

Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

Invest in Excellence Campaign. We are working with our PTSO to assess enhancement opportunities for our school. Please mark your calendar for our Annual 'Invest in Excellence' Campaign beginning in September through October 5th. We are asking all of our families to 'gift' Central Academy of Technology & Arts a \$25 donation. Our fundraiser is to enhance our TOTAL SCHOOL environment where all students benefit. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to be used for big-ticket projects such as a portable speaker microphone system for game announcements and events, Broadcasting room installation and updates for Live Television Broadcasting, fall and spring Wellness weeks, departments and academies 'Wish List' items and staff/teacher appreciation year-round. We have prizes built in for our students: \$25 donations receive "I'm Invested in Central Academy" car decal, \$50 donations: car decal and ice cream truck pass, \$100 donations: car decal, ice cream truck pass and spirit t-shirt. PTSO membership is included in your minimum donation of \$25. Thank you for your support! **Please see the flyer on the next page. Join the PTSO** during open house and check out important PTSO info. In this edition.



Get Ready for our Open House to Meet the Teachers on 9/4 from 6-8 PM . Senior Night– Information for Students and Parents is on 9/4 from 7-8 PM. Students please bring your Chrome Books so that you can log onto Naviance Student. **Performing Arts Parent Night:** Academy parents and students are invited before the Open House on 9/4 from 5 to 6pm in the Media Center. The Performing Arts Department is looking for parents to join the **Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO!** The first interest meeting will be on 9/5 at 6pm in the Media Center. Important Information about **auditions for the Spring Musical** is in this edition. **Cyber Security Information Night for Junior Students and Parents.** On 8/30 from 6:30-7:30 in Room 401. Professors from South Piedmont Community College will be here to explain the college courses that students will be taking during their final two years of high school. **Underclassmen photos** are on 9/5 during the school day. Information was sent home with students during the first two days of school. Please email [Ms. Christensen](mailto:Ms.Christensen) with questions.

- **Parking passes** are available to all students to purchase for \$40. Please click [here](#) for the appropriate paper work and see details in this edition. All past due fees must be paid in order for students to purchase parking passes. Passes will be sold until the spaces are sold out and then students will be put on a waiting list. We have 26 spaces left.
- **Cougar Athletic Passes** are on sale for the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons for all regular season home games. The cost is \$50. Please click [here](#) to purchase. More details inside.
- **Blue Crew Student Section Shirts** are on sale for \$12. Click [here](#) to purchase. More details inside. .
- **CATA Spirit Wear** will be on sale at this week's football game, Saturday's cross country meet, and open house next week
- If you are interested in playing women's tennis there is still time to join the team, we are looking for more girls. Stop by and see Coach Niessner for more information.
- **SAT Prep, Senior Shirts and Signs, CATA Summer Read— Please see important information inside.**

Schedules and Schedule Corrections- Schedule Corrections will began on Monday, 8/27 and go until Friday, 8/31. The Schedule Correction Google Doc Link will be posted to the CATA Website. Please follow the schedule that will be printed on the 1st day of school on GOLD paper until you speak to your assigned counselor regarding a Schedule Correction.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole CATA community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the For Parents tab on our website, or [click here](#). 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

Invest in Excellence at CATA

CAMPAIGN STARTS SEPTEMBER 4th AND ENDS OCTOBER 10th

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Council PTSO needs your help! The mission of Central Academy of Technology & Arts is to prepare students for informed decision-making, effective citizenship, personal achievement, higher education, and rewarding careers.

We are kicking off the annual Invest in Excellence at CATA Campaign. It is a simple, one-time, straightforward way for individuals, businesses, and corporations to invest in excellence of CATA. Please consider a tax-deductible investment! 100% of the money donated is reinvested in CATA

CATA Department Wish List

Examples of How We Can Help CATA Departments

School-Wide Projects: Broadcasting Room, Portable Speakers & Teacher Appreciation

Math: Graphing Calculators

World Language Department: Flexible seating such as Yoga Balls

Pre-Engineering Department: VEX Robot Parts - Metal Stock - Electronic Scale

Medical Science: Flexible seating such as ball seats, Crate chairs, bean bags

Performing Arts: Fender Guitar – Ribbon Microphone – Hollywood Virtual Instruments

English: Digital plagiarism checker system

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\$25 donation – Invest Window Decal

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\$100 donation – Window Decal, Ice Cream Social and Invest T-Shirt

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Corporation Matching Available

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

1st Block Teacher: _____

Students Schedules for 2018-2019

-Information was shared with students on the first day of school as to how to request a schedule change for a **valid specified reason**.

-**Schedule Corrections** will began on Monday, August 27th and go until Friday, August 31st. The Schedule Correction Google Doc Link is posted to the CATA Website. The student must be logged into their UCPS Google Accounts to fill out the form.

-Please follow your schedule that will be printed on the 1st day of school on GOLD paper until you speak to your assigned counselor regarding a Schedule Correction. **We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes.** They look forward to filling holes 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. We will have an electronic form that students must complete during school hours the first five days of classes.**



PERFORMING ARTS PARENT NIGHT **Tuesday, September 4 @ 5 PM, Media Center** **OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, September 4 from 6-8 PM, Begin in the Theatre, Meet the Teachers, Food Trucks, Invest in Excellence Campaign, Spirt Wear, Sports Passes, Student Section Shirts

SENIOR NIGHT

Tuesday, September 4 @ 7 PM Theatre
Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the academy.



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Attention Seniors - Tuesday September 4th 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.* **Students please bring your Chrome Books so that you can log onto Naviance Student .**

Seniors— Graduation is at the Winthrop University Coliseum on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 PM- More Details are coming in the Fall Senior Letter.

UNC Charlotte will be at CATA on Sept. 4 at 9:30. Sign up via the [Google form](#) on the College Events Page. Attendance requires teacher approval. See Ms. Cole if you have questions

The PSAT will be given 10/10/18 to ALL 10th graders and 11th graders who scored within the 90th percentile when they took the PSAT in 10th grade.

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam on 2/27/19. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

There is an SAT prep course at CATA. The course begins on Wednesday, September 26th starting at 4:30. The course will be held every Wednesday until October 31st with a practice test on Saturday, October 27th. Please see the ad on the next page.



Open House—Meet the Teachers is on September 4th. We hope to see you there!!

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.



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of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

SAT Review/College Prep Class

Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.

The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Central Academy of Technology and Arts
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28112

<u>Lesson #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Math #1	Wed, 9/26	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #2	Wed, 10/3	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Math #3	Wed, 10/10	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #1	Wed, 10/17	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Verbal #2	Wed, 10/24	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 10/27	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Verbal #3	Wed, 10/31	4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

- Content Review focusing on all content areas of the **NEW SAT**
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- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
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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](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics** **Please follow the CATA Twitter & Facebook feeds for the latest updates due to weather and rescheduled events.**

Last Week's Results:

Volleyball – Win Vs. Porter Ridge

Soccer – Loss vs. North Lincoln, Loss vs. Cox Mill

Women's Tennis – Win vs. Mount Pleasant

Cross Country – Men 3rd/Women 4th @ Metrolina Invite, Men 2nd/Women 2nd @ Rocky River Conference Preseason Meet

JV Football – No Events Last Week

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 30th:

HOME – Volleyball vs. 1st Assembly – 4:30/6:00 pm – CATA Gym

HOME – JV Football vs. Charlotte Christian – 6:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

HOME – Tennis vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm – Monroe High

Saturday, September 1st:

HOME – XC – CATA Invite – 8:00 am – Please park in student lot or upper lot behind gym – the Bus Lot will be closed

Wednesday, September 5th:

AWAY – Soccer – Porter Ridge – 4:30/6:00 pm

Thursday, September 6th:

AWAY – Volleyball – Mount Pleasant – 4:30/6:00 pm

HOME – JV Football vs. Monroe – 6:30 pm

Friday, September 7th:

HOME – Soccer vs. Monroe 4:00/5:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

HOME – Volleyball vs. Monroe 6:00/7:30 pm – CATA Gym

One ticket gets you into both games

Student bus will run to the stadium @ 4:00 pm & return to CATA following the conclusion of the Varsity Soccer Game

News & Information:

FAMILY ID: If you plan on participating in Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year you need to create a NEW Family ID account and get registered. Once you have registered, you must get approved before you can participate. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year.

The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under **FORMS** on the CATA Athletics Website

Anyone participating in off season workouts must be registered and approved to participate

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: Charles Doak – Charles.doak@ucps.k12.nc.us

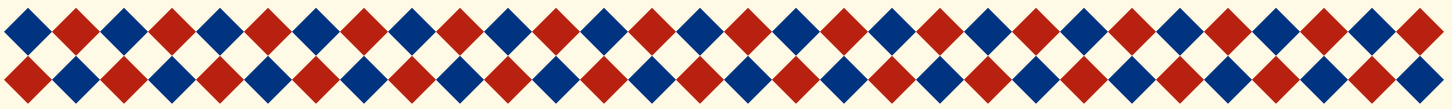
Men's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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 – terry.lewis@kw.com





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

Mr. Smith- Data Manager-

william.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Riley- ISS and Absence Recovery Coordina-

tor- karen.riley@ucps.k12.nc.us

Facts about attendance

- Attendance is taken by block (class period) in high school not by day. In addition, a student is marked absent if he/she misses more than 15 minutes of the block and if he/she misses less than 15 minutes of a class, then the student will be coded as a tardy in PowerSchool. **Students will receive a consequence after the third tardy.**
- Lunch is part of 3rd block so missing lunch is not excused and counts toward tardy/absent
- If your student needs to be absent, a written note or documentation must be turned in to Ms. Nahum in the front office within 3 days of your student's return to school in order for it to be considered for excusal. We have an absence form available for you to fill out and turn in. Please make copies of it for you to use throughout the school year. [Please click HERE to find the form on our website.](#)
- A note from a doctor's office is required to excuse an absence due to a doctor's appointment. A doctor's visit note only covers the actual appointment and travel time. It does not excuse the whole day.
- In addition to illness/injury and doctor's appointments, the following are also lawful reasons for school absences: Death in the immediate family, Court, administrative proceedings, jury duty (documentation required), Religious observances (prior approval by principal required), Educational Opportunity (10 day prior approval) [Educational Opportunity Request Form linked on this page.](#) Quarantine, and Military Deployment (documentation required)
- Please see Student Handbook for further explanation of attendance policies.
- All absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until a written note/documentation is received. Written documentation must be legible, dated with the student's absence, contain the student's full name, and **must be submitted within three days.**
- ConnectEd phone calls are made at the end of the school day to notify parents/guardians of student absences whether excused or unexcused.

Early Dismissal Procedures and Facts

- If your student **driver** needs to leave before the school day is over, then a parent note must be turned into the front office before school so that an early dismissal pass can be given to the student.
- The parent note must contain all of the following: 1) the student's name, 2) parent's name and contact phone number, and 3) the time that the student needs to be dismissed.
- If the student is getting picked up by someone other than the parents/guardians or anyone on the student's contact list, then the student's dismissal note must also contain the name of the person that is picking them up.
- It is the student's responsibility to keep their early dismissal pass with them and show it to their teacher so that they may exit class. Once exiting the classroom, the student must then come to the front office to sign out before leaving campus.

An attendance letter will be sent home with students after the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence. At this time students will be notified if they owe recovery time for absences.

Around CATA

Friday, August 31—Schedule Corrections— Please see info in this edition for the procedure.

Monday, September 3—**NO SCHOOL, Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 4—**Open House, 6-8 PM; Senior Night, 7:00 PM (Theatre); Performing Arts Parent Night, 5:00 PM (Media Center);** College visit, UNCC, 9:30 AM (Media Center); NHS Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM (Media Center);

Wednesday, September 5—**Underclassman Photo Day;** Performing Arts Committee PTSO Parent Interest Meeting, 6 PM (Media Center); Art Club, 3:30 (Rm. 102 Pentecost); Speech and Debate Club Interest Meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 609 Jones)

Thursday, September 6—Shooting Sports Interest Meeting, (Rm. 102 Pentecost); World Language Club Meeting, 3:30, (Rm. 521 McAbee);

September Events:

Performing Arts Parents can view the Academy Calendar by clicking [here](#).

9/10— Furman University Visit; Virginia Commonwealth Visit

9/10—PTSO Meeting 6:30 PM (Media Center)

9/11—Fall Sports Pictures, 3:30 (Gym)

9/15—Union County Marching Band Preview, (MRHS)

9/17—Beta Club Induction, 6:00 PM (Theatre)

9/18—Early Release Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

9/19—Optional Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL

9/20 to 9/21—Senior Portrait Make Up Pictures

9/20—Progress Reports

9/20 to 9/21—Spring Musical Auditions, 3:45

9/26—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Center Conference Room)

9/26—SAT Prep with Future Prep, 4:30 PM (Rm. 401)

9/27—University of South Carolina Visit

Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. You will receive a form for changes with the student's back to school paperwork. You may also email [Mr. William Smith](#) with any changes.

Student Life

Incoming students will get to tour a **Student Life Fair** the week of 9/4 to 9/7.

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

- **It's back by popular demand, ART CLUB!!!!** Join Mrs. Pentecost in Room 102 on Wednesday, September 5th from 3:30-5:00 to produce art. Bring your sketchbook or a project you have started. Don't have either, no problem! Bring yourself, we have supplies.
- Join the **Shooting Sports Club** to learn about hunters safety and improve your marksmanship and archery skills. There is an interest meeting for you and your parents on Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 in room 102.
- **JOIN YEARBOOK CLUB!** We are flexible and are able to work around sports, dance and jobs and more. We are looking for energetic people who are either good at or would like to learn journalistic writing, photography, interviewing skills and layout. Come check out what we are all about at our interest meeting on Thursday, August 30th from 3:30-5:00 in room 102. And don't forget to bring a friend.
- Anyone interested in becoming a member of the **World Language Club** should attend the meeting in Ms. McAbee's room - 521- on Sept 6th. This will be immediately after school. The election of officers will be discussed as well as several other topics.
- The **Speech and Debate Club** will be holding an interest meeting immediately after school on Wednesday, September 5th in Ms. Jones' room, room 609 in the maze. If you are interested in debating, public speaking, or interpreting famous works then please be sure to drop in. It will start at 3:35 and should be over by 4:00. Please see Ms. Jones or Mr. McDowell if you have any questions.
- The **International Thespian Society** will be having an interest meeting on September 6th at 3:45 pm in Ms. Casey's room (RM 616). Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month. We look forward to seeing you!
- The **Fashion Club** will be meeting twice a month for the 2018-19 school year. For the month of September we will meet in Ms. Casey's room (RM 616) on the 5th & the 13th at 3:45 pm. The club has made lots of changes so please come and find out more! We look forward to seeing you there!

Cougar Council PTSO Information

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

Congratulations are in order to our new CATA PTSO Board for the 2018/19 school year. A big thank you to our outgoing PTSO Board. We appreciate all of your hard work and you will be missed. If anyone is interested in being a committee chair we have several openings for Fundraising and Membership chairs. Please contact catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information.



The PTSO will host the Senior Breakfast on May 24th.

President: Nicole D'Amico

nicole.damico.me@gmail.com

Vice President: Meena Sreeraman,

meenaskalp@yahoo.com

Secretary: Sabrina Clontz,

sfclontz@carolina.rr.com

Treasurer: Ann Helms,

adhelms@aol.com

Communications: Jeannine Kenary & Sarah May,

jmk1098@gmail.com,

sarah.w.may@gmail.com

Hospitality:

Carol Taldo & Megan Huffman

ctaldo@me.com, meghuf5@yahoo.com

Performing Arts:

Carla Harrison & Janet Peirano

carlasharrison@yahoo.com,

janetpeirano@yahoo.com

Membership

Jennifer Fisher

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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.



Nothing Bundt Cakes, Thank You from the CATA PTSO for donations to our faculty breakfast on the workdays before school started.



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

6 NEW Refrigerated Merchandisers!!!



Spring Musical Auditions—Open to All Students

All school CATA Spring musical auditions will be held Sept 20 and 21 from 3:45pm-6:00pm in the Chorus room and Dance Studio. Paper sign-up for audition slots will be available in the Performing Arts Hallway during the first week of school.

All students should come prepared (off book) with a rock ballad (musical, contemporary or 80s and 90s) with sheet music. Mrs. Gregory will be accompanying on the piano. Please treat this as a professional audition opportunity and make every effort to locate the sheet music. Remember to ACT the story of your song! What do you want or need (as your character) that makes you have to sing your song at this moment?

Come prepared to move and learn choreography following your singing audition. There is a dance call for all who are auditioning.

If you sing and play the guitar, we want to meet you!

WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF CATA REGARDLESS OF ACADEMY AND ALL PERFORMING ARTS PATHWAYS TO AUDITION AND GET INVOLVED!

There is a \$50 activity fee to participate in the Spring Musical.



Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe
Dance @CATA_DANCE
Performing Arts @CougarArts
Athletics @CATA_Athletics
Football @cougar_football
Band @catabanddirect
Student Council @StucoCata
Counseling @CATA_Counseling
Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer
Baseball @CATA_Baseball
UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

Chromebook and Technology Help Desk: Students may see Mr. Eddins during the following times for help with Technology

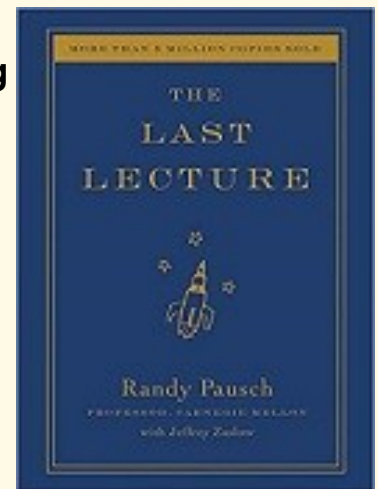
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- 7:30AM-8:50AM
- 12:00PM-2:00PM



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: “The Last Lecture” by Randy Pausch.** 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.



2018 yearbooks

Yearbooks will be on sale 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 tributes will also be available. Senior Tributes need to be purchased and photos submitted by October 31st. We can not guarantee space after that date as pages will be set. If your senior photos will not be back in time for the deadline please contact Ms. Christensen so we can make arrangements.

BUY  YOUR
Yearbook

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 \$3.00. **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.
- 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 10.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.

CHROMEBOOKS– 2018-2019

CATA is the school of Technology and all students are required to use their Chromebooks at school. This 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. Students at CATA are required to bring their Chromebook to school every day.

Every Student was issued a Chromebook on 8/28 and 8/29. PI

There is NO technology fee this year!



• Student Parking Passes



- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, AND 2017-2018 technology fee, 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.**

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. 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.

The Student Section at CATA is the....

BLUE CREW



Purchase the 18-19 Blue Crew Shirt by clicking here for [our online link](#). Shirts cost **\$12 and are sold online, at home athletic events, and during lunches.**

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

[Click here](#) to see CATA Spirit Wear when our online store is open periodically. When the online store is not open, CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale at this week's football game, Saturday's cross country meet, and open house next week.



Cougar Athletic Pass (For Parents and Students)

The Athletic Department is selling **athletic passes** for all CATA regular season home games for Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. The cost is \$50 for the year. This is a deal! Attending ten athletic events a year pays for the pass. You can purchase in person at home JV Football games, home Volleyball matches, home Men's Soccer matches, or online by clicking [here](#).



CATA Class of 2019

Rising Seniors Order Form



- Orders must be accompanied with payment by CASH or CHECK only
- Checks made payable to CATA PTSO - \$10.00 per T-Shirt, \$20 per sign or \$25 for both!
- Tear off bottom portion - return to the media center with payment by September 14th.
- You will be notified when T-Shirts and signs are available.

CATA 2019 Seniors Pre-Order Form

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate number of T-Shirts and Sizes below:

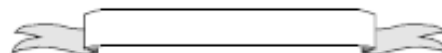
T-shirt/Lawn Sign Combo: \$25.00 ea.-Total ordered: ____

T-Shirts: \$10.00 - Total ordered: _____

Senior Lawn Sign: \$20.00 each—Total ordered: _____

T-Shirt Size: ____ SMALL ____ MEDIUM
 ____ LARGE ____ XL ____ XXL

Total Paid: _____



Senior T-Shirt Perk:

Seniors that wear the official Senior T-Shirt with CATA Pride will receive a concession/special at a Fall/Winter & Spring SENIOR NIGHT.



Thank you for supporting your students and the PTSO! Sale proceeds will be used by the PTSO to support students and CATA programs in our upcoming school year.