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Dear CATA Family,

Our **Annual PTSO Invest in Excellence Campaign** runs until October 4. We are asking each family to donate \$25 to our school. Last year, we raised nearly \$20,000 for this annual campaign. We have projects in mind that will enhance our school. 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](#). Students, parents, and friends of CATA can give through first period classes. The class with the most raised will win a prize. Our Invest in Excellence Flyer is on the next page. As of today our Invest total is \$ 8,830.

Change Day: Friday, 10/4 we will have a competition among first period classes to see which class can bring in the most change and win a catered breakfast.

Important Information and Links

- ◆ **Homecoming 2019**— Spirit Week is 10/14 to 10/19. We will communicate more information about our spirit days early next week. The **Homecoming Dance** is Saturday, 10/19 from 8-11 in the CATA Gym. Tickets will be \$15 per person or 2 for \$25. If you are bringing a guest from another school, the guest forms are in the front office and must be returned by Wednesday, 10/16. Tickets will be on sale [online](#) until Tuesday, October 15th and during lunches October 16th through October 18th.
 - ◆ **Powder Puff**—Students interested in signing up for the Powder Puff football games on 10/25, can pick up the required forms in the front office. The fee to play is \$20, and Spirit Leaders and Coaches are \$10. This includes a T-shirt. Forms and payment are due in the Media Center on Thursday, 10/10 at 3:30 pm. Come out and support this fundraiser for Victory Junction, a camp for kids with chronic illnesses.
 - ◆ **Baseball**—There will be an interest meeting for anyone who wants to play baseball in the spring on Monday 10/7 @ 4:15 pm in room 401.
 - ◆ The **Union County College Fair** will be held on Sunday, 10/6 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Union County Ag. Center
 - ◆ Please relink your **HT VIC cards (3612) to the CATA PTSO** and do not forget about signing up for **Amazon Smile**.
 - ◆ **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).
 - ◆ **Career and College Promise Spring Registration**—Spring registration at SPCC for CCP students will begin on 10/7 at 8:00 a.m. This year, the requirements for registration have changed. Information on how to register is in this edition.
 - ◆ **Senior Shirts, Signs, & Passes:** Attention Seniors, senior shirts and signs are in and are available in The Den. Please come pick yours up as soon as possible.
 - ◆ **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 selected home athletic events; click [here](#) to purchase online when available. Please call or text Mickie Carter at 980-257-4174 with questions.
 - ◆ **Blue Crew student section shirts** are available for purchase online and in the front office. Shirts are \$12; click [here](#) to buy a shirt.
 - ◆ **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





Around CATA

Friday October 4—Invest In Excellence Change Day; **Elon University Visit;** Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM

Saturday, October 5—Band Competition Forest View High Gastonia

Monday, October 7— **Furman Visit ;** PTSO Meeting, Media Conference, 5:30 PM ; Science Olympiad, Rm. 605, 3:30; Knitting for Good, Rm. 617, 3:30; Yearbook Club, Rm. 102, 3:30; Fashion Club, Rm. 616, 3:40

Tuesday, October 8—Half Day for Students– 8:50 AM to 12:30 PM; End of first grading period; Fall Choir Concert, Theatre, 7 PM; Shooting Sports Mtg, Rm. 102, 3:30

Wednesday, October 9—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday

Thursday, October 10— **Presbyterian College Visit;** Speech & Debate, Rm. 617, 3:30; YCI Club Mtg. Rm. 605, 8:00 AM

Friday October 11—Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM

Saturday, October 12—UNC Visit**,** Maker Club, Rm. 612. 3:45; FCA Meeting, Rm. 403, 8:00 AM

Upcoming Events– October

Until 10/4— PTSO Invest in Excellence

10/7 until 10/10— Canine Club Fundraiser

10/14 to 10/19— Homecoming Week

10/14 to 10/28- PA Poinsettia Sale

10/15— **University of Alabama Visit**

10/16— **Report Cards**

10/16— PSAT All 10th and some 11th

10/16— **Wofford College Visit**

10/17— **Gardner-Webb Visit**

10.18— Pep Rally, 4th period

10/19— Homecoming Dance, Gym, 8-11

10/21 to 10/25—College Application Week

10/21 to 10/25— Culture of Respect Week

10/22— FAFSA Night, 6:30, Theatre

10/23—**UNCG Visit**

10/23—Site Based Committee 3:45, Media Conf.

10/25—Underclassmen Make-up Photos

10/25— Student Council Retreat, 3:30

10/25— Powder Puff Games, 6:00, WB Stadium

10/25—Canine Club Moe's Night

10/26—Band at Pirate Cove Classic

10/28— Winter Sports Parent Night

10/30—First Day of Winter Sports

10/30— PreACT (All 10th graders)

10/30—**Guilford College Visit**

10/31—**Julliard Visit**

10/31—Annual Trunk or Treat , 4:30 to 6:30

Student Life

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

- This year the **Travel Club** is exploring Scotland, England and France during 2020 Spring Break. There is still room available to sign up. See Mrs. Pentecost for more information. For those already signed up, mark your calendar for our monthly meetings to prepare for the adventure. We will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Do you want to develop and build projects? Do you want to learn skills such as soldering, machining, electronics, 3D printing, and more? Join the new **Maker Club**! The club meets every Friday in room 612, from 3:35 PM to 5:00 PM. Those who join this club will get the opportunity to work in the engineering metals lab, create and build projects, and develop STEM skills. Everyone is welcome, no matter the academy or skill level. We need diverse talent. So, if you are interested, all you have to do is show up on a Friday at 3:35 in room 612. We'll show you from there!



Invest in Excellence

Invest in Excellence at CATA

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



The mission of Central Academy of Technology & Arts is to prepare students for informed decision-making, effective citizenship, personal achievement, higher education, and rewarding careers. We are kicking off the annual **Invest in Excellence at CATA** campaign.

It is a simple, one-time, straightforward way for individuals, businesses, and corporations to invest in the excellence of CATA.

Please consider a tax-deductible investment!
100% of the money donated is reinvested in CATA.

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)

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE DONATIONS

- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50
☐ \$75 ☐ \$100
☐ OTHER
☐ CORPORATE MATCHING AVAILABLE

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Please make checks payable to CATA PTSO
Visit our website to pay online: www.cataptso.org

Invest in Excellence at CATA

change DAY



First Period Class Competition

Friday, October 4

The class bringing in the most coins wins a catered breakfast.

Quarters, Dimes, Nickels, Pennies





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:

JV Football – Loss vs. Mountain Island Charter

Volleyball – Lost vs. Anson, Win vs. Forest Hills, Loss vs. Montgomery Central

Men's Soccer – Win vs. Anson, Loss vs. Forest Hills

Women's Tennis – Win vs. Forest Hills, Win vs. Forest Hills

Cross Country – Men & women placed 2nd at RRC meet hosted by CATA

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 5th:

AWAY – Cross Country – Wendy's Invite – 8:00 am – McAlpine Park

Monday, October 7th:

HOME – Volleyball vs. West Stanly – 4:30/6:00 pm

AWAY – Soccer vs. Montgomery Central @ West Montgomery High – 4:30/6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 9th:

Teacher Workday – No Athletic Events

Thursday, October 10th:

AWAY – Volleyball vs. Anson – 4:30/6:00 pm

HOME – Tennis – Rocky River Conference Tournament – 10:00 am

AWAY – JV Soccer – Corvian Community School – 4:00 pm

Friday, October 11th:

HOME – Volleyball vs. Union Academy – 4:00/5:30 pm

HOME – Soccer vs. Union Academy – 5:30 pm

News & Information:

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

Baseball Interest Meeting – Monday 10/7 after school – 4:15 pm – Room 401

Winter Sports:

Monday, October 28th – Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 30th – 1st Day of Winter Sports

Wednesday, November 13th – Winter Sports Pictures – After School – Gym

Fall Sports Coaches Contact Information:

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

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

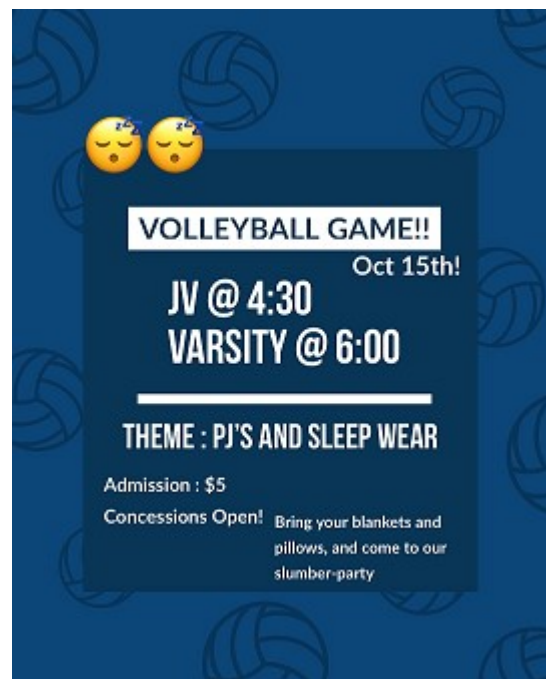
Football – Drew Hackett – drew.hackett@ucps.k12.nc.us

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 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



College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

**Class of
2020**

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

How to sign up for College Visits [Click Here](#)

Dates for College Visits are posted in this Newsletter on the [Around CATA Page](#)

PSAT: ALL **sophomores** will be taking the **PSAT** and the **juniors** who earned 90% on the one they took when they were 10th graders. The date of the PSAT is 10/16.

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

Attention All Juniors!! Governor's School information and applications are available RIGHT NOW!!

Governor's school is a prestigious summer program for gifted and talented high school students. It is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation!!! For an application and more information, please see Ms. Goodwin in Guidance!!

Attention 10th Graders - The representative from The **North Carolina School of Science and Math** will be at CATA on Tuesday, October 15th at 1:00 pm. If you are interested please see Ms. Tweed in the Guidance Office to sign up. If you have questions please see your assigned counselor.

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

**Class of
2021**

**CLASS OF
2022**

**Class of
2023**

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.

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling



Career and College Promise– Spring Click the Form Below to Register

Calling ALL **Career and College Promise** students!
It's time for Spring registration!



Registration for Spring 2020 courses at SPCC will begin in October.

Current CCP students (students enrolled in Fall 2019 CCP courses) should complete the course request form on the following dates: October 7th – October 18th.

New and returning CCP students (students NOT enrolled in Fall 2019 CCP courses) should complete the course request form on the following dates: October 21st – November 1st.

November 4th – 8th will act as an open window for any student who has not previously completed the Google form.

****IMPORTANT!!****

By completing this form, you are listing the courses you are interested in taking during the Spring semester. This form **DOES NOT** guarantee entrance into a course. **BEFORE** completing this form, you should have met with your counselor **AND** career coach to discuss your pathway and course choices.

You will need to meet with both parties (school counselors **AND** career coaches) before Spring enrollment can be finalized.

CCP Google Form Instructions

To register for Spring 2020 SPCC courses, use one of the options below. Both options will take you to the Career and College Promise Google form, which will be available through November 8th. **You can only submit the form once.**

After submission, any changes have to go through your school counselor **AND** career coach.

CCP Course Request Link:

<http://bit.ly/CCPSpr2020>

CCP Course Request QR Code:





Union County College Fair

Click on the Flyer for More Information

Union County

College Fair

Date: Sunday, October 6

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Wingate University
McGee Center
220 N. Camden Street
Wingate, NC 28174



Which colleges and universities will be in attendance?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appalachian State University • Averett University • Belmont Abbey College • Benedict College • Bluefield College • Brevard College • Cabarrus College of Health Sciences • Campbell University • Carolinas College of Health Sciences • Catawba College • Charleston Southern University • Chowan University • Clemson University • Clinton College • College Foundation, Inc. • Concord University • Converse College • East Carolina University • East Tennessee State University • Elizabeth City State University • Emory & Henry College • Fayetteville State University • Ferrum College • Full Sail University • Gardner-Webb University • Georgia State University • Greenville State College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greensboro College • Guilford College • High Point University • Hollins University • Johnson & Wales University • Lander University • Lees-McRae College • Lenoir-Rhyne University • Liberty University • Limestone College • Living Arts College • Livingstone College • Louisburg College • Mars Hill University • Meredith College • Mid-Atlantic Christian University • Mississippi State University • North Carolina A&T State University • North Carolina State University • North Greenville University • Nova Southeastern University • Pfeiffer University • Presbyterian College • Queens University of Charlotte • Radford University • Randolph Community College • Roanoke College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salem College • South Piedmont Community College • St. Andrews University • Sweet Briar College • The University of Alabama in Huntsville • UNC Chapel Hill • UNC Greensboro • The University of Tennessee Knoxville • UNC Asheville • UNC Charlotte • University of Alabama • University of Kentucky • University of Lynchburg • University of Mount Olive • UNC Pembroke • University of North Carolina School of the Arts • UNC Wilmington • University of South Carolina • University of South Carolina Lancaster • Wake Forest University • Warren Wilson College • West Virginia University • Western Carolina University • William Peace University • Winston-Salem State University • Winthrop University • Wofford College |
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Yearbooks, Spirt Wear & 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).

Senior tributes are now on sale.

Full page \$295	maximum of 9 pictures
½ page \$195	maximum of 6 pictures
¼ page \$100	maximum of 3 pictures
1/8 page \$65	maximum of 1 picture

make checks payable to CATA
or order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>

We cannot guarantee a spot after the September 30th deadline as the placement of pages will be set for the book and cannot be changed.

All photos and the message must be received by October 31st to provide enough time to create the tributes and meet our deadlines.

BUY  YOUR
Yearbook

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.](#)
- 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



Senior Yearbook Tributes & Media Center News

ORDER
SENIOR TRIBUTES
HERE

Senior Parents—Last Chance to Reserve Space for a Senior Tribute!

The deadline to place and pay for a senior tribute is **Monday, September 30th**.

Mrs. Pentecost will design all the senior tributes. Reserve your senior tribute space in the yearbook by returning the form posted on the CATA homepage with

your payment. You can also order online at yearbookforever.com (search for CATA). Photos and your message are due by Thursday, October 31st. We cannot guarantee space for tributes after the September 30th deadline because after our first deadline our pages are set. If you have any

Den Digest

Need a library card? Go to this site to sign up for one:

<https://union.tlcdelivers.com:8486/onlineBorrowerRegistration.html>.

♦ Hispanic Heritage Month—<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

High School Battle of the Books (HS BOB)

There was enough interest to start at Battle of the Books group. More communication will be sent to the group soon.

HS Bob list—<https://ncslma.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2019-2020%20HBOB%20List.pdf>

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

New books this month—*Symptoms of a heartbreak* by Sona Charaipotra, *Sprawlball : a visual tour of the new era of the NBA* by Kirk Patrick Goldsberry, *In Waves*, by A.J. Dungo, and *Five Midnights* by Ann Dávila

Cardinal .

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/>



Performing Arts Events & Information

[Click here to see the Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO's Information on:](#)

- ◇ The new Performing Arts Website
- ◇ Season Tickets
- ◇ Performing Arts Giving Plans
- ◇ Performing Arts Volunteer Needs

New Performing Arts Committee of the PTSO Website

<https://cataperformingarts.org/>

The **International Thespian Society** meets every first Thursday of the month at 3:40 in Rm. 616. Please see Ms. Casey, Mrs. Starkey, or Mr. Stiver for more information. ITS is an Honors Society focused on performing arts including signing, acting, dancing, and technical theatre. **All Academies are Welcome!**

Juilliard Visit at CATA: Students must sign up in Naviance. Non-Performing Arts students interested in attending must speak with Ms. Cole in the Guidance Department before they sign up.

Building Sets and NCTC:

Not only do our Performing Arts Theatre Students Act, but they **TECH!** Students are currently building sets for our two North Carolina Theater Conference Competition (NCTC) plays. Our students will perform two plays in an upcoming regional competition *The Great Gatsby* and *August Osage County*. The students will act a 45 minute scene from the play and be adjudicated with a chance to move on to the NCTC state competition.



Juilliard
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OF TECHNOLOGY AND
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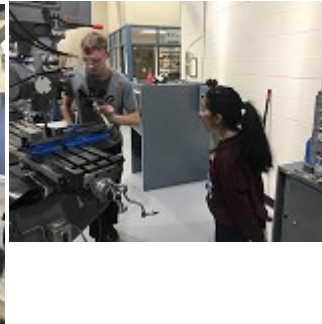
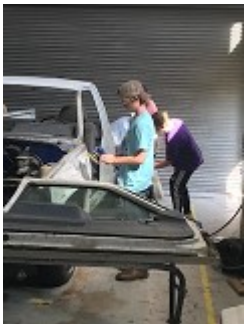
Thursday, October 31st
10:20AM

Meet a representative from
Juilliard's Admissions Office to
learn about programs in Dance,
Drama, Classical Music, and
Jazz!



Academy Page Information Systems, Medical Science Pre-Engineering, Transportation Systems

This week we saw our **Transportation Systems** Students at work on various projects from collision repair to automotive service. Our **Pre-Engineering** students in Mr. Humphries CTE Special Studies class have worked hard, along with our teacher to create a meaningful work space in our **metals lab**.



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

Congratulations to 338 of our current tenth to twelfth graders who earned an **Academic Bar or Letter from the Spring of 2019**. We honored these students with a Bojangles Breakfast this past week! Students were listed in the past two Cougar Chronicles!

