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Dear CATA Family,

- The ACT will be administered for ALL Juniors on Tuesday, February 23.. Only Juniors will come to school on this day and must arrive by 8:50 AM. Students who are drivers or are picked up by a parent may leave at the end of the testing session at approximately 1:00 PM. Bus riders must attend classes until the end of the day at 3:45 PM, but may leave early if a parent sends in a note and comes to pick them up. Bus riders can give the note to the teacher who administers the ACT and will be given a pass. All other students should stay home and will have assignments to complete in Canvas given by their teachers. Teachers will be administering the ACT and will not have live sessions on MS Teams. Please follow the directions of your teacher about where to go and what to do. Students taking the ACT must bring an ID to be admitted to the testing location, a calculator, a beverage and snack, and a pencil. Each student must create an ACT account within 24 hours of completing the ACT on 2/23 or they will not have access to their score and cannot send their score to colleges or universities. Each junior will receive instructions before leaving CATA on February 23 on how to create their account.
- ◆ The Huntington ACT Blitz is Saturday, 2/20 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Register by clicking here. This is free and virtual.
- College Summer Programs: If you are interested in a summer program check out the opportunities by clicking here.
- Congratulations to **Ashline Arnaud** for advancing as one of nine **statewide finalists in Poetry Out Loud!** A champion for the North Carolina will be decided Feb. 20 in Greensboro.
- ♦ Attention all seniors! Join us for a special Senior Drop In on Friday, 2/26 at Alice Jules coffee house for a special treat just for you. Stop in anytime between 1 4pm to enjoy a FREE medium coffee or small hot chocolate sponsored by your PTSO. Simply wear your senior t-shirt or any CATA color, tell them that you are a CATA SENIOR and enjoy your free treat! Being a senior does have it's rewards!
- ♦ PTSO: Attention all parents! CATA PTSO is looking for volunteers to be part of our nominating committee. All meeting will be done virtually. We are also looking for volunteers that would be interested in getting more involved for the 2021-2022 school year. Several committee and board positions will be open and we'd love to have YOU join our team. If you are interested or know someone who would enjoy being a part of the board, please email CATA PTSO catacougarcouncil@gmail.com for more information.
- Any student interested in playing Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Men's Tennis, Softball or Women's Soccer should contact Coach Niessner, our athletic director, for more information. We would love to be able to field full teams in all of our sports this spring. In addition, you may contact our coaches listed on page 6.
- ♦ Check out our Career and Development information on page 4 from Ms. Bartell about taking classes at SPCC, Internships, and Career and College Promise.
- The PreACT will be given to ALL Sophomores March 25 to 31. The PreACT is a practice ACT test to project how well you will do on the ACT when you are a junior. Ms. Lawson, testing coordinator, will be sending out emails to 10th graders with their assigned day to test. Please make sure to check your email regularly to receive updated information.
- ◆ The Fall Senior Letter is <u>posted here</u> and is on page 10 of this edition. We are working on the details and hope to update more in the coming weeks. Our graduation date is on Friday, June 4, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium.
- Athletics: Please see our athletics pages in this edition for information on our weekly schedule. Please check out page 6 on how to live stream CATA football, basketball, men's soccer, and wrestling. Subscribe today! Please visit our Athletics Page in this edition for information on how to give to specific sport fundraisers. CATA Cougar Spirit Wear: click here to purchase.

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



The Counseling Department Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

<u>Counseling Twitter</u>@CATA_Counseling <u>Counseling Instagram</u>@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 - Spring 2020 (This may be updated in the coming weeks)

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.

Click HERE FOR THE TUTORING LINKS. Scroll down once on the page and you will see the links for each subject.

- Monday 3:45 to 4:45 for Social Studies, Math 1 & 2, Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- Tuesday 3:45 to 4:45 for Science
- Wednesday 3:45 to 4:45 Math 1 & 2, Math 3, Pre-Calculus, & Math 4
- Thursday 3:45 to 4:45 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)



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:

<u>Ashley Lawson</u>: Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

<u>Ashley Cole</u>: Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

<u>Sarah Goodwin:</u> Information Systems (Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts



The Counseling Department– Page 2 Class Information from the Guidance Counselors

<u>Counseling Twitter</u>@CATA_Counseling <u>Counseling Instagram</u>@CATA.counseling



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 óft 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.



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.
- 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

READINESS DCPS Click on the Ad to register

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

For more info and to register visit https://bit.ly/collegereadywebinars

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

> > @LICPSCollegePren

Union County Education Foundation Senior Scholarship: Please click here to for information and to apply by the March 5 deadline. All applicants create a video about their favorite teacher.





The Career Development Corner

Career Development Corner

"Are you already taking courses at SPCC and want to take more this summer or fall 2021?

Rising 11th and 12th graders: Summer registration for SPCC courses will open on 3/1 and **Fall registration** will open on 4/19. Sign up to speak with CATA's SPCC Career Coach, Ms. Watkins as soon as possible if you are interested. You can sign up to speak with her via the **sign up genius link here** If you have further questions, please see Ms. Bartell in guidance.

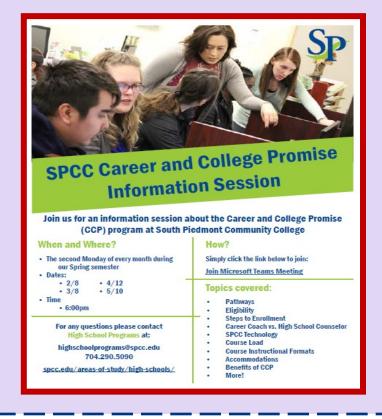
Current 11th graders: Are you interested in an **Internship** for next year? See Ms. Bartell in guidance or email or call for more information.

Are you interested in getting started at SPCC taking free college courses?

There are virtual CCP Information Sessions begin held the second Monday of every month during the spring semester. Please view the attached flyer for more information!

If you can't make the live session but would like to know general information about Career and College Promise you can watch the recorded CCP Information Session video here: CLICK HERE

Click on the SPCC Ad for more information and for a link to join the Information Sessions





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 Click here for NCHSAA 2020-21 Sports Seasons

Last Week's Results:

Men's Basketball: Lost vs. Forest Hills, Lost vs. Montgomery Central

Women's Basketball: Win vs. Mount Pleasant, Loss vs. Forest Hills, Loss vs. Montgomery Central

Men's Soccer: Loss vs. Porter Ridge, Win vs. West Stanly, Loss vs. Forest Hills

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 20th: AWAY – Football Scrimmage vs. Union Academy – 10:00 am – NO FANS ALLOWED **Tuesday, February 23rd:** HOME – Soccer vs. Weddington (JV) & Montgomery Central (Varsity) – 4:00/5:30 pm **Wednesday, February 24th:** AWAY – JV Soccer @ Hickory Ridge – 4:30 pm **Thursday, February 25th:** HOME – Soccer vs. Mount Pleasant – 5:30 pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 1st - Start of Softball, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Men's Tennis & Women's Soccer

News & Information:

• Softball, Golf (M/W), Tennis (Men) & Soccer (W) start official practices on Monday, March 1st. Please contact your coach if you have any specific questions or need any information.

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

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

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

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

Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner – <u>Charles.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>

Parent Check List for Athletics: The following need to complete prior to starting a sport at CATA:

- FamilyID Completed & Approved: Link Click Here
- CATA Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting Sign Off Completed <u>Link Click Here</u>
- **Contact** your student's coach. We need to know how many kids are trying out for sports (especially indoor sports) due to limitations on our numbers. Coaches Contact information can be found below

<u>Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting:</u> Due to limitations on gatherings, we will not be holding any in person preseason meetings. All students interested in participating should follow the link below to our virtual meeting and complete the sign off. This must be done before starting a sport. This only needs to be completed ONE time for the 2020-2021 school year. Teams will hold virtual parent nights after teams are selected.

Link: Click HERE

CATA Cougar Spirit Wear: <u>click here</u> to purchase.

Athletics Coaches Contacts and Important Dates are on the next page.



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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 – <u>jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> **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 – <u>kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> **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 – <u>soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com</u> Wrestling - Mike Jacobus - mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Adjusted Sports Season's 2020-2021:

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



COUGARSLive Streaming

Central Academy High School is happy to announce the return of our live streaming initiative for the 2020-2021 school year! Our school's automated live streaming cameras will allow studentathletes, parents, and fans to watch hundreds of athletic events throughout the year LIVE and ON-DEMAND from any device.



FOOTBALL – BASKETBALL – SOCCER VOLLEYBALL – WRESTLING



A Subscription With Central Academy Athletics Includes

- Access to the entire NFHS Network
- JV and Varsity Games
- Watch Live and On-Demand



Annual Pass - \$5.83/mo. Billed at \$69.99 30% Goes Back to Central Academy Monthly Pass - \$10.99/mo. Billed Monthly. Cancel Anytime 10% Goes Back to Central Academy

Please visit ucpsathletics.com/livestreaming to subscribe today and start streaming LIVE.







Den Digest (Media Center) & Yearbook Information

Yearbooks are on sale for \$85.00. Reserve your copy today! Order online at https://yearbookforever.com/. Search for CATA.



Take your own yearbook picture: Click here and use password cougars20 to upload your photos. You can also download the Yearbook Snap app from the App Store or on Google Play.



The Den Digest

<u>CATA 2020 Secondary Databases and Extended</u> <u>Learning Resources For Students</u>-click here

- 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 for second semester? 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/UopHczyHpizf6QBb8
- We have a new ebook service through Junior Library Guild: https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com/. Login directions can be found here:
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d1Pw3Ys6VJcFJ87_0TaoAlxibynWt2RIHbT6JKDvzIA/editevents
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- Remember that you can still access e-books and other resources through our online catalog https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625



PTSO- The Cougar Council

Website- <u>CATA PTSO- The Cougar Council</u>
Website- <u>CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee</u>

Click here for the Cougar Council December Newsletter

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)



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

School Protocols Safety- Click Here

Click here for state Guidelines

Second Semester Expectations for ALL Students Plan B and D and the Early Detection Program: CLICK HERE

Drivers' Education– If you have questions about Driver's Education then please click on this link: <u>CA-TA Driver's Ed.</u>

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. Students on Plan B will be counted absent if they are not in attendance on their assigned day.

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. Attend-

Daily Schedule

First Period: 9:05 to 10:35 **Second Period:** 10:40 to 12:10 12:15 to 2:10 Third Period: 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

ance is taken each class period. Students will have a chance to recover some unexcused absences.

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 a their bus stop at least 20 minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Bus App Letter English Bus App Letter Spanish

<u>Parking Passes</u>. 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. <u>Click here for FamilyID</u>. 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 Ms. <u>Robin Viar</u>.

Technology Help Desk- Mr. Eddins

Click Here for Assistance Form

Email James.eddins@ucps.k12.nc.us

Links

UCPS Technology Help Desk
UCPS Technology
Chromebook Start Up Link
Canvas Help



Help Desk for Students:

Monday 8:30AM – 10:AM Tuesday 12PM – 1:30PM Wednesday 8:30AM – 10AM Thursday 12PM – 1:30PM



Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2021,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year. Please keep in mind that we are having to make changes to traditional plans and will have more information as the year progresses. We are making plans and will communicate as soon as those plans are solidified.

Graduation: Our graduation date is on Friday, June 4, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium.

Caps and Gowns: Students will pick up their caps, gowns, announcements, and yearbooks at CATA in May. We will send specific information about this event to your school email and through the school ConnectEd System. Remember that you must have a cap and gown if you intend to walk at graduation in 2021. If you still need to order it's easy! Click the link here OR CALL Josten's at 910-895-8471.

Graduation Practice: We will send more specific information about graduation practice in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter. Last year we did not have a practice and we may not have one this year. Please stay tuned for details. We will communicate specific information about procedures if we do not have practice.

Attire: We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: We will send more specific information about the picture in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

Senior Week: We will send more specific information about Senior Week in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter. This will be in May.

Senior Academic Signings: We will send more specific information about academic signings in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy chooses the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration in May. Please pay attention for the audition date and procedures in the Spring Senior Letter.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Graduation. Please make online past year technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of February.

Items that need to be returned to CATA: This includes, but is not limited to Chromebooks and chargers, calculators, textbooks, athletic uniforms, library materials, and other school owned items. We will communicate a date for seniors to return these items to our school in the Spring Senior Letter.

Tickets and Parking Passes: We will send more specific information about Tickets and Parking Passes in the Spring Senior Class of 2021 Letter.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities.