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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ The **ACT will be given to ALL Juniors** on Tuesday, February 25th during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd block. Please make sure that you have a calculator for the math section. Juniors will eat 3rd lunch on ACT Day. Make sure to be on time to school and know your testing location. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Lawson.
- ◆ **Reminder about early dismissals and absences:** Parents, this is a reminder to send your student to school with a handwritten parent note when you need them to leave school for any reason before the end of the day. The notes must be turned in to the office before school so the student can receive an early dismissal pass and be responsible for their own dismissal time. In addition, doctor and dental appointments can only be considered for excusal if we are given a note from the doctor or dental office. Parent notes cannot excuse doctor appointments. All parent notes for student absences must be submitted to the front office within **ten** days of a student absence with a valid reason. We will not excuse absences for parent notes turned in after ten days. In addition, not all parent notes may be approved for excused absences.
- ◆ **Sophomores and Juniors: Josten's Ring Orders:** Josten's we will be at CATA next week on Wednesday, 2/19 during all lunches and for a parent night from 3:00-6:00 (in front lobby) to assist students and parents with the purchase of their high school class ring.
- ◆ **Seniors:** The **Senior Celebration Committee** will hold its next event on 2/20 during Cougar time. The senior cap & gown delivery day set for Wednesday, 3/25 during all lunches.
- ◆ **Attention Rising Seniors, Current Juniors!** Submit your designs for the **Class of 2021 senior** t-shirt to Ms. Christensen by Friday, February 21st and you may win a free t-shirt and senior sign from the PTSO! Please see the website by clicking [here](#) for all the rules. Designs must be created using CustomInk and emailed to Ms. Christensen. **All rules are posted in this edition.**
- ◆ **New UCPS Athletic Eligibility & Attendance for fall 2020:** Beginning in fall of 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. **Please check out the rules in this edition.** Daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the NCHSAA. This means that student attendance counts toward eligibility for the Fall of 2020 in the Spring of 2020 (This semester).
- ◆ The **Rho Kappa hosts the first annual Historical Beauty Pageant** has been postponed due to missing school on 2/7 and we will notify everyone once the new date is set.

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



Around CATA

Friday, February 14— UCPS All County Band Clinic; PTSO Cacti Delivery

Saturday, February 15—Future Prep SAT Class Practice Test, 8 AM, Rm. 401; UCPS All County Band Clinic

Monday, February 17— **NO School, Teacher Workday**

Tuesday, February 18—Shooting Sports Meeting, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost);

Wednesday, February 19—Josten's Class Ring Orders, (All Lunches); Josten's Class Ring Order Parent Night, 3-6 PM (Outside of the main office); **Johnson and Wales Visit, Media Center, 9:30**; Art Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Creative Writing Club, Rm. 610 (Ms. Tesar)

Thursday, February 20—Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 Watts; HOSA, 8:15 AM, Rm. 600 (Ms. Turner); Travel Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Hands Helping Others, 3:45, Rm. 527 (Ms. Hinson); Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401;

Friday, February 21— Freshman Theatre Performance Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Saturday, February 22—Freshman Theatre Performance Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

Upcoming Events– February

2/5 to 2/11– PTSO Valentines Day Sale– All Lunches

2/18 to 2/21— National Honor Society Fundraiser

2/24—UNCC Visit, 10:30, The Den

2/25 & 2/27— CATA Crawl

2/25—ACT for all 11th Graders

2/25—Spring Sports Pictures (After School)

2/26—University of Alabama-Huntsville Visit, 10:30 (The Den)

2/26— Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media Conf. Rm.

2/27—Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

2/28 to 2/29—Student Dance Choreography Concert



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

- ♦ The **World Language Club** will be meeting on 2/27 in Ms. McAbee's room from 3:40 until 4:15. Bring your Chrome Books.
- ♦ The **Rho Kappa** hosts the first annual **Historical Beauty Pageant** has been postponed due to missing school on 2/7 and we will notify everyone once the new date is set.



Cougar Pride, & Media Center News (The DEN)

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- **Congrats, to our swimmers on a great state meet.** The Men's team finished 15th in the state.

Results:

Steven Bausinger finished 7th in the 200 Freestyle & 6th in the 500 Freestyle

The 200 Freestyle relay of Steven Bausinger, Caleb Huff, Ben Esarove & Carson Brackenbush finished 11th

- Thank you to the Winter Guard for their performance at the is past week's basketball games!



The Den Digest

February is...

National Black History Month—check out this site for some great resources

<https://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/>

National Library Lovers Month—<http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/>

Random Act of Kindness Week—February 17-21. Here's a link to 50 Acts of Kindness Ideas

<https://parade.com/985225/jessicasager/random-acts-of-kindness-week-ideas-2020/>

Digital Learning Day is February 27th—<https://digitallearningday.org/>

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

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)

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

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



Cougar Connection is an evening event for families to attend to gather more information on various topics. Each Cougar Connection event will have a different topic that counselors will focus on.

Date: March 2
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Media Center

Topic of the night: Registration
Counselors will review class options, the registration process, registration dates, and academy class sequencing.

College Visits

Johnson & Wales: 2/19 at 9:30

UNC Charlotte: 2/24 at 10:30

Alabama-Huntsville: 2/26 at 10:30

East Carolina: 3/12 at 9:30

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 – Loss vs. Forest Hills

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Forest Hills

Wrestling – Win vs. Lincolnton, Win vs. West Wilkes, Loss vs. Fred T. Foard

Indoor Track & Field – Great showing at the Charlotte Invite

Swimming – See below for state meet recap

Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 14th:

HOME – Basketball vs. Montgomery Central – 5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA Regionals – North Davidson High – 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 15th:

AWAY – Wrestling – NCHSAA Regionals – North Davidson High – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track & Field – NCHSAA State Meet – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 18th:

1st Round of the RRC Basketball Tournament – Times/Location TBA

Thursday, February 20th – Saturday February 22nd – NCHSAA State Wrestling Tournament – Greensboro Coliseum

News & Information:

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

Spring Sports:

Tuesday, February 25th – Spring Sports Pictures – After School – Location TBD

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Athletics & UCPS Athletic Eligibility

UCPS Eligibility & Attendance for fall 2020:

Beginning in fall of 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in:

Daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the NCHSAA.

The policy will begin being enforced for the 2020-21 school year and will use attendance from the 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year to determine attendance eligibility for fall and winter sports.

PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics. Attendance in 2 full blocks will count as a day attended. Further the 2 blocks **DO NOT** have to be consecutive. A student could attend 1st block and then be out with a doctors appointment 2nd and 3rd and be in 4th to complete the day.

Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition, which may have created an attendance hardship.

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football - Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@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 Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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



Performing Arts Events and Senior T-Shirts

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!



Class of 2021 Senior T-Shirt Contest

Attention Rising Seniors! The PTSO invites you to participate in the Senior T-Shirt design contest! Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2021 and choose to participate in the contest! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is Friday, February 21, 2020! Thank you!

Student Instructions for T-Shirt Design

Senior T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.

Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.

Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit.

Please make sure that you choose the following items:

T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)

Text (Size and fonts that you want)

Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.

No designs will be accepted through any other medium.

Once your design is completed on Custom Ink, please email the link to Ms. Christensen (deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us).



Yearbooks, Spirt Wear, Attendance & 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). **Time for ordering books with name stamps is running out.**



Parking Passes– We are very limited in space at this time

- 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 website 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.

Attendance:

Attendance Policy: Students are not to miss more than 7 class periods per course whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Please help us improve student attendance. Please be aware of our attendance policy by clicking [here](#)



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