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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ Please check inside this edition on page 2 for **Cougar Pride** points about our Robotics team, our athletes who signed national letters of intent, our dancers and artists for a successful Covered Canvas Concert, our students accepted into NC Governor's School, our Chorus students singing at the All County Chorus, Mr. Recher's Pre-Engineering Class Projects, and individual student successes.
- ◆ Congratulations to Emma Rombold, for being selected as the **UCPS Holiday Card Winner**. Emma's submission was in the top 10 out of 600 submissions across the county. This beautiful holiday card is now on sale by clicking [here](#). All proceeds from the sale will come back to CATA's Art Department.
- ◆ **ASVAB**: The ASVAB is a Career Interest Inventory (put together by the military, but you do not have to be interested in the military to take this inventory) and will be given at CATA on Friday, December 6 during 1st and 2nd block. If students are interested in taking this assessment please see Ms. Lawson by Tuesday, November 26.
- ◆ **WORKKEYS for SENIORS**: WorkKeys is a required work skills assessment for all SENIORS who will complete four CTE courses throughout high school (Information Systems Academy, Medical Sciences Academy, Music Production and Recording Arts Pathway, Transportation Academy, and Pre-Engineering Academy). This assessment will take place during the weeks of Monday, 12/2 to Friday, 12/13. Students will receive information regarding their assessment date assignment via their 1st block teacher next week. Please see Ms. Lawson, the testing coordinator, with any questions.
- ◆ The **Union County Christmas Bureau** is accepting applications for holiday assistance. They are located at the new Union County Human Services building, 2330 Concord Ave, Monroe, NC 28110. The hours for application are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday. You will need proof of ID, Income information, social security cards for the family, and proof of address. The deadline to apply for the Christmas Bureau is November 22.
- ◆ **UCPS Holiday Bake Shop**: Our Foods students will be participating in this event on Saturday 12/7 at 6 PM at the Monroe Christmas Tree lighting.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive**: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at CATA on Wednesday, 12/11 from 9:00 to 1:30. Eligible students may sign up at lunch.
- ◆ **Athletic Sports Passes** are still a good deal: Season Passes are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games for the remainder of the year.
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are \$75.00 until 11/30 when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).
- ◆ The **Fall Senior Letter** is on our website. Senior students and parents please [click here](#) for the letter.
- ◆ **Senior Shirts, Signs, & Passes**: There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for \$10. Senior passes are still available for \$20 and we have extra senior signs for \$20. Please see Ms. Christensen in the Den if you are interested.
- ◆ **UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy** at this [link](#)
- ◆ **Attendance procedures and new attendance policy**: Click [here](#).

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. 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





Cougar Pride

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ **Avery Pardue**, Sophomore, CATA student and **Taekwondo Martial Arts** contender just returned from the French Open. She was one of thousands contenders from across the world. She was one of seven US contenders and the only female from North Carolina. Avery won a 3rd Place Medal overall after beating France, Spain and Italy Taekwondo contenders. Avery has competed in the US Open twice and won a Gold Medal in 2018 and a Bronze in 2017. Congratulations Avery!
- ♦ Four teams from the **CATA Robotics Club** participated in the UCPS Fall Robotics Challenge. The morning was spent determining an upper and lower bracket. Two teams made it into the upper bracket and two in the lower. Each upper bracket team selected a lower bracket team to form and alliance. The teams entered a best 2 out of 3 elimination round. After the eliminations, two CATA teams placed 3rd and 4th. **The Janksters, Bryce Taylor and Charlie Schomp, took 3rd, 4th went to Jerry the Robot, Edwin White, Jake Karas and Arnav Sharma.**
- ♦ Congratulations to three of our softball players for signing **national letters of intent** to play in college. **Maddie McBride at Tusculum University, Madison Vinicombe at Limestone College, and Desiree Bain at Limestone College.**
- ♦ Congratulations to Ms. Cyphers and Ms. Pentecost for leading the way in our annual **Covered Canvas Dance Concert and Art Show**. Our Performing Arts dancers performed while our student artists painted pictures to convey their feelings about the dance pieces. The artwork was then sold in a silent auction.
- ♦ We are pleased to announce that ten of our students were accepted into the **North Carolina Governor's School** in the summer of 2020: **The students are: Brooke Butler, Athan Wright, Palak Desai, Vanika Mehta, Jackson Randall, Ellen Chickoree, Marilyn Thomas, Reese Milhone, Christopher Nguyen, and Christopher Castano.**
- ♦ Our Chorus Students recently participated in the **UCPS All County Chorus** at Wingate University. Thank you for representing CATA with your talent. The students who participated are **Kaden Bock, Ella Brown, Stephanie DiMeo, Lauren Francis, Isabella Jones, Tristan McAuley, Jesse McMillan, Francesca Moor, Lana Patel, Claire Popovich, Emma Rombold, Carl Sampson, Ben Seaford, and Jonathan Swanson**
- ♦ **Mr. Recher's Pre-Engineering Academy classes** created houses made of all edible elements with full drafted to scale floor plans! Unique project for future engineers to draft plans using technology and creativity.





Around CATA

Friday, November 22—FCA Meeting, Rm. 403 (Inuwa), 8:00 AM; Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries); NHS Officer Meeting, Rm. 609 (Thompson)

Saturday, November 23—Huntington Blitz, 10:00 AM (Theatre)

Sunday, November 24— Monroe Christmas Parade, 2 PM

Monday, November 25— Poetry Out Loud School Competition, 2 PM, Theatre; Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM, Rm. 102 (Pentecost)

Tuesday, November 26— **Report Cards**; Shooting Sports Rm. 102, 3:30 PM (Pentecost); PTSO Ice Cream Party for Invest in Excellence, 3:00 PM, Media Center

Wednesday, November 27— **No School Thanksgiving Break**

Thursday, November 28— **Happy Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 29—**No School Thanksgiving Break**

Monday, December 2—PTSO Meeting, Media Conference, 5:30 PM; Yearbook Club, 3:30 PM, Rm. 102 (Pentecost); Knitting for Good, 3:30 PM, Rm. 617 (Watts); Fashion Club 3:40, Rm. 616 (Casey)

Tuesday, December 3—NHS General Mtg. 8:15 AM & 3:35 (Media Center); Shooting Sports Rm. 102, 3:30 PM (Pentecost)

Wednesday, December 4—PTSO Star Breakfast, 8:50 AM (Gym); WorkKeys Testing Day; Art Club, Rm. 102 (Pentecost); Rho Kappa Officer Mtg, 8:15 AM, Rm. 609 (Thompson)

Thursday, December 5—Speech & Debate, Media Center, 3:30; (Thompson)

Friday December 6—ASVAB Testing; WorkKeys Testing Day; Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45 (Humphries);

Saturday, December 7— UCPS Holiday Bake Shop, 6 PM, @ the downtown Monroe Christmas Tree Lighting

Upcoming Events- December and January

12/11—Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 AM to 1:30 PM (Trucks outside of Gym)

12/12—Progress Reports

12/12—CATA Band Winter Concert, 7 PM, Theatre

12/16 & 12/17—Winter Choir Concert, 7 PM, Theatre

12/18—Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media Conference

12/18—Smash Brothers Tournament, 5 PM, Media Center

12/19—Winter Collaborative, 7 PM, Theater

12/20—Student Council Basketball Tournament, Gym, 4th block

12/23 to 1/3- NO School Winter Break

1/6—First day back from Winter Break

1/6—PTSO Meeting, 5:30 PM, Media Conference

1/9—District Wide Poetry Out Loud Contest, 4 PM, Theatre

1/10—First Block Exam Review during first block

1/13—First Block Exams, Second Block Review

1/14—Second Block Exams, Third Block Review

1/15—Third Bloc, Exams, Fourth Block Review

1/16—Fourth Block Exams, Community Building

1/17—Make-up Exams

1/17—End of Grading Period

1/20—NO School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

1/21—NO School, Teacher Workday

1/22—First Day of the Second Semester

1/22—Site Based Mtg, 3:45, Media Conference

1/22 to 1/28— Schedule Corrections

1/28—Report Cards

1/30-Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401





Performing Arts Events & Media Center News (The DEN)

New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

We need parent volunteers to serve as leaders in the areas of: event flyer creation, hospitality/ food, sponsorships, fundraising, social media/public relations, and ticket sales. Please click [here](#) for details about each category. By signing up you want to volunteer to be the lead in this area and facilitate other parent volunteers. This is helpful to our teachers, and students. Thank you for the support!



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

The Den Digest

November is...

- National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) - <https://www.nanowrimo.org/>
- Military Family Month—"The observance recognizes the commitment and dedication these families make to their service members." <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/>

Need help with research? Learn how to search the many databases available to students. Stop by The Den today to get help.

We just got a new shipment of books! Lots of great titles so come in and check out what we have to offer.

Stop by The Den today! We are your go-to place for checking out books, magazines, a quiet place to read, supplies to work on projects in our space, and help with research/citing sources.

Visit our website for many resources: <https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

We have a special section just on Evaluating News Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/online-resources/identifying-fake-news>



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Attention Seniors Class of 2020

Graduation is on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum in Rock Hill, SC

The Fall Senior Letter is on our website. Senior students & parents [click here](#)

Sign up for College Visits [Click Here](#)

Dates for College Visits are posted in this Newsletter on the *Around CATA Page*

Scholarship Spotlight– Click [HERE](#) for more scholarships

ACT—All juniors will be taking the **ACT** on 2/25/20, a college entrance exam. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

SAT—All juniors will be taking the SAT on 3/25/20.

Future Prep SAT Review/College Prep Class: The new class will begin on Thursday, 1/30 beginning at 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The cost is \$199. Please see flier in this edition for more details. Click on the flier to register.

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)

[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

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



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](#)

Last Week's Results:

Women's Basketball – Win vs. Albemarle
 Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Albemarle
 Wrestling – Season Starts 11/22
 Indoor Track & Field – Runners competed on 11/18, entire team in action on 11/21 @ Anson
 Swimming – Season Starts 11/22

Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 22nd:

AWAY – Basketball @ Lincoln Charter – 5:00 pm
 HOME – Wrestling – Tri – Match – 6:00 pm
 AWAY – Swimming – Stanly County YMCA – Albemarle – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 26th:

AWAY – Basketball @ Carolina International School – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 27th:

AWAY – Wrestling @ Lake Norman Duals – All Day Event

Tuesday, December 3rd:

HOME – Basketball vs. Queens Grant – JV Boys – 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls – 6:00 pm, Varsity Boys – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 4th:

HOME – Wrestling – 6:00 pm – Tri Match

Thursday, Dec 5th:

AWAY – Men's Basketball vs. Grace Academy – JV @ 5:00 pm, Varsity @ 6:00 pm

Friday, December 6th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Lincoln Charter – JV 5:00 pm, Varsity Girls 6:00 pm, Varsity Boys – 7:30 pm

News & Information:

Season Passes are on sale online: Students - \$25.00, Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games

Winter Sports Coaches Contact s

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Indoor Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us
Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

**UCPS College Readiness
 Parent Series:
 College Recruiting for
 Athletes**

DATE CHANGE!!

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Monroe High School

1 High School Drive, Monroe, NC 28112
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

To register visit: <http://bit.ly/collegerecruitingforathletes>

All UCPS students in grades 9-12 are invited.

For more information, visit
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/2916>.



Spring Sports Contact Information:

Baseball – Matt Garcia – matthew.garcia@ucps.k12.nc.us

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



Career and College Promise, Red Cross Blood Drive, and the UCPS Holiday Bake Shop

Career and College Promise

Are you new to the Career and College Promise (CCP) program? A current CCP student? Interested but need more information? If you answered "Yes" to any of those questions, then please join us at one of our Career and College Promise orientations. These orientations will give an overview of the program for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Hope to see you there!

1. Saturday, December 7th – H.S. Expo at Porter Ridge Middle School

CCP Sessions will begin at the following times:

- a. 10:30 a.m.
- b. 11:30 a.m.
- c. 12:30 p.m.

2. Tuesday, December 10th – Marvin Ridge High School
Time: 6:00 p.m.

3. Thursday, December 12th – Monroe High School
Time: 6:00 p.m.

4. Tuesday, December 17th – Sun Valley High School
Time: 6:00 p.m.



**The CATA
Medical Science
Academy and HOSA
are hosting a**

Red Cross Blood Drive

**on Wednesday,
December 11 from
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

**Please see Ms. Turner
to sign up in room
600 and we will have
opportunities to sign
up at lunch.**





Yearbooks, Spirt Wear, Senior T-Shirts & Parking Passes

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are \$75.00 until November 30th when the price increases to \$85.00. Send check or cash to Ms. Christensen in The Den or order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA).

BUY  **YOUR**
Yearbook



ATTENTION SENIORS!

There are a limited number of senior t-shirts available for purchase. See Ms. Christensen in The Den if you would like to buy one. The cost is \$10.00 and you can pay by cash or a check made out to the PTSO.

Parking Passes

- ALL past due student fees must be paid before you are permitted to purchase a parking pass—this includes the 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 technology fees, 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 web-site under "Students". [Click here for the link.](#)
- All remaining sports will be sold in number order.
- **If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.**



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.

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR

**CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online.
Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!**

Click [here](#) to purchase online.

Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174