



Cavalier Circular

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"Through rigorous academics, integrative technology, expressive arts, and competitive athletics, the mission of Cuthbertson High School is to empower all students to be leaders in a changing global community."

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Stay Connected!

We invite you to stay connected with CHS!

[Facebook](#)

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[Instagram](#)

[Website](#)

We send out our Enews on Sunday evenings via Blackboard Connect. If you don't receive it, update your contact information [here](#)! Enews editions are also sent out on our Twitter and Facebook and are collected [on this page](#).

UCPS Chromebook Tutorials



UCPS has provided a page of very helpful technology tutorials for students. It includes tips for Google Drive, how to print from a Chromebook, how to log in to the ZScaler, and much more! Find it here: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7372>

These Chromebook Care videos offer great tips for keeping your UCPS-issued Chromebook in optimal condition:

[Chromebook Care Basics](#)

[UCPS Chromebook Care Video](#)

Counselors Instagram

Cavaliers, our [School Counselors can now be found on Instagram](#)! Please follow them to stay up to date on important information. Also check out the Counselors Corner information further down!

Upcoming Holiday

Monday, September 7 is the Labor Day holiday. There will be no school that day. Monday students will not have a makeup day.

We Had Another Great Week!

Ms. Waynick's Concert Chorus class is learning about the principles of standing singing posture.



Students undergo health screenings held indoors on rainy mornings.



Mr. Vaccaro's Principles of Business class discusses business ethics.



Band students work on their composition projects while Mr. Ebert reviews safety protocols in place for playing the instruments.



Quick Links in Every Issue

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EmpowerED Family Resources



Do you need additional assistance with Canvas? Our EmpowerED Family Portal has you covered! Logging into Canvas, creating Observer Accounts, navigating courses and more can be found in this one location. Take a look: <https://tinyurl.com/y5tn3wxk>



Contact Information

Don't miss CHS updates! If you are not receiving CHS email or phone calls please fill out [this form](#) to update your contact information.



Driving Eligibility Certificates

Please use [this link](#) to sign up for an appointment to pick up a Driving Eligibility Certificate.

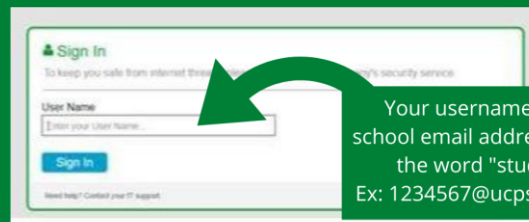
Tech Services Help Desk

If any student or staff member is experiencing a technical issue with a UCPS-issued device, help is available by accessing the help desk remotely available [at this link](#).

Many families report login issues when the students try to log in to their chromebooks from home. This is an easy fix! Please see the image to the right for help!

Having trouble with ZScaler Login?

Password is your school issued password.



The image shows a ZScaler login interface. At the top, it says 'Sign In'. Below that, there's a message: 'To keep you safe from internet threats, we require you to use our security service.' There are two input fields: 'User Name' and 'Password'. The 'User Name' field has a placeholder text 'Enter your User Name...'. Below the fields is a blue 'Sign In' button. At the bottom, there's a link: 'Need help? Contact your IT support.'

Your username is your school email address without the word "student".
Ex: 1234567@ucps.k12.nc.us

Canvas Parent Readiness Checklist

☐ What is a Canvas Observer?

The main use of the observer role is to link a parent to a student. Observers cannot submit work on behalf of the students they observe, but they can see student grades, assignments, and calendar events. For more information:

<https://bit.ly/UCPScpr1>



☐ How do you get an Observer Account?

Parents and guardians can be linked to students in Canvas with a unique pairing code. Observer accounts can "observe" more than one student. For more information:

<https://bit.ly/UCPScpr2>

Video: <https://bit.ly/UCPScpr4>



☐ How do you navigate Canvas?

As an observer in Canvas you can see all courses the child is enrolled in, upcoming events and even grades! For more information:

<https://bit.ly/UCPScpr5>

Video: <https://bit.ly/UCPScpr7>



☐ How do you get the Canvas Parent App?

Parents and guardians can access Canvas for parents on the go with this easy to use mobile app. For more information:

<https://bit.ly/UCPScpr8>



For more information, visit the EmpowerED Family Portal: <http://bit.ly/STUsup>

Ebooks & Media Center Books!



During Plan B, students may browse our online Media Center catalog called "Destiny." A link to Destiny is located on their Student Startup page. If they find a book (a real copy of the book – not an Ebook!) that they would like to check out, they can easily [place a hold for it within their own Destiny account](#).

Both Plan B and Plan D students may do this! Plan D students just need to place their hold, then email [Mrs. Tautfest](#) to arrange an outside pickup time!

For Plan B students, the book will be pulled for them, wrapped for sanitation, and left on a table for pickup located outside the MC doors. Students will not be allowed in to browse the shelves on their own due to Covid safety measures.

Free Ebooks sources:

1. [Our Media Center web page](#) Contains links free Ebook sources.
2. [The Union County Public Library](#) Students may sign in with their student number and password of your birth year.
3. Sora via Clever. Watch this short video to learn how to access <https://tinyurl.com/ya4phouz>.



CHS Chapter Chat

This reading incentive program has been created to encourage reading for pleasure and to inspire book chats among readers and share ideas of great books to read. All students, whether Plan B or Plan D are all welcome to participate!

When they have read a book, they can self-enroll in the Canvas course using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy2evmuc>. Once enrolled all they have to do is click the arrow at the bottom to enter the book's title, author, and number of pages along with a short description of the book. Then they are free to read others' entries and chat.

Any readers who read over 1000 cumulative pages during the semester will get their names printed on the Chapter Chat academic achievement board displayed in the Media Center and will receive souvenir reader pins! Contact [Mrs. Tautfest](#) with any questions.



Here Comes the Bus!

Team UCPS families throughout the district are using the FREE, Here Comes the Bus app to know when the bus will be pulling up to their stop. When downloading the app you will need your child's student ID number (this is their PowerSchool number) and last name. Instructions of how to download this to your mobile device are located at <https://tinyurl.com/yxenff85>.



Calculators

TI-84 calculators are considered basic school supplies for high school students. They are used for all math classes as well as the SAT/ACT. TI-84 calculators can be purchased, new or used, from various vendors for a student to use throughout their educational career.

However, if a student has a financial need and needs to borrow one, our Media Center does have a small supply available for checkout. The new online process for this year is for parents to fill out [this Google Form](#) if they wish their student to borrow a calculator for the semester.

The Media Center staff will check the form daily, check out a calculator to the students listed, and hand-deliver it to the student in their Math class. The Calculators should be returned at the end of the semester after exams. More details are found in the Google form.



U Matter in UCPS!

The UCPS Tip Line and/or Say Something Anonymous Reporting System is available to help you or someone you know that may be in need to help. You can also give kudos or notes of encouragement through the UCPS Tip Line. Both of these options are [available here](#).

Back to School Forms for Parents

Parents may [click here](#) to access digital versions of the following important forms:

- Student Handbook Signoff Form
- UCPS Photo / Video / News Interview Release Form
- CHS Chromebook Parent Notification
- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications
- Military Connected Form
- Medical Information Letter
- Medical Information Form
- Medication Consent Form
- Authorization for Self-Carry
- Right to Withhold Consent

Senior Connection: College Applications

Counselors will have a college application presentation available next week containing important information regarding the application process and its components. Additionally, we plan to begin holding some virtual opportunities for questions and answers in the upcoming weeks. Be on the lookout for additional information with dates and times!

Virtual College Tours

CHS will be hosting a series of "Virtual College Tours!" During these visits, a representative from a respective College/University will give a general overview of their school and have a live Q&A session with attendees.

We are currently collaborating with numerous schools in an attempt to schedule a visit. All visits will be on Fridays 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM. In order to participate you must sign up through our Google Form. We will send the link to the visit a few days prior to make sure you have access. Our confirmed list will constantly be updated:

September 18, 2020

1. Auburn University: 11:00 AM

2. ECU: 1:00 PM

[Sign Up Here](#)



October 2, 2020

1.VCU: 1:00 PM

[Sign Up Here](#)

October 16, 2020

1. UNC Charlotte: 11:00 AM

[Sign Up Here](#)

Please continue to check on [our school website](#) for updated visits. Simply click: Quick Links> CHS Counseling> College Rep Visits. And - follow us on Instagram! @cavs_counselor_connect



SCOIR (Pronounced "Score")

Our new college and career readiness platform is up and running! UCPS is now using **SCOIR** to send electronic application documents and assist throughout the search and selection process. This platform is replacing the previously used program - Naviance. Below are some links to helpful information as well as parent webinars!

Learn more about **SCOIR** through the following overview videos: [Student Video](#) [Parent Video](#)

If you have already begun the application process on Common App or Coalition please reference this information for working with **SCOIR** and those platforms: [Using Common App w SCOIR](#) [Using Coalition App w SCOIR](#)

****As a reminder, please do not request teacher or counselor recommendations through Common App or Coalition.**

The UCPS Department of College Readiness will also hold a webinar for senior parents to learn about **SCOIR** and the college application process. [Register today!](#)

Please remember that **transcripts** will not be available to send to colleges and universities until after the 10th day of school. This is to allow for the inclusion of all schedule changes, new enrollments and ensure an accurate updated rank. If you are in need of an unofficial transcript for application information, please reach out to [Ms. McAleer](#).

PTSO NEWS

The CHS PTSO welcomes you!

JOIN THE PTSO!

Hello to all of our returning Cuthbertson High School families and a warm welcome to new families!

The new school year has begun! While things may look a bit different, the CHS PTSO is poised to support our school as we always have. CHS PTSO Membership for the 2020-2021 school year is open. All are welcome! Your family membership fee of \$10 will help support valuable programs, scholarships, teacher and staff appreciation initiatives and other school needs. [Please click here to join us in supporting CHS!](#)

**Please join the CHS PTSO
and support
Cuthbertson High School
2020-2021**



Want to volunteer?

If you would like to be added to our volunteer list, please sign up on the link below. This is THE list that the PTSO uses for all volunteer requests, event notifications, and requests for food/drink/supplies for our various events! [Click here to be notified of volunteer opportunities throughout the year!](#)

If you are interested in getting more involved as a member of one of our committees, [click here for the list of choices!](#) Any questions or to join a committee please contact PTSO President, Allison Matthews at allisonbmattews@yahoo.com.



Have You Invested in CHS?

Did you know the CHS PTSO is funded almost entirely from the donations of Cuthbertson Families?

We don't ask you to buy wrapping paper, cookie dough, or another coupon book.

Instead we encourage all families to "Invest in CHS" with a tax-deductible donation. The dollars raised are invested in teacher appreciation initiatives, special programs, specific school needs, and student scholarships. The PTSO is dedicated to supporting our teachers, students and CHS as a whole. Thank you for partnering with us as we endeavor to make a difference in our school and community. Please make your INVEST donation on line today via credit card or Paypal [here!](#)

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR INVEST IN CHS DONATIONS. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

Bryden, Carilli, Deatherage, Fishman, Johnson, Lopez, Matthews, McKinney, Patel, Sanfilippo, Spizzirri

Calling All Seniors!

Please purchase your senior package today! A Gold Level Package is \$105 and includes a yard sign, t-shirt, hoodie, car magnet, lanyard and 20-21 PTSO membership. A Blue Level Package is \$65 and includes a yard sign, t-shirt and 20-21 PTSO membership. The last date to purchase is September 25th! [Click here to purchase!](#)

Please remember to like our Facebook page to stay up to date on all Class of 2021 Senior Events!

<https://www.facebook.com/CuthbertsonParents2021/> #SeniorYearsHere

Spirit Wear

Ready to shed the pj's (or need some new ones)? Whether you and your family are learning from home or coming to school one day a week, spruce up your wardrobe and your "spirits" by purchasing a Cuthbertson spirit wear item. Now officially on sale! Plus, for every \$50 purchase you will receive a FREE Cuthbertson magnet! At home, contactless, porch drop offs or pick-ups available. [Click here to start ordering!](#)



Amazon Smile

You shop, Amazon gives! Through the AmazonSmile program Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your charity of choice. You simply use your already existing Amazon account to link it with AmazonSmile and then choose "Cuthbertson High School PTSO" as your charity. You pay the same prices as always but earn money back for us! [Click here to link up!](#)

Stay Up to Date

Don't miss out on the news and happenings of the PTSO and CHS this year!

- 1) The CHS PTSO has our own website! You'll find information all about us, how to get involved and things to take action on. [Please visit and bookmark us here!](#)
- 2) The CHS PTSO is on Facebook! Please visit our page and "Like" us to stay informed on the latest updates. Click here: [Click here!](#)



2020 UCPS Secondary Databases & Extended Learning Resources for Students

Most of these paid resources are directly accessible through a UCPS provided device using the login information provided. Those using a personal device may need a unique username and/or password. To obtain password information or for additional help accessing and using these resources please contact your school library media coordinator.



Use **Sora** to access thousands of digital ebooks and audiobooks provided through the UCPS library, NCKids state library and local UCPL library. Login to Sora via Clever and access all these library materials with one login.

- How to access Sora through Clever and add libraries
<https://bit.ly/Sorahowto>



Destiny is the K-12 library management system for UCPS. It provides a visually appealing and highly graphic online searching experience where students can conduct a single search and have appropriate results (books, websites, database articles, DVDs, etc. returned in one list.)

- <http://destiny.ucps.k12.nc.us>
- Students should log in using their student ID # and password “student”
- How to use Destiny - <https://bit.ly/2F8U3PD>



Teaching Books is an online, multimedia collection of resources about K-12 books, authors and illustrators that help encourage students to read and enjoy reading.

- www.teachingbooks.net
- Home access is available using the following link.
- Submit the “request access” form linked below to receive the username and password to access this resource.



CultureGrams details 25 different aspects of every country recognized by the United Nations. Local experts document unique, intimate details of each country’s customs, traditions and daily life.

- <http://online.culturegrams.com>
- Submit the “request access” form linked below to receive the username and password to access this resource.



NC WiseOwl, funded by the NC Department of Public Instruction, provides free online resources for the public and charter schools in North Carolina.

- www.ncwiseowl.org
- Includes Britannica Online, Amazing Animals, and much more
- Submit the “request access” form linked below to receive the username and password to access this resource.



Discovery Education is an online resource, best known for video resources, but also includes images, clipart, sounds, encyclopedia articles, activities, writing prompts, lesson plans, curriculum correlation and more.

- Teachers and students login via NCEdcloud.



Union County Public Library

Use this link to access the following resources from the Union County Public library:

<http://www.unioncountync.gov/departments/library/students-teachers>.

- **Login to the following UCPL resources with student ID# as username and birth year as password.**



MANGO (accessed through UCPL above)

Language learning tool for 80 different languages and English as a second language for 50 non-English languages, including audio lessons, interactive textbooks, quizzes, phrasebooks and pronunciation analysis.



NC LIVE (accessed through UCPL above)

offers access to a core selection of digital content and services. Content formats include eBooks, audiobooks, films and videos, magazines, newspapers, and journals.



NoveList (accessed through UCPL above)

connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. Covering both fiction and nonfiction titles for all ages, this database will suggest titles that are “just like” the one you love.

If students need passwords to access these resources from home, please email Mrs. Tautfest @ paula.tautfest@ucps.k12.nc.us. Paper copies may also be picked up in our Media Center.