

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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## CATA Family,

**Covered Canvas** is on 11/17 and 11/18 at 7 PM in the Theatre. Come see our Visual Arts students and Performing Arts Dancers. This is a dance concert where art will be created during the dance show. Admission is \$5 and the art work will be auctioned after the show.

**Seniors** -Friday, 11/17 is your deadline for submitting a **senior quote for the yearbook**. If you don't submit a quote by Friday you will not have one. Quotes must be school appropriate. On the CATA website, go to Parents & Students, click on For Students and scroll down to the senior section. If you have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the **ACT WorkKeys** assessment on either Tues., 11/28 or Weds., 11/29. Students received a letter from Mrs. Webb with more information and their testing date. Please see the information about WorkKeys in this edition. The **2018 Fall Senior Letter** with information about graduation and senior year activities is posted on the website. Click [here](#) for the letter.

**Lost and Found:** Please check the lost and found table outside the guidance suite for any lost belongings. Any items not claimed by Friday, 11/17 will be donated on Monday, 11/20.

**Our Globalization Committee** is seeking parents who would like to support globalization here at CATA! Please email [Laura Hibberd](#) if you are interested.

The **Winter Collaborative Concert** including CATA bands, music, theatre, dance and chorus students is on Friday 12/1 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The **Winter Band Concert** is on Thursday, 12/14 at 7 PM in the Theatre. The **Junior Theatre Show of Romeo and Juliet** is on 12/8 and 12/9 at 7 PM in the Theatre for a cost of \$5. **Spring Musical** - "On the Town" Support Character and Ensemble Auditions are on 12/12 from 3:45-5:30. Students should prepare 16 bars to perform. This is open to all Central Academy Students.

**The Robotics Club is selling Tumblers for \$30.** Please see details in this edition and contact [Tawnee Bounds](#) if you are interested in purchasing. Central Academy will be sending representatives to Wingate University this spring to recite a William Shakespeare sonnet or soliloquy. There will be an interest meeting in Mr. McDowell's room, 111, on Monday 11/27 after school. The competition is open to any CATA student.

The regular season **winter and spring Cougar Student Athletics** passes are on sale online on the school website for **\$40.00**. Passes purchased for Fall Sports earlier are still good for the rest of the year.

**Athletics:** For athletic events this week, see the Cougar Chronicle, follow us on Twitter, or go to the [school athletic website](#). Parents please remember to link your Amazon account to **Amazon Smile** to earn money for our PTSO, and therefore for our school. **Bookmark this link and shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614> and**

**Amazon donates to CATA**

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**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



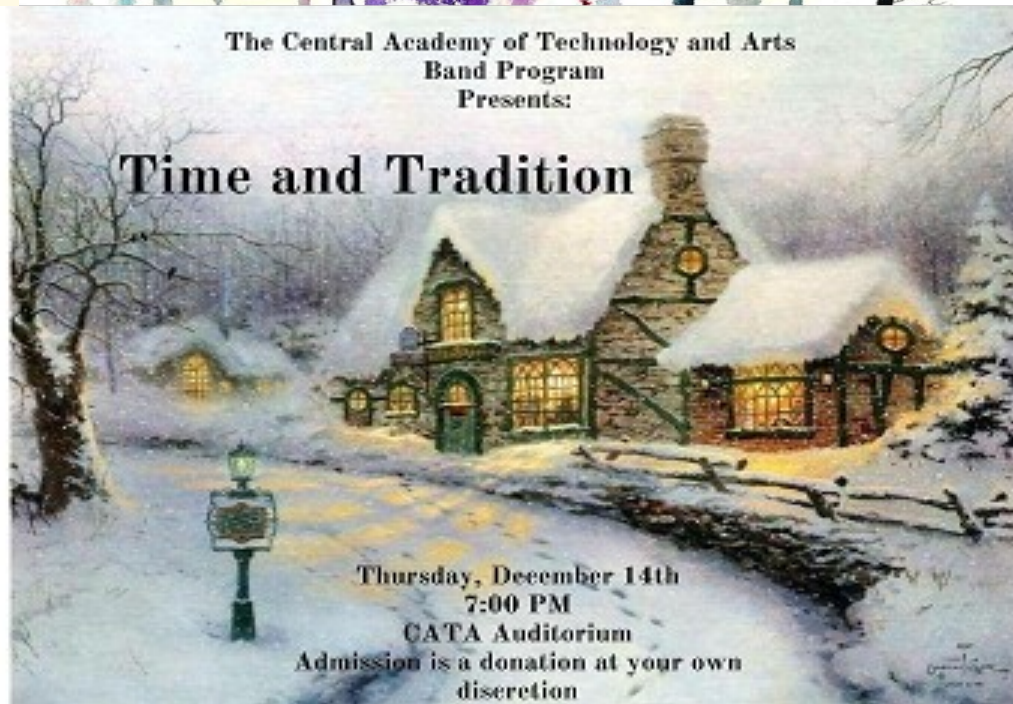
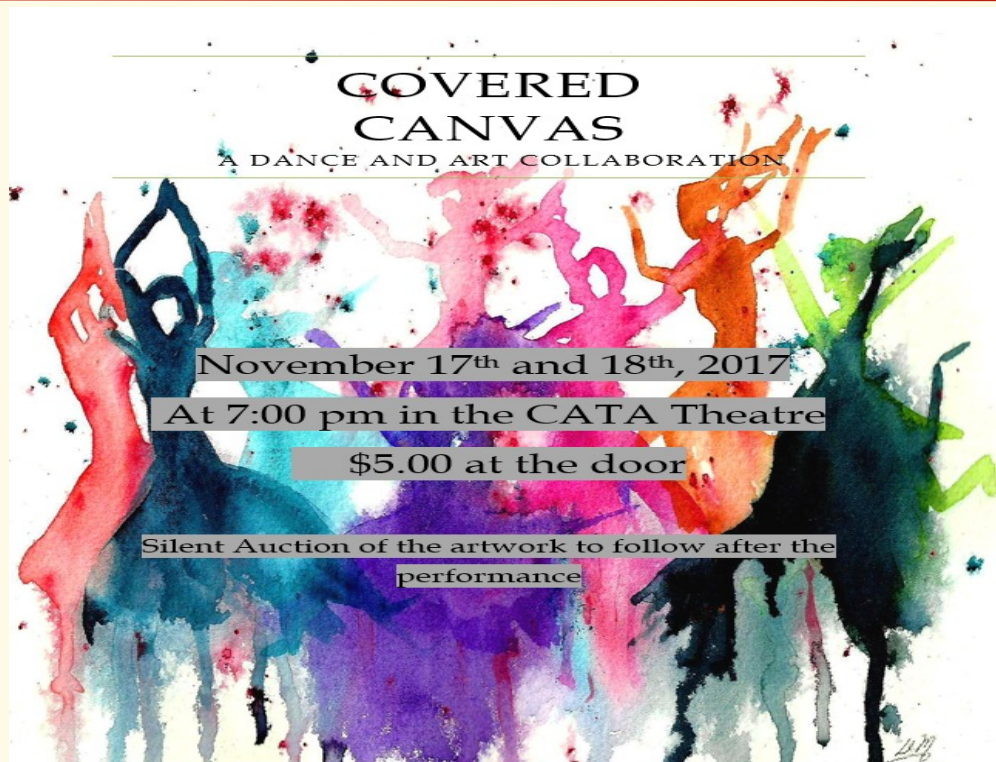
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## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- Congratulations to our men's and women's JV and Varsity Basketball Teams and our JV and Varsity Cheerleaders for having a successful inaugural "Cougar Madness," to tip off the new basketball season.
- Thank you to Ms. Casey's Foods I Classes, first and third periods for two wonderful Thanksgiving Meals. The food was delicious!
- Thank you to the Environmental Club for working on the Adopt a Highway Campaign this week.
- Thank you to the PTSO and the Transportation Department for a Great Car show this past Saturday!





## Around CATA

**Friday, November 17**— Covered Canvas Dance and Art Show, 7 PM (Theatre); Pre ACT make-up Day; Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Rm. 605); Student Council Retreat, 4 PM (Rm. 208); American I Common Assessment; World History Common Assessment; Earth Science Common Assessment

**Saturday, November 18**— Covered Canvas Dance and Art Show, 7 PM (Theatre)

**Sunday, November 19**—Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 PM (Downtown)

**Monday, November 20**— Fall Sports Awards Night , 7:00 pm – CATA (Auditorium); Poetry Out loud School Competition, 2 PM (Auditorium) Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519; Civics and Economics Common Assessment

**Tuesday, November 21**— Fashion Club, 3:30 (Rm. 616 Ms. Casey's Rm.) Hands Helping Others, 3:40 (Ms. Hinson's Rm.) Jazz Band, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Gaming, 3:45 (Rm. 217 Mr. Bryan); Speech and Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Barron's Rm.); Civics and Economics Common Assessment

**Wednesday, November 22 to Friday November 24**— **NO School, Thanksgiving Break**

**Monday, November 27**—Winter Sports Pictures, After School; End of Grading Period; Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118, Ms. Bounds); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525) (Mr. Recher's Rm.); Math Lab Tutoring w/ Mr. Broome, 3:30 Rm. 519

**Tuesday, November 28**—WorkKeys Testing; Fashion Club, 3:30 (Rm. 616 Ms. Casey's Rm.) Jazz Band, 3:30 (Band Rm.); Gaming, 3:45 (Rm. 217 Mr. Bryan); Speech and Debate Workshops, 3:45 (Ms. Barron's Rm.); GSA meeting, 3:45 (Rm. 618 Ms. Peacock); American I Common Assessment

**Wednesday, November 29**—WorkKeys Testing; Creative Writing Club, 3:30 (Rm. 610, Ms. Tesar's Rm.); Chess Club, 3:30 (Rm. 216 Mr. Markle's Rm.) American I Common Assessment

**Thursday, November 30**— FCA, 8:00 AM (Gym); Speech and Debate (Interpretation Workshops), 3:45 (Mr. McDowell's Rm.); Speech and Debate (Debate Workshops), 3:45 (Ms. Jones' Rm.)

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

### Upcoming Events

#### November

Robotics Club Tumbler Sale until December 15

#### 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)

## Student Life

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

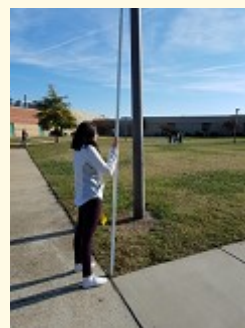
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## Civil Engineering and Architecture Students Learn About Surveying

As part of their final project for the class, Mr. Recher gave students the opportunity to break up into teams to design either the PLTW program of a retro-fit of a library out of an old warehouse OR a new football stadium for behind CATA. They will be shooting some

basic surveying points to find the elevation points of the existing field. They will present their final designs to a panel in the early part of January.



## College and Career Corner

### Class Information from the School Counselors

**Senior Information** Graduation is Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum .

Please click [here](#) to see the Fall Senior Letter.



**Seniors** -Friday, 11/17 is your deadline for submitting a **senior quote for the yearbook**. If you don't submit a quote by Friday you will not have one. On the CATA website, go to Parents & Students, click on For Students and scroll down to the senior section.

**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.

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

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

### Seniors...

If you have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, you will be taking the ACT WorkKeys assessment on either Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. You will be receiving a letter from Mrs. Webb with more information and your testing date.

#### What is ACT WorkKeys?

ACT WorkKeys Assessments are the cornerstone of ACT workforce solutions. The assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace, and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).

#### Why is ACT WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the ACT WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

#### What do your ACT WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students who successfully complete the three WorkKeys assessments (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, & Workplace Documents) can earn the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate, a valuable credential for students and job seekers seeking to verify foundational workplace skills. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, and silver levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

#### How can you Prepare for it?

To prepare for the WorkKeys assessments students can login to the WorkKeys Curriculum website.

The website for the WorkKeys Curriculum is: <http://workkeyscurriculum.act.org>

Student Username is: school email address

Student Password is: 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY – March 3, 1997) (ex. 03031997).

For more information about the ACT WorkKeys Assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, see your CDC (Mrs. Webb) or visit: [www.act.org/workkeys/](http://www.act.org/workkeys/)

## Student Opportunities

### UNC-Chapel Hill 2018 Catalyst Conference

The annual Catalyst Conference brings a selected group of 100 North Carolina high school students - grades 9th - 12th - to the campus to explore social justice issues affecting both America and the world. Through leadership and personal development sessions, participants are empowered to serve as catalysts for positive change in their own communities. This event is scheduled for Friday, February 16th - Sunday, February 18th, 2018 at the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. There is a \$50 registration fee (only have to pay if accepted for the weekend) to help with some of the costs of food and housing for the weekend. Interested students should apply online by 11:59 pm on Friday, December 1st, 2017. Click here <https://unccatalyst.wordpress.com/>



**Class of  
2020**

**Class of  
2021**

**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.

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### **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

#### **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

#### **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

### **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.



## 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](#)

### Results:

**Women's Basketball** – loss vs. Weddington, loss vs. Highland Tech

**Men's Basketball** – loss vs. Weddington, loss vs. Highland Tech

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Thursday – November 16<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Wrestling @ Cuthbertson – 6:00 pm

#### **Friday – November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME – Basketball vs. Carolina International School – JV Boys Stat @ 4:30 pm – No JV Girls Game

#### **Saturday – November 18<sup>th</sup>:**

AWAY – Swimming @ Wingate University – 2:00 pm

AWAY – Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge – All day Event

#### **Monday – November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fall Sports Awards Night – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

#### **Tuesday – November 21<sup>st</sup>:**

AWAY – Wrestling – Mallard Creek Duals – 5:00 pm

AWAY – Basketball (no JV Girls) – Carolina International School – 4:30 pm JV Boys Start

#### **Winter Sports Pictures will take place on – Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

after school in the CATA Gym for all winter teams. Picture forms will go home on Monday, 11/20. You MUST have the form & money on 11/27 if you wish to order pictures.



### Dates to Know:

**Fall Sports Awards Night** – Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – CATA Auditorium

**Winter Sports Pictures** – Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – After School All Teams

Anyone interested in playing baseball in the spring should attend the **Baseball interest meeting** on Monday 11/20 before school at 8:30 am in room 501.

Anyone interested in playing **women's soccer** in the spring should stop by Coach Niessner's office before school, at lunch or after school to pick up workout information any day on or before 11/17.

### 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)

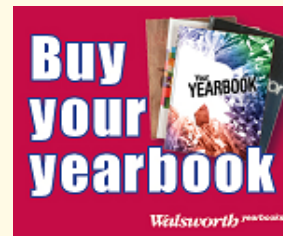
Women's Basketball – Angelia James – [alouallen@yahoo.com](mailto:alouallen@yahoo.com)

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. **These are your last two weeks to get a book for \$75!** The price will go up to the full price of \$85.00 on December 2, 2017. Be sure to remember to order your yearbook! 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 – We have one more page of space available!** This is the last space for senior tributes we can offer. This page can be either a full page, two half pages, a combination of half pages and quarter pages or all quarter pages. Space will be given to the first families that pay for their tribute. A quarter page is \$100, a half page is \$195 and a full page is \$295.

All photos and messages for purchased tributes must be received by December 1<sup>st</sup> so we can submit them for the next deadline before break. 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 Alumni Men's Basketball Game**

The 1st annual CATA men's Basketball Alumni game will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the CATA gym. Any male alumni who has played at least one season of Varsity basketball at CATA is welcomed to participate. Registration cost is \$20 and will include a T-shirt. Family and friends are invited to come out and watch the game, admission is free. Please send payment and T-shirt size to David Daniels at Central Academy of Technology and Arts, 600 Brewer Dr, Monroe NC 28112. Please make checks payable to Central Academy. We will also have registration on the day of the game. If you have any questions, please email [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

### **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**

### **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.**



# 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).

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**amazon**smile  
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<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

Faculty & Staff Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov 17 —Sign up to bring items at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-thanksgiving4>

STAR Breakfast December 12<sup>th</sup>

Valentine Fundraiser starts in February

Rocket Presentation February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rocket Launch March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pi Day for Faculty & Staff March 14<sup>th</sup>

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





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

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

**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

**Math Tutoring:** We 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.

## 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 Available:

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!](#)



### 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.

