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Dear CATA Family,

There is no school on Friday, October 23. It is a **required teacher workday**.

CATA Cougar Spirit Wear is NOW AVAILABLE for sale online: Please [click here](#) to purchase.

**CATA COUGAR
SPIRIT WEAR
CLICK HERE FOR
2020-21
SPIRIT WEAR**

- ◆ **Progress Reports:** We are at about the three week mark of the Second Six Weeks. Progress reports will be available through the Parent Portal by Friday and at least updated through 10/16 if not later. Please contact your student's teacher if you have questions.
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Information about your senior portraits:** Class of 2021, remember to schedule your senior portraits online at cady.com/schedule. There are still 47 seniors who have not booked an appointment and you must complete this task to get your picture in the yearbook. You can now make an appointment at either the studio at Crown Point Plaza or on 11/13 at CATA. When you go to the website, search for CATA, pick an additional scene (brick will be what is at CATA), then click continue. On the next page you will see prices for session (sitting) fees. If you want the basic \$30 option then scroll to the bottom of the page and select simple session. After your pictures are taken you'll receive a portfolio in the mail. Keep anything you'd like to purchase and return everything else in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Seniors must complete this task in order to be in the yearbook.
- ◆ **Free College Application Week:** Represent your school colors for free college application weeks 10/19 to 10/30. Some schools waive their application fee to encourage students to apply. On Monday 10/26 we are representing our college colors at Central Academy and encourage all students to wear gear and colors from their college of choice or favorite college.
- ◆ **Freshman Theatre Show: "Etched"** The Freshmen Theatre Students filmed a monologue show during their class time. This will be released on Friday, 10/30. Stay tuned for information and a link to view.
- ◆ **UPCS Holiday Card Contest:** Students have a chance to create the official UCPS Holiday card. Click [here](#) for details.
- ◆ Our **Athletics seasons** are about to get underway with Volleyball, Cross Country. Please see our athletics page in this edition for information on all teams. We have more information on cheerleading, basketball, and swimming.
- ◆ **Yearbook Survey:** Have you filled out the yearbook Summer survey? We need your responses to accurately represent the school as a whole. Everyone who fills it out will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card to Chick fil a. You can find the survey in your email or at this [link](#).
- ◆ **Yearbooks** are on sale for \$75.00. Reserve your copy today! Order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>. Search for CATA.
- ◆ **Class of 2021 Senior Tributes [CLICK HERE](#):** If you would like to purchase a senior tribute for the yearbook, then click the link for pricing and to learn about the process!

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

Help Wanted



We are looking for students that come to school on **Monday and Tuesdays** to help with the hanging of the **American Flag** before school and taking it down at the end of the school day. Please see Mrs. Nahum in the front office if you would like to learn more about it.



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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

News & Information: [Click here](#) for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons

UCPS Eligibility – Attendance Matters

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:

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

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 4th – Start of Volleyball & Cross Country Season: Tryout Dates & Times will be in next week's chronicle

November 12th – 14th – Cheerleading Tryouts. Check with Coach Lawson for more information.

November 23rd – Start of Swimming Season Time & Location - TBA

December 7th – Start of Basketball Season. Tryout Dates & Times will be in next week's chronicle

Athletic Department Contact Information:

Athletic Director - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Administrator over Athletics – Dr. Josh Wall – josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

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

Football – Shane Griffin – Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Basketball – Sam Smithson – Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swimming – Sally Goodwin – sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf - Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis – soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Adjusted Sports Season's 2020-2021:

Volleyball: November 4th – January 9th

Cross Country: November 4th – January 9th

Swimming: November 23rd – January 28th

Men's & Women's Basketball: December 7th – February 19th

Basketball Cheer: November - February

Men's Soccer: January 11th – March 12th

Football: February 8th – April 9th

Football Cheer: February – April

Men's & Women's Golf: March 1st – April 30th

Men's Tennis: March 1st – April 30th

Softball: March 1st – April 30th

Women's Soccer: March 1st – April 30th

Baseball: April 12th – June 11th

Women's Tennis: April 12th – June 11th

Track & Field: April 12th – June 11th

Wrestling: April 12th – June 11th

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College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling
Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)

[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

CATA Tutoring Times - Fall 2020

CATA will be offering tutoring times each day of the week based on subject. Approved CATA students will be providing the tutoring. If tutoring is needed, then please click the Teams link to join during the assigned times. Tutoring will begin the week of 9/14. Please reach out to your assigned counselor with questions.

- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Social Studies, click here to join [Social Studies](#).
- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2, click here to join [Math 1 & 2](#).
- ♦ **Monday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4, click here to join [Math 3, 4, & Pre-Calculus](#).
- ♦ **Tuesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 for Science, click here to join [Science](#).
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2, click here to join [Math 1 & 2](#).
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 3:45 to 4:45 Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4, click here to join [Math 3, 4, & Pre-Calculus](#).
- ♦ **Thursday** - 3:45 to 4:45 English, click here to join [English](#).
- ♦ **Friday** - All 5 subjects will be offered from 1:30 - 3:30 in 2 shifts (1:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 3:30)

NC SCHOOLS WAIVING FEES ON CFNC.ORG DURING COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEKS (OCT 19-30)

Remember, other schools may be accepting special fee waivers offered through ACT, SAT, or NACAC.

•Barton College	•Elon University	•Livingstone College*	•Pfeiffer University	•University of North Carolina at Pembroke
•Belmont Abbey College	•Fayetteville State University	•Louisburg College	•Queens University of Charlotte*	•Warren Wilson College
•Bennett College	•Gardner-Webb University	•Mars Hill University	•Salem College	•Western Carolina University*
•Brevard College	•Greensboro College	•Meredith College	•Shaw University	•William Peace University
•Campbell University	•Guilford College	•Methodist University	•St. Andrews University	•Wingate University
•Catawba College	•Johnson & Wales University	•Montreal College	•Saint Augustine's University*	•Winston-Salem State University*
•Chowan University	•Johnson C. Smith University	•North Carolina A&T State University	•University of Mount Olive	•All NC Community Colleges (Always Free)
•Davidson College	•Lenoir-Rhyne University*	•North Carolina Central University	•University of North Carolina Asheville	
•East Carolina University	•Lees-McRae College	•North Carolina Wesleyan College		
•Elizabeth City State University				



**NC COUNTDOWN
TO COLLEGE**
OCTOBER / MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**College
Foundation**
of North Carolina



For more information, go to CFNC.org/C2C

REP YOUR COLLEGE COLORS FOR FREE APPLICATION WEEKS

College Application Weeks are Oct. 19-30. Some schools waive their application fee to encourage students to apply.

On Monday, Oct. 26 we're repping our college colors in honor of this week. We want to see you in your college colors too!

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



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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of students and staff we are implementing the following procedures for the 2020-2021 school year.



MEETING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Email your counselor to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment. If a student is in crisis they will need permission from their teacher to visit a counselor.



SAFETY MEASURES

One student in a counselor's office at a time
 Masks are required
 Remain 6ft apart
 Entrance doors will remain shut

REASONS TO CONTACT US

COUNSELORS
 Ms. Lawson, Ms. Cole, Ms. Goodwin

To discuss academic, social/emotional, and career questions. This includes, but is not limited to: Class selection, college/career choices, scholarships, and friendship/relationship/family issues.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
 Mrs. Corbett

To discuss career fields and job qualifications. To discuss internship options within the county. Students enrolled at SPCC can discuss class options. Students interested in SPCC can discuss how to get enrolled.

COUNSELING SECRETARY
 Mrs. Tweed

The first person you see when entering our office. Mrs. Tweed can provide transcripts and bus passes. She can help with most school-related questions and can help students determine if they should meet with a counselor.

New Daily Schedule

First Period:	9:05 to 10:35
Second Period:	10:40 to 12:10
Third Period:	12:15 to 2:10
Lunch A:	12:10 to 12:35
Lunch B:	12:42 to 1:07
Lunch C:	1:14 to 1:39
Lunch D:	1:46 to 2:10
Fourth Period:	2:15 to 3:45

Friday Schedule: Each student must check in with their teachers on Friday. Each teacher has been asked to communicate with students the expectations for each Friday. Attendance is taken on Friday, so students must complete assigned tasks for each teacher to be counted present. This information should be posted on each teacher Canvas page.

Monday and Tuesday– Last name A-K

Wednesday and Thursday– Last name L-Z



Parents can now access Scoir!

What can you do with a Scoir account?

1. See which colleges your child is following.
2. Suggest colleges for your child to follow.
3. Complete a personalized financial aid calculator to receive a custom price estimate.

How do you get a Scoir account?

Your child must invite you!

Students should:

- Log in
- Visit "My Profile"
- Click on "Invite a parent"

Students will need their parent's email address.

Parents
 + Invite a Parent

For more info, visit <https://bit.ly/onlinecollegetools>.

@UCPSCollegePrep



Click on the
 Ad to register

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

For more info and to register visit
<https://bit.ly/collegereadinesswebinars>

Paying for College.....	September 21, 2020
Getting Ready for College.....	October 19, 2020
College Entrance Exams 101	November 16, 2020
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	December 8, 2020
Scoir for Underclassmen Parents.....	January 11, 2021
Paying for College.....	February 8, 2021
College Entrance Exams 101	March 8, 2021
College Recruiting for Athletes.....	April 19, 2021

All webinars will be held at 6:00 pm.
 Dates are subject to change.

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The Den Digest (Media Center) & The Career Development Corner

The Den Digest

The CATA Media Center website has been transformed into a Virtual Learning Commons. Check out the website and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>

Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold. We will deliver it to you! Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or science teacher. You can still get a calculator if you are in the virtual academy.

<https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>

Remember that you can still access e-books and other resources through our online catalog <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625>

CDC Information About the Coronavirus—<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Career Development Corner

Spring registration will begin the 1st week of November for current SPCC students.

If you are new to SPCC and interested in registering for a course, please contact Mrs. Corbett at adrienne.corbett@ucps.k12.nc.us

SPCC offers bi-weekly information meetings for students interested in the career & college promise program with SPCC. Please see flyer for more information.

Visit the Career Development [Canvas page](#) on Clever for career exploration/college resources, career videos (being updated monthly) & CDC updates.

Parents, if you are interested in sharing a quick 5-7 min. career video for our virtual career fair, please complete this [career speaker google link](#).

Reach out to Mrs. Corbett in the counseling office regarding any additional, SPCC, Career or Internship questions @ adrienne.corbett@ucps.k12.nc.us or (704)296-3088.

SPCC Career and College Promise Information Session

Join us for an information session about the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at South Piedmont Community College

When and Where?	How?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Tuesday during the fall semester via a Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting • Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/22 • 11/3 • 10/6 • 11/17 • 10/20 • 12/1 • Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simply click the link below to join: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Topics covered:

- Pathways
- Eligibility
- Steps to Enrollment
- Career Coach vs. High School Counselor
- SPCC Technology
- Course Load
- Course Instructional Formats
- Accommodations
- Benefits of CCP
- More!

For any questions please contact
High School Programs at:
highschoolprograms@spcc.edu
 704.296.5090
spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/



PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- [CATA PTSO- The Cougar Council](http://www.cataptso.org)

Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](http://www.cataptso.org)

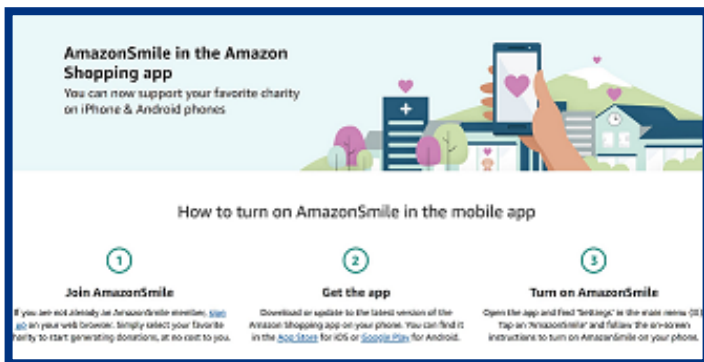
Click HERE- [PTSO APPLICATION/INVEST IN EXCELLENCE FORM](#)

Click HERE- [Online Invest in Excellence Donation Website](#)

HELLO CATA FAMILIES!! Please visit our CATA PTSO website www.cataptso.org for information including Invest in Excellence, PTSO Membership and more. Feel free to reach to us at catacougarcouncil@gmail.com with any questions, ideas or suggestions. We know this year will look very different for us all which is even more reason to get involved and stay informed.

NEW - MORE FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL:

Publix Partners has contributed \$37.7 million to more than 4,600 schools across the Southeast and YOU can help CATA receive some of those funds. Participating is easy, simply create or sign into your **Publix account** (www.publix.com/myaccount/register), click My Publix Partners at the top, and Central Academy of Technology & Arts as your school. That's IT! Then enter your phone number or use pay with the Publix app every time you check out. They'll give back to CATA just for shopping at Publix (it does not cost you any more to support CATA). **This is NEW so if you shop at Publix, please take a few minutes to sign up - thank you so much!**



Please consider supporting CATA by linking to these companies when you are shopping next time!

Harris Teeter Together in Education
(link to CATA using code 3612)

Amazon Smile
(<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>)

UCPS Holiday Card Contest

You have the opportunity to create the UCPS official holiday card.

[Click Here for the Guidelines](#)





Yearbooks, Senior Tributes, Meal Options, Technology Assistance,

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Class of 2021 Information about your senior portraits: Click on the link for a video from Cady Studios. Watch the entire video and fill out the contact form, so you will receive information on how to schedule your senior portraits cady.com/2021. You must fill this out to schedule your senior portraits. You must complete this task to get your picture in the yearbook.

Yearbooks on sale >>>
Remember the year forever, buy the yearbook or ad today!

buy a yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$75.00
Senior tributes are also on sale!

Free breakfast and lunch now available for all UCPS students until Dec. 31, 2020

Student ID numbers are required for in-school meals.

A la carte items are also available for purchase at regular prices.

New Meal Option for 2020-2021

**Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Curbside Pickup Locations

- Cuthbertson High
- Forest Hills High
- Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle
- Parkwood Middle
- Porter Ridge Elementary
- Rocky River Elementary
- Sardis Elementary
- Shiloh Valley Primary

Meal sites are open to serve students who are learning virtually and/or on remote learning days.

Open to any person 18 years and under. Student ID numbers are not required.

Technology Help Desk– Mr. Eddins

[Click Here for Assistance Form](#)

[Email James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Links

[UCPS Technology Help Desk](#)

[UCPS Technology](#)

[Chromebook Start Up Link](#)

Help Desk for Students:

Monday 8:30AM – 10:AM

Tuesday 12PM – 1:30PM

Wednesday 8:30AM – 10AM

Thursday 12PM – 1:30PM





School Safety, Attendance and Notes, Parking Passes, Bus Information

School Protocols Safety– [Click Here](#)
Click [here](#) for state Guidelines

Attendance will be taken for student participation on their assigned day at school and virtually each day in Power School.

School is in session and students are expected to be in class or logged into a class session at the appropriate time each day unless otherwise stated.

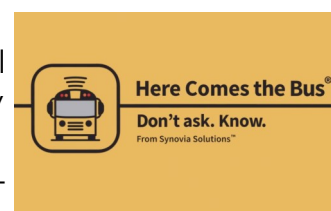


Parking Passes One cannot drive and park at the school if they have not purchased a parking pass. Parking in any lot other than the student parking lot is not permitted. The process for purchasing parking pass is on FamilyID this year, an account will need to be created if you do not already have one. [Click here for FamilyID](#). Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who has outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via student UCPS email. Parking passes are \$45. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. [Andrea Nahum](#).



Bus Info: Parents should email [Ms. Tweed](#) if they need bus transportation. Bus riders and parents

should sign up for the **Here Comes the Bus App**. This app allows you to view the real-time location of your child's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Be sure that your child is at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)



Attendance and Absence Notes:

Absence notes must be **emailed** and/or scanned to [Mr. William Smith](#) our data manager upon the student's return to school in order for the absence to be considered excused. Absences will be coded unexcused in PowerSchool until an email excuse is received. Please allow 24 hours for excusal notes to be coded in PowerSchool. Students may fail if they have 8 or more unexcused absences per class. Attendance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover some unexcused absences.

