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Dear CATA Family,

Please consider participating in and joining a CATA Student Life Organization. [Click here](#) for a complete list with advisers and meeting times. If there is not a meeting time, then please reach out to the adviser if you have any questions. Stay tuned to announcements, social media, and check out our student life presentation boards at lunch. Please see student life announcements on page 2.

Please welcome our new SRO (School Resource Officer) Daniel Hailey. Officer Hailey graduated from CATA in the IT program in 2012. He has been a police officer for 4 years. Please welcome him to CATA.

Senior Class of 2022 Information is on Page 3. Check out Senior Tributes for the Yearbook Progress Reports go out or are available on Power School on Monday, September 13.

The annual PTSO **Invest In Excellence Campaign** is underway: This campaign is a simple, one-time way for individuals and businesses to invest in the excellence of CATA. 100% of the money donated is invested in CATA. The campaign runs year-round. An **Invest in Excellence donation includes PTSO Membership**.

[CLICK HERE TO INVEST!](#)

The **2022 Yearbooks** are now available to order! [Click HERE](#) and search for CATA. We are selling the book for \$65 this week. The price goes up to \$70 on 9/18 so buy yours today!

Student Council is now open for general members to join. All grades can be involved in this organization and will be apart of planning fundraisers, spirit weeks, pep rallies, school dances and more. If interested in student council, then please [click here](#) to fill out the form and [click here](#) to pay the dues. Dues are \$25.

Attention Freshman: If you are interested in a grade-level student council officer position, then please check your email for al link containing information regarding elections and job duties. Please see Dr. Wall in the office with any questions. [Click here](#) if you are interested in running for office.

Auditions for CATA's Spring 2022 Musical, Heathers, will be held virtually this year. Audition submissions are due Friday, Sept 24th by midnight. Information for Audition Requirements and the form to turn in submission videos can be found [here](#). Feel free to email casey.starkey@ucps.k12.nc.us to ask any questions.

Freshmen Theatre Class of 2025 Showcase night will be on Friday, Sept 24th at 7pm in the Theater. The show is free and will be a chance to meet the Theatre Academy Freshmen, support their first performance at CATA while also officially kicking off our 2021-2022 Theatre Season.

Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on page 6 or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#). **Tickets** for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). **Spirit Wear:** [Click here](#) to purchase.

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



ESports: Please consider joining the ESports Team at CATA. Mr. [Scott Bryan](#) is the adviser. Are you interested in joining ESPORTS this year? Fill out this form, pay the dues, and be ready meet Friday September 17 after school. Click here for information and to sign up. <https://bit.ly/3nfDtBM>. Please click here to pay the \$40.00 dues: <https://bit.ly/3ySOfjx>



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.

Join the Canine Club: Watch this promotional video and join the CATA Canine Club: <https://bit.ly/3BR0mPS>

The **Fashion club** will be having an interest meeting on September 13th @ 4pm in room 616. Come if you are interested in fashion, interior design, or costume design! All are welcome! Please contact Ms. Casey with questions!

Attention any girls who are interested in playing basketball. Girls Basketball workouts will resume on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 starting September 14th. Any girls interested must have an updated physical and complete the registration in CATA Family Id. Dates: September Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 14th, 21st, 28th. October Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 5th, 12th.

Anyone interested in playing **women's soccer** in the spring should attend the meeting Wednesday - September 15th @ 8:40 am or 3:50 pm. There is also a Google Interest form to fill out, the link can be found on the website.

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W. Basketball - Preseason workout dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12. 4:00-6:00 PM.

Swim - Student interest meeting on 9/13 from 4:00-4:45 PM. Contact sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball - 1st preseason workout on 9/14 from 4:30-5:45 PM.

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



Attention Senior Pass Holders: Your next pass holder event is coming up! Breakfast With Your Buds will be held on Friday September 17 at 8:30 by the student parking lot. PTSO will have continental breakfast items for you to enjoy with your fellow senior pass holder pals. Bring your lawn chairs, sit on the benches or check out Principal Merritt's new patio while you enjoy fresh air, friendship and your September event. See you there!

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](#)

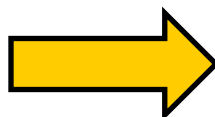
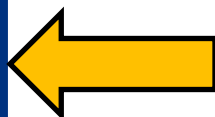


[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

Carolina Waterfowl
Rescue is looking for
volunteers! Must be 16
yrs old and they have
multiple volunteer
positions available. More
info on our
Opportunities for
Students page

*Click the captions for more in-
formation on Student Opportuni-
ties and the FREE Practice SAT*



Future Prep is holding 3
FREE practice SAT tests
this month. If you want
to get some extra
practice before taking
the SAT, this is your
chance. More info is on
the ACT/SAT section of
the school 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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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.

We truly are wishing all our students and family an amazing year!

CATA PTSO

Website: www.cataptso.org

Facebook: @catacougarcouncil

Twitter: @CATA_ptso

Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com



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

Soccer 1 - Salisbury 2
JV FB 8 - Providence Day 41
Tennis 2 - West Stanly 7

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Sept 13: (H) VB vs. H. Ridge 4:30/5:30 PM; (H) Soccer vs. H. Ridge 5:00 - 6:30 PM; (H) Tennis vs. Olympic 4:00 PM

Tuesday, Sept 14: (A) VB @ West Stanly 4:30/5:30 PM; (H) XC vs. RRC teams 4:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept 15: (H) Tennis vs. F. Hills 3:30 PM

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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 Winneg -

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

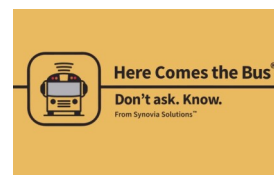
Items to Remember

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.



Bus Transportation:

Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Parking Passes— are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform “**FamilyID**” An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://>



CATA Student Handbook Link:

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



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.



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



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