

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Families:

Counselors are continuing to meet with 9th through 11th graders this month to officially register for classes for next year. Students should be bringing home an official registration printout for a parent to sign after they have their individual meeting and they must turn it back in the next day. **The very last day to turn in ALL 2017-2018 class registration forms is Friday, 4/27 at 3:30 pm.** ALL Juniors will take the SAT at school on Tuesday, 4/24

On the Town, our spring musical starts this Friday and runs through next weekend. Buy your tickets online to be able to choose your seat at cata.seatyourself.biz !!This is going to be a great show and we hope to fill the theatre every night—so please come out and watch the show!!!

The PTSO is looking for volunteers to serve as PTSO officers. This is so important to our school we hope that you will read this section of the Chronicle and give this some serious thought.

The **senior class cap and gown photo** will be taken on Tuesday, 4/17 during 2nd block in the gym. Order forms were sent home on 4/10. Seniors need to bring their order form along with payment to the gym on 4/17 if they wish to order a panoramic class photo. Students need to bring their caps and gowns to school on 4/17. Some students should wear white shirts/dresses so that we can have students to create the 18 for the class year. **Seniors need to report ALL scholarships** that you have been offered to Ms. Cole by **5/18** if you want to be acknowledged during the Academic Signing ceremony. You must provide an electronic or hard copy of any scholarship you've been offered, whether you accept it or not. Scholarship offers can still be reported up until **6/4** in order to be counted towards the school's total number. **The CATA PTSO is offering a scholarship** to six graduating seniors. You must have at least a 2.5 GPA, your parent must be a member of the Cougar Council PTSO before the end of the first semester, and you must be applying to a technical school, community college, or higher level of schooling. A completed application packet must be turned in to the CATA Counseling office 4/24. Please look for more specific information in this edition.

The Prom is 4/28 at Rolling Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$70, and on sale to Juniors and Seniors on the CATA website at this link. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) 3/26 to 4/19 and at lunches 4/16 to 4/19. Students are allowed to purchase a total of one or two tickets. All students are required to fill out a link provided on the school website after the online ticket purchase to [fill out the prom attendee form](#). Students who purchase in person will fill out the form during the purchase. Students must be signed in to their UCPS Google Account to fill out the form. If your guest is not a CATA student, then a guest permission slip must be picked up and returned to the main office no later than 4/23 filled out appropriately. No guests who are over 20 years of age are allowed. Students will not be given tickets until all past due balance fees are paid.

Please see our feature stories about the pollinator garden that our Environmental Students and the Monroe Youth Council created here at CATA. It is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we thank all of our CATA volunteers as we could not do this without you. Please see our feature story about one of our special volunteers as well as a feature story about the CATA Band and their superior rating at MPA. Shout out to our Transportation Academy for earning the school NATEF certification. Way to go!

Please take time to read over this newsletter, the Cougar Chronicle is the main source of information from school to home. Please also see our website, facebook, and follow us on twitter (@cata_monroe). 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
2020

Class of
2021

Counselors are meeting with all students to register this month. **The last day to turn in ALL 2017-2018 class registration forms is Friday, April 27th at 3:30 pm.**

Student Opportunities

UNC Charlotte College Visit: UNCC will be here on April 18 during 2nd block. If you would like to attend please sign up via the Google form on the School Counseling website. Attendance requires teacher approval. Please see Ms. Cole if you have questions.

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 sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

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 following 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/>. Contact Shannon Tart at sdtart2@ncsu.edu for questions. **Deadline to apply is May 1, 2018.**

Senior Information

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

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

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

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that you have been offered to Ms. Cole by **May 18** if you want to be acknowledged during the Academic Signing ceremony. You must provide an electronic or hard copy of any scholarship you've been offered, whether you accept it or not. Scholarship offers can still be reported up until **June 4** in order to be counted towards the school's total number.



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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.

CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ARTS



ON THE TOWN

APRIL 13TH @ 7:00 PM
APRIL 14TH @ 7:00 PM
APRIL 15TH @ 2:30 PM

APRIL 19TH @ 7:00 PM
APRIL 20TH @ 7:00 PM
APRIL 21ST @ 7:00 PM
APRIL 22ND @ 2:30 PM



Sweet & Savor Saturdays
Join us before our Saturday shows
April 14 & 21
An enjoy dinner delights
from local food trucks





Presented by
Central Academy of Technology and Arts
600 Brewer Drive Monroe NC

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
www.cata.seatyourself.biz

ON THE TOWN is presented by arrangement with Times Music Library, Inc., 500 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, www.timesmusic.com



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.

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/>

---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

Environmental Club Collaborating to Create a Pollinator Garden

During Spring Break, 28 local students came together to plant a pollinator garden at CATA. Leafy green plants and colorful blooms now stand tall and ready to host pollinators in the garden. CATA's Environmental Club partnered with Monroe's Youth City Council to help create a memorable and useful garden. Housing more than 20 plants, on multiple beds, the group was able to completely transform a once stark landscape, into something beautiful.

This project was the brainchild of Environmental Club presidents Keylee Ray and Miranda Olson, alongside Monroe's council member Danielle Johnson. Both groups worked together to help fund and plan the project. They researched native flowering plants found in North Carolina, and looked for plants that would attract pollinators. The purpose of this pollinator project was an effort to 'save the bees', specifically native bees to North Carolina, which are currently facing a population decrease.

Students volunteered from various high schools such as Central Academy, Piedmont, Monroe, and Forest Hills to put the garden together. The Environmental Club has done many various projects in the past to better the environment around our community. And Monroe's Youth City council also partakes in community service projects such as the Monroe air show, the Easter festival, the Christmas festival. A special thanks to Kortney Kopchick and Peter Hovanec who not only volunteered their time to provide supplies and move the project along smoothly, but enabled both groups to come together; thus creating a blossoming partnership, similar to the garden, which is only expected grow over time.



Attention Rising Seniors Class of 2019 Current Juniors

The PTSO invites rising class of 2019 seniors, this year's juniors to participate in the **Senior T-Shirt design contest!** Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2019 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is **Friday, April 27th!** Thank you!

Student Instructions for T-Shirt Design

Senior T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.

Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.

Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit.

Please make sure that you choose the following items:

T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)

Text (Size and fonts that you want)

Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.

No designs will be accepted through any other medium.

Once your design is completed on Custom Ink, please email the link to Ms. Christensen (deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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: Men finished first at the East Montgomery Match

Softball: Loss vs. Anson, Loss vs. Parkwood

Baseball: Win vs. Anson, Loss vs. Anson

Women's Soccer: Win vs. Forest Hills

Men's Tennis: Loss vs. Mt. Pleasant, Win vs. Parkwood

Track & Field: Strong finish by the men @ Forest Hills

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, April 13th:

HOME – Baseball vs. Anson – 4:30/7:00 pm

HOME – Softball vs. Anson – 5:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Richmond Senior – 6:00 pm

Monday, April 16th:

AWAY – Tennis vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Golf @ Mt. Pleasant – 3:30 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ East Montgomery – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th:

HOME – Softball vs. Forest Hills – 5:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Tennis vs. Union Academy @ Stonebridge Country Club – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18th:

AWAY – Baseball @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Mt. Pleasant – 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 19th:

AWAY – Golf @ Rocky River Championship – Eagle Chase – Noon

AWAY – Tennis @ Forest Hills – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Track & Field @ Mt. Pleasant – 3:45 pm

HOME – Softball vs. Metrolina – 5:00 pm

Friday, April 20th:

AWAY – Baseball @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Softball @ Forest Hills – 5:00 pm

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

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



Spotlight on a Parent Volunteer

Mrs. Ann Helms is a parent at CATA who serves as a parent representative on our Site-based Management Team, as the treasurer for our PTSO, and as a team mom for our women's and men's tennis teams over the years.



Our site based team is a group of students, teachers, administration, and parents who help make decisions about the vision of the school and the School Improvement Plan. Mrs. Helms has served for four years on the SBMT and been a great parent voice to help enhance our school community. In addition, Mrs. Helms has served for three years as our PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) Treasurer and been a vital part of our Invest in Excellence program to help enhance teacher needs for their curricular programs in the classroom. This program gives our teachers and students a better environment to collaborate and learn.

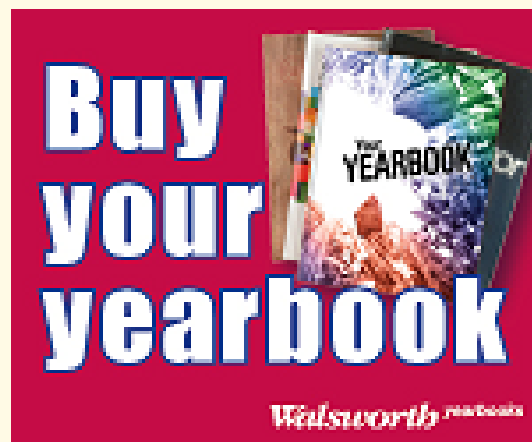
As a team mom, Mrs. Helms has served one year when her daughter Elizabeth was on the women's tennis team and for one year when her son Ryan was on the men's tennis team. The team mom assists the coach with snacks, scheduling away trips, and helping make sure the team is taken care of particularly at home and away meets. We thank Mrs. Helms for her service to our school and appreciate her input on how to make CATA an even better place. Pictured here: Mrs. Helms with her children Ryan (CATA Class of 2020) and Elizabeth (CATA Class of 2017) and a group shot of the men's tennis team.

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ Congratulations to our Transportation Systems Academy for receiving their NATEF Certification this past month.
- ⇒ We had 13 of 15 Eligible teams qualify for the & three individuals for the NCHSAA Scholar Athlete Program.... Teams had to have a 3.1 GPA to qualify...

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

Saturday, April 14— AP Physics review (9am room 619); Spring Musical On the Town, 7 PM Theatre

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

Monday, April 16— Robotics Club (3:30—rm 118); Math Lab Tutoring (3:30—rm519);

Tuesday, April 17— Blood Drive (see below); Jazz Band/Chamber Winds (3:30—Band room); Speech Workshops (3:45—rm 110); Gaming Club (3:45—rm 217); Fashion Club (3:30—rm616); GSA (3:45 in 608)

Wednesday, April 18— Student Life Monthly Meeting, 8:20 AM (Rm. 401); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Creative writing Club 3:30 room 610

Thursday, April 19— FCA (8:00 gym); Science Olympiad 8:00 room 605; Jazz/Chamber winds (3:30 band room); Interpretation workshop (3:45 rm 111); Debate Workshop (3:45 rm 609); **Spring Musical On the Town 7 pm Theatre**

Friday, April 20— Spring Musical On The Town, 7 PM Theatre

Saturday, April 21— UCPS Robotics Competition starts at 8:00 at SPCC; AP Physics Review 10:00 room 619;

Spring Musical On the Town, 7 PM Theatre

Sunday, April 22— 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)

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.
- **Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors: Student Body Officer and Class officer elections** are coming up next week. Please be sure to take a look at the campaign signs in the 100/200 hall, the maze, and the cafeteria. Talk to the candidates and make an informed decision.



save
life
Give
blood

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.)



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.

Find us on:



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.



PTSO Officer Nominations

CATA PTSO ELECTION NOMINATIONS: We are quickly approaching spring elections for the PTSO. Please see job descriptions below and consider serving our CATA Community. If you have any questions please let us know. The deadline for nominations is April 27th. 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 2018 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 2018 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.



The CATA Band of Blue Thrives at MPA



This past month, the CATA band had the pleasure to perform for a panel of judges at a Musical Performance Adjudication, or MPA as we call it. Although the performance was only one day, the amount of preparation we put into it was much, much more. The students have been practicing the music every day since the beginning of the semester. Some days we would stay after school to practice the music just so we could hear what it sounds like as a full band.

Most other schools are able to practice and play the music as an entire ensemble on a daily basis, but it's a little different here at CATA. Because of our academy classes and so many other things we do, we aren't able to have our entire band together every day to play the music. We work around this by having after school rehearsals throughout the week. Many students and band directors from other schools often comment on the fact we aren't able to play together as a full ensemble every day, and are usually in awe when they hear our band perform.

There are many special things about CATA high school and its students, but one of the most significant things is the tremendous amount of talent, perseverance, and dedication we have towards things we are passionate about. Every year the CATA Band goes to MPA, and in the four years I have had the pleasure to play with them, we received a "Superior" rating from the judges. This comes from not only the hard work and dedication of the students, but also from the teachers as well. The fact that we are able to go every year and showcase our skills and talents to a group of people is something close to magical. There are very few things in this world that provide you with as much joy and a feeling of fulfillment than when a band goes to MPA and plays to the best of their ability and has all of their hard work shown off. All of this comes from the time and energy spent to learning the music, knowing your part in a piece, and finally putting it all together, as if it was a gigantic puzzle all trying to fit together.

Our rating should be taken not only as a comment on the bands performance of the music and how good it was, but also as a testament on the hard work of the students. Even though the performance was only one day out of one week, the work that went on behind the scenes stretches back over the span of 3 months. MPA is something that means a lot to people in a band program, and shouldn't be overlooked by any means.

Here is to an amazing four years and four MPA performances CATA band. Keep up the hard work and rise to every occasion. If this band has taught me anything, it is that nothing is impossible if you just try. I know you all will carry on the tradition of doing your absolute best at everything you do, and continue on being a Superior band.

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