

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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### CATA Family,

The Pre-ACT will be administered for free to sophomores during the school day on Friday, November 3rd. The Pre-ACT is practice for the ACT, and is given to all 10th graders. Students do not need to sign up, as it is a required test by the state that all 10th graders take. The practice test will include English, Math, Reading, and Science sections. **Students must have a calculator for the math section.** A huge thank you to staff and students for considering how we continue to maintain our **Culture of Respect** at our school this week. Nationwide schools are talking about anti-bullying and we are happy to continue to support CATA as school that fosters a Culture of Respect.



**Last call for senior tributes (yearbook ads)!** We are now down to the final week for parents to purchase senior tributes for the yearbook. The yearbook staff must have payment by Tuesday 10/31 in order to guarantee space for a tribute. Bring check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den OR order online at the link on the CATA website. The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is 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. **Seniors— Need to select their pose for the yearbook.** This is the last chance! **Please select your pose by Sunday, 10/29.** You need to select a picture in tux or drape that is on a blue background for the yearbook. If you have lost your code then please see Ms. Christensen in The Den. Students who are interested in becoming a teacher, the **UNC Charlotte's Teacher Recruitment team** will be here on 11/1 to talk to interested students about their teaching program. As you can imagine we believe that education is an important profession and we hope that our wonderful students will consider this for a career. Sign up for this event on the College Events page on the School Counseling website. Attendance requires teacher approval. Please see Ms. Cole if you have questions. The regular season **winter and spring Cougar Student Athletics** passes will go on sale this week during lunches and online on the school website for **\$40.00**. Passes purchased for Fall Sports earlier are still good for the rest of the year.

**CATA Performing Arts is having a PTSO Wreath Sale—** Funds raised go to support all Performing Arts programs through our PTSO. Check out the ad in the chronicle as this sale ends at the end of October. Parents please remember to link your Amazon account to **Amazon Smile** to earn money for our PTSO, and therefore for our school. The Fashion and Hands Helping Others Clubs are working together to **collect clothing and hygiene products for the people of Puerto Rico**. Please consider donating some items to help out! There will be a collection box in Ms. Hinson and Ms. Casey's rooms for the next two weeks. **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. **Winter Sports Tryout Tickets-** Winter sports tryout tickets are being given out at lunch this 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](#). This week many 9th and 10th grade classes got to meet with their counselor to talk about the strengths assessment they took on Family Connections last week. What a great opportunity to talk about college and career.

**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

## ***Around CATA***

**Friday, October 27**—American History I Common Assessment

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

**Monday, October 30**—Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525); Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519; Powder Puff Practice Two, 3:45 (Fields next to student parking); Civics and Economics Common Assessment;

**Tuesday, October 31**— **Progress Reports; Trunk or Treat-4:15 to 6:00 PM (Staff Parking Lot);** Fashion Club, 3:30 Rm. 615 Ms. Casey); Jazz Band, 3:30; Gaming, 3:45 (Rm. 217 Mr. Bryan); Speech and Debate Workshops, 3:45 Ms. Barron's Rm.); Civics and Economics Common Assessment

**Wednesday, November 1**— Student Life Meeting, 8:20, Rm. 401); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216); Science Olympiad, 3:30, (Rm. 605, Ms. Cross); Creative Writing Club, 3:30, (Rm. 610 Ms. Tesar); Agricultural Club Meeting, 8:15 AM (Rm. 501 Mr. Hammers); Math III Common Assessment

**Thursday, November 2**— FCA Annual Waffle Breakfast, 7:45AM (Ms. Casey's Rm.); 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.); Jazz Band, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Math III Common Assessment

**Friday, November 3**—**Pre-ACT (All Sophomores);** NHS Retreat, 3:30 (Media Center)

**Saturday, November 4**—Speech and Debate Tournament, 8:00 AM (Charlotte Latin)

\*Common Assessments are to gauge student learning—it is not a “test”.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **October**

#### **PTSO Wreath Fundraiser Month**

#### **November**

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)

## 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.

This week was **Culture of Respect Week** here at CATA. #CATACultureofRespect. Each day will start with a special announcement highlighting the day's focus: **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.
- The FCA sponsored annual waffle breakfast will take place Thursday, Nov. 2 in Miss Casey's room beginning at 7:45
- Join Ag (Agriculture Club) and help us create gardens and learn about agriculture. The first meeting is on Wednesday, November 1 in Mr. Hammers Room 501 before school at 8:15 AM

**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 thank all of our theatre students who are participating in the NCTC competitions this weekend performing "Dark Road," and "Tibet, Through the Red Box." We wish all of you well in this competition.
- ⇒ The Performing Arts Dancers won Best Choreography for Focus at the Charlotte Ballet High School Dance Festival



# CATA Performing Arts

## Handcrafted Wreaths

**"FRESH, FRAGRANT, AND FESTIVE"**



See a  
Performing  
Arts Student  
to purchase.

Sale ends  
10/31

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

Arriving week of 11/27  
email [cataperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



[www.smokeyhollertreefarm.com](http://www.smokeyhollertreefarm.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com).

**Find us on:**



**amazon**smile  
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](mailto:catabandpresident@gmail.com)

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

### Last Week's Results:

**Football** – Lost vs. Anson

**Cross Country** – No Events Last Week

**Volleyball** – Season Complete

**Soccer** – Win vs. Anson

**Women's Tennis** – Season Complete



### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Football @ Forest Hills – 7:30 pm

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Start of Winter Sports

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

AWAY – Football @ East Montgomery – 7:30 pm



### Dates to Know:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Winter Sports – Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Fall Sports Awards Night – Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> –  
7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium



### News: Congratulations to all of our Fall Sports Senior Athletes

**Women's Tennis:** Congrats to **Jazmin Harrington & Kathryn Wittek** for winning their first round doubles match at the NCHSAA regionals. The team was defeated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round. **Maggie Horne & Grace Wiggs** each qualified for regionals and lost in the first round of the singles tournament.

**Women's Golf:** **Olivia Pepin** shot two solid rounds at the NCHSAA state championship meet. Great season Olivia.

### **Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:**

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Basketball – Angelia James – [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)



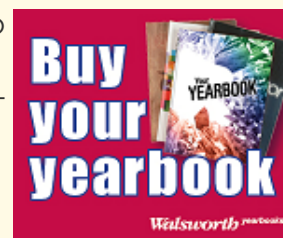
## **2018 Yearbook & Senior Tributes**

**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 CA-TA) 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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us) or call 704-296-3088, ext. 7140.



### **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 some basketball games and will have an in school sale in December.**



### **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.**

**PASS**

### **UCPS Realignment**

**Community members can view drafts of realignment maps at three Union County libraries.** The maps will be available at the Monroe, Union West and Waxhaw branches throughout the realignment process. The draft maps will still be accessible from the Student Realignment Citizens Advisory Committee webpage, which can be accessed from the UCPS website at [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us). Details about the branches are listed below.

#### **Monroe Library**

316 E. Windsor St.  
Monroe, NC 28112

**Phone:** 704-283-8184

#### **Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

#### **Union West Regional Library**

123 Unionville-Indian Trail Rd  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

**Phone:** 704-821-7475

#### **Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00

#### **Waxhaw Branch Library**

509 S. Providence St.  
Waxhaw, NC 28173

**Phone:** 704-843-3131

#### **Hours:**

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 to 7:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 to 6:00  
Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday: closed

## College and Career Corner

### 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](#)



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. 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](#).

**Last call for senior tributes (yearbook ads)!** We are now down to the final week for parents to purchase senior tributes for the yearbook. We have a deadline coming up and must submit pages which means we will not be able to add any additional pages for tributes beyond what has been reserved. The yearbook staff must have payment by Tuesday October 31st in order to guarantee space for a tribute. Bring check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den (Media Center) OR order online at the link on the CATA website.

**Seniors– Need to select their pose for the yearbook. This is the last chance! Please select your pose by Sunday, October 29th. You need to select a picture in tux or drape that is on a blue background for the yearbook. If you have lost your code then please see Ms. Christensen in Media Center.**

## Counselors Help Students Prepare for Their Futures

On Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Did you know that all freshman will meet with counselors in small groups for 5-6 sessions during the first two grading periods at CATA? It is true. We believe that this transition procedure enables our students to be most successful. Students will get another opportunity during the third and fourth grading periods at CATA.

**Financial Aid/FAFSA Night** was held **Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 are visiting their 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Academy Classes** and reviewing Careers, Goals, and College Searches.

**Sophomores:** All Sophomores will take the PreACT on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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



**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 & 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](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)

**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 \(click here\).](#)

### Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata\_monroe

Dance @CATA\_DANCE

Performing Arts @CougarArts

Athletics @CATA\_Athletics

Football @CATA\_cougarfb

Band @catabanddirect

Student Council @StucoCata

Counseling @CATA\_Counseling

Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer

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](http://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