

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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## Welcome Back to School

- **School starts on Monday, August 28, 2017.** Students should arrive by 8:40 am to make the first bell of the day that signals students to move to their first class. On Monday and Tuesday, students will report to their Advisories (or homerooms) first. Lists will be posted in the hall.
- **Back to School Days. Schedules, lockers, bus info, spirit wear will be available...**

**Freshman Orientation** will be on Friday, August 18 for ALL new NINTH grade students from 9:00—11:30 AM. Students will meet in the gym. Parents may choose to drop students off as the Freshman Orientation activities are student only. Parents also may choose to drop in to the media center between 9 and 10 to meet our PTSO parents and some staff for coffee and pastries. PTSO parents and staff will be available to answer questions and discuss both the high school and academy studies with you. Schedules and Bus Info will be given to students DURING their orientation.

**New Sophomore (10th graders) Orientation** will be on Friday, August 18 from 12:30—1:30. Please meet in room 401—or what we call “the fishbowl”. Parents are welcome to drop in to the media center between 12:30-1:00 to ask questions about school procedures, or feel free to just drop your student off.

**All current 10th—12th graders’ Orientations**—Monday 8/21, 8:00—11:30 am. Get schedules, lockers, bus information, spirit wear, Student section t-shirts (\$12), senior shirts and signs, and parking passes (see Priority Times below). Lockers can be rented for \$3 for the year.

**Any schedules/bus information NOT picked up at open house will be mailed home the following Wednesday afternoon.**

- **Parking passes** are available for SENIORS ONLY on 8/16, 8/17, and 8/18 during office hours. No schedules will be give out on these days. Passes sold to all students on Monday 8/21 with the following Sale Schedule: Seniors 8-9:30, Juniors 9:30-10:30, Sophomores 10:30 to 11:30.
- **Parent email and phone contact information**—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. You will receive a form for changes with the student's back to school paperwork. You may also email [Mr. William Smith](#) with any changes.
- **Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA—Please see important information inside.**
- **Schedules and Schedule Changes—Please see important information inside.**
- **CATA Summer Read—Please see important information inside.**

**Please take time to read over this newsletter.** These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole CATA community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the For Parents tab on our website, or [click here](#). The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars! Dr. Fisenne

# YOUR CATA PTSO

## Your 2017-2018 Cougar Council Executive Officers are:

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Michelle Schrader

Treasurer - Ann Helms

Click on this page if you,  
or someone you know  
has an interest in serving  
on the CATA PTSO

## Our Committee Chairs are:

Communication - Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter

Hospitality - Open

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 **complete this brief form** or contact us at [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com).

Please join us on **September 5, 2017 at 6:00** for a brief PTSO meeting and CATA's Open House!

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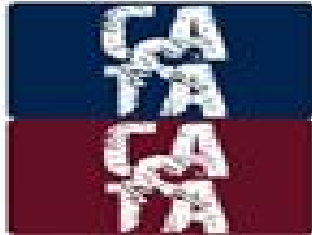
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**Band Booster Club** - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to  
volunteer at [catabandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:catabandpresident@gmail.com)

**Cougar Athletics** – Contact Jay Niessner at [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**CATA SPIRIT WEAR- BUY IT TODAY ONLINE- First store closes July 28, SHOP TODAY! Items will be available at back to school events.**

**Click on the ad to go to the SPIRITWEAR online store. The first round of orders is about up so order today!**



**CATA Spirit Wear : The CATA Band of Blue sponsors the CATA Cougar Store and is available online and at school events. USE THE QUICK LINK AT THE TOP OF OUR HOMEPAGE TO GET TO SPIRITWEAR ALL YEAR....**

**CATA Cougar ONLINE Store:** We will place a link on this site to our ONLINE Store from 7/7 - 7/28 for orders! All items will be mailed directly to your home.

**CATA Cougar on-site Store:** Items available for in person sales are t-shirts, caps, visors, and hoodies. Items will be sold at orientations in August and at all home Football Games.

**Additional Sales times will be announced.**



**The Student Section at CATA calls itself the BLUE CREW....**

Every year a new Blue Crew shirt is designed and voted on by students. Purchase the 17-18 Blue Crew Shirt by going to [our online link](#).

Shirts cost just \$12 and will be available for pick up on August 10th if ordered by the end of July.

## Student Parking Passes

**Seniors Only** – Parking passes will be on sale on 8/16, 8/17, and 8/18 for Seniors ONLY on a first come first served basis during office hours.

**All students** – Seniors, 8-9:30, Juniors 9:30—10:30, and Sophomores 10:30 to 11:30 **only on Monday, 8/21** .



- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, AND 2016-2017 technology fee, media center fees, cafeteria, etc..
- ALL Students, MUST print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you canNOT reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA website under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. 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.

### **Students Schedule Update:**

We are working diligently to finalize the master schedule and meet student needs and requests for the upcoming school year. During July and early August we work with incoming ninth grade schedules to complete our master schedule. During the summer, the schedule is not complete as we work up until August to finalize all courses and student enrollment in these courses. If a student can accidentally see a schedule in PowerSchool for next year, it is NOT correct or complete.

**Drafts of schedules will be available to students on Back to School days - Freshman: August 18th Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors: August 21st.**

Students will either receive the class(es) they selected during the registration process last spring or students will see "Please See Your Counselor" on their schedule. This year we will not randomly give 10-12 grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we enter "Please See Your Counselor" as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict we need to discuss with the student. If a student has "Please See Your Counselor" on the schedule, there will be an opportunity for students to meet with a Guidance Counselor prior to the start of school. This date will be during the week of 8/21 and will be announced in August.

If a student does not have "Please See Your Counselor" on the schedule, the student received the classes he/she requested in Spring 2017. Information will be shared with students on the first day of school as to how to request a schedule change for a valid specified reason.

**We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes throughout the summer as Guidance Counselors do not work full time in the summer and when they are here they are working on registering and completing schedules for the incoming ninth grade students so that we can finalize our entire schedule. They look forward to filling holes in late August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted this year. We will have an electronic form that students must complete during school hours the first five days of classes.**

## CHROMEBOOKS– 2017-2018

CATA is the school of Technology and all students are required to use their chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chromebook again to use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will again benefit from. Students at CATA are required to bring their chrome book to school every day.

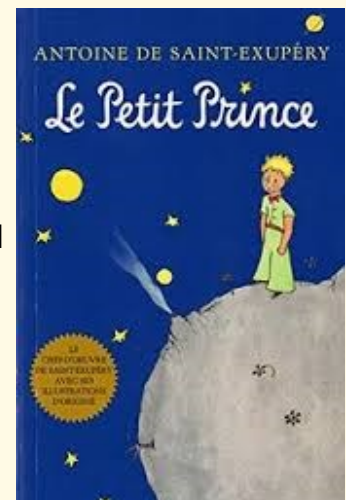
**Parents**—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. **EVERY student will receive a form on the first day of school.** The form will be due back the next morning (Tuesday 8/29). Students will not be able to receive a chrome book on Tuesday 8/29 unless the form is signed.

**The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is due by 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 \(click here\).](#)

## 2018 yearbooks

**Yearbooks** will be on sale when school starts and students will receive an order form the first day at school. Online sales will be available then as well. Pricing and details for senior ads will also be available. ALL senior ads must be purchased and paid for before the December break. There will not be any late ad sales. The yearbook staff has planned another exciting book so remember to buy one in August!

**CATA Summer Read-** [Click here heck out staff reading pictures on our Facebook page.](#) CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. The goal for the summer reading program is for students to have a pleasurable and positive summer reading experience. Learning to read texts without structured assignments and being able to communicate and make connections with others about the reading is an essential skill. **All incoming ninth grade students will read: “The Little Prince” by *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*.** When students return in the fall during Cougar Time, in small groups, students will have the opportunity to make connections with a teacher and their grade level peers. The CATA Summer Read is an annual tradition and each spring faculty pitch books and students get to pick their top three. Each student is eventually paired up with one of their book preferences (we usually have about 18-20 different books being read) and everyone gets to read and share. Next spring your student will get this same opportunity!



**10 to 12th grades should be reading their book selection. If you forgot your book, check your student UCPS email from last Spring, or call the school– we have the list.**

## New Family Information

- School day hours: 8:50-3:30 (Class starts at 8:50, students should all **arrive by 8:40** when the first bell rings to move to class. ) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:20—8:30 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by your 3rd block teacher. Don't worry—you will meet people to sit with.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to Advisory first. Advisory assignments will be posted at the front of the school.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. Sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$3.00. **PE Lockers are required.** Your PE teacher will provide information on rental fee. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room—ALL belongings must be secured with a school-issued lock.
- Supply lists will be posted on Teacher's Public Canvas pages on Thursday 8/24.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day for every class. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you don't miss too many days in one class.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, credit for courses, and affects eligibility for sports. **Students too sick to come to school may not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.** Absence notes MUST be turned in within three days.
- Every teacher will have a web page (on Canvas) for students and parents to access with course information.
- All students will receive a student login/password to the Parent Portal so that they can see their grades. This will become active on Monday, September 11.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.

### 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

UCPS @UCPS\_MonroeNC

Counseling @CATA\_Counseling

## 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](mailto:andrea.nahum@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

[william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordi-

nator- [karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### Facts about attendance

- Attendance is taken by block (class period) in high school not by day. In addition, a student is marked absent if he/she misses more than 15 minutes of the block and if he/she misses less than 15 minutes of a class, then the student will be coded as a tardy in PowerSchool.
- Lunch is part of 3<sup>rd</sup> block so missing lunch is not excused and counts toward tardy/absent
- If your student needs to be absent, a written note or documentation must be turned in to Ms. Nahum in the front office within 3 days of your student's return to school in order for it to be considered for excusal. We have an absence form available for you to fill out and turn in. Please make copies of it for you to use throughout the school year. [Please click HERE to find the form on our website.](#)
- A note from a doctor's office is required to excuse an absence due to a doctor's appointment. A doctor's visit note only covers the actual appointment and travel time. It does not excuse the whole day.
- In addition to illness/injury and doctor's appointments, the following are also lawful reasons for school absences:
  - Death in the immediate family
  - Court, administrative proceedings, jury duty (documentation required)
  - Religious observances (prior approval by principal required)
  - Educational Opportunity (10 day prior approval ) [Educational Opportunity Request Form linked on this page.](#)
  - Quarantine
  - Military Deployment (documentation required)
- Please see Student Handbook for further explanation of attendance policies.
- All absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until a written note/documentation is received. Written documentation must be legible, dated with the student's absence, contain the student's full name, and **must be submitted within three days.**
- ConnectEd phone calls are made at the end of the school day to notify parents/guardians of student tardies/absences whether excused or unexcused.

### Early Dismissal Procedures and Facts

- If your student **driver** needs to leave before the school day is over, then a parent note must be turned into the front office before school so that an early dismissal pass can be given to the student.
- The parent note must contain all of the following: 1) the student's name, 2) parent's name and contact phone number, and 3) the time that the student needs to be dismissed.
- If the student is getting picked up by someone other than the parents/guardians or anyone on the student's contact list, then the student's dismissal note must also contain the name of the person that is picking them up.
- It is the student's responsibility to keep their early dismissal pass with them and show it to their teacher so that they may exit class. Once exiting the classroom, the student must then come to the front office to sign out before leaving campus.
- An attendance letter will be sent home with students after the 3rd, 6th, and 8th absences whether the absences are excused or not excused. At this time students will be notified if they owe recovery time for absences.**

## ***Around CATA***

**Friday, August 18-Freshmen Orientation**, 9-11:30 AM; **New to CATA Sophomore Orientation**, 12:30–1:30 PM (Room 401); **Parent Drop in** (PTSO members, counselor, admin, and a couple of teachers to answer questions about processes and general curriculum, 9-10 AM (Media Center) OR 12:30-1:00 PM (Guidance for new Sophomore Parents));

**Monday, August 21-Upperclassmen Open House** 8 AM to 11 :30 AM (drop-in for schedule, parking passes, lockers): **Parking Pass Sells :12<sup>th</sup> graders:** 8:00 – 9:30 AM, **11<sup>th</sup> graders:** 9:30 – 10:30 AM, **10<sup>th</sup> graders:** 10:30 to 11:30 AM (Front of School)

**Thursday, August 24-** CATA Band Review, 7-9 PM (Cafeteria & Bus Lot or Auditorium)

**Monday, August 28- First Day of School;** Lockers for Sale during lunches

**Tuesday, August 29-** Lockers for Sale during lunches

**Tuesday, September 5– Open House, 6-8 PM, Senior Night, 7:00 PM (Auditorium)**

### Upcoming Events

#### September

Invest In Excellence Fundraiser Month

9/4—Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

9/5—Open House, 6-8 PM

9/5—Senior Night Prep for Post Graduation, 7 PM Auditorium

9/6—Underclassmen photos

9/11 to 9/23—Individual meetings with seniors and guidance counselors

9/15—Senior Order Day, Josten's (Caps, Gowns, Graduation)

9/19—Progress Reports

9/21 and 9/22—Senior Photo Make-ups (Media Center)

9/25 to October 1- Bank for Band Fundraiser

9/28—Early Release Day, School is 8:50 to 12:30 PM

9/29—Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL

#### October

PTSO Wreath Fundraiser Month

10/2 to 10/7—Homecoming/Spirit Week

10/7—Homecoming Dance, 8-11 PM (Gym)

10/9—Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL

10/10—End of Grading Period

10/11—PSAT All 11<sup>th</sup> graders and possibly 10<sup>th</sup> graders

10/11 and 10/12—Underclassmen Photo Make-up Day

10/16—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

10/18—Report Cards

10/19—Winter Sports Parent Night, 7 PM, Auditorium

10/24—Early Release Day, School is 8:50 to 12:00 PM

10/24—Pre ACT All Sophomores

10/31—Progress Reports

10/31—Annual Trunk or Treat, 4:45 PM to 6 PM, Staff Parking Lot

### **Student Life**

Incoming students will get to tour a Student Life fair in the first week or two of school. It is so important to get involved in something at school, whether it is a club, student council, athletics, band, or a co-curricular organization. Keep your eyes open and be open to the possibilities!!!!

Many of our student life organizations are listed on our website. [Click here.](#)



## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

#### Attention Seniors - Tuesday September 5th 7:00 pm (The Same Night as the Open House)

in the CATA Auditorium the **Guidance Department will be hosting Senior Night**. This event is for all seniors and their parents. The purpose of CATA Senior Night is to review a packet of information that explains and guides the timeline of senior year. Seniors will also receive a copy of their unofficial transcript to use for college applications. *Beginning the week of September 5th to the end of September each guidance counselor will have an individual meeting with each of their assigned seniors—please note that seniors will receive important information that they need to have BEFORE they meet with their counselor. Your attendance at the evening meeting is strongly encouraged.* Please contact your assigned counselor if you have any questions.

**Sophomores:** All Sophomores will take the PreACT on October 24.

**Juniors and Possibly Sophomores:** All Juniors and possibly, sophomores, will be taking the PSAT, October 11

**JUNIORS**—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam, on February 27 . In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

**Open House—Meet the Teachers;** Tuesday September 5th: 6:00—9:00. We hope to see you there!!

CLASS OF  
2018

CLASS OF 2019

Class of  
2020

Class of  
2021

#### 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 & Recording Arts.

## 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:

#### **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME Soccer Jamboree – Walter Bickett Stadium 8:00 am

#### **Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY Football Scrimmage – Metrolina – 8:00 am

HOME Soccer Scrimmage vs. Union Academy – 6:00 pm

#### **Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY Football Scrimmage – Albemarle Jamboree – 6:00 pm

#### **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY Volleyball – Carolina Courts Jamboree – 9:00 am

HOME Football/Cheerleading/Band – “Meet The Cougars” Fall Kick Off Event – 6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

#### **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Tennis – Parkwood – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Volleyball – Parkwood – 4:30/6:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer – Piedmont – 4:30/6:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Tennis – Monroe – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Volleyball – Monroe – 4:30/6:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Soccer vs. Parkwood – 4:30/6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

#### **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Tennis – Sun Valley – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Volleyball – Sun Valley – 4:30/6:00 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Carolina International School – 6:00 pm

#### **Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Football – Parkwood – 7:30 pm

#### **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Cross Country – Cuthbertson – 6:30 pm

Meet the Cougars... Football Team, Band, and Cheer!!  
Sat 8/12 6:00  
Walter Bickett Stadium!!  
Start the year off right with the Cougars!!!

Tryouts begin as early as 7/31 and are mandatory. ALL athletes and parents should see the CATA website – go to Athletics and then [Athletics Overview](#) for important dates, forms, and important information. All fall coaches are listed there under Athletics as well. **\*\*Please make sure that you go to the Athletics link on the top bar of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the important information including coaches and coach contact information.**

Fall Schedules are available on the CATA website under Athletics. Please check the calendar for game dates for all sports.

## COUGAR ATHLETICS CONTINUED

**Summer Workouts are important to attend. Please contact our coaches to get dates and times—or check the website under individual teams.** Remember, to participate in summer workouts, students must provide a copy of a physical that has occurred within the past 12 months.

**Fall Head Coach Contact Information:**

Athletic Director & Men’s Soccer: Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Football – Jeff Edwards— [jeff.edwards@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jeff.edwards@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Volleyball – Stephanie Peacock – [Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashely Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – [kim.inuwa@gmail.com](mailto:kim.inuwa@gmail.com)

Women’s Tennis – Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women’s Golf – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### CATA Class of 2018

#### Rising Seniors Pre-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 guidance office with payment.
- T-Shirts will be available at the beginning of the school year.

CATA 2018 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.

## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ⇒ Way to go **Guidance** for your diligence in completing the lottery process this summer and for getting all of our students into classes by mid-August!!
- ⇒ Central Academy **Fishing Club** ranked #1 in the final 2016-2017 Scholastic Anglers School of the Year Rankings!!! Way to go CATA Fishing Club!!! We had three finish in the top three, for angler of the year and 5 finish in the anglers Elite 8 standings.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our **2017-2018 Student Council Officers**:

Kyndal Ivey	Student Body President
Nicole Nava	Student Body Vice President
Garrett Gilmer	Student Body Secretary/Treasurer
Taylor Barnes	Spirit Leader
Akua Sackey	Spirit Leader
Kiara Patterson	Adviser's Assistant
Kahlil Cabble	Senior Class President
Allyson Vasquez	Senior Class Vice President
Bailey Boryczewski	Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer
Hunter Thompson	Junior Class President
Mariam Ali	Junior Class Vice President
Ashton Petty	Junior Class Secretary/Treasurer
Iyanna Brooks	Sophomore Class President
Brooke Lester	Sophomore Class Vice President
Nikol Stoycheva	Sophomore Class Secretary/Treasurer

\*\*Freshman officers will be elected this Fall

**AP Level Classes:** Announcements were made in the Spring and during registration about AP classes. It is quite typical for Fall AP classes to have summer reading or review activities for students. Please check the CATA website for information. Some teachers send an email to students, so students should check their UCPS student email as well (some teachers did this in the spring before school was out). [All students should check the CATA Website, LINK HERE](#)

Students in AP level courses should expect to take a rigorous AP-level final exam with their AP teacher prior to taking the actual AP exam. This AP level exam will count for 25% of their final grade in the AP course. This will ensure that they are preparing well enough to pass these college-level courses and exams. Teachers will discuss this more with your student at the start of each course. It is important that you and your student remember that an AP course is a college-level course, and as such, has college-level assessments.

## United Way food Bank Drive BEFORE School Starts

If Freshmen would like to bring one to two items to orientation, then we will be glad to take it to the food bank for you.

Also, if all students would bring one to two items on the Back to School day on 8/21, then we will take the items to the food bank for you.



In conjunction with Union County  
United Way's Day of Caring  
**Non-Perishable Food**  
is being collected for families in need.

*Area organizations and food banks continue to experience  
increased demand for assistance.*

*Please help others in Union County who have fallen on hard times.*

### CANNED GOODS

fruit  
corn  
beans  
tomatoes  
soup  
tuna  
pork & beans  
meats  
potatoes

### BOXED GOODS

cereal  
oatmeal  
grits  
pasta  
mac & cheese  
crackers  
instant potatoes  
dried milk

### PLUS

peanut butter  
pasta sauce  
apple sauce  
jelly & jams  
rice  
dried beans  
sugar  
flour  
tea bags

*And So Much More!*



### WHERE TO TAKE SUPPLIES

You may drop items off items August 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> between 9:00AM-4:00PM  
at the United Way building located at 102 E Franklin Street in Monroe.

There will also be collection barrels at the kickoff celebration

*Day of Caring - Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:30AM  
Kickoff Celebration at Wingate University, Irwin Belk Stadium*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL UNITED WAY AT 704.283.1537