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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Spring Musical: Heathers:** Purchase tickets at [CATA.seatyourself.biz](https://cata.seatyourself.biz). The shows are April 7, 8, & 9 at 7. This event has assigned seating. Online sales will close 1 hour before the show and tickets can be purchased at the door with credit/debit card or exact cash. Tickets are \$12
- ◆ **Spring Spirit Week:** Tomorrow for Spring Spirit Week is Class Color Wars Day. **Freshmen wear purple, Sophomores wear Pink, Juniors wear Green, and Seniors wear light blue. And, we have our first ever Spring Pep Rally**
- ◆ **Sophomore Virtual Night:** Counselors will be discussing everything your student needs to know to prepare for junior year on Monday, April 11. [Click here](#) to sign up.
- ◆ **Gator Ball Tournament:** CATA's first ever tournament is on April 14, during 4th period. Please [click here](#) to sign up your team of six players. Each individual player must sign up. The entry fee is \$5 for each player and you get a plain color t-shirt for your team. [Click here](#) to pay the fee. The deadline to sign up is 4/8. Permission slips will be handed out after you sign up. **More on Page 2.**
- ◆ **Class of 2023 Senior T-Shirt Contest:** Class of 2023 don't forget to vote in the PTSO Senior t-shirt contest! Check your email for the link. We have 120 votes so far. Make your voice heard! The contest ends on Friday, April 8.
- ◆ On April 13 at 6:00 PM please join us as we make history with our 1st (and hopefully annual) **Historical Beauty Pageant**. Contestants will compete in interview and talent sections as their chosen historical figures. The audience chooses the winner! All event proceeds will go to the local non-profit that is sponsored by the winner.
- ◆ **PTSO Senior Scholarship:** CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: \$250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: 4/13. Application: [Click here](#)
- ◆ **Marching Band registration** for the 2022 season is due by April 15th. Please visit the band website at www.cataband.org and view the marching band page to register today!
- ◆ **Senior Scholarship Reporting:** Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.
- ◆ **Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions:** Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact [Mrs. Henry](#) for important details about the process.

-**Important PTSO Information Page 7:** PTSO Scholarship, 2022-23 PTSO Committee Chair needs, May General Meeting

-**Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 4 & 5:**

-**Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 6** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#).

-**Tickets** for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). -**Spirit Wear:** [Click here](#) to purchase.

-**Senior Class of 2022 Information on Page 3, Media Center Information-** The DEN on **Page 3, School Procedure Information Page 8**. Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. Go Cougars! Ms. Meritt



Spring spirit week:April 4 - April 8**Friday, April 8 - Spring Color Wars****Freshmen - purple****Sophomores - pink****Juniors - green****Seniors - blue**

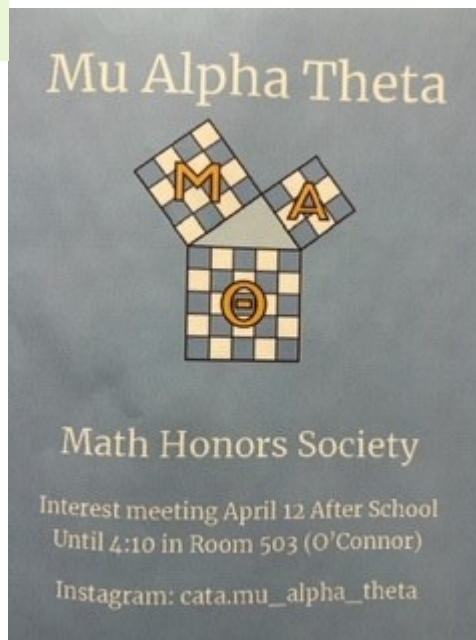
If you are a member of the **Hands Helping Others club**, please be advised, the meeting on Friday, 4/8 has been changed to 8:30 am in order to stuff the eggs for the Wolfe school event. Again, the meeting for Hands Helping Others club has been changed from 3:45 pm on Friday 4/8 to 8:30 am on Friday 4/8. Please see officer Hailey for any questions.

The **Pulsera Project** is a non-profit organization that helps artists in the impoverished nation of Nicaragua. April 4-8, the Spanish Honor Society will be selling bracelets outside the main office. Each bracelet is made by the artists in Nicaragua. All bracelets are \$5 each and must be purchased with cash. 100% of the money we raise goes to the Pulsera Project in Nicaragua.

CATA students have you bought your yearbook yet? There are only 32 yearbooks left for sale! Check the bulletin board outside of The Den to see if your name is on the list of students who have purchased a book. Don't miss out! Order online at yearbookforever.com and search for CATA.

Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week**Hands Helping Others:** Friday, April 8, 8:30 AM**Fashion Club:** Monday, April 11, 4:00 PM, Rm. 616**SWE:** Monday, April 11, 4:00 PM, Rm. 505**Beta Club:** Tuesday, April 12, 8:30 AM and 3:45 PM, the Den**Yearbook :** Tuesday April 12, 4 PM, Rm. 102**Speech and Debate:** Thursday, April 14, 3:45 Rm. 601**CATA GATORBALL TOURNAMENT**

Form your team of 6 & use the top QR code to register each team member!
Use the bottom QR Code to pay the \$5 entry fee for each team member!





Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

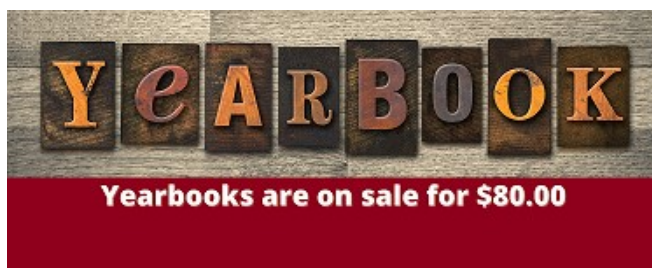
**Den
Digest**

Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.



Scholarship Reporting: It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.

Attention Seniors and Parents, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Celebrate this special achievement. Click below to order now! cady.com/capgown22



The Den Digest

Check out the Virtual Learning Commons and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher. <https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>



College and Career Corner

Information from the Counseling Department

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)



[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)

[Scholarship Spotlight- Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)

[CATA Counseling Canvas Page- Click HERE](#)

Remembering the Holocaust Class Offering: If you are interested in taking this course next year, please click [here](#) and fill out the form.





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Seniors in Medical: Are you interested in finding out more about a career in the Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat field? Charlotte, Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat will be speaking in the media center during 2nd block on Tuesday, April 12th. If you are interested in finding out more about this apprenticeship opportunity see Ms. Bartell, Ms. Black, Ms. Turner or Mr. Hammers for a permission slip to attend.

Seniors in Medical, Pre-Engineering, IT, MPRA and Transportation: are you looking for scholarships for college? CTE has two \$1000 scholarships available. You must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted gpa, be a CTE concentrator and have been accepted to an accredited college or university. See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information on how to apply.

Pre-engineering students: Former NASA Aerospace engineer Shayla Rivera will be speaking on Saturday, April 9th from 10-12:30 at CPCC uptown. The event is free. Please review the attached flyer to sign up to attend!



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**OPHTHALMIC APPRENTICESHIP
PROGRAM WITH CEENTA**

Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat Associates, P.A. (CEENTA) is looking for high school graduates to take part in a one-year paid apprenticeship with our award-winning Ophthalmology Department!

This program brings candidates into the world of eye care through classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and hands-on experience from our selected trainers to prepare them for a role as a CEENTA Ophthalmic Assistant, Imaging Technician, or Contact Lens Technician.

- IDEAL CANDIDATES ARE:**
 - High school graduates with a GPA of 2.8 or higher
 - 18 years of age by the start date of the program (August 30th, 2022)
 - Available full-time (40 hours/week) during the duration of the program

Apply Starting On
MAY 16TH, 2022

Apprenticeship Begins
AUGUST 30TH, 2022



COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATE - FULL BENEFITS PACKAGE - GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT AFTER COMPLETION

For additional information, please contact CEENTA's Recruiting Team (recruiting@ceenta.com).

CALLING ALL STEMINISTS



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LEARN ABOUT A FUTURE IN STEM WITH
AEROSPACE ENGINEER SHAYLA RIVERA

Students, educators and parents FREE!

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

CENTRAL PIEDMONT'S DALE F. HALTON THEATER
 Following Shayla's talk, all attendees are invited to a MEET AND GREET WITH SHAYLA

Raffle Drawing \$500 CASH **FREE TSHIRTS FOR FIRST 100**

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CATA Counseling 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 Cole : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

Sarah Goodwin: Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

Stephanie Graham: Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach [Rachael Petre](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Last Week's Results

Friday, April 1: BB loses to Parkwood; SB 11 - Forest Hills 9; Tennis 2 - Piedmont 7

Saturday, April 2: T/F @ Forest Hills - Union County Meet; Boys finish 4th & Girls finish 6th overall; 4x4 Relay team takes first; Manny Williams takes first place in 800m; Aaron Higgins takes 3rd in 100m

Wednesday, April 6: SB 0 - UA 16; BB 2 - Anson 1; Tennis 5- Forest Hills 4

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 8: (A) T/F @ Spring Valley All-American Track Classic; (H) Soccer vs. West Stanly (location: Monroe HS) 6:00 PM; (A) SB @ Parkwood 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 9: (A) T/F @ Spring Valley All-American Track Classic

Monday, April 11: (H) BB vs. Forest Hills 6:00 PM; (A) Golf @ Monroe CC 3:30 PM; (A) SB @ Covenant Day 4:30 PM

Tuesday, April 12: (A) Golf @ Stonebridge (Arborbrook) 4:00 PM; (H) Soccer vs. Forest Hills 7:30 PM (Location: Monroe HS); (A) BB @ Forest Hills 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 13: (A) Tennis @ Rocky River Conference Match 10 AM

Thursday, April 14: (A) Soccer @ Parkwood 6:00 PM; (H) SB vs. Anson 5:00 PM; (H) BB vs. Forest Hills 6:00 PM; (A) T/F @ West Stanly 4:00 PM

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball – Erik von Husen

erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus –

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis –

soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Nathan Stewart– Interim

olynate105@gmail.com

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa –

kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner –

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

News & Information

Living Tree Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who donated to our Livingtree Fundraiser for athletics!!! We appreciate your support!

Spring Sports Parent Meeting: Parents please make sure you have completed [Contact Info Google Form](#) for Spring Sports. Also, please make sure you watch the [NCHSAA Videos](#). Here is the [LINK](#) to the Slides if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA [physical form](#) for the 2021-2022 school year is on our athletics website under forms.

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2021-2022 school year, then you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under FORMS on the CATA Athletics Website

[HERE](#).

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate.



CATA PTSO Website: www.cataptso.org **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA_ptso
Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

PTSO Senior Scholarship NOW OPEN

CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: \$250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: April 13, 2022

Application: **Click** [here](#)

2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSO board for next year. We have a few more spots to fill including Membership, Scholarship/Grant and Fundraising. If you've been involved at your previous school(s), please reach out. High School PTSO involvement is much different than elementary or middle school - less hands on and more behind the scenes - and we need you! New to this whole PTSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSO experience needed - just a desire to share ideas, brainstorm and have input on how to support CATA. Our goal is to provide resources and support for our school and give our children the best learning experience (oh and we have fun too - it's a great way to meet new CATA parents).

If you'd like to learn more about any of these open needs or just to learn more about CATA PTSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).

May 2 General PTSO Meeting Information:

Save the date ... our Spring CATA PTSO General Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2 at 5:30pm at the school. Please join us as we present "a PTSO year in review" and vote on our 2022-2023 board. Listed below is the 2022-2023 Officer Nomination Slate.

President - Antoinette Enohmbi
Vice President - Michelle Fehlman
Treasurer - Amy Dieffenbach
Secretary - Kristen Shearin

If you are interested in running for one of the officer positions, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com) to be added to the nomination slate.

Look forward to catching up with everyone at the general meeting!

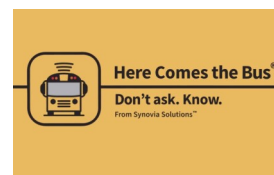
Items to Remember

Attendance and Absence Notes: Absence notes must be emailed and/or scanned to [Mr. William Smith](#) our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence. **Additions to the UCPS Attendance Policy: While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6 week grading period as the absence. This means the school will take it under consideration.**



Bus Transportation:

Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Parking Passes— are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform **"FamilyID"** An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://bit.ly/3s9faWh>



Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#), our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number. Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.



CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. [Click here](#)

-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. [Click here to view.](#)

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: [Click here](#) and go to pages 21-23.

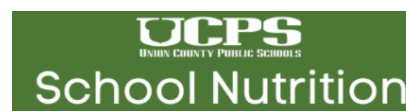
Technology Help Desk

Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us

Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519



Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
Friday 9AM – 10:30AM



Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com