



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

Back to School Edition

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Dear CATA Family,

School starts this coming Monday, August 26, 2019. Students should arrive by 8:40 am to make the first bell of the day that signals students to move to their first class. On Monday and Tuesday, students will report to their **Advisories** (or homerooms) first. Lists will be posted in the hall. We would like to welcome two new teachers to our staff. Mrs. Casey Starkey is our new Drama Teacher and Theatre Director and Ms. Sophia Stephenson is our new Math teacher. Please click [here](#) to read the introduction letter from our new drama teacher and theatre director, **Mrs. Starkey**. We will have a **Meet and Greet** for students and parents in the Media Center on Tuesday, 9/3 at 5:00 PM. **Open House**—Meet the Teachers is on Tuesday 9/3. We hope to see you there! **Attention Seniors** - Tuesday 9/3 at 7:00 pm (The Same Night as the Open House) in the CATA Auditorium the Guidance Department will be hosting **Senior Night**. This event is to help seniors and their parents navigate through their senior year. See more details in this edition. In addition, please do not forget to order your **Senior Bundle (shirt and sign)**. Click [here](#) for an order form and the PTSO website. **Underclassmen photo day** is on Tuesday 9/4, and details will be given to students on the first day of school. **Josten's Senior Orders** will take place during all lunches on 9/5. Please follow us on our **new CATA Instagram Page** @catacougars.

All parents and students, please make a note of the **UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy** at this [link](#). There are heavy penalties for tobacco and drug possession/use on campus. Please review our **attendance procedures and new attendance policy** by clicking [here](#). We are focusing on increasing student class attendance this year. **Schedule Corrections**—Please see important information inside. Do not email counselors about schedule corrections. Schedule corrections requests may be made at this [link](#) 8/23 and during the first five days of school. **Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA**—Please see important information inside. A form will be sent home the first day of school in order for students to receive Chromebooks. All forms should be returned to the students advisory period the second day of school. Chromebooks will be given out on the second day of school. All students are expected to have a Chromebook. **Students who drive to school on the first day** will need to have a hang tag to park in a reserved space in the student parking lot. Parking passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out, then 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. Click [here](#) for the parking pass application. Any student who **owes fees** will not be permitted to purchase a parking pass until all fees are paid in full to CATA. **CATA Summer Read**—Please see important information inside.

Our Annual PTSO Invest in Excellence Campaign will run August 19 - October 4. Instead of paying technology fees again we are asking that you donate \$25 to our school. Last year, we raised over \$20,000 when all matching funds were accounted for and this year we can do the same. We have big ticketed projects in mind that will enhance our school. I believe as a result of your contributions and support we had very little teacher turn-over and huge academic success. Please continue to support our PTSO Invest in Excellence campaign each year. **Fall Sports Fundraiser:** The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams: <https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics> 1. We must have community donations to enhance our athletic program. Please consider giving and remember this is a competition among the various athletic teams at the school. Which team can raise the most money. Please check out the [athletics page](#). **Season Athletic Passes** are on sale: Students - \$25.00 and Adults - \$50.00. Passes are good for admission to ALL regular season HOME games. **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear** will be on sale online. Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear! Click [here](#) to purchase online. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so the whole CATA community can read about 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! Ms. Merritt



Performing Arts

New Drama Teacher and Theatre Director

Please click [here](#) to read the introduction letter from our new drama teacher and theatre director, **Mrs. Starkey**. We welcome her to the Central Academy family. We will have a **Meet and Greet** for students and parents in the Media Center on Tuesday, September 3 at 5:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you!



DESIGN THIS YEARS PERFORMING ARTS LOGO
DETAILS: 1 COLOR ON FRONT & 3 ON BACK
 DIGITAL DESIGNS PREFERRED BUT HAND DRAWN IS WELCOME TOO!

DUE BY 9/3 @ 4PM

EMAIL DIGITAL DESIGNS TO ETHAN.KING@UCPS.K12.NC.US
DROP OFF HAND DRAWN LOGOS TO MS. CASEY ROOM 616

Performing Arts Logo Design

Be creative and help us design this year's **Performing Arts Logo**. Designs can have up to one color on the front and three on the back. Digital designs are preferred, but can be drawn by hand. Designs are due by 9/3 at 4 PM and should be emailed to [Mr. King](#). You can bring hand drawn logos to Ms. Casey in room 616.

Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe
 CATA Official Instagram @catacougars
 Dance @CATA_DANCE
 Performing Arts @CougarArts
 Athletics @CATA_Athletics
 Football @cata_football
 Band @catabanddirect
 Student Council @StucoCata
 Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
 Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling
 Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer
 Baseball @CATA_Baseball
 Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre
 UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

**Class of
2020**

Attention Seniors Class of 2020 Information Coming this Fall

Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC

Open House—Meet the Teachers is on September 3rd. We hope to see you there!!

Attention Seniors - Tuesday September 3rd at 7:00 pm (The Same Night as the Open House) in the CATA Auditorium the **Guidance Department will be hosting Senior Night**. This event is for all seniors and their parents. The purpose of CATA Senior Night is to review a packet of information that explains and guides the timeline of senior year. Seniors will also receive a copy of their unofficial transcript to use for college applications. *Beginning the week of September 5th to the end of September each guidance counselor will have an individual meeting with each of their assigned seniors—please note that seniors will receive important information that they need to have BEFORE they meet with their counselor. Your attendance at the evening meeting is strongly encouraged.* Please contact your assigned counselor if you have any questions.

- **PSAT:** All **Juniors** and possibly, sophomores, will be taking the PSAT, on 10/16/19.
- **JUNIORS**—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam on date TBD in the Spring. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

Ashley Lawson: Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

Ashley Cole : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

**CLASS OF
2022**

**Class of
2021**

Class of
2023



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Students Schedule Update:

Drafts of schedules were available to students on Back to School days– If a student did not come on one of these days, then schedules were mailed home. All students will receive a schedule in their Advisory period on the first day of school on pink paper.

Students received the class(es) they selected during the registration process last spring or students saw a **“Please See Your Counselor”** on their schedule. We will not randomly give 10-12 grade students classes they did not register for; therefore, we entered "Please See Your Counselor" as a placeholder in the event a class did not make or there is a conflict we need to discuss with the student. If a student has “Please See Your Counselor” on the schedule, there is an opportunity for students to meet with a Guidance Counselor prior to the start of school. This dates for this are **8/21 to 8/23 in guidance from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.**

If a student does not have **“Please See Your Counselor”** on the schedule, the student received the classes he/she requested in Spring 2019. **Schedule correction requests** may be made at this [link](#) 8/23 and during the first five days of school.

We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes. They look forward to filling in schedules in late August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted this year.

SAT Course through Future Prep Educational Services

This course is preparing students for the October 5th SAT Test Administration. The course tuition of \$199 (which reflects the \$100 discount off of the regular price of \$299 afforded to all CATA students) is due by the start of the first class. If you wish to pay with check, please make payable to **“Future Prep Educational Services”** and bring it to the first class. If you wish to pay with Credit or Debit Card, please call 704-307-8975 to make those arrangements. Please click [this link](#) to go to register for the class. The course tuition does not cover, nor is Future Prep responsible for, registration for the SAT You must register to take the SAT here: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>.

The location information and class schedule are provided below:

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

600 Brewer Drive

Monroe, NC 28112

Room 401

Math #1	Thu, 8/29	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #2	Thu, 9/5	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Math #3	Thu, 9/12	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 9/14	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #1	Thu, 9/19	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #2	Thu, 9/26	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Verbal #3	Thu, 10/3	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Please contact Kevin Abplanalp with any questions - 704.307.8975, kev-in.abplanalp@futureprep.com



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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics) **Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Last Week's Results:

JV Football – No Games Last Week
 Volleyball – Lost vs. Union Academy
 Men's Soccer – Lost vs. Forbush
 Women's Tennis – Win vs. Union Academy
 Cross Country – No Events Last Week

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR
CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!
 Click [here](#) to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 27th:

AWAY – Soccer @ East Mecklenburg – 4:30/6:00 pm
 AWAY – Tennis @ Union Academy @ Stonebridge Country Club – 4:00 pm
 AWAY – Volleyball @ Monroe – 4:30/6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 28th:

AWAY – Soccer @ Lake Norman Charter – 6:00 pm
 AWAY – Volleyball @ Lake Norman Charter – 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 29th:

HOME – Volleyball vs. Corvian Community School – 5:00 pm
 HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm
 AWAY – JV Football @ Forest Hills – 6:30 pm

News & Information:

Season Passes are on sale online & at the Cougar Kick Off

Students - \$25.00

Adults - \$50.00

Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games

Fall Sports Fundraiser:

The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams:

https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics_1

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com





Around CATA

Monday, August 26- First Day of School; Lockers for Sale during lunches; Schedule Corrections by email link

Tuesday, August 27-Lockers for Sale during lunches; Schedule Corrections by email link

Wednesday, August 28-Schedule Corrections by email link

Thursday, August 29-Schedule Corrections by email link; SAT Future Prep Class, Rm. 401, 4 PM.

Friday, August 30 -Schedule Corrections by email link; NHS Officer Meeting, Rm. 609 Ms. Jones, 8:15 AM

Monday, August 2—No School, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 3— Open House, 6-8 PM, Senior Night, 7:00 PM (Theatre); New Theatre Teacher Meet and Greet, Media Center, 5:00 PM

Upcoming Events- September

9/4—Underclassmen Photo Day, Theatre

9/5- Jostens Senior Orders, All Lunches

9/17, BETA Club Inductions, Theatre, 7 PM

9/19 & 9/20— Senior Absentee Photos

9/21—Union County Band Preview, MRHS

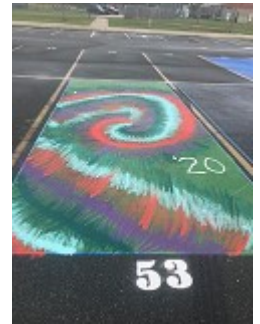
9/24—NHS Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 6 PM

9/25—Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 5 PM

9/27—George Mason University Visit, Media Center

9/27—University of Alabama Huntsville Visit, Media Center

9/30—No School- Required Teacher Workday



Student Life

We will have a student life organization fair the week of 9/3. It is so important to get involved in something at school, whether it is a club, student council, athletics, band, or a co-curricular organization. Keep your eyes open and be open to the possibilities!!!!

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



Chromebooks, Yearbooks, and Summer Read

CHROMEBOOKS – 2019-2020

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

Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. **EVERY student will receive a form on the first day of school.** The form will be due back the next morning (Tuesday 8/27). Students will not be able to receive a chrome book on Tuesday 8/27 unless the form is signed.

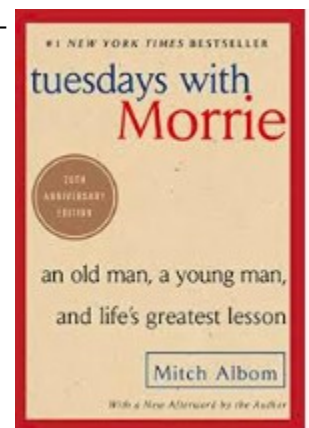
There is NO technology fee this year!

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be on sale for \$70 when school starts and students will receive an order form the first day at school. Online sales will be available then as well. Pricing and details for senior ads will also be available. ALL senior ads must be purchased and paid for before the December break. There will not be any late ad sales. The yearbook staff has planned another exciting book so remember to buy one in August!

CATA Summer Read- CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. The goal for the summer reading program is for students to have a pleasurable and positive summer reading experience. Learning to read texts without structured assignments and being able to communicate and make connections with others about the reading is an essential skill. **All incoming ninth grade students will read: “Tuesdays with Morrie” by Mitch Albom**

When students return in the fall during Cougar Time, in small groups, students will have the opportunity to make connections with a teacher and their grade level peers. The CATA Summer Read is an annual tradition and each spring faculty pitch books and students get to pick their top three. Each student is eventually paired up with one of their book preferences (we usually have about 18-20 different books being read) and everyone gets to read and share. Next spring your student will get this same opportunity!



All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students should be reading their book selection. If you forgot your book, check your student UCPS email from last Spring, or call the school– we have the list. If you are a new sophomore, then please call the school for a list of books you are able to choose to read.



New Family Information

- School day hours: 8:50-3:30 (Class starts at 8:50, students should all **arrive by 8:40** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:20—8:30 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by your 3rd block teacher. Don't worry—you will meet people to sit with.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to Advisory first. Advisory assignments will be posted at the front of the school.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. Sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$5.00. **PE Lockers are required.** Your PE teacher will provide information. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room—ALL belongings must be secured with a school-issued lock. Students will be charged for missing locks.
- Supply lists will be posted on Teacher's Public Canvas pages on Thursday 8/22.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day for every class. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you don't miss too many days in one class.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, credit for courses, and affects eligibility for sports. **Students too sick to come to school may not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.** Absence notes MUST be turned in within three days.
- Every teacher will have a web page (on Canvas) for students and parents to access with course information.
- All students will receive a student login/password to the Parent Portal so that they can see their grades. This will become active on Monday, September 9.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.

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.





Student Section and Parking Passes

The Student Section at CATA is the...

BLUE CREW

Every year a new Blue Crew shirt is designed and voted on by students. Purchase the 19-20 Blue Crew Shirt by going to [our online link.](#)



Shirts cost **\$12** and will be available for pick up on August 9th if ordered online.

Student Section Shirts will be sold at Freshman Orientation and at the Upperclassmen Open House

Parking Passes

- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 technology fees, media center fees, cafeteria, and any fees owed to CATA.
- ALL Students, MUST print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the cash (exact amount) or check for **\$40** made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you **canNOT** reserve your parking spot until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign the registration forms. They are available on the CATA website under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**



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