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Dear CATA Family,

- **-Homecoming** Is the week of Oct. 18-22. Please check out **page 4** for details.
- -Homecoming Court Nominations- All students have been emailed their homecoming court nomination forms. Please vote through noon on Monday, October 18. We will announce the court on Mon. Oct. 11 and the court will be presented and crowned at the homecoming Soccer game on Friday, October 22.
- -Class of 2022 Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at Walter Bickett Stadium -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.
- **-2022 Yearbooks** are now available to order! <u>Click HERE</u> 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 <u>Dr. Wall</u> by Friday, Oct. 22. **We are in need of two students and one parent to serve.** The purpose of SBMT is to enhance student achievement and give faculty, students, and parents a voice in school-based decisions.
- -College Visitations at CATA: Juniors and Seniors: UNC-Asheville all have representatives coming to CATA in Oct. Click here to register. Scroll down and click on college visits.
- **-CLNA Survey for CTE:** Every two years our CTE department asks all UCPS parents to complete the required Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) Surveys. The data received from these surveys is required by the state in order to continue to receive funding for our CTE courses and to help shape future pathway and work-based learning opportunities for all UCPS students. The survey is anonymous and will not be shared with individuals outside of UCPS. We ask that parents take 10 minutes out of their schedule this week to complete these required surveys. **Click here:** Parent Survey.
- -Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on Page 8 or go to our athletics website by <u>clicking here</u>. Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased HERE.
- -Spirit Wear: <u>Click here</u> 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 5-7.
- PTSO Information: Page 9







Student Life Information



Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Minority Student Union Meeting, Friday, October 15 at 8:30 AM in the Den

ESports Meeting, Friday, October 15 at 4:00 in Rm. 217 **Maker Club:** EVERY FRIDAY, at 4:00 PM in Room 525

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Come join us for Fellowship, Fun, and Learning! Come share your faith, struggles, and joys in life together with us. You don't have to be an athlete to attend. We will

meet every other Friday beginning 10/15/21 in room 403. **Knitting for Good:** Monday, October 18 at 3:45 in Rm. 616

Fashion Club: Monday, October 18 at 4 in Rm. 616

Powder Puff Practice: Monday, October 18 at 4 PM, CATA field next to student parking.

Yearbook Club meeting: Tuesday, October 19 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

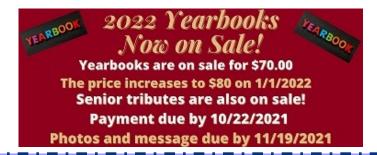
Rho Kappa Officer meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 8:30 AM Rm. 604 **Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony:** Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 PM, Theatre

Creative Writing Club: Wednesday, October 20, 3:45 PM

Powder Puff Football Games: Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 PM, Walter Bickett Stadium

Speech and Debate: Thursday, October 21 at 3:45 in Rm. 601 **Homecoming Pep Rally:** Friday, October, 22, 4th period. **Homecoming Soccer Game:** Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM

Homecoming Dance, Saturday: Saturday, October 23, 8-11 PM, CATA field next to student parking.



The Den Digest

- Check out the <u>Virtual Learning Commons</u> 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? <u>Click HERE</u> 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/CATAHBOB. Learn more by clicking here: https://bit.ly/CATAHBOB.



Senior Class of 2022 Information



ATTENTION SENIOR PASS HOLDERS GET READY! Your next Senior Pass Holder event will be on Friday, October 29, immediately after school. Please stop by the Senior Pass holder table outside the front office on your way out the door for treats, TREATS or BIG TREATS for a special holiday surprise.

<u>Senior Cap and Gown Orders:</u> 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 <u>click here</u> 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.

<u>Seniors and Senior Parents, Class of 2022 Information about your senior portraits:</u> Seniors, it's time to get your senior portraits and yearbook photo taken! Go online to <u>cady.com/book22</u> 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. <u>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.</u>

- 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.



Homecoming 2021

Spirit Days

Monday: Twin Day: Find a Friend and dress the same way

Tuesday: Adam Sandler Day: Dress like Adam Sandler or like one of his movie characters

Wednesday: Halloween Day: Halloween Costumes (Must be within dress code/ cannot cover face)
Thursday: Anything, but a Backpack Day: Carry your books in something other than a back pack
Friday: Color Ware: Society Plack

Friday: Color Wars: Seniors Black, Juniors White, Sophomores, Navy Blue, Freshmen, Maroon

Homecoming Week Events

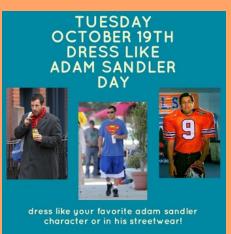
Powder Puff Football Games: Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 PM, Walter Bickett Stadium. <u>Click here</u> to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$5. All proceeds go to <u>Victory Junction</u>, a camp for kids with Chronic Illnesses. Please click on Victory Junction to learn about the camp.

Homecoming Bonfire: Wednesday, October, 20 at 8:00 PM, CATA Athletic Fields. We will have S'mores and Hotdogs.

Homecoming Pep Rally: Friday, October, 22, 4th period.

Homecoming Soccer Game: Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM, The Court will be crowned at half time. Homecoming Dance, Saturday: Saturday, October 23, 8-11 PM, CATA field next to student parking. Tickets are \$15 per individual and \$25 for two. Please click here to purchase tickets. Non CATA student forms are in the front office and due by Oct. 21. Once you have paid then click here to register for the event. You will receive a ticket once you arrive and check in.

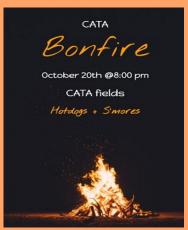














College and Career Corner Class Information from the Counseling Department

<u>Counseling Twitter</u> @CATA_Counseling <u>Counseling Instagram</u> @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



Future Prep is offering FREE live online proctored SAT practice tests throughout October. Click on the SAT Picture above to sign up. This is a great way to get free practice and diagnostic feedback to prepare for the real exam.



Congratulations to Natalie Meuser and Andrew Adler for being selected as CATA's nominees for the Park Scholarship

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:

<u>Ashley Cole</u>: Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

<u>Sarah Goodwin:</u> Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts <u>Stephanie Graham:</u> Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



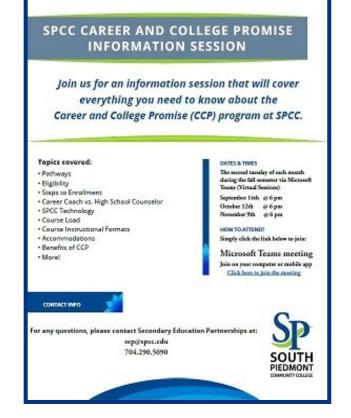
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CATA students: Are you looking for a job? I want to thank you all for telling me about all the places that are hiring where you work so other CATA students can apply! Please continue to let me know this so I can provide you all with updates.

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.rizzospaghettihouse.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.ashackclt.com/



Publix at Marvin Gardens, Marvin, NC

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

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.

Living Tree Fundraisers:

Volleyball

Cross Country (Men & Women)

Cheerleading

Men's Soccer

Women's Tennis

JV Football

Living Tree Fundraisers: A HUGE Thank

You to everyone who donated to our

Fall Sports through the Living Tree

Fundraiser!



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 Athletic

Last Week's Results

Thurs., Oct 7: Tennis 8 - Parkwood - 1; VB lost to Anson, 3 sets; JVFB 6-CCDS 14 Friday, Oct 8: Soccer 3 - Forest Hills 3

Saturday, Oct 9: Men's XC finished 4th at the Cuthbertson Autumn Invite: Grace Lane finishes 2nd at the Cuthbertson Autumn Invite. She also set a new CATA School Record (20:04).

Tuesday, Oct 12: VB loses in 3 sets to Forest Hills; Soccer 9 - Parkwood - 0 Wednesday Oct 13: Tennis - RRC 3A Tennis Singles Tourney: Lauren Johnson wins the singles tourney; Tennis - RRC 3A Tennis Doubles Tourney; Cora Sokhi & Emily Adams win the doubles tourney; JVFB 8 - Central Pageland - 6

Upcoming Events: Homecoming Week!

Mon. Oct 18: (A) RRC VB Tournament @ ANSON: #4 FH vs. #5 CATA 7:00 PM

Tues. Oct 19: A) RRC VB Tournament @ Anson: #3/6 Winner vs. #2 5:00 PM / #4/5 vs.

#1 @5:00 PM; (A) Soccer @ Monroe 4:30/6:00 PM; (H) XC RRC Championship 4:30 PM

Weds. Oct 20: (A) Tennis 3A Dual Team TBA

Thurs. Oct 21: H) JVFB vs. Charlotte Christian 6:30 PM; (A) Soccer @ Anson 5:30 PM

Fri. Oct 22 - HOCO Soccer Game: (H) Soccer vs. Garringer 5:30/7:00 PM: (A) Tennis 3A Regions TBA

Sat. Oct 23: (A) Tennis 3A Regions TBA

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 All Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent All Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent All Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent All Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Seas ent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Preseason Workouts/Info:

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

M. Basketball - Preseason workouts: 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/26, 10/27, 10/28. 6-8 PM.

W. Basketball - Preseason workouts: 10/12, 10/19, & 10/26 4:00-6:00 PM.

Baseball - preseason workouts: 10/15, 10/20, 10/22, 10/27, 10/29. 4:00 - 5:30

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@amail.com Indoor Track & Field - Kim Inuwa kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us Women's Basketball -- Dwight Millerdwightmllr57@gmail.com Men's Basketball -- Marcus Winnegan- mwinnegan86@gmail.com Swimming - Sally Goodwin sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling - Mike Jacobus -

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball – TBD

Men's Golf - Mike Jacobus mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us Men's Tennis - Terry Lewis soldbyterrylewis@amail.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

Spring Contact Information:





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Save the Dates

Senior Movie Night will be on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Bring your blankets, your lawn chairs, your lovey and your senior friends as you cuddle up under the stars and enjoy a movie. What if it rains? Don't worry – we've got a back up plan! We'll keep you nice and dry as you enjoy Senior Movie Night in the gym! Senior Pass holders will receive free concessions. All seniors are welcome to bring snacks and drinks from home. Look for your chance to vote on the Senior Movie Night movie next week.

SeniorsGiving will be on Thursday, November 18 during 4th Block. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Come join your senior friends as you give back by participating in a service project together. More information on this event will follow in the coming weeks.

Hello CATA Families!

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. ,You can pay with your credit card online or you can write a check (Contact the PTSO email below). Remember, 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.

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

Want to get more involved? When you fill out the online form, 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://bit.ly/3s9faWh

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. <u>Click here to view</u>.

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: <u>Click here</u> and go to pages 21-23.

Technology Help Desk

Email: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 rid-



ers 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