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Dear CATA Family,

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- ◆ The **ACT will be given to ALL Juniors** on Tuesday, February 25 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.
- ◆ **Attention Rising Seniors, Current Juniors!** Submit your designs for the **Class of 2021 senior** t-shirt to Ms. Christensen by Friday, February 21 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.**
- ◆ **Junior/Senior Prom 2020:** The prom is Saturday March 21 at Rolling Hills from 8pm to midnight. Online ticket sales begin February 21 and end March 13. The first week of ticket sales (February 21-28, tickets will cost \$65 each and will increase to \$70 after 2/28. Tickets may be purchased in the cafeteria from March 9-13. Students who purchase tickets must click [HERE](#) to complete the purchase form. Students must fill out the prom admittance form once the online purchase is completed or when they purchase in person. This form is what allows students to get into the prom. Complementary tickets will be given out once the student has checked in at the door. Past due student fees must be paid for admittance into the prom.
- ◆ **2019-2020 Yearbooks:** Yearbooks are now \$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 has past but you can still order an itag (a metal tag that is attached to the book after printing) until 3/12. After 3/12 we can no longer order books with personalization.**



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 21— Freshmen Theatre Performance Night, 7 PM (Theatre)

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

Monday, February 24— **UNCC Visit, 10:30, The Den**; Knitting for Good, 3:30, Rm. 617 (Ms. Watts); Year-book Club Meeting, Rm. 102 (Pentecost)

Tuesday, February 25—**ACT for all 11th Graders**; CATA Crawl , 6:30; Shooting Sports Meeting, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); Spring Sports Pictures (After School)

Wednesday, February 26—Art Club, 3:30, Rm. 102 (Ms. Pentecost); **University of Alabama-Huntsville Visit, 10:30 (The Den)**; Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media Conf. Rm.

Thursday, February 27—CATA Crawl , 6:30; Speech and Debate, 3:30, Rm. 617 Watts; Future Prep SAT Class, 4:00, Rm. 401

Friday, February 28— Student Dance Choreography Concert, 7 PM , Theatre; CATA MPA Retreat (Band)

Saturday, February 29—Student Dance Choreography Concert , 7 PM Theatre; CATA MPA Retreat (Band)

Upcoming Events- March

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

3/2—PTSO Meeting, 5:30, Media Center Conference Rm .

3/2—Cougar Connection with School Counselors ,
6:30 PM , Media Center

3/4— End of Grading Period

3/5—Future Prep SAT Prep, 4:00 PM Rm. 401

3/12—**ECU College Visit, 9:30 PM, The Den**

3/12—Spring Chorus Concert, 7 PM, Theatre

3/12—Future Prep SAT Prep, 4:00 PM Rm. 401

3/12—Report Cards

3/19— Bank Half Day, 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM

3/19—CATA Career Fair, 7:30 AM, Gym

3/20—NO SCHOOL—Teacher Work Day

3/21—Prom, Rolling Hills Country Club, 8 to 11:55 PM

3/24—Invited Dress Rehearsal: In the Heights, 7 PM,
Theatre

3/25—SAT (All 11th Graders)

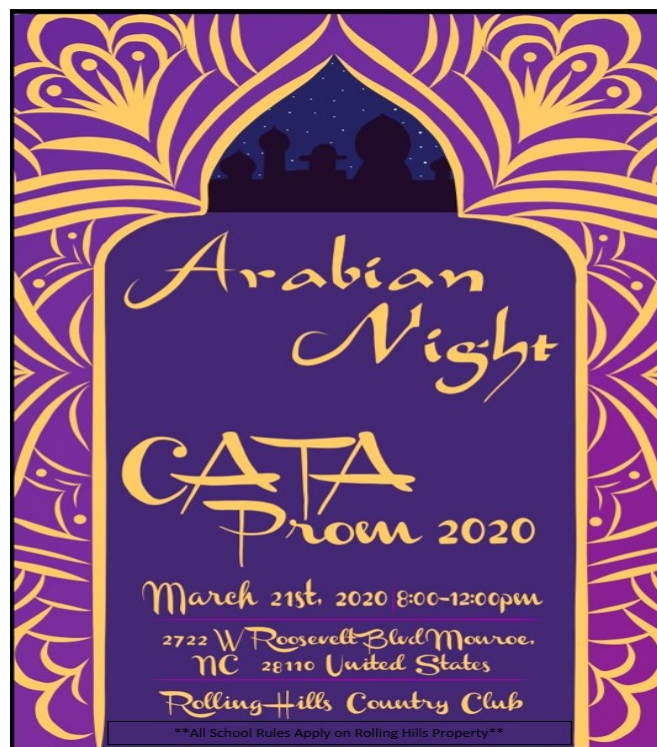
3/25—Josten's Senior Delivery (All Lunches)

3/25—Site Based Committee Meeting, 3:45, Media
Conference Rm.

3/25—Progress Reports

3/26 to 3/29—Spring Musical, In the Heights

3/31— Spring Choir Concert, 7 PM, Theatre



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** on Friday April 3.



Cougar Pride, & Media Center News (The DEN)

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

♦ Wrestling Regionals:

Congrats to Coach Jacobus and the entire wrestling team on a great showing at the NCHSAA Regional Tournament, **capturing their second straight regional title last week end.**

Champions – 120 Kyle Montaperto, 126 Hunter Ross, 138 Preston Scarborough, 152 Brady Ross
Runner Up – 132 Elijah Harris, 145 Jake Dodson, 160 Aiden Curry

4th Place – 113 Grant Haney

All eight of our placers advance to the NCHSAA state tournament.

- ♦ Thank you to all of the students who participated in the International Thespian Society Valentine's Cabaret Night. We have wonderfully talented students and teachers at CATA!



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/>

Digital Learning Day is February 27th—<https://digitalllearningday.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

UNC Charlotte: 2/24 at 10:30

Alabama-Huntsville: 2/26 at 10:30

East Carolina: 3/12 at 9:30

SCAD: 3/26 at 9:15

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. Montgomery Central, Loss vs. Montgomery Central

Men's Basketball – Loss vs. Montgomery Central, Loss vs. West Stanly

Wrestling – The team captured the individual regional championship tournament on Saturday, see below for full recap

Indoor Track & Field – Team finished 27th (Men) & 24th (Women) at States

Swimming – Season Complete

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 20th – Saturday February 22nd – NCHSAA

State Wrestling Tournament – Greensboro Coliseum

Saturday, February 22nd –

Away Baseball Scrimmage – AL Brown – 1:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25th –

Spring Sports Pictures – 3:45 pm

Wednesday, February 26th –

HOME Softball Scrimmage vs. Providence Day – 4:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer Scrimmage vs. Olympic – 5:00 pm

Friday, February 28th –

HOME Baseball Scrimmage vs. Butler – 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 29th –

HOME Soccer Scrimmage – CATA Jamboree – 8:00 am



News and Information

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

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

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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



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.

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

"Still, Like Air, I Rise"

A Human Show About Birds and a Bird Show About Humans
Featuring CATA Theatre Freshmen

Opening
Alec & Paige

The Birds

Director: Paige Sampson
Euelpides: Talia Alexander
Pithetaerus: Alex Chinn
Trochilus: Katie Ruttenberg
Epops: Riley Schauer

The Wrens

Director: Lyanna Brooks
Gwyenth: Amber Wallace
Cynthia: Nicole Ramirez
Doris: Giana Barnes
Dawn: Lily Knowles
Meg: Lana Patel
Jenny: Francesca Moore

The Curse of the Starving Class

Director: Alec Celis
Ella: Sajani Turner
Emma: Josie Roller
Wesley: Omari Cupid

The Conference of the Birds

Director: Mrs. Starkey
Hoopoe: Kaitlyn Whitmire
Heron: Eden Mschar
Falcon: Emma Rombold
Dove: Grace Hulse
Sparrow: Hannah Cook
Exotic Bird: Katie Duhaime
Human 1: Sawyer Sells
Human 2: Margo Smith
Human 3: Jack Mularski

Closing
Lyanna

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

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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

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BUY  **YOUR**
Yearbook

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 spots 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](#)

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.