

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

March 30, 2018, Edition 29A

CATA Families,

We begin our Spring Break tomorrow and students return to school on Monday April 9th. We wish everyone a restful spring break and hope that you are able to spend quality time with family and friends. This edition of the Chronicle has special information on the first three pages and the following pages are last week's edition for the CATA community to review. Please review the first three pages of this edition carefully for information about Special Olympic Volunteers, the Prom, the Spring Musical, On The Town, and the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Special Olympics: Thank you to Ms. Hinson and Coach Rowell for coordinating with our student volunteers! Ms. Hinson said, "Our students were extremely patient and very kind with these "special" teens/adults. I was enormously proud! I believe that this is a day that they will all remember fondly for many years."

Student volunteers for this year's Union County Special Olympics: Nancy Ayala, Cole Bade, Dalton Bain, Nicholas Bandhy, Jordan Beatty, Indra Broms, Valerie Brunt, Hunter Bryce, Chloe Combs, Kendall Cook, Alexis Cruz, Paul D'Amico, Victoria Dennehy, Noah Estrada, Kathy Fiallo, Katrina Focht, Lyndsey Frady, Mitch Goldfarb, Maiah Greene, Isaiah Hamilton, Paul Hille, Mae Hinson, Sam Jackson, Ben Kleinschrodt, Bryson Miller, Clay Musselwhite, Savannah Owens, Catalina Portillo, McKenzie Smalls, Sydney Smith, Kaitlyn Speiser, Maddy Starr, Nikol Stoycheva, Seattle Treadaway, Dayanara Villa-Munoz

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Spring Musical: On The Town-Tickets On Sale NOW!!!!

Show Times – All regular performances are \$10.00 per show

Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:00pm [*** Pre Show FOOD TRUCKS open at 4:30pm til Showtime!](#)

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2:30pm

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00pm

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:00pm [*** Pre Show FOOD TRUCKS open at 4:30pm til Showtime!](#)

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 2:30pm

[Advance purchase tickets: http://cata.seatyourself.biz/](http://cata.seatyourself.biz/)

---Tickets also available at the Door for general seating admission---

Join us preshow on Saturday, April 14 & Saturday, April 21

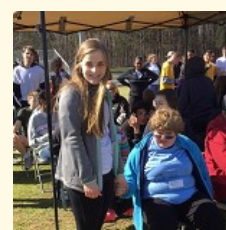
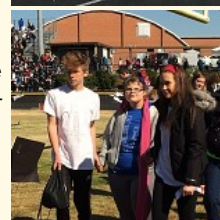
and visit our Food Truck meal nights, casual dining, and music of the era!

Food Trucks begin dinner service at 4:30pm until show time!

BBQ, Pizza & Kona Ice will be onsite for casual preshow dining.

For more information/details on Performances...

cataperformingarts@gmail.com



CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS

ON THE TOWN

APRIL 13TH @ 7:00 PM

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APRIL 22ND @ 2:30 PM



Sweet & Savor Saturdays

Join us before our Saturday shows

April 14 & 21

To enjoy dinner delights
from local food trucks

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ON THE TOWN

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Book and Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Based on an Idea by Jerome Robbins

TICKETS \$10⁰⁰

Reserve your seat today at
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ON THE TOWN is presented by arrangement with Tams Witmark Music Library, Inc., 580 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022. www.tamswitmark.com

STAPLES

CATA Student Sings National Anthem

One of CATA's students, Ashline Arnaud, sang the national anthem at the opening ceremonies for Porter Ridge Athletic Association this past weekend. She did an awesome job.



We need **your** help



**American
Red Cross**

Central Academy Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 am- 1:30 pm

Sign up during lunch April 9-16

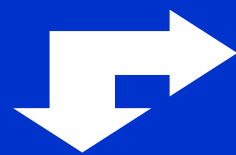
Tips for a Successful Donation

By following a few recommendations before, during and after your blood donation can help you make your donation experience as safe, successful and pleasant as possible.

Before Your Donation

- ✓ Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.
- ✓ Get a good night's sleep.
- ✓ Drink an extra 16 oz. of water or nonalcoholic fluids before the donation.
- ✓ Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream before donating. (Fatty foods can affect the tests we do on your blood. If there is too much fat in your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion.)





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CATA Families,

The Sophomore Theatre show was this past Friday and Saturday.

Congratulations to our sophomore theatre students and Ms. Fairchild for a wonderful event. Thank you to our CATA students for volunteering at the Union County Special Olympics this week. The Performing Arts Dancers are hosting a **Student Dance Choreography Concert** this Friday and Saturday at 7 PM in the theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The **Spring Senior Letter** is in this edition. Seniors and parents please read this letter for important information about upcoming senior events and graduation.

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year: Course Registration began on Wednesday, 3/21. On 3/21 students received Registration information via Advisory and 2nd Block classes. From 3/21 to 3/29 PowerSchool Registration is open. Please make sure students register before 4:30 pm on Thursday, 3/29. From 4/9 to 4/25 students will meet with their assigned counselor to review their course selections during 2nd block. Please make sure all paperwork is signed before the meetings take place. **Spring Musical: On The Town: Tickets** are on sale at <http://cata.seatyourself.biz/>. Please purchase tickets in advance to choose your seats. Tickets sold at the door will be general admission. Please see the ad in this edition for show dates and times.



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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. The **SAT** will be administered to all Juniors on 4/24. Students are working to prepare for this during Cougar Time. They can also work on this at home through their Kahn Academy/College Board site. **Current sophomores and juniors** - if you are interested in taking **Career and College Promise (CCP)** Courses at South Piedmont Community College please see Ms. Lawson by 3/23 to review the directions for sign ups. A representative from SPCC will be at CATA on **Tuesday, 3/27 at 2:00 pm** to sign up interested students.

Consider serving as an officer or committee chair for the **PTSO** for the upcoming school year. Duties are posted in this edition. Please nominate officers at this link . **Join the CATA Life Savers Relay for Life Team** at this link. Follow the "join our team,," option. Relay for Life is 5/4 at Sun Valley High. **Student Council officer** positions for the next school year, please see Ms. Foreman in room 208 for important information. Applications will close 3/29.

Athletics: For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the school athletic website. **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

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

Please click [here](#) to see the Fall Senior Letter. The Spring Senior Letter with Senior Week information will be available next week!

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
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2020

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2021

The Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program is an unforgettable experience that allows **rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors** in high school and incoming college freshmen, the opportunity to test-drive their career goals and get a glimpse of the future. Led by renowned industry experts, this five-day experience includes sessions taught by Wake Forest faculty, access to industry professionals, facility tours and even the chance to live on campus for the week. Programs offered in Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Watch the [video](#) to learn more. **2018 Institute Offerings:** Biosciences and Engineering, Business and Entrepreneurship, Dance, Debate and Public Advocacy, Documentary Film, Health and Exercise Science, Law*, Leadership, Medicine Neuroscience, Psychology, Sports Marketing*, Sports Medicine, Technology, and Visual Arts *Offered at the Wake Forest Charlotte Center only. Enrollment is limited and by application only. Seats in each of the programs are filling up fast and currently waitlists have been implemented for select programs. Scholarship is available for those who qualify. For more information, or to apply today, please [visit our website](#).

NC State College of Textiles has opened their application for the Summer Textile Exploration Program (STEP) for rising high school seniors. This program is held during 4 one-week sessions over the summer. Participants live on campus, learn about the degree programs, the admissions process, scholarship opportunities, and work on a project related to one of their majors. The cost is \$250 per participant; limited financial aid is available. STEP is offered during the follow four weeks: June 17-22, June 24-30, July 8-13, July 15-20. Each student has the opportunity to rank their level of interest in the subject areas listed below, and will complete a project pertaining to that subject Apparel Design, Business Management, Polymer Chemistry, Textile Design, and Textile Engineering Visit their website for more info <https://textiles.ncsu.edu/future-students/future-undergraduate/step/>. Con-

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.

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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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

Results:

Men's Golf: Men finished first at the Anson match!

Softball: Win vs. Vance

Baseball: Loss vs. Mt. Pleasant, Loss vs. West Stanly

Women's Soccer: Tie vs. Central Davidson, Win vs. Vance

Men's Tennis: Loss vs. Sun Valley

Track & Field: No Events

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, March 23rd:

AWAY – Baseball vs. West Stanly – 4:30/7:00 pm

HOME – Softball vs. West Stanly – 4:00/5:30 pm

AWAY – Tennis @ West Stanly – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ Union Academy – 5:30 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ Union County Meet @ Monroe High – 3:30 pm

Monday, March 26th:

AWAY – Golf @ Eagle Chase – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ West Stanly – 6:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Forest Hills – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Baseball @ Porter Ridge – 4:30 pm

AWAY – Softball @ Porter Ridge – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 28th:

HOME – Soccer vs. Anson – 5:00 pm

AWAY – Baseball vs. Union Academy – 4:30 pm @ Dickerson Park

AWAY – Softball vs. Union Academy – 4:30 pm @ Dickerson Park

Thursday, March 29th:

AWAY – Golf @ Pageland High – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Tennis @ Vance – 4:30 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ Forest Hills – 3:45 pm

Friday March 30th – Sunday April 8th – Spring Break – No Athletic Events

Athletic events resume on Tuesday, April 10th

Dates to Know:

2017-18 School Year

Spring Sports Awards Night – Monday, May 21st @ 7:00 pm

2018-19 School Year

Summer Dead Periods (No Workouts) – July 2nd – July 6th & July 16th – July 20th

Fall Sports Parents Night – Monday, July 23rd @ 7:00 pm

1st Day of Fall Sports – Monday, July 30th, 2018

Other News: Congrats to Men's Golfer Nick Song on getting the first ever hole in one for a CATA golfer in the teams win at Anson on Monday afternoon.

Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer– Jay Niessner –

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

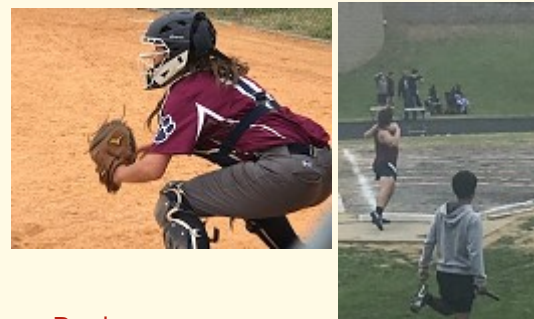
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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 Class of 2018

Cap & Gown Delivery Day!

Announcements & Senior GEAR will be delivered, too.

Monday, March 26th

During ALL Lunches



Orders must be **PAID IN FULL**, prior to delivery day, in order to pick up your Cap & Gowns!

If you haven't ordered a cap & gown yet, please call our office **800.582.6376**

Order Online www.Jostens.com

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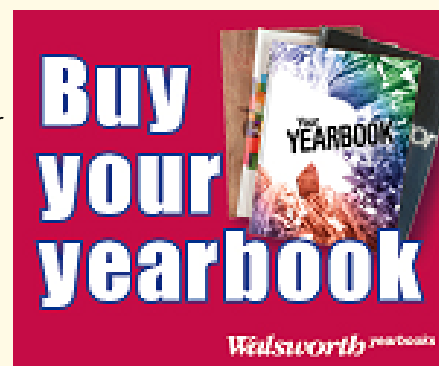
Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ Congratulations to our Sophomore Theater students for a successful Sophomore show this past week under the direction of Ms. Antonia Fairchild.
- ⇒ Congrats to Men's Golfer Nick Song on getting the first ever hole in one for a CATA golfer in the teams win at Anson on Monday afternoon.
- ⇒ Ms. Foreman's classes are recognizing Women's History Month by decorating their door to honor important women in our history. Great job!



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.



Around CATA

Friday, March 30 to April 6—NO SCHOOL, Holidays Passover and Good Friday/Easter, Spring Break

Monday, April 9— First Day Back from Spring break; Robotics Club (3:30—rm 118); Math Lab Tutoring (3:30—rm 519); PTO General Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

Tuesday, April 10— Progress Reports; BETA Club 8:15 AM & 3:30 PM (Media Center); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds (3:30—Band room); Speech Workshops (3:45—rm 110); Gaming Club (3:45—rm 217); Fashion Club (3:30—rm 616); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Rm. 527)

Wednesday, April 11— Student Life Monthly Meeting, 8:20 AM (Rm. 401); Environmental Club, 3:30 PM (Rm. 620); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Black History Club, 3:30 (Rm. 602)

Thursday, April 12— FCA (8:00 gym); Jazz/Chamber winds (3:30 band room); Interpretation workshop (3:45 rm 111); Debate Workshop (3:45 rm 609); Band Boosters Spring Meeting, 6:00 (Band Rm.)

Friday, April 13— Spring Musical On The Town: OPENING NIGHT, 7 PM Theatre

Saturday, April 14— Spring Musical On the Town, 7 PM Theatre

Sunday, April 15— Spring Musical On the Town, 2:30 PM Theatre

Upcoming Events April

4/9 to 4/25— Registration Through Second Block

4/17—Senior Cap and Gown Photo (Second Period)

4/18— UNCC visit, 11:30 AM, (Media Center)

4/19 to 4/22, Spring Musical Dates, Weekend II, On The Town

4/21—UCPS Robotics Challenge, 8:00 AM, SPCC

4/24—SAT All Juniors

4/25—Site Based Management Team, 3:40 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

4/26—UNCW Visit, 9:30 AM (Media Center)

4/26—PTSO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

4/27—Student Council Volleyball Tournament, Gym (Fourth Period)

4/28—Prom, 8:00 to 11:55 PM (Rolling Hills Country Club)

4/30— End of 2nd Grading Period

4/30—AP Pre-administration

4/30—Junior Night, 6:30 PM (Theatre)

5/1—NHS Talent Show, 6:30 PM (Theatre)

ALUMNI News:

The Central Academy Alumni Association is hosting a fundraiser called the **Belk Charity Ticket Sale**. This is a private ticketed event is 5/5 from 6am-10am . Tickets are \$5. You will get that \$5 back when you present the ticket for \$5 off your first purchase. The sale is available at Belk's stores nationwide. You can purchase more than one ticket to enjoy sale prices of 15-75% off items in store. All proceeds will go to the association. Please see Ms. [Deb Christensen](#) for ticket purchases.

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

- Registration for the 2018 Band of Blue Marching Band** is now open on the [band website](#). Please visit the marching band page today and register by May 1st for this award winning program! Please see Mr. Retzlaff for any questions you may have.
- Theatre Program is in need of prop items** for the show, "On the Town." Please contact Ms. [Antonia Fairchild](#), the theatre director if you can help. Items needed: 5-small round tables for night club – table cloths gold lame, 10- chairs for night club, 2- small couches for apartment, 1 period chair – Murphy chair (Claire's apt), 1-park bench for street scenes, and Palm tree (fake is fine) 2 would be ideal if possible.

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

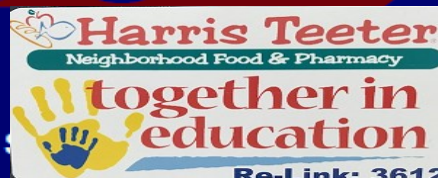
Staff Advisor/Liaison - Deb Christensen

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

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



Science Olympiad Students Compete

Students won medals in Amazing Mechatronics (4th), Anatomy and Physiology (5th), Chemistry Lab (8th), Ecology (1st), Forensics (5th), Helicopters (6th), Materials Science (4th), Microbe Mission (7th), Mission possible (4th), and rocks and Minerals (3rd). Some students will be invited to States for ecology and rocks and minerals. The students are preparing an article describing their day and we will post the article and pictures in the next edition.



PTSO Officer Nominations

We are approaching spring elections for the PTSO. Please see job descriptions below and consider serving our CATA Community. Please [click here](#) for the nomination form.

Article VII - Duties of the Officers Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the PTSO and the Executive Committee, shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these By-laws assigned to him/her by the PTSO or by the executive committee; and shall be an ex-officio and coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the PTSO in order that the objectives may be accomplished. He/she will be on the signature card with the Treasurer and the Vice President. The President shall also review and initial bank statements each month.

Section 2. The Vice President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of or the inability of the president to act. He/she will be on the signature card with the Treasurer and the President. He/she shall perform such other delegated duties as may be assigned to him/her by the organization or by the executive board, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, except the nominating committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the PTSO and of the Executive Committee; and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated; and shall maintain a current and accurate roster of the membership.

Section 4. The Treasurer a. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the PTSO; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; shall make disbursements as authorized by the President, Executive Committee, or the PTSO. b. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the PTSO and at other times when requested by the Executive Committee and shall make a full report at the meeting at which new officers assume their duties. c. The Treasurer shall keep permanent books of accounts and records as shall be sufficient to establish the items of gross income, receipts, and disbursements of the PTSO, including, specifically the number of its members and the dues collected from its members. d. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually by an Auditing Committee who, satisfied that the Treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report. The Treasurer shall maintain the PTSO checking account. The checks must be signed by two of the following: President, Vice President, or Treasurer. e. Financial records and books shall be audited annually by July 1 each year. f. Treasurer is responsible to file necessary paperwork required by State and Federal Government to maintain non-profit status.

Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2018,

We are very proud of every one of you. This spring semester we hope you will enjoy your time with your friends, family, and teachers while maintaining high academic performance. 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 of your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your senior year and want to be sure you know all necessary information and expectations.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (**1162 Eden Terrace** Rock Hill, SC 29733). Please arrive no later than 5:00 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu).

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Ladies: Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress that is no longer than their gown or dark slacks. There should be no collar showing with the gown. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate; however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

Gentlemen: dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie. No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

If you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 17 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here prior to the start of 2nd block if you flex). The Senior Cap and Gown photo will cost \$15.

Senior Week is May 21-25: We will make a separate announcement about the Senior Week Field Trip.

Monday: Academic Signing Day- Medical Science (8:55 to 10:15), Pre-Engineering (10:30 11:45), Performing Arts (12:15 to 1:30), **Tie Dye Shirts**, fourth period café and court yard

Tuesday: Academic Signing Day- Transportation Systems (9:00 to 10:10), Information Systems (11:00-12:15)

Wednesday: Field Day, Fourth Block

Thursday: Senior Breakfast, Crown making, and Yearbook Signing, First Block in the Café, Toga and Crowns Day (Wear the crowns)

Friday: Senior Trip to the Whitewater Center in Charlotte, All Day

Senior Academic Signings: Each academy will continue with the new tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 21-22 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

Class of 2019 Spring Senior Letter Continued

Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior speak at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy choose the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration to this committee on **Wednesday, May 2 or Thursday, May 3** starting at 3:45 in the media center conference room. Please pay attention to the announcements for information on how to register to audition on May 2 and 3.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Mr. Edwards and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of April. Students will not receive graduation packets, which include tickets if past due fees are not paid. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 6 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning **May 5– June 5** before/after school in the main office, and will be available to be purchased online: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$10.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on "Event Tickets" on the right tab starting May 5).

Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$10 per ticket before the graduation ceremony.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.

Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see below).

Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.

Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online as shown above.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies.

Extra Information about graduation day:

- Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.
- Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum, as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside of the arena. Guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

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 \(click here\).](#)

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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.

