



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

**Class of 2022 Spring Seniors Letter.** Please [click here](#) and or see **pages 9 and 10**. This includes information about Senior Academic Signings, Senior Week Festivities, Graduation (Tickets and Parking), Scholarship reporting, Senior Pass Events, and more. All seniors and parents need to review. Seniors the **Whitewater Center Trip** payment information and procedures have been emailed to you. Please read the email, sign up to go, fill out a waiver form, and then pay online by Friday, May 6.

**Spring Exam Information, Dates, and Procedures are on pages 11 and 12.**

**Advanced Placement (AP Exams begin next week). The schedule is posted on Page 4**

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is Monday, May 2-6. Please let our teachers know how much you appreciate their service to our school.

**Prom 2022:** Prom Information will go live on Monday, May 2 with payment links, sign-up form, and guest forms. The Prom is on Saturday, May 21 on campus from 8 to 11 and is for Juniors and Seniors and their dates.

**CATA Performing Arts Coffee House:** Free Event on Tuesday, May 3 in the theatre at 6:00 PM.

**Family Fun Festival:** You won't want to miss our First Annual Family Fundraiser Festival, being held THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH from 11:00AM – 3:00PM. Individuals \$5, Family w/ 2 kids \$5, Family of 3 or more kids \$10. The event will benefit student-athletes of Central Academy's Track and Cross Country Team, offsetting costs for obtaining necessary training equipment, covering travel costs, and Meet fees- so, clear your calendar! We'll have a 50/50 raffle and will raffle off a Nintendo switch, robot vacuum, and a host of other baskets. There will be food trucks, music, and craft vendors, fire trucks and more! We welcome all donations! If you are a crafter rent a space- it's not too late, contact Coach Inuwa.

**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.

**General PTSO Meeting Information:** 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.

**Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors: Are you interested in joining CATA's Beta Club next year?** If so, please check your email to find the application link and information. All applications are due by May 24th. We hope you'll join us next year!

**Yearbook Students Needed:** Just a heads up... the 2023 yearbook may be cancelled UNLESS we get 7 students signed up for the class by May 26. There will be an interest meeting in Mrs. Pentecost room 102 on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45-4:30. Stop by and see if you can help save our historic yearbook.

**Yearbooks 2022:** The 2022 yearbooks are being printed, and we await its arrive before the end of the school year. There are only 13 books left. Get yours now by going to [www.yearbooksforever.com](http://www.yearbooksforever.com) and enter CATA for the school.

**Travel Club:** The 2022 Travel Club just returned from an amazing trip to Italy. Sign up now for the interest meeting for the 2023 trip to Belize Thursday, May 12th at 7:00. Check you email to register for the zoom call.

**-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. Merritt



# Student Life Information

### Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

- NHS Officer Meeting:** Friday, April 29, Rm. 604
- ESports:** Friday, April 29, 4 PM, Rm. 217
- Spanish Honor Society and World Language Club:** Monday, May 2, 8:00 AM Rm. 521
- Knitting for Good:** Monday, May 2, 3:45 PM, Rm. 601
- NHS General Meeting :** Tuesday April 26, 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, The Den
- Creative Writing Club:** Wednesday, May 4, 4:00 PM, Rm. 610
- Speech and Debate:** Thursday, May 5, 3:45 Rm. 601
- Hands Helping Others:** Thursday, May 5, 4:00 PM. Rm. 517
- Minority Student Union:** Friday, May 6, 8:30 AM, The Den
- Student Council Election Filing: April 25 to April 29**



CATA TRACK & FIELD/XC

Games! Vendors! Music! Food Trucks!

CATA FIRST ANNUAL

# SPRING FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

**30th**  
April  
11:00-3:00pm

## OVERVIEW

This is a fundraiser to raise money for CATA's Track and XC team. This event will allow both teams to purchase new equipment which will enable them to have more effective and efficient practices. We will also be able to host meets at our school which will generate funds for future needs.

490 Brewer Dr, Monroe, NC 28112  
(704) 246-3088

CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS PRESENTS

MUSIC AND GAMES

FOOD TRUCKS AND MUCH MORE

# SPRING FESTIVAL

FUN AND CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**  
**11AM - 3PM**

50/50 RAFFLE

GIFT BASKETS

CRAFT VENDORS

FACE PAINTING

**TRACK & FIELD FUNDRAISER**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY YOU DON'T WANNA MISS!**

AT: CATA CAMPUS - 600 BREWER DR, MONROE NC



## Senior Class of 2022 Information

**Den  
Digest**

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

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

**\*SCHOLARSHIP REPORTING\***

- ☑ GATHER UP ALL OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS
- ☑ MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL OFFERS, EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THEM
- ☑ EMAIL OR TURN IN YOUR OFFERS TO MS. COLE



**Senior Passholder Event!**  
Tues, May 3rd • 4:30-6:30 • Dollar Cone (4021 Weddington Rd)

There are only a few weeks left in your Senior Year!  
Come make some special memories with your friends  
at **DOLLAR CONE!**

Senior Passholders will get a **FREE ICE CREAM CONE**  
with **UNLIMITED TOPPINGS!**

*See you there!*

**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.

**Yearbooks are on sale for \$80.00**

# 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](#)



### AP Exam Schedule

#### **Monday, May 2:**

AP Government, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 206/207

#### **Tuesday, May 3:**

AP Environmental Science, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

AP Psychology, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

#### **Wednesday, May 4:**

AP English Literature, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 206/207

AP Computer Science A, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 206/207

#### **Thursday, May 5:**

AP Statistics, 12:00 PM, CATA Media Center

#### **Friday, May 6:**

AP US History, 8 AM, CATA Media Center

AP European History, 8 AM, Guidance

#### **Monday, May 9:**

AP Calculus AB/BC, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

AP Computer Science Principles 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

#### **Tuesday, May 10:**

AP English Language, 8 AM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

#### **Wednesday, May 11:**

AP Biology, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 203/204/205

#### **Thursday, May 12:**

AP Physics 1, 12:00 PM, PDC Rm. 206/207



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[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

**CATA CTE Students:** Are you looking for a free summer camp opportunity that will expose you to a variety of career options in your academy pathway? Then you should apply for one of many high school career accelerator camps available. You must apply by May 15th. See the attached flyer for the link to apply or see Ms. Bartell in guidance.



**OPHTHALMIC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH CEENTA**

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



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

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

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!

Apply Starting On  
**MAY 16TH, 2022**

Apprenticeship Begins  
**AUGUST 30TH, 2022**




Are you looking for **FREE**, fun and engaging summer activities for your middle or high school student? Union County Public Schools is offering nearly 20 Career and Technical Education camps that will expose students to a variety of careers and provide hands-on experiences. Camp options include music production, robotics, coding, career exploration, culinary, finance, automotive service and health science.

**DETAILS:**

**WHEN:** Camps are weekly in June and July  
**WHERE:** Various middle and high schools  
**COST:** No cost for families  
**MEALS:** Lunch will be provided  
**TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is not provided

**Additional information and registration:**  
**APPLY BY MAY 15**  
<https://ucpscte.org/summer-camps/>



**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

*No Results - Spring Break Week!*

## Upcoming Events:

### **Friday, April 29**

- (H) Soccer vs. Monroe 6:00 PM
- (A) Tennis @ Concord - NCHSAA Regionals
- (A) T/F @ Weddington
- (A) SB @ Forest Hills 6:00 PM

### **Saturday, April 30**

(H) Track Spring Festival 11:00 - 3:00 PM: Food Trucks, Music, Games, Vendors; Track fundraiser

### **Monday, May 2**

- (A) Golf @ Salisbury NCHSAA Regionals 9:00 AM
- (H) Soccer vs. Anson 7:30 PM *\*Senior Night\**

### **Tuesday, May 3**

- (H) BB 1st Round RRC Tournament 6:00 PM
- TBA - SB 1st Round RRC Tournament TBA
- (A) Tennis 2nd Round NCHSAA Dual Playoffs TBA

### **Wednesday, May 4**

*Spring Sports Signing Day*

- BB TBA @ Parkwood - 2nd Round RRC Tournament 4:30/7:00 PM
- SB TBA @ West Stanly - 2nd Round RRC Tournament 4:30/7:00 PM

### **Thursday, May 5**

- (A) Soccer @ Forest Hills 6PM
- (A) T/F @ Anson RRC Championship 3:45 PM

### **Friday, May 6**

- (H) Soccer vs. Parkwood 6:00 PM
- BB TBA @ Parkwood - RRC Championship 7:00 PM
- SB TBA @ West Stanly - RRC Championship 7:00 PM
- (A) Tennis 3A NCHSAA States - TBA

## Spring Contact Information:

**Baseball** – Erik von Husen  
[erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus –  
[mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis –  
[soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)

**Softball** – Nathan Stewart– Interim  
[olynate105@gmail.com](mailto:olynate105@gmail.com)

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

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner –  
[jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## News & Information

**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](http://www.cataptso.org) **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA\_ptso  
**Email:** [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**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](http://k12paymentcenter.com)

### Technology Help Desk

[Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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



# Spring Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2022,

We are very proud of every one of you. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

**Graduation:** Our graduation date is on **Tuesday, June 7, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium**. The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home webpage. We will share the link closer to the date of the event. In addition, we will send senior families logistics on parking and stadium entrance about two weeks before the event.

**Name Pronunciations:** All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by **Weds. May 11**. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us) with your first and last name in the subject line.

**Senior Scholarship Reporting:** Email or turn in a hard copy of all scholarship offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you do not plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by Monday, 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.

**Rain and Weather:** Unless otherwise stated we will hold our graduation at 8:00 AM. If you arrive and there is a delay, please check our social media sites for updates. Since we are at an off campus venue, then we will ask graduates and guests to wait in their cars until we give an all clear unless otherwise announced. If there is not a delay for lightning and just rain, then you may stay in the stands with an umbrella if you do not wish to go to your car. **It is strongly suggested you bring a towel to wipe down seats or stadium seat cushions.**

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/CATAMonroeNC/>

**Twitter Account:** @CATAMonroeNC

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/catamonroenc/>

**Website:** <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/10>

**Tickets and Parking Passes:** Each graduate is allowed 4 tickets and has a chance to request up to two more for a total of 6 tickets until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each graduate will receive one parking pass. A family with a special circumstance in need of a second parking pass may request one by emailing Dr. Wall at [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us). Each family should try to only use the one pass. **Extra Ticket Request Form:** <https://bit.ly/3rjptYC>

**Returning Items to CATA:** This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, Jiffy Pass, library materials, and other school owned items. Seniors are asked to drop these items off in the main office starting Friday, 5/23 up until Friday 5/27. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation. All items need to be returned and all owed fees paid. Students will not receive tickets or passes if items are not returned and fees are not paid.

**Attire:** All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

## **Graduation Practice and Packet Pick up Day: Monday, June 6, 2-4 PM**

Graduation Practice is on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Please be aware 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.

# Spring Senior Letter Continued

**Graduation Packets:** Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps). Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets. Students should bring any remaining items or fees to the front office. **Students will not be allowed to pick up packets if they owe materials and fees to the school.**

**Senior Class Picture:** Cady Studios has not uploaded the picture for students to purchase at this time, but it will be available soon at <https://cady.com/capgown22>. It is a 10x30 print for the cost of \$30. It can be found in "add ons" on the ordering site.

**Past due fees:** Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online payments through the Central Academy Website, or make direct payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.

**Graduation Day Procedures:** We will use the home side permanent stands, temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage (about 3 feet so they can be easily seen by guests in the stands). **No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking passes and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Deana Huneycutt. [Deana.Huneycutt@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Deana.Huneycutt@ucps.k12.nc.us)**

**Diploma Packets:** Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets after students and parents enter the stadium to the students. Students must pick up their diploma packets before being seated. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial too).

**Photographer:** The student will stop on stage for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

## **Senior Pass holder Events:**

**April 29:** Grab and Go Cookies for Senior PASS Holders only (Cougar Time)

**May 13 (8:30-9:15)** student lot Dunkin Donuts for ALL Seniors and Coffee Truck for Senior PASS Holders ONLY.

**Senior Academic Signings:** Each academy will continue with the tradition of seniors signing for their plans for college, military, or career. The signings will be on May 16-17 and all grade levels in that academy will attend their Academy Signings. Signings will also include scholarship recognitions, Academy and Department Awards as warranted. Parents of those receiving awards will be invited to attend, but all academy senior parents are welcome.

## **Senior Week: May 16-20 (Spirit Days will be announced two weeks before)**

### **Academic Signing/Awards Day Ceremonies**

#### **Monday, May 16:**

Pre-Engineering:	1 <sup>st</sup> Block	(9:15 to 10:15)
Information Systems:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	(10:40 to 11:40)
Performing Arts:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	(11:55 to 12:55)

#### **Tuesday, May 17:**

Medical Science:	1 <sup>st</sup> Block	(9:15 to 10:15)
Transportation Systems:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	(10:40 to 11:40)

**Wednesday, May 18:** Senior Breakfast/Tie Dye Shirts and Crown Making: 1<sup>st</sup> Block

**Thursday, May 19:** Senior Field Trip to the Whitewater Center (Details to be emailed)

**Friday, May 20:** Senior Kickball Tournament/Field Day/Chalk Wars 4<sup>th</sup> Block

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

# Spring Semester Exam Dates 2021-2022

## Friday, May 27

9:05-1:05 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

## Tuesday May 31:

9:05-1:05 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

## Wednesday June 1:

9:05-1:05 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

## Thursday June 2:

9:05-1:05 4<sup>th</sup> Period Exams

1:05-1:35 Lunch- In cafeteria and gym

## Friday June 3:

9:05-1:05 Make-Up Exams: Students making up exams should arrive by 9:00 AM

### Exam Information:

1) **Exam Exemption Policy: For TEACHER MADE EXAMS ONLY. Each teacher will notify exempt students.** High School students will not be required to take a teacher-made final exam in a course in the following situations:

- The student has an average of 90 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 2 unexcused absences in the class; or
- The student has an average of 80 or above the week prior to the administration of the exam and has no more than 1 unexcused absence in the class

Teacher made tests are defined as tests designed and graded by a UCPS teacher of record for the purpose of assigning an exam grade to a student. Exam exemptions only apply to teacher made tests and are not available in courses which require the administration of an End of Course or state mandated final exams. Students enrolled in AP courses will still be required to take the AP exam. Students are expected to take all other assessments given at the school.

2) **EOC Exams cannot be exempted:** (Biology, English II, Math I, and Math III) taken on campus

3) **CTE Exams cannot be exempted:** Apparel I, Apparel II, Network Engineering Technology III, Audio Engineering Technology I, Electronics AC, Automotive Service Engine Drivetrain LCO, Automotive Service Fundamentals, Automotive Service II, Introduction to Cyber Security, Robotics I, Health Science I

4) **All teacher made exams are taken ON CAMPUS**

5) **Only teacher made exams can be exempted and each teacher will notify the student if they are exempted from the exam the Monday before exams begin.**

6) **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. If missing the exam is due to Covid-19, the school will communicate a plan with each individual student and family. **We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.**

7) **Dismissal: The school day ends around 1:05 PM or a little after when the exam period is over.** All car drivers must go home, all students who ride cars must go home, and bus riders can have a parent come pick them up or will wait at the school until the buses arrive in a supervised designated area. We are anticipating buses arriving between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. A student does not need a note to leave school if you drive, have a parent pick you up, or ride a bus home.

8) **Teachers will be available via email until 3:45 PM** each day if students have exam or grade related questions.

9) **Lunch** will be served directly after exams for those that wish to eat lunch at school in the cafeteria.

## Exam Study Tips and Information:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 9:00 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning

Create a study calendar and stick to it

Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!

Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course

Attend all review sessions offered

Go to tutoring for extra support

Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic

Have your parents ask you questions

Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review

Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words

Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help

Stay after school to study - let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study

Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information

Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information

Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts

Practice math problems

**Type of Exams:** We have three types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between May 27-June 3. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window timeframe.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide on canvas to students prior to testing. Teachers will have review sessions for each class as stated in the schedule above. Students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.