

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA Family,

Congratulations to Elizabeth Cross- Central Academy of Technology & Art's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Cross teaches Biology, Earth Science and Anatomy and Physiology at CATA. She is not only a great teacher, but she is also an advisor for the Science Olympiad Team! We would like to welcome our new nurse, Ms. Monica Newsome, to CATA. Feel free to reach out to her with any student health concerns.

Senior Tributes for the Yearbook: The yearbook staff must have payment by 10/31 in order to guarantee space for a tribute. Bring check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den. The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is in this edition. **Culture of Respect Week**, a part of National Bullying Prevention Month is next week at CATA. #CATACultureofRespect. Each day will start with a special announcement highlighting the day's focus. Details in this edition.

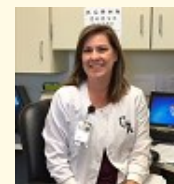
FAFSA Day is Saturday, 10/28 from 9 to noon. You can go into any SECU branch and obtain assistance with filling out FAFSA forms—the financial aid forms for college.

The **Performing Arts Theater Students** will be performing their NCTC competition plays; "Tibet: Through the Red Box" and "Dark Road" this Sunday 10/22 at 2:30 PM in the Theater for \$5.00 admission. Let's hear it for our **Band of Blue!** The band went to their first competition last week and won second overall in their class, first in Drum Major, and second in Marching and Music! **Underclassmen Photo Make-up Day** is Wednesday 10/25. Underclassmen who were absent for class pictures will be called to the media center during first block. If students would like to order pictures, please pick up an order form outside the main office or in The Den. Bring the order form and payment to the photographer on 10/25. If a student wants a retake, they must bring their photo package with them to the photographer. **CATA Performing Arts PTSO**

Wreath Sale— Please see the ad in this edition. An order form was sent home with each Performing Arts Academy student. Funds raised go to support all Performing Arts programs through our PTSO. Parents please remember to link your Amazon account to **Amazon Smile** to earn money for our PTSO, and therefore for our school. This week's Academy Spotlight is the **Performing Arts Academy**. Check it out.

The Transportation Department and PTSO will sponsor the Annual Car Show on Saturday, 11/11, 9 AM - 1 PM. Please see the ad and registration form in this edition to participate. Click [here](#) for more information on our website in the announcements section. **UCPS is conducting a survey to gather input for the 2018-19 calendar.** We encourage you participate and learn more about the calendar planning process. You can access the survey from the Announcements section on our school website or the Quick Links section on the UCPS website. The survey will close on 10/24. **Winter Sports Tryout Tickets**- Winter sports tryout tickets will be given out at lunch all next week: 10/23 to 10/27. No tickets will be given out on 10/30. Students must have all of their athletic paperwork handed in to receive a tryout ticket. **Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). Did you know that scholarships, college visits, and other important events and opportunities are **listed in the Cougar Chronicle** each week? Be sure to read over the chronicle. This week students were able to access Family Connections, a resource for both college and career decisions. Check out facebook to learn more.

Please take time to read over this newsletter to see the great things our children and teachers are doing. 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



Performing Arts Acting, Dancing, Creating

Meet the Teachers of our Performing Arts Academy which consists of three pathways: Dance, Music Production Recording Arts, and Theatre.

Ms. Cyphers, our Dance teacher, earned a Bachelors in Science in Dance Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She started her teaching career 11 years ago, and has spent the last three here at CATA. The dance academy is working on our three dance productions, as well as the winter collaborative. The dancers are also super excited to be working on a dance heavy musical this year. This year the dance academy will be attending Charlotte Ballet's Middle and High School Dance Festival as well as the National High School Dance Festival in Pittsburgh, P.A. Other field trips will be to the Nutcracker and the Charlotte Ballet's Innovative Works.

Ms. Gregory, our Chorus and Piano teacher, has been teaching for twenty year and at CATA for two and a half years. She is a North Carolina certified music and chorus teacher. She attended Mercer University (Macon, GA) - Bachelor of Arts degree, and has taken courses at Northeastern University (Boston, MA), Woodrow Wilson College of Law, UNCC. Major Projects in performing arts this year are "On the Town" (musical theatre production), Chorus concerts - both semesters, and the Winter Collaborative. Her class field trips include the Mars Hill University Choral Festival auditions, Mars Hill University Choral Festival, All-County Choral Festival, Real Men Sing, Performing for Turning Point in Monroe, Performances for Union County Community Arts Council, and the Graduation ceremony - performance

Mr. King is our Music Production and Recording Arts Teacher. In addition, he teaches Information Systems classes. He is in his first year of teaching and his first year at CATA. He is certified in Adobe Photoshop CC 2015 and attended Western Carolina University for undergrad and UMASS Lowell for graduate school. Major projects include writing a piece with MIDI in Pro Tools and recording a multitrack and mixing a song.

Mr. Retzlaff is our Band Teacher has been teaching for ten years and has taught for three at CATA. He is certified in K-12 Music and attended Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University and earned a Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Music Education, and California State University, Long Beach to earn his Master of Music. Major Projects this year include the Band of Blue Marching Show Stormchasers, Symphonic Band Winter and Spring Concerts, MPA, and the Spring Musical Pit Orchestra. Field Trips include the Wingate All-District Day 11/11, All-District Band Auditions and Clinic January 2018, and MPA March 2018.

Mr. Robinson is our Theater teacher and he has been teaching for 37 years and been at CATA since it opened. He has a MEd in Theatre Ed. and Certification in Theatre, Art, MS Language Arts, and English. He has a BA in English from UNC-Chapel Hill and earned his teacher certification at UNC-Charlotte, and MEd at UNC-Greensboro. Major Projects in performing arts this year are the NCTC Play Festival; Romeo and Juliet; plans for On the Town for the spring musical; and the Senior Show. Students are attending the NCTC Play Festival--Oct. 27/28; NCTC State Finals if we advance.

Mr. Weis is our Technical Theater Teacher. He earned his M.F.A. in Theatrical Production Design & Technology from Ohio University and his B.A. from Wilmington College of Ohio. He has done designs for The Directors Company, Cleveland Playhouse, Opera Carolina, The Harold Prince Musical Theatre Program, The National Art Club and Ohio Valley Theatre's production of Sweeney Todd in which he won an SETC lighting design award. He served as Lighting Director for North Carolina Dance Theatre and Gaston Dance Theatre. He has been the Technical Director/Teacher for CATA since 2007 and started his teaching career in UCPS at Sun Valley Middle School in 2003. This year at CATA the Tech Theatre Program will be supporting all of the events and productions in the Theatre but is also in the process of creating tubulums for the band program. Tubulums are the PVC pipe instruments made famous by The Blue Man Group. His classes have also practiced the liquid latex SFX makeup injury projects this year.

Ms. Casey is our Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and she is teaching Apparel & Costuming and Foods Classes. Her classes are helping with costuming design. She is in her fifth year of teaching and her second year at CATA. She has been ServSafe certified. She attended the State University of New York College at Oneonta - Bachelors in Family & Consumer Sciences/Human Ecology. Major Projects in performing arts this year include Costumes for performances and the Rat Rod Flag.

Ms. Pentecost is our Art and Co-Yearbook Teacher. She has been teaching for 17 years and been at CATA since it opened twelve years ago. She is certified to teach Art and earned her degree at Western Michigan University. Major Projects include Covered Canvas with the Dance academy on November 17-18. Students and teachers will create a work of art while the dancers perform to the same music. Art-work is then auctioned off at the end of the night.

Around CATA

Sunday, October 22— Performing Arts Theatre Performance of "Tibet: Through the Red Box" and "Dark Road" as a part of their NCTC Competition performance for CATA, 2:30 PM Theatre, \$5.00 a ticket.

Monday, October 23— Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); Band Winter Guard Interest Meeting and Audition; Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519

Tuesday, October 24— **Early Release Day, School is 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM;** Jazz Band Interest Meeting and Audition , 4 PM (Band Room)

Wednesday, October 25— Site Based Management Team, 3:30 (Media Conference); Underclassmen Photo Make-up Day ; Environmental Club 3:30 (Ms. Kopchick); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Speech and Debate, 3:30 (Rm. 111); American History II Common Assessment

Thursday, October 26— FCA, 8 AM (Gym); Speech and Debate (Debate), 3:45 (Ms. Jones); Speech and Debate (Interpretation), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell); Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.); American History I and II Common Assessment ; Powder Puff Practice One, 3:45 (Fields next to student parking)

Friday, October 27—American History I Common Assessment

Saturday, October 28—FAFSA Day, Any NCSECU Branch;

*Common Assessments are to gauge student learning—it is not a "test".

Upcoming Events

October

PTSO Wreath Fundraiser Month

10/31—Progress Reports

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

November

11/3—Pre-ACT (All Sophomores)

11/6—PTSO General Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

11/9—Choral Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

11/10—NO SCHOOL— Veterans Day Observance

11/11—Annual Car Show— 9 AM to 1 PM , (CATA Student Parking)

11/17 to 11/18—Covered Canvas Dance/Art Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

11/19—Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 PM (Downtown)

11/20—Poetry Out loud School Competition, 2 PM (Auditorium)

11/20—Fall Sports Awards Night , 7:00 pm – CATA (Auditorium)

11/22—NO SCHOOL-Optional Teacher Workday

11/23 to 11/24— NO SCHOOL— Thanksgiving Break

11/27—Winter Sports Pictures, After School

11/28 to 11/29—WorkKeys Testing

December

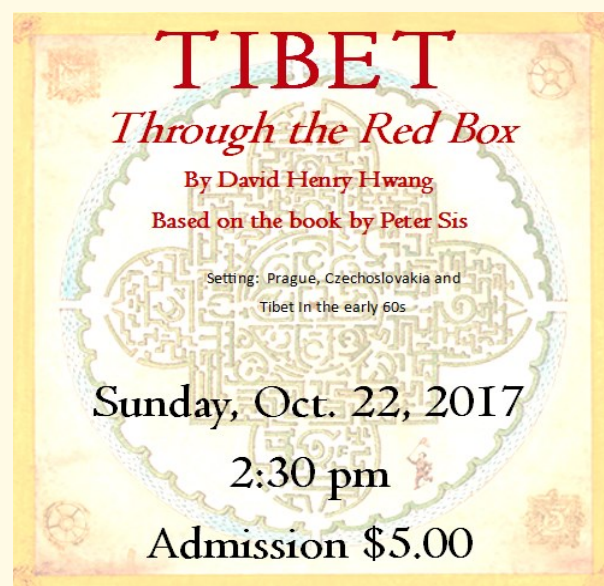
12/1—Holiday Collaborative, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/5— Early Release Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

12/7—Report Cards

12/13—Winter Band Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/18 to 1/1— NO SCHOOL— Winter Break (1/2 is the first day back)



Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.
Warning: This production uses black light and strobe effects.



October is National Bullying Prevention Month

This campaign is observed nation-wide during the month of October to unite communities to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. [Stopbullying.gov](http://stopbullying.gov) relays that Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

Next week, Oct. 23-27 will be **Culture of Respect Week** here at CATA.

#CATACultureofRespect. Each day will start with a special announcement highlighting the day's focus: **Monday** (Be Kind Online); **Tuesday** (Mental Health Awareness/**Wear Yellow**); **Wednesday** (You have a voice), there will be a short link making activity for (all classes) to execute at the beginning of first period; **Thursday** (Diversity Awareness Day), and the Freshman will participate in an activity during Cougar Time that leads to discussions about CATA's Culture of Respect; **Friday** (Cougar Culture of Respect Day/**Wear Cougar Colors**). Our school resource police officer, Officer Evatt has a mini-lesson on Anti-Bullying and Respect that he will be offering during 2nd Block all week.

Student Life

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

- **The Performing Arts Dancers** are selling cookie dough to raise money for the dance program as a whole and some are raising money to help with their trip to the National High School Dance Festival in Pittsburgh, PA later this year. Please see a dance student who will have an order form and support our dancers. **Band Color Guard:** Have you seen our color guard perform with the Band of Blue this season? Students who have dance experience and would love to spin a flag or rifle, the CATA Winter Season is about to begin. There will be an interest meeting and audition on Monday, October 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM in the band room. Please plan on attending and wearing athletic clothing. Please also register for Winter Guard on the band website www.cataband.org.
- **The CATA Jazz Band and Jazz Combo** registration is now open! Please visit the band website at www.cataband.org to register. Please also plan on attending the interest meeting and audition on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:00-5:30 PM in the band room.

Powder Puff Practice and Game Times– See Ms. Christensen for Details.

Practice one is from 3:45 to 5:45 on Thursday 10/26

Practice two is from 3:45 to 5:45 on Monday 10/30

(Fields near the student parking lot)

Game one at 6 PM (Freshmen vs. Sophomores)

Game two at 7 PM (Juniors vs. Seniors)

Game three at 8 PM Winner vs. Winner for the Title

All players arrive at 5:15 PM

Our annual Trunk or Treat is Tuesday, October 31 from 4:15 to 6:00 PM in the teacher parking lot. Please see your student life adviser Dr. Wall to sign up to participate in this project for the Monroe Cluster Elementary Students.



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ⇒ We would like to congratulate our teacher of the year, Ms. Elizabeth Cross. She is a science teacher (Biology, Earth/Env Science, and Anatomy and Physiology, and is our Science Olympiad Co Adviser).
- ⇒ Congratulations to the CATA Band of Blue and color guard for participating in their first competition at South View High School in Hope Mills.



CATA Performing Arts

Handcrafted Wreaths

"FRESH, FRAGRANT, AND FESTIVE"

See a
Performing
Arts Student
to purchase.



24" wreath = \$25
32" wreath = \$30

Arriving week of 11/27
email cataperformingarts@gmail.com

24" & 32" Fraser Fir Mixed Greenery Wreaths
Perfect for Doors, Windows, and Walls

Since 1972, our family has been creating handmade wreaths at our Blue Ridge Mountain Farm.

Our greenery is the perfect way to bring the fragrance of the Holidays into your home.



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The Transportation Department and PTSO will sponsor the Annual Car Show on Saturday, November 11, from 9 AM 1 PM. Please see the ad in this article to participate. Please contact 704-254-6502 or email Myrahledbetter@gmail.com to participate.



Annual Car Show
Saturday, November 11, 2017
9am - 1pm



**FREE
ADMISSION!**

Registration Forms are in the Front Office

Questions or to Register -
Myra Ledbetter
704-254-6502
myrahledbetter@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW!

Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that we are hosting our Car Show on November 11th. This car show is an exciting family fun event that will feature all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and more! Families will enjoy a fun and exciting event that will be a major fundraiser for the school.

Car clubs and car enthusiasts - this is your opportunity to showcase your cars and show your support for your local school. There are several different ways that you can participate in this great event. Whether you would like to register to display your car or have it judged, be a sponsor for the event, a vendor displaying your services and products, or would be willing to make a monetary donation or items for the raffle - we have an opportunity for you to participate! Please make plans now to attend this great event!

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!!
VENDORS WILL BE SERVING FOOD STARTING AT 9AM
WITH BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT 10:30!

We will have Special Recognition of our Military during this Veteran's Day Event!

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.



CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS**Car Show****Saturday, November 11, 2017****REGISTRATION***Registration Starts at 9am. Judging Starts 10 - Ends Noon**Awards Ceremony - 1pm***CAR SHOW CLASSES****CHEVROLET****FORD****ALL GM****MOPAR/DODGE****IMPORT****TRUCK/SUV****MOTORCYCLES****OTHER****STUDENTS' CHOICE****TEACHER'S CHOICE****BEST OF SHOW**

Judged Cars - \$20 Pre-Registration prior to Nov. 1st
\$25 after Nov 2 and at event
Non-Judged Display Cars - \$10

Military receive 50% off registration

1st Place Winner per Class will be awarded a trophy.
Runner up winner per Class will receive a ribbon.
No pre-registration is required.

Make checks payable to:

CATA PTSO

Cash or Debit only at gate if not pre-registered.

Total enclosed \$ _____.

Mail to:

PRES - Attn: CATA PTSO Car Show Registration

Attn: Myra Ledbetter

600 Brewer Drive

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Class _____ ☐ Judged ☐ Display

The undersigned acknowledges that Central Academy of Technology and Arts (CATA) and the Union County Public Schools (UCPS) will not be liable of accident, incident, or loss to any participant.

Signature: _____

Vendors Welcome - *Must be pre-registered and \$100 fee.*

Contact Myra @ 704-254-6502 for information and vendor's registration form.

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,
have an interest in serving
on the CATA PTSO

Our Committee Chairs are:

Communication - Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter

Hospitality - Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

Performing Arts - Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

Membership - Open

Staff Advisor/Liaison - Deb Christensen

If you, or someone you know, have an interest in serving CATA's students and staff in one of these areas, please Click on this screen/ad or contact us at catacougarcouncil@gmail.com.

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You shop. Amazon gives.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>

Harris Teeter
Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy
together in education
Re-Link: 3612

Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com

Cougar Athletics – Contact Jay Niessner at jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cougar Council PTSO Information

- The next general PTSO meeting is November 6 at 6:30 PM in the Media Center .

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



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](#).

Please check for more athletic information at the [CATA Athletics Website](#)

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](#)

Athletic News:

Women's Tennis: Congrats to **Maggie Horne** for finishing as runner up in the Rocky River Conference Women's Tennis Singles Tournament, **Grace Wiggs** for finishing 3rd in the Rocky River Conference Singles Tournament, and the doubles team of **Jazmin Harrington & Kathryn Wittek** for finishing 2nd in the Rocky River Conference Tournament. All four have advanced to the NCHSAA regional tournament in Salisbury, NC this Friday & Saturday.

Women's Golf: Congrats to **Olivia Pepin** on advancing to the NCHSAA State Championship Tournament next week. Olivia shot a 102 and finished 17th at Regionals.

Last Week's Results:

Football – Lost vs. West Stanly

Cross Country – Women 2nd, Men 3rd @ RRC Championship Meet

Volleyball – Win vs. East Montgomery, Win vs. East Montgomery (1st Rd RRC), Loss vs. Mt. Pleasant (2nd Rd RRC)

Soccer – Loss vs. Monroe, Win vs. West Stanly

Women's Tennis – Season Complete for Team.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 19th:

WINTER SPORTS PARENT MEETING – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

Friday, October 20th:

HOME – Football vs. Anson – 7:30 pm

-Senior Night – Football, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Women's Tennis, Women's Golf – before the game, Band @ Halftime

AWAY – Women's Tennis – NCHSAA Regionals – Salisbury, NC

Monday, October 23rd:

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

Tuesday, October 24th:

No Athletic Events

Wednesday, October 25th:

HOME – Soccer vs. East Montgomery – 6:00 pm

Senior Night

Thursday, October 26th:

No Athletic Events

Friday, October 27th:

AWAY – Football @ Forest Hills – 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 28th:

AWAY – Cross Country – NCHSAA 2A Regionals – Kernersville, NC

Dates to Know:

Winter Sports Parent Meetings – Thursday 10/19 – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

1st Day of Winter Sports – Monday, October 30th, 2017

Fall Sports Awards Night – Monday, November 20th – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium



COUGAR ATHLETICS CONTINUED

Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Football – Jeff Edwards – jeff.edwards@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball – Stephanie Peacock – stephanie.peacock@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 – Kimberley.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

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

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – alouallen@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

CATA SPIRIT WEAR- BUY IT IN Person

Items available for in person sales are t-shirts, caps, visors, and hoodies. Other items may be available for ordering.

We will sell at the home football games.



CENTRAL ACADEMY COUGAR HOME GAME ATHLETICS PASS STUDENT ONLY

\$40 FOR Winter and Spring Sports

**INCENTIVES SUCH AS CONCESSION ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS WILL BE OFFERED
PERIODICALLY THOUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

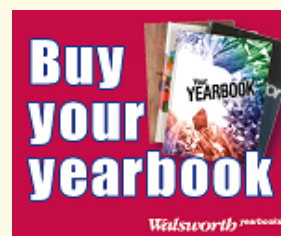
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2018 Yearbook & Senior Tributes

Yearbooks are on sale for \$75.00 until December 2, 2017. The price will go up to the full price of \$85.00 on that date. Be sure to get your yearbook early! Order yours today! 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.

Senior Tributes are on sale now! All space must be reserved and paid for by October 31, 2017 to guarantee space. After October 31st space may not be available. All photos and messages must be received before December break.

Pricing: 1/8 page (business card size) - \$65.00, 1 photo, 1/4 page - \$100.00, up to 3 photos, 1/2 page - \$195.00, up to 6 photos, Full page - \$295.00, up to 9 photos. Main photo must be from the current year and not the same pose as will be in the yearbook. 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.



College and Career Corner

CLASS OF
2018

Class Information from the School Counselors

Senior Information **Seniors:** Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum . **Please see the Fall Senior Letter in this edition**

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

FAFSA Day is Saturday, October 28 from 9 AM to 12 PM. One can go into an SECU branch and they will help them fill out the FAFSA forms. If families can't make it in on that day then they can go in on any day during the month of November.

Senior Yearbook Tributes: Please see Ms. Christensen in the media center and the ad in this edition.

College Visits to Central Academy: [Click here to sign up for the event](#)

Baylor University: October 23 from 9:15-9:45 in the Media Center.

UNC Greensboro: October 23 from 11:15 to 11:45 in the Media Center

Davidson College: October 25 from 10:45 to 11:30 in the Cafeteria

Attendance requires teacher approval. See Ms. Cole if you have questions.

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

John M. Belk Scholarship at Davidson College: This scholarship is open to students who demonstrate academic excellence, purposeful engagement in the classroom, in student and civic organizations, on the athletic field, or in the arts. Belk Scholars also exhibit a commitment to the local and global communities. Students who are interested in this scholarship have to be nominated by a school official. To be considered for nomination please submit an interest form to Ms. Cole by the deadline listed below. Thirty students will be invited to Belk Celebration and Selection Weekend, March 22-24, 2018. Class of 2022 Belk Scholars will be announced by April 1, 2018. **Amount:** An annual renewable scholarship valued at \$69,903 and two special study stipends (up to \$3000 per stipend) to pursue international study and other enrichment opportunities. **Deadline:** Interest forms are due to Ms. Cole by Oct. 25. Students interested in this scholarship must also apply to Davidson by December 1 (This does not imply Early Decision commitment). More information can be found [here](#).

Centennial Scholarship at NC State: This scholarship is designed for students who are interested in engineering, business management, design, chemistry, polymers, forensics, medical fields, fashion merchandising, and retail management. Students interested in this scholarship need to apply to NC State by the early deadline of Oct. 15. Competitive applicants demonstrate high academic achievement, strong leadership qualities, involvement in extracurricular activities and civic engagement, and an interest in textile-related careers. CATA will be nominating two seniors for this scholarship. If you would like to be considered for nomination, please fill out an interest form and return it to Ms. Cole in guidance by the deadline. If you are not nominated, you can self-nominate. **Amount:** \$15,000/year for 4 years and \$7,500 in enrichment funds. **Deadline:** Interest forms are due to Ms. Cole by Nov. 1.

Robertson Scholars Program at UNC Chapel Hill and Duke: Student must apply for undergraduate admission to Duke and/or UNC Chapel Hill the same year they apply to this program. The program is looking for students who demonstrate purposeful leadership, intellectual curiosity, strength of character, and a collaborative spirit. **Amount:** Tuition and fees, room and board. **Deadline:** November 15, 2017. Application and more information can be found [here](#).

Counselors Help Students Prepare for Their Futures

On Tuesday, September 5th the School Counseling Department hosted a **Senior Night**. An extensive packet was given out and reviewed (also located on the CATA School Counseling Page, [Click Here](#)). During the presentation the counselors reviewed a Senior Timeline, Options after high school - Four Year School, Two Year School, Military, Work - College Applications, ACT & SAT, Recommendation Letters, Resumes, Financial Aid, and Scholarships.

Starting the week of September 11th the School Counselors began **individual senior meetings**. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss each senior's after high school plan. The meeting was steered by the senior based on their interests and questions. All of these meetings will be concluded by the end of September.

Financial Aid/FAFSA Night was held **Monday, October 16th**. The School Counselors will post the link to the presentation from CFNC once they release it—parents who attended learned the financial aid process and how to fill out the FAFSA Form!!!

During the month of October the **School Counselors will visit their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Academy Classes** and review Careers, Goals, and College Searches.

Sophomores: All Sophomores will take the PreACT on November 3rd.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam, on February 27, 2018. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week. All Juniors will also take the SAT this spring during the school day.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the SAT, a college entrance exam, on April 24, 2018

Career of the Week – Automotive-Master Technician

Automotive service technicians and mechanics inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. Some of the things service technicians do are to identify problems, plan work procedures, test parts and systems, etc. Because of the growing number of electronic systems in automobiles, service technicians must not only be familiar with the traditional mechanical systems, but the electronic systems as well. Most employers looking to hire an automotive service technician would prefer they complete a formal training program at a postsecondary institution, but is not required, and once employed, an industry certification is usually required. The courses students take in high school, such as, automotive repair, electronics, computers, and mathematics provide for a good background for a prospective service technician. Automotive Technicians salary for the state of North Carolina can range from \$38,000 to \$51,000 and \$38,500 to \$52,000 for the nation.



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.

ATTENDANCE AND EARLY DISMISSAL FACTS AND PROCEDURES

[Click Here for Information about attendance and absentee notes](#)

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 Coordi-

nator- karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us

Technology Fees: The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is past due if it was not paid before September 5th. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. [You can pay this fee online at this link \(click here\).](#)

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Football @CATA_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Student Parking Passes

Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out we will start a waiting list. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation. **Please click [here](#) for Parking Pass forms and further information.** Past due fees must be paid before parking passes are issued.



Bus Tracking App Now Availa-

ble: This school year, Union County Public Schools (UCPS) parents will be able to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on their smartphones, tablets or computers.

[Click here!](#)



Math Tutoring: We will have a general Math Lab Tutoring with Mr. Broome on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 starting this coming Monday in room 519.

Class of 2018 Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year.

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 (www.winthrop.edu). We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2018 Letter.

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. Be mindful that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Ladies: Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress that is no longer than their gown or dark slacks. There should be no collar showing with the gown. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate; however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

Gentlemen: dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie. No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

If you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 17 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:00 am if you flex first period).

Senior Week is May 21-25: We will be sending more information about Senior Week in the coming months.

Senior Academic Signings: Each academy will continue with the new tradition of Seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The Signings will be on May 21-22 and all grade levels will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents will be invited to attend.

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Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy chooses the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration in May. Please pay attention for the audition date in the announcements.

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 January.

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 five (5) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at **\$10 each**. 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. 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, athletic, transcript, technology, property fees. 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.

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal