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Open House—Meet the Teachers is on Tuesday 9/3. from 6 to 8 PM. Senior Night is on Tuesday 9/3 at 7:00 pm in the CATA Theatre. The Guidance Department will be hosting this event to help seniors and their parents navigate through their senior year; see more details in this edition. We will have a **Meet and Greet** for students and parents in the Media Center on Tuesday, 9/3 at 5:00 PM for our new Drama Teacher. Families of 11th & 12th grade Cyber students will have an opportunity to meet with the SPCC Cyber Academy Teachers and Administrative staff on 9/3 during the CATA open house from 6-7pm in room 501 to answer any questions related to the SPCC/CATA Cyber program/partnership. Student underclassmen pictures are on Wednesday, 9/4. Students will receive order forms the first day of school, but need to be kept at home and given to the photographer on picture day. Senior makeup pictures are on Thursday, 9/19 & 9/20. Appointment information will be sent to students who were unable to get their picture taken this summer. On 9/20 there will be a time for students to have **retakes** if they are unhappy with their photos for a \$30 sitting fee. Yearbook order forms were sent home the first day of school and yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00 until 8/30. The price increases after 8/30. You can bring your order form back to school or order online here (search for CATA). Jostens Senior Orders will take place during all lunches on 9/5 (Information in this edition). Seniors, do not forget to order your Senior Bundle (shirt and sign); click here for an order form. Cougar Athletic Passes are on sale: Students - \$25 & Adults - \$50. Passes are good for admission to ALL regular season HOME games for the entire year and can be purchased in the main office, at home athletic events, or by clicking here. CATA Cougar Spirit Wear is now on sale at our open house and selected home athletic events; click here to purchase online. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions. Blue Crew student section shirts are available for purchase online, in the front office and during lunches. Shirts are \$12; click here to buy a shirt. All parents and students, please make a note of the UCPS Student Code of Conduct Policy at this link and our attendance procedures and new attendance policy by clicking here. Our 2020 Junior/Senior Prom is on Saturday, March 31 from 8 to 11:55 PM. At Rolling Hills Country Club. We need one parent and two student reps. for the 2019.2020 school year to serve on the CATA Site Based Committee. The committee has three administrators, one counselor, six teachers, four parents, and two students who help to make decisions for the school. Meetings are once a month, the last Wednesday at 3:45. Please contact Ms. <u>Ashley Lawson</u>, if you are interested.

Schedule Corrections—Do not email counselors about schedule corrections. Schedule corrections requests may be made at this link until Friday 8/30. Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA—All student should have a Chromebook by this time. If they do not, then students need to bring in the user agreement form and pick up their Chromebook. All CA-TA students are required to have a Chromebook. Click here for a user agreement form. CATA Summer Read—We will have our Summer read sessions on 9/3 and 9/5 during Cougar Time. Parking Passes are not guaranteed available throughout the school year. Once we sell out, then 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. Click here for the parking pass application. Any student who owes fees will not be permitted to purchase a parking pass until all fees are paid in full to CATA. Our Annual PTSO Invest in Excellence Campaign will run August 19 - October 4. Instead of paying technology fees again we are asking that you donate \$25 to our school. Last year, we raised over \$20,000 when all matching funds were accounted for and this year we can do the same. We have big ticketed projects in mind that will enhance our school. I believe as a result of your contributions and support we had very little teacher turn-over and huge academic success. Please continue to support our PTSO Invest in Excellence campaign each year. You can give through your child's first period classes or online by clicking here. Fall Sports Fundraiser: The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams: <u>https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics 1</u>. We must have community donations to enhance our athletic program. Please consider giving and remember this is a competition among the various athletic teams at the school. Which team can raise the most money. Please check out the athletics page for schedules and events.

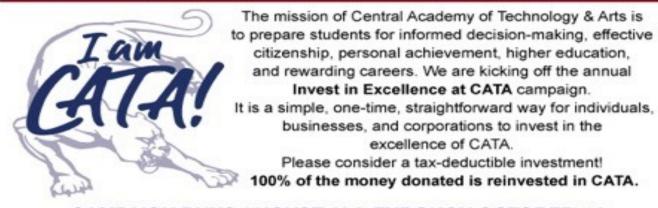
Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go Cougars! Ms. Merritt



Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence at CATA

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Council PTSO needs your help!



CAMPAIGN RUNS AUGUST 19th THROUGH OCTOBER 4th

CATA DEPARTMENT WISH LIST

- SCHOOL PROJECT: Improved School Signage
- SCIENCE: Supplemental Instructional Materials and Science Lab Stools
- PRE-ENGINEERING: Engineering Toys
- MEDICAL SCIENCE: Disciplinary Literacy Subscriptions
- INFORMATION SYSTEMS: Classroom Design Enhancement Features for Game Art & Design
- TRANSPORTATION: Tools and Industrial Fans
- PERFORMING ARTS: Dance Floor for the Theater Stage, Stage Backdrop Cone, Repurpose Classroom to Small Theater
- MATH: Handheld Teaching Tools
- ENGLISH: Turnitin Plagiarism System
- SOCIAL STUDIES: Classroom Design Enhancement Features (Furnishing and Lighting)

DONATIONS	CE Name	
\$25 \$50	Address	
\$75 \$100	Email	
OTHER	Student Name	
lease make checks payable to CATA	PTSO Grade	



Performing Arts

New Drama Teacher and Theatre Director

Please click <u>here</u> to read the introduction letter from our new drama teacher and theatre director, **Mrs. Starkey.** We welcome her to the Central Academy family. We will have a **Meet and Greet** for students and parents in the Media Center on Tuesday, September 3 at 5:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you!



EMAIL DIGITAL DESIGNS TO ETHAN.KING@UCPS.K12.NC US DROP OFF HAND DRAWN LOGOS TO MS. CASEY ROOM 616

Performing Arts Logo Design

Be creative and help us design this year's **Performing Arts Logo.** Designs can have up to one color on the front and three on the back. Digital designs are preferred, but can be drawn by hand. Designs are due by 9/3 at 4 PM and should be emailed to <u>Mr. King.</u> You can bring hand drawn logos to Ms. Casey in room 616.

Be in the Know by following us on Social Media

Follow CATA at @cata_monroe CATA Official Instagram @catacougars Dance @CATA_DANCE Performing Arts @CougarArts Athletics @CATA_Athletics Football @cata_football Band @catabanddirect Student Council @StucoCata Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling Cheerleading @CATACougarCheer Baseball @CATA_Baseball Theatre Instagram: @C.A.T.A.Theatre UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC



College and Career Corner Class Information from the Guidance Counselors



Attention Seniors Class of 2020 Information Coming this Fall

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

Open House—Meet the Teachers is on, Tuesday September 3rd. We hope to see you there!!

- PSAT: All Juniors and possibly, sophomores, will be taking the PSAT, on 10/16/19.
- JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the ACT, a college entrance exam on date TBD in the Spring. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

Attention Seniors - Tuesday September 3rd at 7:00 pm (The Same Night as

the Open House) in the CATA Auditorium the **Guidance Department will be hosting Senior Night**. This event is for all seniors and their parents. The purpose of CATA Senior Night is to review a packet of information that explains and guides the timeline of senior year. Seniors will also receive a copy of their unofficial transcript to use for college applications. Beginning the week of September 5th to the end of September each guidance counselor will have an individual meeting with each of their assigned seniors—please note that seniors will receive important information that they need to have BEFORE they meet with their counselor. Your attendance at the evening meeting is strongly encouraged. Please contact your assigned counselor is you have any questions. Students bring your Chromebook to this event.

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 & Re-

cording Arts.









College and Career Corner Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Students Schedule Update:

Drafts of schedules were available to students on Back to School days– If a student did not come on one of these days, then schedules were mailed home. All students received a schedule in their Advisory period on the first day of school on pink paper.

Students received the class(es) they selected during the registration process last spring. Schedule correction requests may be made at this <u>link</u> until Friday 8/30.

We ask that you please respect the process and not e-mail Guidance Counselors to inquire about schedule changes. They look forward to filling in schedules in late August or responding to requests during the first five days of the semester. Please note that email requests for schedule changes will not be accepted this year.

SAT Course through Future Prep Educational Services

This course is preparing students for the October 5th SAT Test Administration. The course tuition of \$199 (which reflects the \$100 discount off of the regular price of \$299 afforded to all CATA students) is due by the start of the first class. If you wish to pay with check, please make payable to **"Future Prep Educational Services"** and bring it to the first class. If you wish to pay with Credit or Debit Card, please call 704-307-8975 to make those arrangements. Please click <u>this link</u> to go to register for the class. The course tuition does

not cover, nor is Future Prep responsible for, registration for the SAT You must register to take the SAT here: <u>http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates</u>. **The location information and class schedule are provided below:**

Central Academy of Technology and Arts 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 Room 401

Math #1 Thu, 8/29 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Thu, 9/5 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Math #2 Thu, 9/12 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Math #3 Practice Test Sat, 9/14 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Thu, 9/19 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Verbal #1 Thu, 9/26 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Verbal #2 Verbal #3 Thu, 10/3 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Please contact Kevin Abplanalp with any questions - 704.307.8975, <u>kevin.abplanalp@futureprep.com</u>

College Visits

East Carolina University, Friday September 6, Media Center, 9:30 AM Davidson College, Friday September 6, Media Center, 11:00 AM

Click <u>here</u> for directions to sign up in Naviance.





COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, <u>Coach Jay Niessner</u>. Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics Athletic Director:** Jay Niessner – <u>jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

Last Week's Results:

JV Football – Win 3-0 over West Stanly Volleyball – Lost vs. Parkwood, Win vs. Monroe Men's Soccer – Lost vs. East Mecklenburg Women's Tennis - Win vs. Union Academy Cross Country - No Events Last Week ... PPD till this weekend. Upcoming Events: Thursday, August 29th: HOME - Volleyball vs. Corvian Community School – 5:00 pm, HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm, AWAY – JV Football @ Forest Hills – 6:30 pm Saturday, August 31st: AWAY – Cross Country @ Metrolina Invite -7:15 am Wednesday, September 4th: HOME - Volleyball vs. Piedmont - 4:30/6:00 pm, HOME – Soccer vs. Piedmont – 4:30/6:00 pm Thursday, September 5th: AWAY – JV Football @ Lake Norman Charter – 6:30 pm ,AWAY – Tennis @ West Stanly – 4:00 pm

Friday, September 6th: HOME – Tennis vs. Parkwood – 4:00 pm, HOME – Soccer vs. Parkwood – 4:00/5:30 pm, HOME –

Volleyball vs. Parkwood – 5:30/7:00 pmOne ticket gets you into soccer & volleyball

Saturday, September 7th: HOME – Cross Country – CATA Invite – 8:00 am

News & Information:

Season Passes are on sale online & at the Cougar Kick Off

Students - \$25.00 & Adults - \$50.00 Good for admission to **ALL** regular season **HOME** games **Fall Sports Fundraiser:**

The 2019 Fall Sports Fundraiser is underway; please help spread the word by sharing the following link. All money raised helps to support the CATA Athletic Department and all of our teams:

https://give.livingtree.com/c/cata-athletics 1

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information: Athletic Director - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

- Cheerleading Ashley Lawson <u>Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
- Cross Country Kim Inuwa <u>kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
- Football Drew Hackett <u>drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
- 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 <u>nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
- Women's Tennis Terry Lewis soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

CATA COUGAR SPIRIT WEAR CATA Spirit Wear will be on sale online. Our Band Boosters sell Cougar Spirit Wear!

Click <u>here</u> to purchase online. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.











Around CATA

Monday, September 2nd— No School, Labor Day Holiday Tuesday, September 3—Open House, 6-8 PM, Senior Night, 7:00 PM (Theatre); New Theatre Teacher Meet and Greet, Media Center, 5:00 PM ; Cyber Night with SPCC at the Open House, Rm. 501 6 PM Wednesday, September 4—Underclassmen Photo Day, Theatre; Rho Kappa Officer Meeting, Rm. 609, 8:15 AM ; World Language Club, Rm. 521, 3:30 Thursday, September 5— Jostens Senior Orders, All Lunches; Capine Club Meeting, Rm. 604, 3:30 ;

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Friday, September 6- East Carolina College Visit; Davidson College Visit

Upcoming Events-September

9/17, BETA Club Inductions, Theatre, 7 PM
9/19 & 9/20— Senior Absentee Photos
9/21—Union County Band Preview, MRHS
9/24—NHS Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 6 PM
9/25—Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony, Theatre, 5 PM
9/27—George Mason University Visit, Media Center
9/27—University of Alabama Huntsville Visit, Media Center
9/30—No School- Required Teacher Workday



Student Life

We will have a student life organization fair the week of 9/3. It is so important to get involved in something at school, whether it is a club, student council, athletics, band, or a co-curricular organization. Keep your eyes open and be open to the possibilities!!!!

Many of our student life organizations are listed on our website. <u>Click here</u>.

- The World Language Club will meet in Ms. McAbee's room, 521, on Thursday, Sept 5th at 3:30
- The **Canine Club** will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 5th after school in Room 604. Come out to hear about the things that are already planned for the year and to help plan other exciting activities. If you want to join and cannot make it please see Mrs. Riley or Ms. Hibberd!
- Any **freshman interested in running for student council** freshman class President, Vice President, and Secretary need to see Mr. McDowell by Friday, August 30th to be considered. Campaigns begin next week.
- Anyone interested in joining **CATA's student council**, please see Mr. McDowell and have your dues turned in by September 18th.
- All Juniors and Seniors please check your school email. Invitations for the **National Honor Society** have been sent to eligible students. The application is due by the end of school day on Friday, September 6th.



Chromebooks, Yearbooks, and Summer Read

CHROMEBOOKS- 2019-2020

CATA is the school of Technology and all students are required to use their Chromebooks at school. UCPS Technology Initiative provides learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chromebook again to use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will again benefit from. Students at CATA are required to bring their Chromebook to school every day.

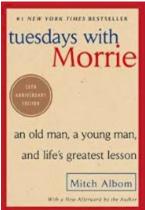
Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. EVERY student received a form on the first day of school. There is NO technology fee this year!

2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks Yearbook order forms were sent home the first day of school and the yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00 for the first week only. The price increases to \$75.00 on Saturday, August 31st and to \$85.00 on Saturday, November 30th. You can bring your order form back to school or order online at <u>yearbookforever.com</u> (search for CATA). Online sales will be available then as well. Pricing and details for senior ads will also be available. ALL senior ads must be purchased and paid for before the December break. There will not be any late ad sales. The yearbook staff has planned another exciting book so remember to buy one in August! Senior tribute order forms went home with seniors. Orders are due in by Monday, September 30th and all photos and the message you would like in your tribute are due by Thursday, October 31st.

CATA Summer Read- CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. The goal for the summer reading program is for students to have a pleasurable and positive summer reading experience. Learning to read texts without structured assignments and being able to communicate and make connections with others about the reading is an essential skill. All incoming ninth grade students will read: "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom

When students return in the fall during Cougar Time, in small groups, students will have the opportunity to make connections with a teacher and their grade level peers. The CATA Summer Read is an annual tradition



and each spring faculty pitch books and students get to pick their top three. Each student is eventually paired up with one of their book preferences (we usually have about 18-20 different books being read) and everyone gets to read and share. Next spring your student will get this same opportunity!

All 10th, 11th,and 12th grade students should be reading their book selection. If you forgot your book, check your student UCPS email from last Spring, or call the school– we have the list. If you are a new sophomore, then please call the school for a list of books you are able to choose to read.



Student Section and Parking Passes

The Student Section at CATA is the...

BLUE CREW

Every year a new Blue Crew shirt is designed and voted on by students. Purchase the 19-20 Blue Crew Shirt by going to <u>our</u> <u>online link.</u>





Shirts cost \$12 and will be available for pick up on August 9th if ordered online.

Student Section Shirts will be sold at Freshman Orientation and at the Upperclassmen Open House

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 website under "Students". Click here for the link.
- <u>Students may choose their parking spot number if they purchase BEFORE the first day of school</u>. After that we will sell remaining spots in order.
- If you pay with cash, you MUST have exact change.

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. 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.



Jostens Senior Orders Class of 2020 Wednesday, September 5 at lunches

Central Academy High School Class of 2020 Notice Cap & Gown ORDERS!

This packet includes <u>ALL</u> of the information that you will need to order your Cap & Gown, Graduation Announcements, Senior Clothing, & 2020 Keepsakes It is important that <u>Seniors and Parents</u> review this packet <u>together</u>, in its entirety, and decide which package is best for you!

<u>Central Academy Order Day</u>!



Date: Thursday, September 5th Time: During ALL Student Lunches Place: School Cafeteria

Minimum \$60⁰⁰ Deposit

(Cash, Check, ALL major Credit Cards accepted.) Orders less than \$60 must be paid in full.

Graduation Ordering Process – It's easy to order!

GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS & SENIOR CLOTHING ORDER FORM

IMPORTANT: If you plan on sending out the TRADITIONAL School Graduation Announcements to family and friends, you MUST pre-order them <u>NOW</u>! (These are specifically designed by your school.)

- Complete the top of the form with your personal information. Please print clearly!
- Decide which Announcement Package best suits your needs.
- The school Mascot Package is NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE! If you would like to order this
 package, please order at school on the dates above.

• REMEMBER: If you are not ordering a package, you can order items individually. Graduation Announcements DO NOT include the Name Cards. (Name Cards must be ordered separately.)

CAP/GOWN ORDER \$32.⁹⁵ plus s/h & tax (includes cap/gown/tassel):

Be sure to include your height/weight. No measuring necessary.

BRING YOUR ORDER FORMS AND YOUR DEPOSIT ON THE DATES LISTED ABOVE.

• Deposit of \$60.00 is required. Credit card, cash, money order or personal checks are accepted. (Orders less than \$60 must be paid in full.)

Easy Payments

Invoices will be mailed within 3-4 weeks from order date. Payments are interest free and you decide how much you want to pay monthly. <u>Final Balances due in full by Feb. 1, 2020</u>.







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