

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Families:

Thank you to the League of Women Voters for registering some of our students this week. Thank you to Ms. Christensen our media specialist as this past week was National Library week. Parent surveys are the week of 4/23 to 4/28—students will receive a letter to bring home to you about this on Monday.

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 2018-2019 class registration forms is Friday, 4/27 at 3:30 pm. JUNIORS the SAT is on TUESDAY, 4/24.** PLEASE make sure you have pencils and a calculator. Remember to review your SAT SCHOOL DAY Student Guide you received on Monday, 4/16 to be fully prepared for the SAT. **JUNIOR NIGHT will be on Monday, April 30th at 6:30 pm in the CATA Auditorium. The counselors will share VERY important information about Family Connection/Naviance Student, Common Application, Resumes, Essays, and Scholarships.**

The PTSO invites rising class of 2019 seniors, this year's juniors to participate in the **Senior T-Shirt design contest!** See details in the edition on how to submit a design. The annual NHS talent show is on 5/1 at 6:30 PM in the Theatre (\$5 admission). **On the Town, our spring musical** has three shows left Friday to Sunday of this week. Buy your tickets online to be able to choose your seat at cata.seatyourself.biz! On Wednesday, 5/2, the **Speech and Debate Club** is hosting an inter club debate at 6 PM in the gym. **Attendance and Recovery** letters and notifications have been sent to students and parents. The **CATA Band of Blue Color Guard** is having tryouts for the upcoming marching season this coming Monday 4/23 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the band room. Next week is our **Annual Spring Spirit Week**. Monday is Country vs. Country Club Day. Please see the ad for spirit days in this edition. The week will culminate with the annual volleyball tournament on Friday. Hands Helping Others is selling footprints and having a raffle at lunch the next two weeks to support the **Union County Relay for Life cancer research** at SVHS at 6 PM on 5/4.

Graduating seniors are invited to audition to represent their Academy at this year's graduation ceremony as a speaker. Interested students should write a two-minute speech that reflects the experiences and hopes for all students in the Academy. They need to see Mrs. Henry in Room 108 to sign up. Auditions are after school on Wednesday, May 2 or Thursday, May 3. All are welcome and encouraged to audition! **The Prom** is 4/28 at Rolling Hills Country Club. Tickets were sold through 4/19. **The Senior Week Field Trip to the National Whitewater Center** is on Friday, 5/25. Forms are available before & after school in the main office and outside of Ms. Royster's Rm. Turn in a parent permission form, and fee, by 4/30 to Ms. Bivens. **Seniors need to report ALL scholarships** that you have been offered to Ms. Cole by **5/18**. Please see details inside this edition. **The CATA PTSO is offering a scholarship** to six graduating seniors. A completed application packet must be turned in to the CATA Counseling office 4/24. Please look for more information in this edition. **Attention 9th, 10th and 11th Graders - Campus Connections** will be at CATA on Tuesday, 5/1 at 2:30 pm. Campus Connections is an organization that serves as a liaison between students, parents, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). See your counselor for more information. 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.

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



Counselors are meeting with all students to register this month. **The last day to turn in ALL 2018-2019 class registration forms is Friday, April 27th at 3:30 pm.**

REGISTRATION



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Student Opportunities

UNC Wilmington will be visiting on April 26 at 9:30. Please fill out the [Google form](#) if you are interested in attending. Attendance requires teacher approval. Please see Ms. Cole if you have question **SAT for ALL Juniors on Tuesday, April 24th**

Students have had the opportunity to review for the SAT during Cougar Time with College Board & Khan Academy over the past month, and can visit satpractice.org for individual practice at home.

Attention Juniors: Are you interested in Broadcasting & Video Production? Matthews United Methodist Church is looking for interns. Students will have the opportunity to work with professional level video cameras, professional video editing software, remote PTZ cameras, live video streaming through Sling Studio, audio mixing, lighting, and so much more. Internship hours will include evening hours and Sunday morning hours. If interested, please see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

2018-2019 CTE Internship: Rising 12th graders, if you picked up an internship packet from Mrs. Webb or your guidance counselor, these are to be returned to Mrs. Webb no later than, Friday, April 27th. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

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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](#).

Senior Information

Graduation is **Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum**
Please click [here](#) to see the Spring Senior Letter with Senior Week INFO.

CLASS OF
2018

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

Please remember to report ALL scholarships 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.



CATA PTSO Scholarships: 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 includes: the application form; a resume which should include community service, leadership, extracurricular activities, awards, and work experience; two letters of recommendation (at least one from a CATA staff member); a minimum one page, double-spaced essay on the topic "Why I should be awarded the Cougar Council PTSO Scholarship". Application forms can be found in guidance. **Amount:** \$500. **Deadline:** A completed application packet must be turned in to the CATA Counseling office by **April 24, 2018**. Recipients will be notified by the selection committee at the Academic Signing Days on May 21 and 22.



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

KONA ICE

ON THE TOWN
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Book and Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green
Based on an idea by Jerome Robbins

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

TICKETS \$10.00
Reserve your seat today at
www.cata.seatyourself.biz

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STAPLES

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 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

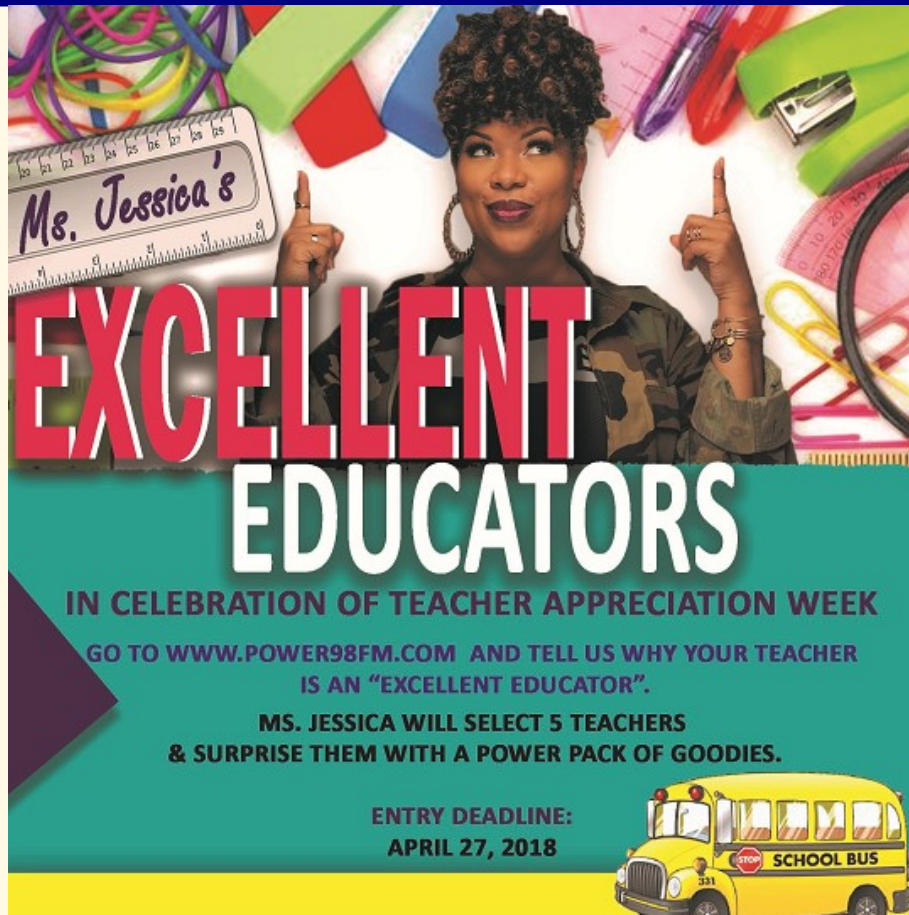
and visit our Food Truck meal nights, casual dining, and music of the era!

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



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, complements 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](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 Mount Pleasant Match

Softball: Loss vs. Anson, Win vs. Forest Hills

Baseball: Win vs. Anson, Win vs. Forest Hills, Win vs. Forest Hills

Women's Soccer: Win vs. Mount Pleasant, Win vs. Richmond, Win vs. East Montgomery, Win vs. Mount Pleasant

Men's Tennis: Win vs. Monroe, Loss vs. Union Academy

Track & Field: No events since last CC

Upcoming Events:

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

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 – Senior Night

Friday, April 20th:

AWAY – Baseball @ Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY – Softball @ Forest Hills – 5:00 pm

Monday, April 23rd:

AWAY – Soccer @ West Stanly – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 24th:

HOME – Softball vs. East Montgomery – 5:00 pm

HOME – Baseball vs. East Montgomery – 6:00 pm – Senior Night

Wednesday, April 25th:

No Events

Thursday, April 26th:

AWAY – Track & Field @ West Stanly – 3:45 pm

AWAY – Men's Tennis @ Rocky River Conference Tournament – Monroe High – 10:00 am

HOME – Soccer vs. Olympic – 5:00 pm

Friday, April 27th:

AWAY – Baseball @ East Montgomery – 4:30/7:00 pm – Varsity Double Header

AWAY – Softball @ East Montgomery – 5:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer @ Anson – 5:30 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

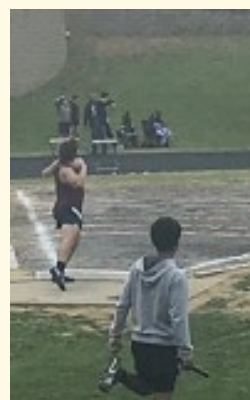
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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





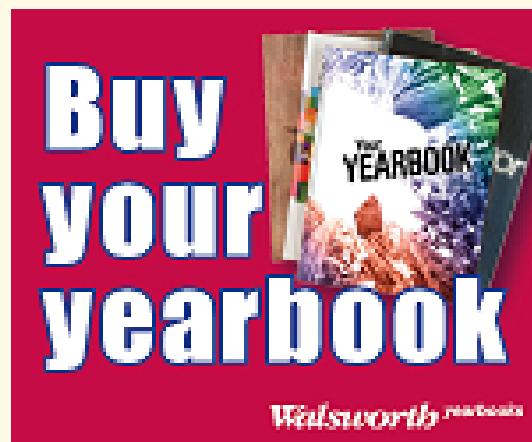
Cougar Pride - Way to go!!

- ⇒ Thank you to Ms. Christensen our media specialist. This past week was National Library week.
- ⇒ The cast and crew of On The Town are doing an excellent job! Fantastic Show.



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 20— Spring Musical On The Town, 7 PM Theatre

Saturday, April 21— Spring Musical On the Town, 7 PM Theatre; UCPS Robotics Competition starts at 8:00 at SPCC; AP Physics Review 10:00 room 619;

Sunday, April 22— Spring Musical On the Town, 2:30 PM Theatre

Monday, April 23— Robotics Club (3:30—rm 118); Math Lab Tutoring (3:30—rm519);

Tuesday, April 24— SAT All Juniors; 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); Common Assessments for: American II, Civics & Economics, English I, & English III

Wednesday, April 25— Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Environmental Club (3:30 Rm. Kopchick); Speech & Debate, (3:45 Rm. 111); Common Assessments for: American II, Civics & Economics, English I, English III, and World History

Thursday, April 26— FCA (8 AM, Gym); UNCW Visit (9:30 AM, Media Center); PTO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 PM (Media Center); Jazz/Chamber winds (3:30 band room); Interpretation workshop (3:45 rm 111); Debate Workshop (3:45 rm 609; Common Assessment for World History

Friday, April 27— Student Council Volleyball Tournament, Gym (Fourth Period)

Saturday, April 28—Prom, 8:00 to 11:55 PM (Rolling Hills Country Club; AP Physics Review, 10 AM (Rm. 619)

Upcoming Events April and May

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

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

4/23 to 4/28 —Student and Parent Survey

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)

5/2—Speech and Debate Contest, 6 PM (Gym)

5/4—Relay for Life, SVHS Stadium, 6 PM

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.

The CATA Jazz Band and Jazz Combo is holding its first rehearsal this coming Tuesday 4/24 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the band room.

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.

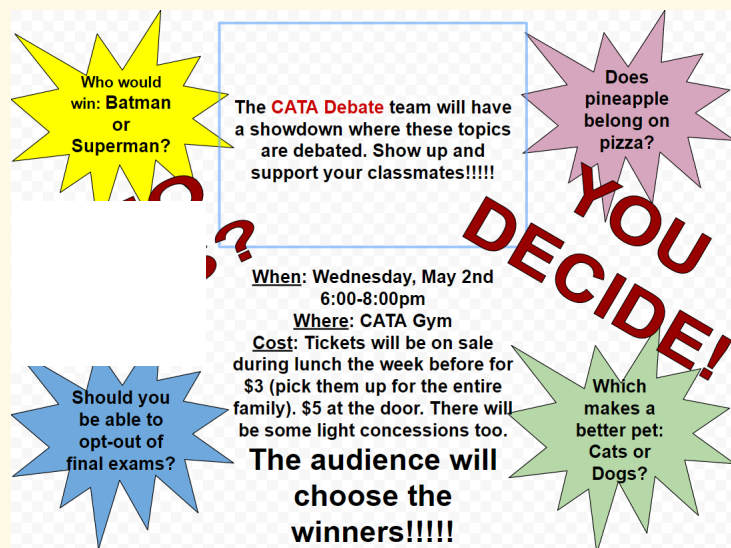
HOSA will be sponsoring Emily's Team CF fundraiser April 30-May 4.

We will be doing coin wars in first block and selling bracelets. Top 3 classes will receive a reward purchased by HOSA.



Join us for CATA's Got Talent!!

The annual talent show will be held on **Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm** in the auditorium. **Admission is \$5.00** and that gets you 5 vote tickets. Additional voting tickets are \$1.00 each. The winner will be determined by audience votes and a panel of judges. **All proceeds raised will be donated to The Literacy Council of Union County.** Please join us for a fun night of student talent!



YOU DECIDE!

Who would win: Batman or Superman?

Does pineapple belong on pizza?

Should you be able to opt-out of final exams?

Which makes a better pet: Cats or Dogs?

The **CATA Debate** team will have a showdown where these topics are debated. Show up and support your classmates!!!!

When: Wednesday, May 2nd 6:00-8:00pm
Where: CATA Gym
Cost: Tickets will be on sale during lunch the week before for \$3 (pick them up for the entire family). \$5 at the door. There will be some light concessions too.

The audience will choose the winners!!!!

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:



amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



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.

