webb.

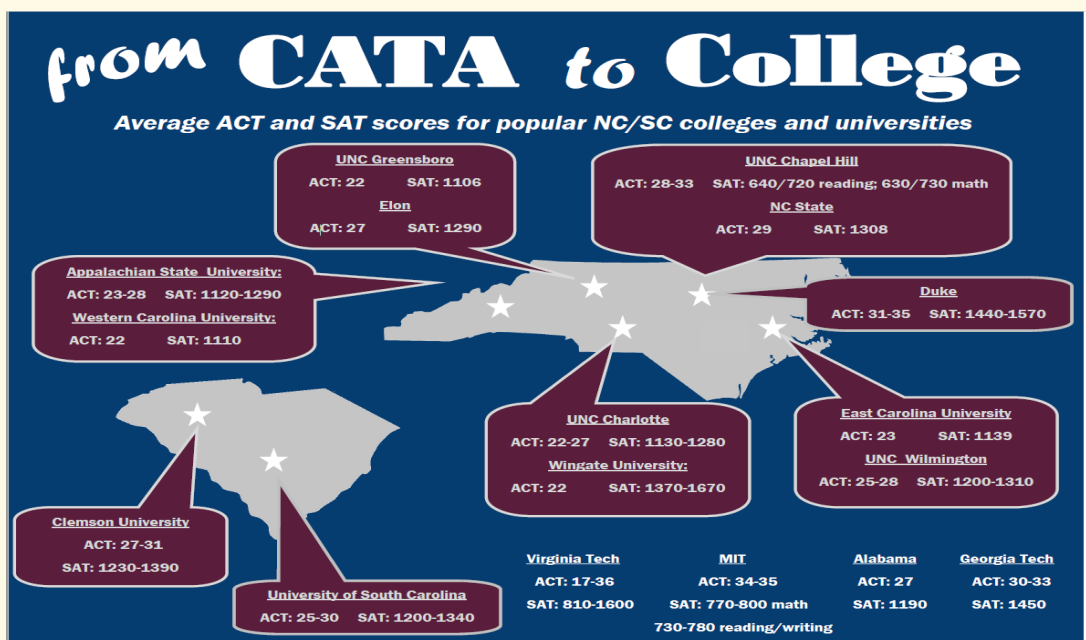
If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at [sa-rah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

CLASS OF
2018

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.

Sarah Webb: Career Development Coordinator for all CTE based Academies.



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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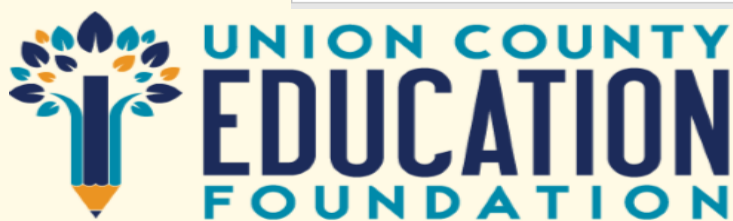
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College Scholarship Opportunities

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.

Around CATA

Friday, March 2—Pre-Engineering field trip UNCC

Saturday, March 3— UNCC Rocketry Team Rocket Launch CATA Fields, 2 PM; All State Band Auditions @ Central Davidson HS (see Mr. Retzlaff for info)

Monday, March 5 — PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Conference Rm.); Robotics Club (3:30—rm 118); Math Lab Tutoring (3:30—rm519); Tri-M Music Honor Society, 8:25 AM & 3:25 PM (Band Rm.); Civics and Economics Common Assessment

Tuesday, March 6—NHS Talent Show Auditions, (4 PM—Media Conference Rm.); NHS Meetings (8:15 AM & 3:45—Media Center); Fashion Club (3:30—rm616); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds (3:30—Band room); Speech Workshops (3:45—rm 110); Gaming Club (3:45—rm 217); GSA Meeting (3:35, Rm. 608); Travel Club (3:30 Rm. 208);Civics and Economics Common Assessment; English I and II Common Assessments

Wednesday, March 7—**Early Release Date: School Hours: 8:50 to 12:30;** English I and II Common Assessments; Future Prep SAT Course, (4:30-, Rm. 401)

Thursday, March 8—NHS Talent Show Auditions, (3:30 PM—Media Conference Rm.); FCA (8:00 gym); Jazz/Chamber winds (3:30 band room); Interpretation workshop (3:45 rm111); Debate Workshop (3:45 rm609)

Friday, March 9— End of Grading Period

Upcoming Events March:

3/12—Winter Sports Awards Night, 7:00 pm (CATA Theatre)

3/16 to 3/17—Sophomore Theatre Show

3/21—Report Cards

3/23-3/24-Student Dance Choreography, 7:00 PM (Theatre)

3/26—Senior Delivery– Josten's (Lunches)

3/28—Site Based Team, 3:40 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.)

3/30— NO SCHOOL, Holiday, Good Friday and Passover

4/2 to 4/6— NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

Student Life

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

Please check the Around CATA Calendar posted above for Student Life Events this Week

- There will be a general meeting for the **Tri-M Music Honor Society** this coming Monday, March 5th at 8:25 AM and 3:35 PM in the band room. The meeting should last 20 minutes.
- The **annual NHS talent show auditions** for all Central Academy Students is at 4 PM on Tuesday 3/6 and 3:30 PM on Thursday 3/8 in the Media Center Conference Room.

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.usMrs. 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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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

Rocket Launch 3/3—CATA students together with UNC Rocketry Club will launch their rockets on the CATA fields, @ 2:00 pm

Monthly Birthday Celebration— Monday, 3/5: we will have our for teachers and other staff members whose birthdays fall in March. Thank you to those families who donate the cakes to our teachers and staff. They truly appreciate being recognized and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PTSO Executive Meeting— 3/5 @ 6:30pm, Media Conference Room Please join us for our monthly meeting discussion. All members welcome.

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff 3/14—It is a **day to celebrate** the mathematical constant **pi** (π) and eat lots of pie! Thank you to our gracious families for your donations which will make for a fun event!

DID YOU KNOW? **Pi Day** was founded by Physicist Larry Shaw in 1988.

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



CATA Band
Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

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