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Dear CATA Family,

- End of Grading Period:** Monday, October 4 is the end of the first grading period.
- Student Council:** The first general student council meeting is Wednesday, October 6 at 8:15 AM in the media center. All needed information will be emailed to students by Dr. Wall this week.
- Powder Puff Football:** If you wish to play in the Powder Puff Football Tournament in October, then you need to sign up NOW. The cost is \$15 and includes your t-shirt jersey. Proceeds from this event will go to Victory Junction, a camp in NC for kids with Chronic Illnesses. Click here to learn about [Victory Junction](#). Freshmen vs. Sophomores and Juniors vs. Seniors, then the winners play each other. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for forms (Scroll down and go to Announcements). Print out the four documents and sign and return no later than Friday, October 8. **Packets are available in the main office too. Sign up to Play by [CLICKING HERE](#). Pay the fee by [CLICKING HERE](#).** You must fill out the Google Doc, Pay the fee, and return the permission form, sportsmanship form, and rules form to the main office. **The first practice** is at 4:00 PM on the fields next to the student parking lot on Monday, October 4.
- 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.
- 2022 Yearbooks** are now available to order! [Click HERE](#) and search for CATA. The price is \$70 until January 1.
- Site Based Management Team (SBMT):** Students and Parents needed. If you are interested in serving on our Site Based Management Team then please email [Dr. Wall](#) by Friday, October 8. We are in need of two students and one parent to serve. Once we have all interest emails, then we will send out ballots to parent and students. The purpose of SBMT is to enhance student achievement and give faculty, students, and parents a voice in school-based decisions.
- CACRAO College Fair at CATA:** Sunday, October 3 from 2-4 PM. CACRAO requires face coverings. [Click here](#) for the list of about 100 colleges in attendance. CATA students are welcome to attend.
- PSAT:** The PSAT will be given to 146 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 13.
- PreACT:** The PreACT will be given in October to all 10th grade students. Please stay tuned for more details.
- College Visitations at CATA:** Juniors and Seniors: ECU, UNC-G, and UNC-Asheville all have representatives coming to CATA in October. [Click here](#) to register. Scroll down and click on college visits.
- College Financial Aid Night** will be October 12, at 6:30 pm. This will be a virtual presentation. [Click here](#) to sign up to receive a link to the presentation. The presentation will be recorded for those who cannot attend.
- The annual PTSO Invest In Excellence Campaign:** We have met our goal, but encourage our community to keep giving. 100% of the money donated is invested in CATA. **An Invest in Excellence donation includes PTSO Membership. See information on Page 8 [CLICK HERE TO INVEST!](#)**
- Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 7** 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. We are doing a pre-order for hoodies (only this year's design) Pre-ordering is still done through the online spirit wear store and is offered until Oct. 31.
- Student Life announcements** on **page 2**.
- Senior Class of 2022 Information** is on **Page 3**. Check out Senior Yearbook Tributes!
- Counseling Center and Career Development Coordinator Information:** Announcements and information on **Pages 4-6**.



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



MSU (Minority Student Union): Calling all students! Educate your peers about social issues that affect minority communities around the world. Join the Minority Student Union! Meetings are at 8:30 am every 1st and 3rd Friday in the Media Center. The first meeting is October 1st. There will be roundtable discussions, volunteer opportunities, movie nights, and it's a chance to learn about other cultures.

HOSA's first meeting will be on October 4 @ 0815 in room 600. Please see Ms. Turner with any questions. **HOSA** Interest Form: [Click HERE](#)

Are you interested in forming a **Battle of the Books** team at CATA this year? Fill out the interest form at <https://bit.ly/HBOB2122>. More information about the books and event can be found on the CATA Virtual Learning Commons website. The Den already has at least one copy of every title. See Ms. Christensen if you have questions.

Want a behind-the-scenes look at CATA? JOIN **YEARBOOK CLUB**. We are literally involved with every aspect of this school.

We have a lot of fun. We are looking for people interested in photography, good writers, and people who love to meet and talk to others. We meet every Monday after school till 5:00 in Room 102 across from the DEN. You can join at any time so if you're in a sport right now and are not available, no problem, join us when your activity ends. See Mrs. Pentecost if you have more questions.

National Spanish Honor Society meeting: Monday, October 4 at 8 AM in Rm. 521

Student Council Officer meeting: Monday, October 4 at 8:15 AM in the media center

Knitting for Good meeting: Monday, October 4 at 3:45 in Rm. 601

Fashion Club meeting: Monday, October 4 at 4 in Rm. 616

NHS General meeting: Tuesday, October 5 at 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Yearbook Club meeting: Tuesday, October 5 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

General Student Council meeting: Wednesday, October 6 at 8:15 AM in the media center

NEHS meeting: Wednesday, October 6 at 3:45 PM in Rm. 209

NHS Induction Ceremony: Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 PM in the theatre

Speech and Debate: Thursday, October 7 at 3:45 in Rm. 601

Hands Helping Others: Thursday, October 7 at 3:45 in Rm. 527

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First meeting October 1st

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- Volunteer Opportunities
- Learn about other cultures
- Movie Nights

2022 Yearbooks Now on Sale!

Yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00
The price increases to \$80 on 1/1/2022
Senior tributes are also on sale!
Payment due by 10/15/2021
Photos and message due by 11/19/2021

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.
- Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold or stop into the media center and check one out.
- Need a calculator? [Click HERE](#) and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or science teacher.
- Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog by [Clicking HERE](#)
- Interested in joining a Battle of the Books team? Fill out the interest form at <https://bit.ly/HBOB2122>.
- More information about the Battle of the Books titles can be found on the Virtual Learning Commons page: <https://bit.ly/CATAHBOB>.



Senior Class of 2022 Information



Senior Cap and Gown Orders: Jostens was on campus last week during lunches taking orders for Graduation products, caps and gowns, and ring orders. Each senior was emailed a link to order through their UCPS Account as well along with an informational form. Please [click here](#) to order if you did not purchase items at school. Caps and gowns are required for the graduation ceremony.

Senior Tributes:

Order and pay online: [Click HERE](#)

1. Search for CATA. Click "Create a Personal Ad" at the bottom. (Make sure your pop up or ad blocker is turned off to see the link.)
 2. You do not have to upload pictures when you place your order and pay. Just enter some text in the required text boxes and then on the top right click on the "I will deliver photos to the school at a later date" link to skip uploading pictures.
 3. You can either email the photos or upload them to the Google form by November 19th.
- Please complete this Google Form: [Click HERE](#) with additional information about your senior tribute order.

Seniors and Senior Parents, Class of 2022 Information about your senior portraits: Seniors, it's time to get your senior portraits and yearbook photo taken! Go online to cady.com/book22 to schedule your session! CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews where your photos are taken. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. **Wednesday, October 20th is the second chance day for seniors to get their picture taken at CATA, and students have to sign up with CADY for this session.**

1. CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews.
 2. When you go to the website, search for Central Academy, pick an additional scene, and then click continue.
 3. On the next page you will see prices for session (sitting) fees. If you want the basic \$30 option then scroll to the bottom of the page and select simple session.
 4. Your session fee (sitting fee) is the fee you are paying for the photographers to take your picture and there are a lot of different priced options with multiple locations, dedicated photographers, makeup artists, etc. This fee DOES NOT pay for any of the photos that you might want. You will have to purchase your photos after you receive your proofs.
 5. Make sure to remove any pre-checked items you do not want such as double proofs, retouching, etc.
 6. Select your date and time, create an account, and pay the sitting fee.
 7. Show up for your appointment date and time you selected to get your pictures taken.
 8. After your pictures are taken you'll receive a portfolio in the mail. Keep anything you'd like to purchase and return everything else in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
 9. Remember, we want 100% of our seniors represented in this book but we can't do it without you.
 10. Yearbook and senior tribute orders can be placed once school starts in the fall. The yearbook is always at its lowest price the first week of school so order early to get the best deal!
- If you have questions about senior pictures, please contact CADY Studios. If you have questions about other issues, contact Ms. Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us.



College and Career Corner

Class 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](#)

[Click the captions for more information or take a picture of the QR Code](#)



We have colleges coming to visit us!
 Davidson and UNC Asheville will be here.
 Make sure you sign up to attend! The form is on the college events page of the counseling page.



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)



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Information from Ms. Bartell, the Career and Development Coordinator

MEDICAL ASSISTING OPEN HOUSE



- Hands-on Demonstrations
- Recruiters & Healthcare Providers on site
- Find out how to apply

Register at www.spcc.edu/medicalassisting

Monroe Campus
 October 20 | 6pm - 8pm | Braswell Building

Polkton Campus
 October 21 | 6pm - 8pm | Horne Library



Want to know about Medical Assistants?

Who

Medical assistants work alongside physicians, mainly in outpatient or ambulatory care facilities, such as medical offices and clinics.

What

- Take medical histories
- Offer patient education
- Prepare patients for exams
- Assist the physician during exams
- Collect and prepare laboratory specimens
- Perform basic lab tests
- Prepare and administer medications
- Transmit prescription refills
- Take electrocardiograms
- Maintain records
- Schedule appointments
- Handle billing and bookkeeping
- Code insurance forms

How

- Get training in as little as 2 semesters
- SPCC is Nowatt and Abrium's college of choice
- Start at \$12,15/yr
- Join one of the fastest growing careers in the nation



South Piedmont Community College OPEN HOUSE

MONROE
 October 20 | 6pm-8pm

POLKTON
 October 21 | 6pm-8pm



For more information contact Lori Laney at LLaney@spcc.edu or 704-290-5825

Register at www.spcc.edu/medicalassisting

SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

*Join us for an information session that will cover
 everything you need to know about the
 Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.*

Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- More!

DATES & TIMES

The second Tuesday of each month
 during the fall semester via Microsoft
 Teams (Virtual Sessions)

September 14th @ 6 pm
 October 12th @ 6 pm
 November 9th @ 6 pm

HOW TO ATTEND:

Simply click the link below to join:

Microsoft Teams meeting
 Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

CONTACT INFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at:

sep@spcc.edu
 704.290.5890





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Information from Ms. Bartell, the Career and Development Coordinator

CATA students: Are you looking for a job? I want to thank you all for telling me about all the places that are hiring where you work so other CATA students can apply! Please continue to let me know this so I can provide you all with updates.

Places hiring:

Mia Famiglia Pizzeria, Hemby Bridge in Indian Trail

<https://miafamigliapizzeria.com/> or call 704-882-8882
 (looking for Front staff + back of house, must be 16+ and need to be able to work weekends)

Target Wesley Chapel

<https://www.target.com/sl/wesley-chapel/2395>
 (must be 16+, hiring every position, need more help at Starbucks and Cafe')

Rizzo's Spaghetti House, Indian Land, SC

<https://www.rizzospaghetthouse.com/>

Fox's Pizza Den, Waxhaw, NC

<https://www.foxspizza.com/>
 (must be 16+)

Culver's of Indian Trail, NC

[Click HERE](#)
 (must be 15+)

Q-Shack, Charlotte, NC

<https://www.qshackclt.com/>

Publix at Marvin Gardens, Marvin, NC

<https://www.publix.com/locations/1704-marvin-gardens>

Now hiring inspiring

Student Servers/Dishwashers- JOIN OUR TEAM!

Windsor Run Community, located in Matthews, NC, is searching for high school students to join our strong team. Part-time after school positions are available!

- * Flexible shifts/great hours
- * Safe, secure work environment
- * Fun atmosphere- meet new friends
- * Gain valuable life skills
- * Interact with our senior residents
- * Opportunities for advancement

Apply today at elmjobs.com

Windsor Run
 an active adult community
 2030 Windsor Run Lane
 Matthews, NC 28105

Please see the flyer for **Windsor Run** in Matthews and a description of jobs available: Senior Living community providing a maintenance free convenient living experience for adults age 62+. This Community offers a great first time job experience for high school students, ages 15 and up. They hire students, as part of their Signature Dining experience, in roles as Servers, Bussers and Dishwashers to interact with residents. Their company is an amazing fun place to work- with great hours, competitive wages and an opportunity to work among professionals who have a passion for serving our seniors.



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

Thurs, Sept 23: Tennis 3 - West Stanly -6; VB lost in 3 to Forest Hills;

JVFB 12 - Sun Valley - 30

Friday, Sept 24: Tennis 7-Porter Ridge 2; Soccer 4 - Porter Ridge 0;

VB lost in 3 to Porter Ridge

Monday, Sept 27: Tennis 7 - Parkwood 2; VB wins in 3 over Monroe (25-17, 25-5, 25-17)

Tuesday, Sept 28: Men's XC takes 1st place at the West Stanly Meet; Women's XC takes 2nd place at the W. Stanly Meet; Tennis 9 - Monroe 0; VB loses in 3 sets to Parkwood; Soccer wins 2 - West Stanly 1

Preseason Workouts/Info:

Swim - Contact sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

M. Basketball - Preseason workout dates: Contact mwinnegan86@gmail.com

W. Basketball - Preseason workout dates: 10/5, 10/12. 4:00-6:00 PM.

Baseball - Next preseason workouts: 10/1, 10/6: Contact Asst. Coach Ramirez at tonino082301@gmail.com

Wrestling - Tues/Thurs in Sept & Oct 3:45 - 5:00 PM. Contact mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Living Tree Fundraisers:
Please consider donating to
our Fall Sports Programs
Click on each sport to GIVE!

[Volleyball](#)
[Cross Country \(Men & Women\)](#)
[Cheerleading](#)
[Men's Soccer](#)
[Women's Tennis](#)
[JV Football](#)

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct 2: (A) XC @ Wendy's Invitation (McAlpine)

Monday, Oct 4: (H) VB vs. CTK 4:30/5:30 PM

Tuesday, Oct 5: (A) Tennis @ Forest Hills 4:00 PM; (H) JV Soccer vs. Carmel Christian 5:00PM; (H) Soccer vs. Anson 6:30 PM; (A) VB @ Monroe 4:30/5:30 PM

Thursday, October 6: (H) VB vs Anson, 4:30/5:30 PM; (H) Tennis vs. Parkwood, 4:00 PM, (H) JV FB vs Charlotte Country Day, 6:30 PM

News & Information

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](#).

Season Sports Passes - Go to [CATA Athletics Website](#) for Season Pass Information. Student All Sports Pass - \$40 Parent All Sports Pass - \$100, Parent Fall Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Fall Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Victoria Zeiher -

victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa -

kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football - Shane Griffin-

shane.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner -

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock -

Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell -

nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis -

soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Winter Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Victoria Zeiher -

victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Indoor Track & Field - Kim Inuwa -

kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball - -- Dwight Miller-

dwightmlr57@gmail.com

Men's Basketball - -- Marcus Winne-

gan- mwinnegan86@gmail.com

Swimming - Sally Goodwin -

sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling - Mike Jacobus -

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball - TBD

Men's Golf - Mike Jacobus -

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis - Terry Lewis -

soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball - Aaron Hammers -

aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field - Kim Inuwa -

kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer - Jay Niessner -

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us



Attention Senior Pass holders: Your next Senior Pass holder event will be **“treats and TREATS”** on Friday, October 29 following fourth block. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Hello and **Welcome** CATA Families!

The 2021-2022 school year is here, and we are SO excited to see what this year brings. Your CATA PTSO has been hard at work welcoming our new staff and teachers, meeting new families, and getting plans together for the year ahead. None of this could be done without your support.

As Ms. Merritt has shared with you, we streamline all our fundraising efforts into our **Invest in Excellence campaign**. This is our simple, one-time straightforward way for individuals, families, and businesses to invest in the excellence of CATA. 100% of the money donated is invested in CATA.

Below you will find the link to the **Invest in Excellence** page on our website and the flyer is included in the Chronicle. For your convenience, we have 2 easy ways to pay. You can pay with your credit card online or you can print out the flyer and send in a check. Remember, just like last year, your Invest in Excellence donation includes your PTSO Membership! But don't worry, you also have the opportunity to purchase the PTSO Membership separately if you wish – we want EVERY family to be part of the PTSO this year.

Click Here to Invest in Excellence: <https://cataptso.org/shop/>

Want to get more involved? When you fill out the online form or send in the flyer, we also have an opportunity for you to tell us how you'd like to volunteer. As we have programs, projects, or events where we need help, this will be the first list we reach to.

We are always open to new ideas and know each family at CATA makes a difference. Please feel free to reach out at any time – we'd love to hear from you, our email is catacougarcouncil@gmail.com.

CATA PTSO

Website: www.cataptso.org

Facebook: @catacougarcouncil

Twitter: @CATA_ptso

Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

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.



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://>



CATA Student Handbook Link:

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



Technology Help Desk

[Email James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us)

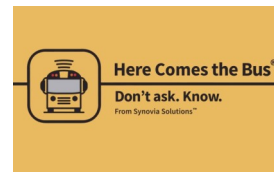
Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519

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

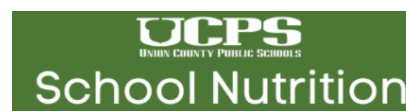


Bus Transportation:

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](#)



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.



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