

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Dear CATA Families:

We had an exciting band concert last week, and completed the UCPS Reading Bus this week. Please remember **exams** start on Monday. The exam schedule and study tip sheet is in this edition. **Summer Online Courses - anyone** who signed up for a summer online course must see Ms. Inuwa in the online lab by Friday, 6/1 to get log in information, dates of the course, and any other details needed to take an online course. All **calculators** must be returned to the media center so we can distribute them to classes for final exams. **Attendance/Recovery/Waiver** letters and notifications were sent to students and parents. Please make sure students are recovering their unexcused absences. If students have eight or more unexcused absences in a class, then those absences must be made up in order to receive credit for the course. If your child has attendance recovery then he or she must make up their time by Friday, 6/8. Please sign and return all **attendance waiver letters** by 6/1. Any student who did not pick up their **yearbook** can stop by the media center to get their book. We have a limited number of books available for purchase. Bring \$85 cash or check to Ms. Christensen to get yours today! **Fees**—Parents are reminded to pay all outstanding fees before the end of the year as outstanding fees will prevent students from purchasing parking passes and tickets to major school events. **AP Summer Review Work**—Will be posted on the CATA website under the scrolling announcements in June. **Chromebook Return**—ALL students must return Chromebooks to their class teacher on the day of their last final exam. NO exceptions. This includes Chromebooks AND chargers. **Report Cards**—Official report cards for 9th—11th grade students will be available for PICK-UP in the CATA main office starting on Thursday, June 14th. Grades are also available through the Parent Portal. **Summer Office Hours:** We will operate on a 4 day work week beginning 6/11. The office will be closed on all Fridays through 8/10, as well as 7/4. See hours in the Chronicle and on our website.

All students, we invite you to vote for the **Blue Crew Student Section T-Shirt**. The ballot will be emailed to your UPCS email and voting will end at the end of the day on 6/1. **Rising Seniors** - Orders are being taken for class of 2019 shirts and senior signs. See the order form on the CATA website or in the Cougar Chronicle. Money and order forms due to Ms. Christensen by June 12. **Current Juniors -our rising seniors-** have been emailed their Senior Picture times. **Senior pictures** are 6/26 to 6/28 in the media center. Seniors and parents of seniors, please remember to read the [senior letter](#) and read the Senior section of this newsletter each week. **Graduation Tickets** are available for sale online and at the school until 6/5. You may buy graduation tickets at the door too. Each senior will receive 4 FREE tickets. Students may purchase additional tickets at \$10.00 per ticket in the front office before or after school or online on the school website under event tickets by clicking [here](#). **Graduation Practice** is on 6/8 at 2:00 PM in the gym. **Graduation** is 6/9 at the Winthrop University Coliseum at 6 PM.

The **CATA Alumni Association** will be hosting a Flea Market style **Yard Sale** to be held on Saturday, 6/9 from 7:45 am-12 noon. If you would like to participate in selling then please see the information in this edition about how to sign up. Any ladies interested in playing **golf** for CATA in the fall please see [Coach Rowell](#) for information.

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



Summer Hours

6/11-8/10

Mon to Thurs: 8 AM to 4 PM

Exception: Week 7/9

Mon, closed

Tues, Weds, Fri: Open

Office Closed July 4th

Spring Semester Exam Dates 2017-18

Friday, June 1

1st period review 8:50 to 10:20

Monday, June 4

8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review

Tuesday, June 5

8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review

Wednesday, June 6

8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review

Thursday, June 7

8:50 – 12:50 4th period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

Friday, June 8 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

Type of Exams: We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

Attendance: Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **June 8** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

Testing Window: All exam testing must be completed between June 4 and June 8. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

Score Results: All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

Exam review: All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

Academic Integrity: Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions. If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

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 see Ms. Cole if you have questions about scholarships.

Please remember to report ALL scholarships that you have been offered to Ms. Cole. 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.



Graduation Tickets are (available May 5 -June 5)

The Graduation Ceremony is on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Each student will receive 4 FREE tickets. Students may purchase additional tickets at \$10.00 per ticket in the front office before or after school or online on the school website under event tickets. All ages are required to have a ticket to enter. Please note that students will NOT receive their tickets until all past-due fees are paid at the school. Students will receive all tickets AFTER Graduation Practice on June 8 at 2:00 PM in the gym (which is mandatory).



Senior Slide Show

Upload your favorite, school appropriate, picture of you and your friends!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT](#)

Requirements

- *Everyone in the picture is in your senior class
- *Photo does not have to be from this year
- *You can only submit one photo, one time so make it a good one.
- *Do not make one photo into a collage of multi photos. It will not be used and you will not have another opportunity to submit another one

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.

College and Career Corner

Class Information from the School Counselors

Student Opportunities

Summer Online Courses - anyone that signed up for a summer online course needs to see **Ms. Inuwa in the online lab by Friday, June 1st** to get log in information, dates of the course, and any other details needed to take an online course.

Each Academy Academic Signing Day Picture



**Class of
2020**

**Class of
2021**

Around CATA

Monday, June 4— 1st period exam, 2nd period review

Tuesday, June 5— 2nd period exam, 3rd period review

Wednesday, June 6— 3rd period exam, 4th period review

Thursday, June 7— 4th period exam, Community Building

Friday, June 8— **Make-up Exam Day; Graduation Practice, 2 PM (Gym)**

Saturday, June 10— Graduation, 6 PM (Winthrop University Coliseum)

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**

Upcoming Events:

Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events. This is the link to the [CATA Athletics Website](#)

Summer workouts are posted on the CATA Athletics Website.

Dates to Know:

2018-19 School Year

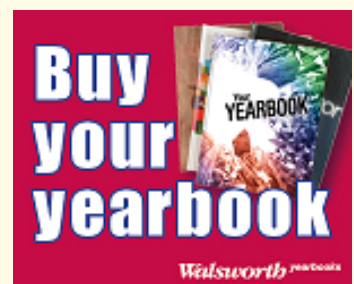
Summer Dead Periods (No Workouts) – July 2nd – July 6th & July 16th – July 20th

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

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

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.



Cougar Council PTSO Information

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

Congratulations are in order to our new CATA PTSO Board for the 2018/19 school year. A big thank you to our outgoing PTSO Board. We appreciate all of your hard work and you will be missed. If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information.

The PTSO will host the Senior Breakfast on May 24th.



President: Nicole D'Amico
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Vice President: Meena Sreeraman,
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Secretary: Sabrina Clontz,
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Treasurer: Ann Helms,
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Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman
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Performing Arts:

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janetpeirano@yahoo.com

Membership: Vacant

Jennifer Fisher
jfisher@ishopcart.com

Fundraising: Vacant



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.



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](#)

Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe

Dance @CATA_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA_Athletics

Football @CATA_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

Baseball @CATA_Baseball

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Math Tutoring: We have a general Math Lab Tutoring with Mr. Broome from 3:30 to 4:30 on **Wednesday May 30** in room 519.

Alumni Association News

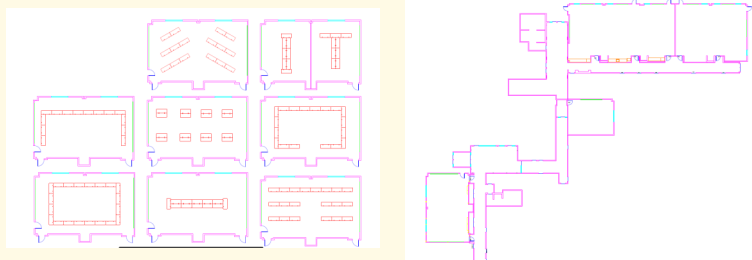


Mr. Recher's Pre Engineering Classes at Work

For our drafting project, the class has broken up into (2) teams and are functioning as competing businesses to win the opportunity for their drawings to be selected to be used for the PDC. Attached are current preliminary drawings from both teams. Thank you to Mr. Parker from UCPS Facilities for giving of his time to be interviewed by the students.

The attached files called "The Whole Shabang" and "EVERYTHING" are being developed and show the meeting rooms, bathrooms, lobbies and main "public" hallways for the entire building. The other (2) drawings depict furniture layouts for the TSE. The students are currently in the process of working out some discrepancies in their measurements and sketches.

There will be a door schedule/room numbers, room titles, room dimensions, etc. on the final versions – there will be a set of drawings. Students have been asked to include the outline for the overall building and to shade the portions of the building that are not meeting rooms or hallways as one of their required drawings.



The CATA Alumni Association will be hosting a **Flea Market style Yard Sale** to be held on Saturday, June 9th from 7:45 am to 12 noon. If you would like to participate in selling anything from; clothing, furniture, art work, baked goods, and more there will be a \$20 selling fee which includes 1 table. 2-3 tables plus selling fee will be \$30. Anyone is welcome to come sell, as this will be Flea Market style, but please be aware this is a CASH ONLY event. The Yard Sale will be held in the CATA student parking lot. Please contact [Deb Christensen](#) if you are interested.

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.

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.

Class of 2018 Spring Senior Letter Continued

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.

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

CATA Class of 2019

Rising Seniors Order Form



- ◆ Orders must be accompanied with payment by CASH or CHECK only
- ◆ Checks made payable to CATA PTSO - \$10.00 per T-Shirt, \$20 per sign or \$25 for both!
- ◆ Tear off bottom portion - return to the media center with payment by June 12th.
- ◆ T-Shirts will be available at open house in August.

CATA 2019 Seniors Pre-Order Form

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate number of T-Shirts and Sizes below:

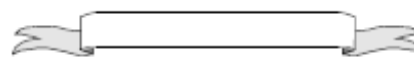
T-shirt/Lawn Sign Combo: \$25.00 ea.-Total ordered: ____

T-Shirts: \$10.00 - Total ordered: _____

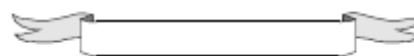
Senior Lawn Sign: \$20.00 each—Total ordered: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ SMALL _____ MEDIUM
 _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ XXL

Total Paid: _____



Senior T-Shirt Perk:
 Seniors that wear the official Senior T-Shirt with CATA Pride will receive a concession/special at a Fall/Winter & Spring SENIOR NIGHT.



Thank you for supporting your students and the PTSO! Sale proceeds will be used by the PTSO to support students and CATA programs in our upcoming school year.