

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

Congratulations to our women's soccer team for winning in the third round of the state playoffs 4-0 vs. R.S. Central High. The women will be back in action this Friday in the fourth round at West Stokes at 6 PM. Go Cougars! Huge kudos to our Dance Academy for the outstanding spring recital, "Props to You," performed this past weekend. We have so many talented dancers at our school! We hope that you will take the time to read the message in this week's Chronicle from our PTSO President, Kathy McCain.



She reviews the year and asks for someone to step forward to lead the PTSO next year. That someone could be you—please consider this extremely important role at Central Academy. Our SADD Club and German Club sponsored a fundraiser to help people in Ecuador who have been affected by the massive earthquake, and raised over \$700 in two days to donate to the cause. Our chorus program is having their final show of the year—on Friday, May 27th at 7:30 PM in the auditorium. Please join us for a great evening with our very talented singers. The Senior Theatre Show will be this Friday, May 20th at 7 PM. We hope to see you there. The National Honor Society is hosting a talent show on Wednesday, May 25th in the auditorium at 7 PM. Please come out and support our talented CATA students and help raise money for Turning Point. This coming week, May 23-27 is SENIOR WEEK! Details about Senior Week are included in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle on page 15.

Attendance Waiver Forms were mailed this past week, and we will mail a second round for students who have seven or more absences this coming Tuesday. Many students have already been working on recovery, however, parents and students still must sign the waiver form requesting that the Administration waive excused absences so that they do not cause the student to fail a course due to absences. Please get these in right away. Parents there are only a few weeks left before final exams begin. The schedule is in the Chronicle and all students should be present each day to take their exams as we cannot move final exam dates.

Please remind your children to bring everything they need for school with them. If you bring an item that your child forgot during the school day we will be happy to hold it for them in the office but we will not make announcements letting your child know that it is there. If you cannot send them a message via email or text please let us know and we will be happy to send them an email on their school email account to let them know that there is something in the front office for them.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicles are also available on the school's website. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars! Dr. Kim Fisenne

PTSO Report from PTSO President Kathy McCain....

The PTSO continues to support students, staff and community through their efforts. It has been an incredible year with our record Invest In Excellence campaign, teacher Blue Jean Passes, Performing Arts Committee events, educational events and speakers, food glorious food and many other activities. April and May are full months of celebrating the accomplishments of our students, recognizing our staff and showcasing the work of our students in all academies. The PTSO would like to thank you for all of your support throughout the year through your financial donations, your food, gift cards, time and talent! We are grateful for the CATA community as it is a fantastic group of parents, students and staff.

As we wrap up the year with our recognition of STAR students, scholarships, teacher appreciation, and senior breakfast the executive board is also looking forward to next year's PTSO and we are still in need of a President! We have a slate of officers that identifies a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, but not a President. In May of 2014 there was the same dilemma which prompted me to throw my hat in the ring. I urge each of you to reflect on your time, capacity and ability to step into the role of President for the CATA PTSO for the 2016 - 2017 school year. I can tell you it will be rewarding and gratifying and full of opportunities to continue to support CATA. I can assure you that you will be supported 100 PERCENT by staff, students, administration and all at CATA and UCPS. I am confident that you will be successful and will put your own personality, goals, strengths and talents to work at a school that leads in academics, sports, performing arts, and community service, second to none. I would be less than honest not to mention the work and time involved to make this happen, but again assure you that it is doable and always well worth the efforts. I promise you will be supported by staff and administration and student government! I am certain you will be received with open arms and minds! I know you will make a difference!

Please consider throwing your cap into the Presidential ring....this is an election year in the nation, the state, the county and the CATA PTSO! Please call me or speak with the staff or any of the executive committee members. 301-514-1890 or kathiemckain@gmail.com. What is needed most is a belief in the importance of the work that PTSO's in the support of the mission, vision and activities of your son or daughter's school, some time and energy, a posse of family and friends to help and encourage, a spirit of joy and energy, the ability to laugh and ask for help. A template and calendar of events is in place.....please consider placing your name in the President box!

Slate of Officers:

President _____ **YOU....**

Vice President _ **Nicole D'Amico**

Secretary - **DaleAnn Plyer**

Treasurer - **Ann Helms**

**How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world.**
*Annelies "Anne" Marie Frank,
better known as Anne Frank
(1929-1945, Dutch; Holocaust victim)*

PTSO Upcoming Events -

May 24 - Senior Breakfast

May 27 - Senior Awards Ceremony

2016 Senior Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 24th—Please support our Class of 2016 by donating. We appreciate your support. This event serves breakfast to approximately 200 graduating seniors! Click on the link below to sign up!! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-senior>

- **Please bring all Bojangles gift cards to the CATA main office by Friday, May 20th labeled for PTSO Senior Breakfast.**
- Please drop off all other donated items to the main office at CATA no later than 4 pm on May 23rd so we will be ready for the breakfast on the 24th. If you can't bring the item(s) in on Monday, please be sure they are here by 7:30 am Tuesday so that we have them in time for the breakfast.
- If you have any questions, please contact Alyson Flood 704-604-5427 or Sarah May 704-780-1576. Additional information: Deb Christensen at 704-296-3088.

Thanks for everything!

Kathie McKain, President PTSO



CATA PTSO NEWS

Thanks to one and all for all of your wonderful support of the PTSO!

Help support our neighbor—Wolfe School—by sending your Box Tops and Labels for Education into the CATA main office. Your support will help some of our most wonderful children in UCPS have a great school experience.

Simple ways to support CATA - you must re-link each year!! Thank you!!

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612. Support CATA when you use your Target REDcard. Link your card to our school's account - # 81011.

Kathie McKain

kathieptsocata@gmail.com

301-514-1890, cell



CATA Spirit Wear available online. Support the Band and CATA and get your spirit on.

To see all [available spirit wear for CATA click here!!](#)

Support our athletics and our Band of Blue at once by showing school spirit!!



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, Teacher Prep (Seniors only), Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Kendall Cameron](#): Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Mini D'Rozario](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

RESULTS

Over \$700 Raised in Two Days



The German and SADD Clubs are happy to announce the results of the fundraiser to benefit Earthquake Relief in Ecuador. Mr. Lindley and Mr. Loo's first block classes were the top fundraisers and were rewarded with a donut breakfast on Tuesday May 17th. CATA students raised over \$700 to donate to UNICEF's Ecuador Earthquake Relief Fund. The German and SADD Clubs want to thank everyone who donated for their generosity and desire to help provide relief to those affected by the earthquake in Ecuador.

Yearbook NEWS!!! Reserve your yearbook now to enjoy the great memories from this school year!!! Cost is \$85. Yearbooks were completely sold out last year, so don't get left out in the cold. Reserve your copy TODAY! Send in a check with your student to Ms. Lisa Eaton

Attendance Information for Parents and Students

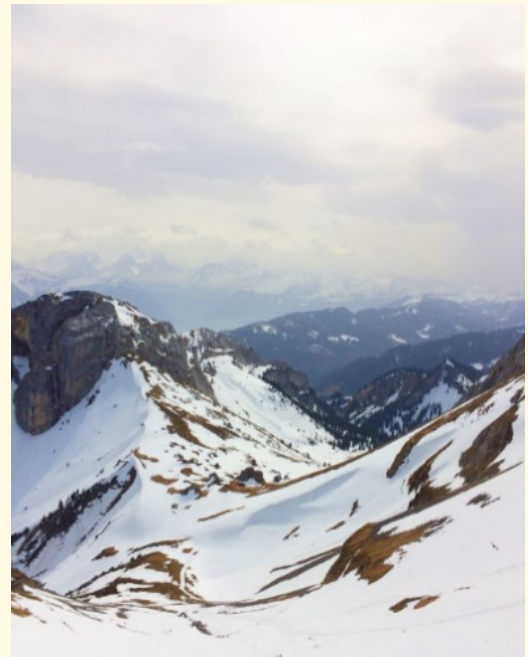
Students with more than 7 absences in a course can fail the class due to Absences alone, regardless of their grade average in the class.

Attendance at school is Priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.

- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences. The numbers 3, 6, and 8 are for Total absences, both excused and unexcused.
- According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. **The goal is to not miss ANY school**, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.
- **It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.**
- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date. There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class. CATA feels this is most effective.

Traveling the World with the Travel Club

During Spring Break, the Travel Club had the opportunity to spend two weeks in **Germany, the Czech Republic, and Switzerland**. On this trip, the students traveled to Berlin, Germany to see the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, and the Berlin Wall. Here, they met their tour guide named Anya who was from West Berlin and told the group some first-hand stories about the Berlin Wall coming down. In Dachau, Germany, the students had the incredible opportunity to visit the first concentration camp, Dachau. During English II, the classes study *Night by Elie Wiesel*, and he spent a brief time at this camp. *It was a powerful experience to walk where Elie once was. While in the Czech Republic, the students spent time in Prague where they saw some of the most extraordinary sunsets over Vltva River. On their way to Lucerne, Switzerland, the students stopped in Austria and Liechtenstein for quick day trips. While in Switzerland, the students took a large gondola to the top of Mount Pilatus, which gave them a breathtaking aerial view of Lucerne. Of course, no trip to the mountains is complete without a snow fight. If you would be interested in joining in the fun next year on their trip to Italy, please see Ms. Foreman.*



ITALY

Spring 2017

If you are interested in traveling to ITALY during Spring Break, then

NHS TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, May 25th

7 PM, Auditorium

**Come see all the talent CATA
students have to offer!**

**Bring money to buy tickets to
choose your favorite act.**

**Proceeds go to Turning Point of
Union County**



SPCC talks Health Careers

South Piedmont Community College came to speak to our Health Science classes about the many different careers in the medical field; including Cardiovascular and Medical Sonography. A cardiovascular sonographer uses high frequency sound waves to product images of the heart and vascular structures and a medical sonographer specializes in diagnostic imaging procedures that assist in a physicians' diagnoses. SPCC is also holding a one day Summer Camp on June 23rd from 9 am – 4 pm. See Mrs. Webb for more information.



English II Classes Visit the Jewish Community Center

On May 17th and May 19th, the English II classes of Ms. Foreman and Dr. Tarlton had the opportunity to participate in a field trip to the Levine Jewish Community Center in Charlotte. During this field trip, the students had the pleasure of hearing a local Holocaust survivor, Irving Bienstock, speak about his experiences. This portion of the field trip was imperative, because there will a come a time in our near future when there are no more survivors left to tell their tales to the next generations. After this incredible opportunity, the students had the time to analyze the Pyramid of Hate to see how easily telling an offensive joke can escalate to discrimination, violence, and genocide. After lunch, the English II classes discussed the importance of our identities and the reason why the younger generation needs to keep discussing and learning about the Holocaust: if we forget the atrocities and those who were murdered in the Holocaust, this leaves the opportunity for another genocide to happen again. Before they left the JCC, each student painted a ceramic butterfly to symbolize and memorialize one of the 1.5 million children who were murdered in the Holocaust. There is no one left to speak these children's names, but their memory is kept alive through the ceaseless work of the Levine Jewish Community Center. See pictures on the previous page.



Seniors

Senior Parents—see the Senior Letter at the end of the chronicle

Graduation—Friday, June 10, 2016 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum

Graduation Practice (REQUIRED to participate) Thursday 6/9 at 2:00

Senior Graduation Packages: You can contact Jostens by calling 1-800-582-6376 or email Mr. Honrine at Honrine@jostens.com. **Please note that to participate in the graduation ceremony you must wear the correct cap and gown.**

Need a transcript?? For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

Scholarship Spotlight:

OMNOVA Foundation Scholarship:

This \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to two UCPS seniors. To be eligible, students must: 1). Be a member in good standing of the graduating (senior) class of a Union County High School, and be eligible to graduate at the end of the current academic year; 2). Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; 3). Have a genuine aptitude for science or engineering; 4). Must plan to enroll in an accredited college, university, or technical school for the summer or fall term of the year the award is given; and 5). Have financial need. Preference will be given to those students whose career goals involve a science major, educational major or technical training at an accredited university, college or technical school in the U.S. Interest forms are available in Guidance. **Deadline: May 23, 2016 by 9:00 a.m.**

Charlotte Knights STEM Scholarship Program:

The Charlotte Knights and Piedmont Natural Gas will be providing three \$1,000 scholarships. To be eligible, students must: 1). be a senior in Union County; 2). Plan to attend an accredited school in the fall of 2016; 3). have a cumulative *unweighted* GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; 4). Have a minimum SAT score of 1800 (on a 2400 scale), a 1200 SAT score (based on a 1600 scale), or an ACT score of 26; 5). Be a member of at least one sports team at your high school or other extracurricular activity; 6). Have a great deal of involvement in the community or multiple hours of volunteer experience; and 7). Plan to declare a major within a STEM field, or have demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in those areas. Students must provide an official transcript and one letter of recommendation with their complete application. For more information, please visit: http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140128&content_id=67200278&sid=i494&vkey=team3. Applications can be emailed to community@charlotteknights.com or mailed to the address on the application. Applications are available in Guidance or on the website above. **Deadline: June 1, 2016.**

Charlotte Knights Healthcare Scholarship Program:

In an effort to improve education funding and further opportunities to the youth in our community, the Charlotte Knights instituted the HealthCare Scholarship presented by Carolinas HealthCare System. This year, 3 recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and honored at BB&T Ballpark. To be eligible, applicants must, 1). Be a high school senior in Union County; 2). Be attending an accredited institution of higher education in the fall of 2016; 3). Have a cumulative *unweighted* GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; 4). Have a minimum of an 1800 SAT score (based on 2400 scale) or 1200 SAT score (based on 1600 scale) or an ACT score of 26; 5). Be a member of at least one sports team at your high school or related extracurricular activity; 6). Have heavy involvement in the community or multiple hours of volunteer experience; and 7). Plans to declare a major within the healthcare field or have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in a healthcare field. To apply, students must provide proof of acceptance to a post-secondary school, a transcript, and one letter of recommendation with their application. For more information, and an application, please visit: http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140113&content_id=66596346&sid=i494&vkey=team3. Applications can be emailed to community@charlotteknights.com or mailed to the address on the application. Applications are available in Guidance or on the website above. **Deadline: June 1, 2016.**

The LAST scholarship newsletter of the 2015-2016 school year is available. Check it out [HERE!](#)

Seniors – please turn in ALL scholarship offers you have received to Mrs. Cameron by May 23!

Graduation Ceremony Video

Directions for Uploading Photos for Graduation Video:

- 1) Download the Yearbook Snap app
- 2) Enter school name: CATA
- 3) Enter the school code: cougars16
- 4) Click Submit Photos
- 5) Click Yearbook Special Requests
- 6) Click on the + and upload up to 5 photos.

News from Guidance:

If you are taking an online summer course please make sure to see Mr. Rowell in Room 403 by Friday, June 3rd to pick up the summer online information, including the course dates and log in information.

- **SAT.... ACT.... PSAT....** Info on the CATA website. [Click here to go to the page for registration dates, costs, AND information on SAT and ACT prep.](#)

Summer Opportunities – SPCC is offering a wide variety of affordable summer camps this summer. Camps run various dates from June 23 through August 4, 2016 and include: Advanced Manufacturing, Art, Construction Trades, Intro to Auto Mechanics, Cyber Crime, Health, Leadership Robotics, Solar Energy, and Small Business. For more information, and to register, please visit: <http://www.spcc.edu/summer-camps-june-23-through-august-4/>

Volunteer Opportunity!!

Stallings Parks & Recreation is looking for high school students to volunteer. They need one-time volunteers and long-term volunteers. For more information, or to sign up, you can contact Abby Fowler at (704)821-0379 or at afowler@admin.stallingsnc.org.

Summer Opportunities! Check out the [Summer Opportunities](#) page.

DigiGirلز High Tech Camp - This one-day camp takes place at Microsoft's Charlotte location and introduces high school girls to the many career fields offered within the high tech industry. During the camp, DigiGirلز will listen to executive speakers, participate in technology tours and demonstrations, network, and learn through hands-on experience in workshops. This event provides girls in grades 9-12 with career planning assistance, information about technology and business roles, thought-provoking exercises, and interesting Microsoft product demonstrations. This camp will occur June 14-16, 2016. There is no registration deadline; however, registration will close once all slots are filled. To register, please visit: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/digigirlz/hightechcamp.aspx>

UNC Charlotte is offering a wide variety of summer camps for students in grades 9-12. **Niner Academy at UNC Charlotte** will give students the opportunity to learn about academic disciplines and careers that high school curricula may not offer, preparing them for both college and career. For more detailed information on each camp, and to register, please visit: <http://summercamps.uncc.edu/summer-camp/niner-academy>.

Health Careers Summer Camp June 20-22 from 8:00 – 2:00 at Piedmont High School, Union County Public Schools will be having a Health Careers Summer Camp for all Rising 10th, 11th, & 12th graders. The summer camp will focus on different careers within the Health Care system. The cost of the camp is \$40. For more information and the application, please visit www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

Rising juniors and seniors – Are you interested in conservation? Union County Soil & Water will sponsor one Union County high school student to attend a week long Resource Conservation workshop at NC State University with expenses paid. Students will get hands-on experience with a wide range of conservation topics, including: soil characteristics, soil conservation, wildlife and fishery management, forest management, non-agricultural uses for soils, and water quality and watershed management. This workshop will occur June 26th - July 1st, 2016. Students must complete an application and write (in 250 words or less) about their interest in Conservation. Preference will be given to rising juniors and seniors. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>. Applications can be emailed to katie.dayton@unioncountync.gov or mailed to 3230-B Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112. Applications are available in Guidance. **Deadline: May 13, 2016.**

CLASS OF 2019

CLASS OF 2018

CLASS OF 2017

Student Recognition Opportunity –

If you have participated in PLTW courses and AP courses, you may be eligible to receive AP + PLTW recognition. College Board and Project Lead the Way have teamed up to offer this recognition that will demonstrate to colleges and employers that the student is ready for advanced course work and interested in careers in this discipline. There are three chosen pathways in which a student can participate: Biomedical Science, Engineering, and Computer Science. To qualify, students must complete three courses in their pathway:

- One AP course
- One PLTW course
- One additional AP or PLTW course

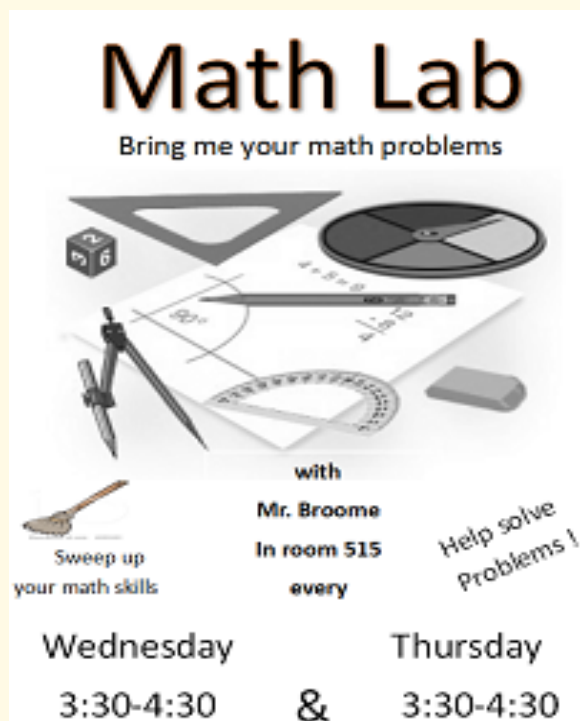
The Pathway Menu of Courses that students can select from can be found [HERE](#). Students that are interested in receiving this recognition need to apply by **June 30th, 2016**. Please be on the lookout for information about how to apply. [Or - Apply Now by clicking here.](#)

Link to the website with guidance information: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/guidance.php>

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- 5) Click Yearbook Special Requests
- 6) Click on the + and upload up to 5 photos.



Around Campus... *(for all home and away sports times, see Athletics section)*

The CATA website Calendar is a great resource—please see that on the [main CATA page](#).

Friday, May 20: Senior Theater Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Sunday, May 22: Blumenthal Performing Arts Center- Blumies, 7 PM (Charlotte)

Monday, May 23: Spring Sports Awards Night, 7 PM Auditorium; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 208);

Tuesday, May 24: Band Banquet, 6 PM (Café and Auditorium)

Wednesday, May 25: Progress Reports; NHS Talent Show, 7 PM (Auditorium); Site-based Team Meeting, 3:30 (Media Conference Rm.); FCA Leadership Meeting, 8:00 AM (Mr. Lindley's Room); Student Council Senior Class Meeting, 3:30 (Ms. Royster's Rm.)

Thursday, May 26: FCA Weekly Meeting, 8:00 AM (Gym); Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, 3:45 PM (Band Rm.); Student Council Junior Class Meeting, 3:30 PM (Media Center)

Friday, May 27: Senior Awards Day, 9:00 AM (Auditorium); Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM (Auditorium); Student Council Sophomore Class Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center)

Upcoming Dates:

5/20—Senior Theater Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/23 to 5/27—Senior Week

5/23—Spring Sports Awards Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/24—Band Banquet, 6 PM (Café)

5/25—NHS Talent Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/25—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference Rm.)

5/26—Senior Whitewater Center Trip

5/27—Senior Awards, 9:00 AM (Auditorium)

5/27—Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM (Auditorium)

5/30—NO School— Memorial Day

6/1—Performing Arts Banquet, 7 PM (Café and Auditorium)

6/3 to 6/9—Final Exams

6/9—Graduation Practice, (CATA GYM)

6/10—Graduation at Winthrop University, 6:00 PM

Final Exam Schedule

Friday, June 3: First Period Exam, 2nd Period Review

Monday, June 6: Second Period Exam, 3rd Period Review

Tuesday, June 7: Third Period Exam, 4th Period Review

Wednesday, June 8: Fourth Period Exam

Student Life Notes

May 23 to 27 is SENIOR WEEK. Further information is posted in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle!

The Spring Choral Concert is on Friday, May 27 at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

The National Honor Society will once again be hosting a Talent Show on May 25th. In this contest of talent, the winner is determined by votes from the audience in the form of charitable donations. If you are interested in presenting your act, audition forms are available in the front office. The dates for auditions will be announced shortly.

Beta Club members, There are meetings next Tuesday May 24th before and after school in the media center. Sophomore and Junior service hours are due at this meeting.

Driver's Education class registration is now open. Only two classes are being offered this summer and they start June 9th and July 18th.
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!!

Click on the link to the Online Driver's Ed Class information on the CATA homepage.

BE a LEADER JOIN a STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION TODAY

Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at

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](#).

Varsity Results:

Baseball: Season Complete

Softball: Season Complete

Women's Soccer: CATA 3 – Newton Conover 0, 2nd Round NCHSAA Tournament, CATA 4 – RS Central 0, 3rd Round NCHSAA Tournament

Men's Tennis: Season Complete

Men's Golf: Season Complete

Track & Field: Regionals - Jesse Ballew Regional Champ – 400 Meter, Men's 4X800 Relay Regional Champions – Jesse Ballew, Josh Weirich, Alec Merrill & Evan Wunder.

Upcoming Events:

Friday May 20th

AWAY Women's Soccer – 4th Round NCHSAA Tournament @ West Stokes 6:00 pm

Saturday May 21st

NCHSAA 2A State Track & Field Meet – NC A&T University – All Day Event

News & Information:

- Spring sports awards night will be **Monday, May 23rd @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.
- Summer workouts & fall sports are just around the corner. Please remember that fall sports start on Monday, August 1st, 2016. You **MUST** be here for tryouts if you plan on participating in a fall sport.
- Summer workout calendars will be posted by **May 1st** on the CATA website.
- You **MUST** have a **current physical** on file with the Athletic Director to participate in summer workouts.
- All other required paperwork to participate in fall sports will be available after July 1st. Only physicals can be handed in prior to July 1st per state policy.
- Fall sports required parent meeting will be held on **Monday, July 25th @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.



CATA Athletics Continued....

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Women's Soccer & Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.com

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

Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com

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

@CATA_Athletics



Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin – edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.com

Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum – tb93bball@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.com

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us



CATA Computer Repair



**Bring your computer
to room 216**

**We will give you suggestions
and an estimate on cost**

we can:

- get rid of viruses, malware, adware
- optimize your computer
- install upgrades
- install hardware



No additional charge other than parts

Senior Week

MONDAY: May 23rd, SENIOR BLACKOUT; all seniors wear black to school

Tie Dye in the Senior Commons:

- each student will need to bring one white cotton T-shirt with them
- seniors will be dismissed from their 2nd period class at 10:30 and should return at 11:50

TUESDAY: May 24th, TOGA TUESDAY; Seniors wear togas to school (must wear clothes underneath, follow three finger wide strap rule, and remain within dress code - NO underwear can be visible).

- Students will participate in a **Senior breakfast** (sponsored by PTSO) and decorate Senior crowns during 1st period in the cafeteria.
- Seniors will be dismissed from class at 8:55 and should return at 10:05.

WEDNESDAY: May 25th, COLLEGE GEAR; seniors come dressed in their college attire (within dress code)

Field Day - *bring a reusable water bottle to the field.*

- All seniors will be dismissed AFTER SECOND PERIOD AND SHOULD REPORT TO THE CAFETERIA FOR LUNCH (AT 12:00 to go to first lunch), and from there, they will walk to the activity field with their book bags. **ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN SUNSCREEN & A TOWEL.**

THURSDAY: May 26th, WHITEWATER TRIP; Seniors should wear their tie dye t-shirts and athletic shoes.

FRIDAY: May 27th, SENIOR AWARDS DAY; STUDENTS SHOULD DRESS NICELY TO RECEIVE AWARDS. Awards to be held during 1st and 2nd period.

- Following the senior awards, there will be an ice cream social IN THE CAFE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AWARDS PROGRAM - YEARBOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR YEARBOOK SIGNING. STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO CLASS DURING THIRD PERIOD



**Class of 2017
Attention
Juniors/Rising Seniors
SENIOR
T-Shirt CONTEST**

The submission deadline is **Friday,
May 20, 2016**

All Juniors received an email with details—please see the email for specifics.

Note—complete design on Custom Ink and then
**Email your designs to Ms.
Foreman at**
Jaclyn.foreman@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

⇒ Congratulations to the 2016 Junior Marshals!! These students are in the top 5% of the Junior Class and will participate in Senior Awards Day and Graduation:

Anna Barber
Molly Boda
Elizabeth Helms
Matthew Leonard

James Lewis
Brice Martin
Andrew Pappas
Kaylianna Ritz

Zaria Reep
Diana Sanchez Vazquez
Trevor Weimer

⇒ Congratulations to our 2016-2017 Student Council Officers:

Your Student Body President is...**Nazirah Ahmad.**

Your Student Body Vice President is...**Dan Morrison.**

Your Student Body Secretary Treasurer is...**Taylor MacLellan.**

Your Student Body Spirit Leaders are...**Courtney Walker and Paula Das.**

Your Senior Class President is...**Alexis Elko.**

Your Senior Class Vice President is...**Lindsey Reich.**

Your Senior Class Secretary Treasurer is...**Rebecca Dean.**

Your Junior Class President is...**Garrett Gilmer.**

Your Junior Class Vice President is...**Nicole Nava.**

Your Junior Class Secretary Treasurer is...**Taylor Barnes.**

Your Sophomore Class President is...**Ethan Cammer.**

Your Sophomore Class Vice President is...**Hunter Thompson.**

Your Sophomore Class Secretary Treasurer is...**Ashton Petty.**

Thank you to those of you who took the time to vote.

⇒ Congratulations to Ceyda Guley, Magdalene Horne, Samuel Knittel, and Colin Stewart for being accepted to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Way to go Cougars!!!

⇒ Congratulations to Mr. Retzlaff for being in the quarterfinals of the Grammy Educator Award. This is a national award recognizing educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in schools.

⇒ Congratulations to Stephanie Eberly for being chosen as one of 12 UCPS High School Seniors to receive a Union County Education Scholarship. Way to Go!!! Stephanie chose to honor Mr. Michael Hardy as her most impactful teacher during her school career at the Sweet Salute where these fine High School Seniors and their Mentor Teachers were honored. Way to go Mr. Hardy!!!



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Adelman, Maxwell Thomas	Brummitt, Nicholas Jacob	Dion, Cameron Elizabeth	Grimm, Shawn Matthew
Agnetti, Jacob Aaron	Bryan, Christina Pamela	Dohrman, Emily K	Guley, Ceyda Isabel
Aladzeme, Gaddy Alonso	Buckingham, Kortney Elizabeth	Dohrman, Katherine Anne	Gundersen, Benjamin Erik
Alamos, Alejandro Daniel	Bunn, Mattias Austin	Dominguez-Sanchez, Julie Diane	Gustafson, Daniel Arthur
Albrecht, Alex Christopher	Burnett, Alexandra Jean	Donohue, Jordan Paige	Gwyn, Megan Elizabeth
Allen, Aryanna Danielle	Burns, John Tyler	Dortilus, Allison Tobee	Hahner, Lisa Emily
Almanza Castro, Yosy	Butler, Jacob Daniel	Downing, Isabelle Rose	Hall, Jessica Nicole
Almeida, Dante Christopher	Butler, Zoe Ayanna	Duemmler, Marc Thomas	Halliburton, Brian Emmanuel
Almond, Madison Taylor	Cabble, Kahlil J	Dunn, Jillian Halle	Hansley, Raygan Myranda
Anneus, Jeremiah Piane	Calcaterra, Sydney Marie	Dutch, Evan Daniel	Haren, Charity R
Anthony, Lauren Grace	Calderon, Adrian Arnaldo	East, Cameron Blake	Harper, Sydney Faith
Appling, Keith Clark	Cammer, Ethan James	Eberly, Stephanie Grace	Harris, Emmanuel R
Austin, Abrey Kennedy	Campbell, Joshua Brandon	Edwards, Luke Odell	Harrison, Stewart Todd
Averill, Katelyn Elizabeth	Carrazzone, Colleen Fay	Elko, Alexis K	Harry, Cristina Marie
Ayala, Nancy Elvira	Carroll, Josie Edison	Everhart, Sarah Catherine	Hayes, Brandon Thomas
Baer, Benjamin Jedidiah	Castrejon, Yesenia Salinas	Farley, Payton	Healy, Alexander Justin
Bain, Dalton Hallis	Chambers, Amon Deshawn	Fehlman, Grace Micaela	Healy, Andrew James
Bandhy, Alexis N	Chard, Andrew Patrick	Fiallo, Katherine Marie	Hedgepeth, Ashley Morgan
Barber, Anna	Chard, Megan Patricia	Ficarrotta, Sophia Rae	Helms, Elizabeth Ann
Barnes, Taylor Lachelle	Cherry, Alexis Elizabeth - Irene	Fincken, John Eric	Helms, Zealy Clare
Barnette, Lauren Elizabeth	Chickoree, Riley Gabriel	Finn, Ailey Brielle	Hibbs, Lanie Rae
Basile, Joseph Stewart	Christoffer, Chloe Michelle	Fisher, Charles David	Hildreth, Hannah Nicole
Batchelor, Garrison Lee	Clark, Cameron Emery	Fisher, Tom Lawrence	Hiley, Abigail Jordan
Baumgardner, Carrie	Clipston, Zachary Taylor	Fleming, Roberto Paul	Hinson, Davis Robert
Beard, Haley Elise	Coffey, Kaiya Brishaun	Flood, Conor Rory	Hinson, Elizabeth Mae
Beckerman, McCarty Helena	Coley, Julian Henry	Focht, Katrina Nicole	Hinson, Joseph Adam
Beckstein, Caleb James	Combs, Chloe Elizabeth	Frazier, Diara Lashawn	Hockenberry, Harrison Alan
Bell, Sabrina Liat	Cook, Deyton Cristobal-Alan	Gama, Danielle Marie	Hockenberry, Max Alexander
Bennett, Virginia Rae	Cruz, Giselle	George, Caitlyn	Hodgins, Stephanie Caren
Bevelhymer, Eric Steven	Cruz-Camargo, Bryan Jesus	Gibbs, Alana Brenae	Hoff, Gabriel P
Black, Rayanna K	Cur, Patrick Toby	Gilmer, Garrett C	Hoinkes-Hawkins, Karson Noah
Blevins, Austin Lee	D'Amico, Paul Matthew	Gioffre, Megan Louise	Hollifield, Victoria Elizabeth
Blizzard, Caroline Elizabeth	Dao, Duyen Ngoc	Gomez, Kevin G	Holmes, Darbi Lynn
Boda, Molly Shane	Dardon, Destiny Marie	Gonzalez, Bryan Michael	Holzman, Jeffrey Conrad
Boldyn, Ryan Matthew	D'Auria, Gianna Marie	Goodson, Mark Benjamin	Horkan, Makenna Marie
Boryczewski, Bailey	David, Ryan Juno	Goodwin, Miranda Dean	Horkan, Masoon
Bovi, Stewart Daniel	Dayton, Josiah Benjamin	Green, Gillian Mackenzie	Horne, Magdalene A
Bowen, Braxton Ray	DeChant, Mark Christopher	Greene, Maiah Isabelle	House, Hezekiah Sahah
Breneman, Emily Nicole	Dellinger, Nicholas Colby	Grem, Casey Samuel	Howell, Emilyann Sterling
Brown, Caitlyn Elizabeth	Dennehy, Victoria Grace	Griffin, Kristen Elizabeth	Hrenyo, Kyle Daniel
Brown, James Jordan	Diggins, Levi Caleb	Griffin, Lorann McKenna	Hrenyo, Makayla Marie

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Huynh, Douglas Trong	Lewis, James William	Montoya Antonio, Joana Arely	Rains, Rebecca Claire
Iascu, Jana Victorovna	Likes, Joshua	Moon, Lindsay Marie	Ramirez, Christopher
Italiano, Emma Rose	Litoshik, Dmitry Peter	Moran, Brendan Lee	Randall, Brooke Madison
James, Bennett Ryan	Little, Trevor Jeffrey	Morgan, Whitney Madison	Ray, Keylee Noelle
Jarek, Nicholas John	Long, Carson Grant	Morin, Jacob Daniel	Recher, William Nicholas
Jarvis, Spencer Franklin	Long, Kyle Christopher	Mudumbai, Manasi	Reeder, Joshua Joel
Jeffcoat, Christopher Lee	Lorray, Jonathan	Muller, Jack Heiland	Reep, Zane Michael
Johnson, Adrian Q	Losier, Laureenne Hayes	Mullis, Sarah Ashley	Reep, Zaria Ann
Johnson, Danielle	Lowery, Katie Marie	Murray, Garrett James	Register, Hannah Elisabeth
Johnson, Jacob Paul	Lyons, Katherine E	Myers, Sophie Noelle	Reich, Lindsey Patricia
Jonas, Annah Marie	MacLellan, Taylor Skye	Nance, William Michael	Reilly, Alexander Michael
Jones, Luke Gregory	Maddalone, Meadow Rose	Nava, Nicole Alexandra	Rendino, Lorian Margaret
Jones, Molly Addison	Makley, Noah David	Neff, Victoria Alexis	Ridge, Joseph William
Joyner, Grace Marie	Malta, Alexandria Faith	Newsome, Hayden Elizabeth	Ridge, Kaylin Joanne
Juarez, Daniel Emilio	Manzo-Trinidad, Jazmin T	Nikitina, Anastasiya	Ritz, Haylee Grace
Kalaf, Sara Elyse	Martin, Brice Cameron	Nikonowicz, Alexander Xavier	Ritz, Kaylianna B
Kamenick, Elizabeth Ann	Martin, Jacob K	Nikonowicz, Jamie Angeline	Roberts, Sahara Lane
Kent, Nicholas Cross	Martin, Trace C	Nixon, Janay Danielle	Roets, Nicholas Anthony
Kerupetski, Aimee Ying	Marvel, Emma Pauline	Ocampo, Brenda Jasmine	Ross-Fortson, Austin Ryan
Kidder, Amy Elizabeth	Mattison, Halen Garrett	Okocha, Dumebi Sharon	Ruiz-Lopez, Abril Carolina
Kjelland, Julia Marie	Maupin, Sophia Anne	Okocha, Ijeoma Lilian	Rust, Eliza Cosette
Klovstad, Cameron Allen	May, Katherine Clark	Oni, Olusayo Nathaniel	Sackey, Akua Deedee
Knittel, Samuel Allen	McCarthy, Sara Joan	Oni, Olusola Brianna	Sait, Madihah Faisal
Komer, Rebecca Joy	Mcclendon, Malasia Chanel	Orlando, Brianna Margaret	Salas-Zagacki, Thalia Rose
Kowalski, Rya Maelan	McCollum, Jacob Weston	Owens, Savannah Leigh	Sanchez Vazquez, Diana Guadalupe
Lala, Priyanka	McCorkle, Thomas Jordan	Ozoria, Michael Angelo	Schneider, Joseph C
Lamar, Katherine Taylor	McDow, Andrew M	Pappas, Andrew Michael	Schuster, Shelby Leigh
Laney, Kerrigan Brooke	McElhaney, Liam James	Parker, Andrew Lane	Sedotto, Jessica Ann
Larsen, MaKenna Rose	McIntyre, Anna Gabriella	Parrish, Jay Edward	Sells, Sydnie Joan
LaTerra, Dianna Gayle	McKain, Olivia Ann	Peirano, Daniel Joseph	Sharp, Sean Patrick
Laughter, Dillon Patrick	Mcmurray, Shelby Lynn	Pendergast, Alex Thomas	Sherrin, Alyssa Elaine
Lawing, Eann Michael	McNally, Liam Patrick	Pepin, Olivia Milena	Shue, Stephanie K
Lawing, Kelsey	Medina, Jessica Faith	Pereira, Federico	Sidney, Suzu Finn
Lawler, Shannon Elizabeth	Medley, Candice Sabrya	Persico, Allegra Raquel	Sidney, Zander Zoe
Lawrence, Emily Kay	Medlock, Morgan Lee	Petty, Ashton Wynn	Simons, Margaret Mackenzie
Lay Calvert, Alexander Edwin	Melhorn, Justin Todd	Pierce, Marcus Joe	Simpson, Joel Emmitt
Lee, Peyton Riley	Miles, Elijah Charles	Pierson, Anders Ingham	Smith, Katy Sarah
Legrand, Peter Torrance	Miles, Joseph Alex	Pirozzi, Sarah Emily	Smith, Rachel Lauren
Leiner, Justin Alexander	Miles, Sabrina Sunshine	Plyler, Grace Larryn	Smith, Savana Rae
Leonard, Matthew Scott	Miller, Emma Lake	Price, Madison Taylor	Smith, Sydney Patricia
Lewis, Amaya Kiyomi	Minsk, Noah Aidan	Prince, Kersten Lillian	Speiser, Kaitlyn Rachel

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Spencer, Hannah Rachael	Tuttle, Gloria Caroline	Weirich, Joshua D
St. Hilaire, Aiden James	Vandermolen, Kevin Andrew	Werneth, Jenna Paige
Starling, Haley Marie	VanderSchel, Dylan Ambrose	White, Jonathan White
Starnes, Catherine Alexa	Vandyke, Kimberly Ashton	Wild, Jack Peyton
Starr, Madelyn Amy	Vartanian, Cortney Rose	Williams, Emily Beth
Stewart, Colin	Verrill, Christopher David	Williford, Kaley Nicole
Stewart, John Chase	Villarreal, Selena	Wilson, Cayden Ray
Stewart, William Duncan	Villasenor Garcia, Ivan Guadalupe	Wilson, Madeline Hailey
Stivaletti, Rachel Marie	Vinicombe, Dylan James	Wood, Andrew Jay
Studer, Josie Ann	Visotsky, Maksim	Wunder, Evan J
Styne, Earl Michael	Wall, Alisa Shernet	Young, Logan Christopher
Sumcad, Antonia Marie	Wallace, Karis Leigh	Young, Robert James
Surace, Meghan Suzanne	Wallace, Karrington Nicole	
Svarishchuk, Vladislav	Walle, Isabella M	
Swayze, Nicholas Gary	Watts, Grace Elizabeth	
Teague, Jeffery Blake	Webb, Kailey A	
Tedeschi, Brandon Lee	Weimer, Trevor Scott	
Temprile, Ryan Nicholas		
Thomas, Alexander David		
Thomas, Taylor MaKenzie		
Thompson, Hunter Donald		
Tohala, Gianluca		
Townsend II, William Cameron		
Tucker, Bobbie Makenzie		

Diversity in Our “Culture of Respect”

The following student representatives from CATA attended the Union County Public Schools (UCPS) Diversity Day this past month at Marvin Ridge High School. Our students had the chance to hear guest speakers and attend workshops on Topics of diversity with students from all of the other high schools in UCPS.

Nazirah Ahmad, Baily Boryczewski, Ethan Cammer, Duyen Dao
Caitlyn George, Garrett Gilmer, Kyndal Ivey, Taylor MacLellan,
Daniel Morrison, and Tyler Smith

**Central Academy of Technology and Arts
Graduation Information
Class of 2016**

Dear Class of 2016,

We are so very proud of each and every one of you. This spring semester we hope that you will enjoy your time with your friends and teachers while maintaining your school work. In just a short time you will no longer be a "high school student" and will be looked at as an adult. You have worked hard, we have worked hard, and your parents have worked hard to prepare you for this challenge. You are each a reflection of your family and your school and, more importantly, you are a reflection of your core values. We hope that you will have fond memories of CATA and of the people here. We certainly have wonderful memories of each one of you.

The rest of this letter contains important information you need to know in a very factual format. 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 the expectations that are set. Feel free to come and ask any questions you may have.

Congratulations Class of 2016!

Date and Time: Graduation will be held at Winthrop University (701 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730) on Friday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.

Students will need to arrive at the university by 5:00 at the latest.

A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu)

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 (or dark slacks) that is no longer than their gown. There should be No collar showing with the gown. Shoes should be brown, tan, black, or navy since the robes are navy. 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, and dark shoes (brown, tan, black or navy). 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: **Above is the same attire you will be expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 26th in the gym.** (Ladies, you do not need to run out and buy your graduation dress now, something that you have that fits this general dress code is fine). This occurs during 2nd block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:00 am if you flex first period).

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 9th – May 13th before/after school in the main office, and will also be available to be purchased online:

- Each senior will receive **four (4)** free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$5.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on "online school payments" on the right tab starting May 4th).
- Tickets will also be sold at the door 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.

Graduation Practice: Graduation practice will be held on Thursday, June 9th in the school gym from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. 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 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.

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. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year, and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) - cafeteria, media center, textbook, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday June 8th to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. Multiple invoices have been sent this year. If you have an outstanding balance we strongly urge you to meet with your grade level administrator now to set up a payment plan.

Senior Week: Senior Week is May 23rd -27th.

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 are handicapped, there is 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.
- Pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma will be taken by a professional photographer. 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. Since the University will have to reset after our graduation for the next events, guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**