



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Progress Reports:** Student grades are updated through the first half of the fifth six weeks. Please check Power School for official updated grades or contact your child's teacher for questions.
- ◆ **The PreACT** will be given to ALL Sophomores March 25 to 31. Each day testing will begin at 9:00 am and end between 11:30 and 12:00. 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. **The PreACT schedule is posted on page 3 of this edition.** Students will take the test at the PDC across the street from CATA.
- ◆ **Homecoming/ Spirit Week** is next week March 15-20. Please check out **page 2** for more information. Mon./Weds. is **Sports/College Day:** Dress in your favorite team colors and gear. Tues./ Thurs. is **Animated Character:** Dress up as your favorite animated character from any series, game, or movie. On Friday, Wear your class colors: **Seniors: BLACK, Juniors: WHITE, Sophomores NAVY, and Freshmen MAROON.** We will post **Pep video** on 3/20. We will have a **homecoming court** at the football game on Friday Night. Students please check your emails for nomination and voting information. We will notify those that make the court on 3/16 at the end of the day. We will host a **trivia game** for students at lunch on Tuesday and Thursday.
- ◆ **Graduation Speaker Auditions:** Seniors who are interested in speaking on behalf of their academy at graduation, please [click here](#) for the guidelines and procedures. You must be logged into your UCPS Google Account to check the link. Please email Ms. [Sarah Henry](#) for details.
- ◆ Performing Arts Theatre Presents the first in a series: "The Colored Museum" Please [click here](#) to see the first episode!
- ◆ **PTSO page 11–** Please check out page 8 for important information about service and volunteering.
- ◆ **Central Academy vs Mt. Pleasant Varsity Football this Friday night at Concord High at 6:30 PM.** Tickets may be purchased at this link until sold out: [Click here](#) Mr. Pleasant High is selling these tickets.
- ◆ **Bright Blessings Collection March 1 to 19:** The Hands Helping Others Club is hosting a collection drive for Bright Blessings, a charity that helps kids in lower-income situations to have books, coloring materials, stuffed animals, and a lot more. There are posters and boxes up in the hallways that have lists of things we need donated. For more information please contact [Cynthia Hinson](#) via email or in room 517. See the collection ad on page 4.
- ◆ **CATA Performing Arts Hosts a Tech Theater Master Class:** This class will cover the basics of how to operate the lighting console, lighting controls and dimmers, lighting fixtures and lighting systems. The date is Friday, March 19 from 1-3. Please see the flyer on page 7 and see [Mr. Weis](#) for details. [Click here](#) to register on a first come first served basis. You must [click on this link](#) to complete a reading assignment prior to the class.
- ◆ Please check out the Career Corner Pages 6 & 7 for information about **SPCC Sumer and Fall Registration, Major Clarity, Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeships, a Free Medical Engineering Summer Opportunity, College Summer Programs, Co-Admissions SPCC Opportunities, SPCC Gateway to Wingate, and SPCC Associates in a Year Program.**
- ◆ **Jostens Class Rings** for sophomores, juniors, and seniors is continuing to offer \$ 60 off on most ring products. This offer runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. Check out page 14 for details.
- ◆ **Athletics:** See our athletics pages in this edition for information on our weekly schedule. Please check out page 9 on how to **live stream CATA football, men's soccer, some women's soccer, and wrestling. Subscribe today! 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



## Homecoming Week

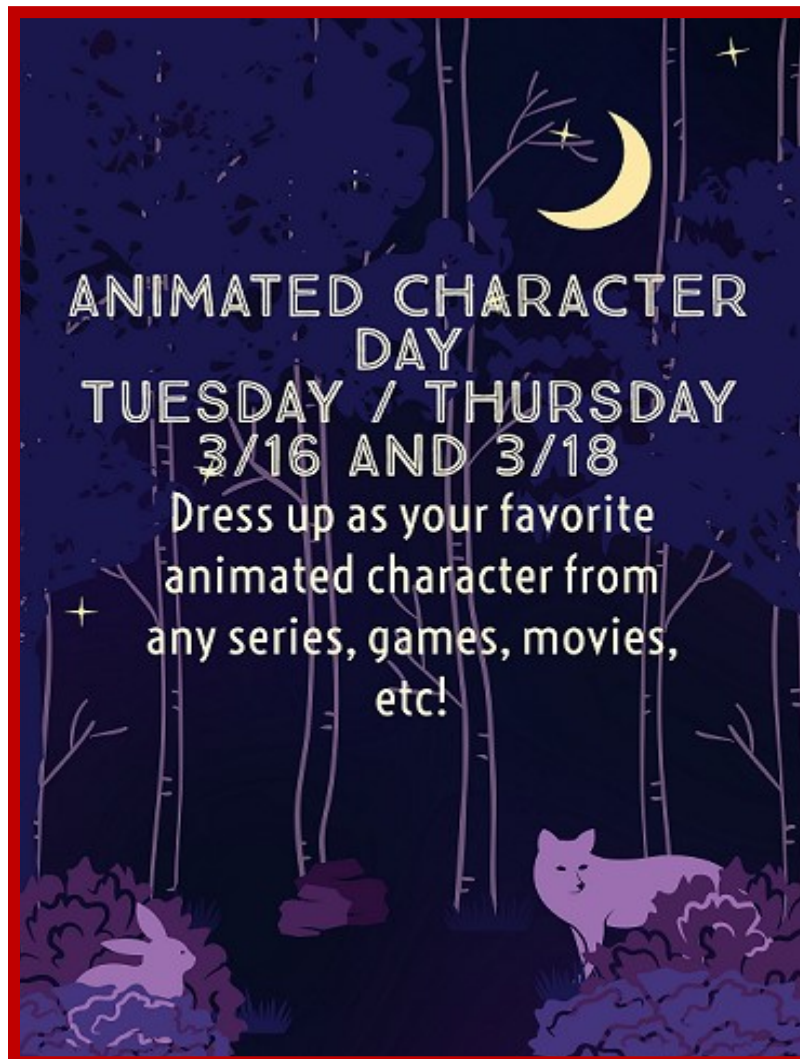
### Spirit Week

Friday, March 19  
Colors Wars

- Seniors wear black
- Juniors wear white
- Sophomores wear navy
- Freshmen wear maroon

Take  
pictures  
and share  
them on  
Instagram  
tag @catastuco

Staff wear  
Tie-Dye





## PreACT Information

### **CATA PreACT Schedule March 2021**

#### **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 203  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name Lane to Prewitt (36)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 206  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name Pryor to Smith, C. (24)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Cole

#### **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 203  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name Adams to Deming (36)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 206  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name Demus - Higby (24)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Goodwin

#### **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 206  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name Huffman to Knight (10)  
Plan D Students, Last Name AbdelAziz to Juliano (28)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Lawson

#### **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 206  
Students Testing - Plan B Students, Last Name E. Smith to Zuendel (25)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)  
Room Number - 203  
Students Testing - Plan D Students, Last Name Lindsay to Williams (23)  
Test Administrator - Ms. Goodwin





## Bright Blessings Drive List of Items to Give



### COLLECTION DRIVE

**GIFT OF LITERACY |** Books do more than tell a story. For disadvantaged children, the path to academic success is often hindered by poverty circumstances. With little or no resources for books and learning tools, many of these otherwise capable students lag behind their peers in reading and academics. Our Gift of Literacy program helps fill the gaps where poverty undermines promise. Every year we provide thousands of children with new books and educational learning resources. Please join our efforts and help ensure that these deserving children have the tools they need to rise to their potential!

### PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

CONSIDER HOSTING A COLLECTION DRIVE FOR THESE ITEMS:  
All items must be NEW and in unopened packages.

- New Books (Pre-K – High School)
- Flash Drives (2GB)
- Ear Buds
- Preschool Puzzles
- Preschool Activity Books
- Preschool Flash Cards
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Small Cinch Sacks (13.5"x15.5")
- Small Stuffed Animals (6"-8")

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
North Carolina ranks 3rd among states with the highest percentage increase in number of homeless students.





## The Counseling Department

### 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 - 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)



#### 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 Box Below if interested in attending CPCC

SENIORS - If you're interested in attending CPCC in the fall please complete the form posted on the College Information page. Once you fill it out a rep from CPCC will be in touch with more information.



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.

@UCPSCollegePrep

#### 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



# The Career Development Corner

## Career Development Corner

**Students:** Below is additional information regarding programs that SPCC can offer you. Please contact Ms. Watkins our Career Coach if interested. Her contact information is listed below.

**Co-Admissions Opportunities for Career & College Promise Students:** [Click HERE](#)

South Piedmont has made it easier for graduates to transfer to 4-year universities by forming agreements that allow you to seamlessly transfer credits and continue your education.

### Universities with Co-Admission Opportunities

- East Carolina - "Pirate Promise"
- NC A&T - "Aggie Plus"
- St. Andrews
- UNC-Wilmington - "Pathway to Excellence"
- Wingate - "Road 2 Wingate"
- Winston-Salem State
- Agreements include perks like waived application fees, financial and academic advising, discounted athletic tickets and more!

**Associate in a Year Program (AA in a Year) for graduating students-** [Click HERE](#)

The Associate in Arts in a Year Program is an affordable, customized, and efficient opportunity to earn your AA degree in one year. The price of the program is capped at \$1,500, with no cost for textbooks. All materials are online. Classes are pre-selected and offer a flexible schedule that meets the needs of people from all different backgrounds, from students fresh out of high school to full-time professionals.

**This program can be paired with the Gateway to Wingate Scholarship** to earn a bachelor's degree in 3 years for no more than \$6,500!!

Gateway to Wingate for all students who complete an associates at SPCC (can start while in HS):

[Click HERE](#)

Contact Ms. Megan Watkins at:

704.290.5087 | | [mwatkins@spcc.edu](mailto:mwatkins@spcc.edu) [Schedule an Appointment](#)

**College Summer Programs:** If you are interested in a summer program check out the opportunities by clicking [here](#).

**"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 opened 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 by **clicking [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](#)





## The Career Development Corner



### 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?

- The second Monday of every month during our Spring semester
- Dates:
  - 2/8
  - 4/12
  - 3/8
  - 5/10
- Time: 6:00pm

For any questions please contact  
High School Programs at:  
highschoolprograms@spcc.edu  
704.290.5090

[spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/](https://spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/)

#### How?

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!

### CATA Lighting 101 Class

Friday March 19, 2021

1:00 to 3:00

CATA Theatre

•Light board operation •light fixtures types •consumables •lighting systems

Pre-Registration is required. See a Performing Arts faculty member for the registration link.

The reading assignment must be completed prior to the class:

<https://www.stagelightingstore.com/2754407-educational-resources>



Career Management  
Tool Overview  
for Parents

TUESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

REGISTER TODAY at <https://bit.ly/MajorClarityParentNight>

Learn about the tool your  
student will be using  
to help plan their future.



where  
science  
meets  
humanity

Biogen

### FREE VIRTUAL SUMMER LAB SESSIONS 2021

The Biogen Community Lab and Lemelson-MIT Group invite you to participate in:

Biogen-MIT Biotech in Action: Virtual Summer Lab

This two-week long virtual program will provide students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in STEM, while getting a real inside view of what it is like to work for a biotech company. Students will use virtual labs, online learning and conferencing software, and real-time conversations with employees of both Biogen and MIT to learn all about biotechnology and invention with a focus on Alzheimer's disease.

Open to all high school students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Priority will be given to students from low-income households and groups historically underrepresented in science.

#### VIRTUAL SESSIONS:

Session 1: June 21<sup>st</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Session 2: July 12<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Session 3: July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup>

Session 4: August 9<sup>th</sup> - August 20<sup>th</sup>

Each session meets daily from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. EST

#### COST IS FREE!

Materials will be provided by Biogen and Lemelson-MIT.

Questions: Contact us at [rtpcommunitylab@biogen.com](mailto:rtpcommunitylab@biogen.com)

Application opens February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and closes March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Find more information and the application here:  
[https://www.biogen.com/en\\_us/virtual-community-lab/biogen-mit.html](https://www.biogen.com/en_us/virtual-community-lab/biogen-mit.html)

### MANUFACTURING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

GET PAID TO GO TO COLLEGE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL!

GET COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AT THE SAME TIME!



**VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS**  
March 22, 2021  
6:30pm

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
THROUGH EVENTBRITE**

<https://bit.ly/Pre-ApprenticeInfo>

YOU CAN ALSO SEE YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



LEMELSON-MIT





# 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 Soccer:** Loss vs. Forest Hills

**Football:** Loss vs. Concord

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY – Football at Mount Pleasant – 6:30 pm

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Golf vs. Anson & Forest Hills – 3:30 pm – Monroe Country Club; AWAY – Softball vs Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm; AWAY – Soccer vs. Corvian School – 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Softball vs. West Stanly – 5:00 pm – Senior Night; AWAY – Soccer vs. Anson – 5:30 pm

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm

**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:** HOME – Football vs. West Stanly – 6:30 pm – Senior Night

## **News & Information:**

**Sports Pictures** – Current Sports & Make Up Sports pictures will be held next Saturday – March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please check with your coach for more details.

**Spring Sports Part 2** start on **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Women's Tennis, Wrestling, Baseball, Track & Field  
 Please contact your coach for more information: Coaching information is on the next page.

**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 [Link Click Here](#)
- **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

**Virtual Athlete/Parent Preseason Meeting:** 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:** [click here](#) 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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Administrator over Athletics** – Dr. Josh Wall – [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Baseball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Cheerleading** - Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Cross Country** - Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Football** – Shane Griffin – [Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Basketball** – Sam Smithson – [Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Samuel.smithson@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Soccer** - Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)  
**Softball** – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Swimming** – Sally Goodwin – [sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa – [kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Volleyball** - Stephanie Peacock – [Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Basketball** – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Golf** - Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
**Women's Tennis** - Terry Lewis – [soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)  
**Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Adjusted Sports Season's 2020-2021:

**Football:** February 8<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Football Cheer:** February – March-April  
**Men's & Women's Golf:** March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Men's Tennis:** March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Softball:** March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Women's Soccer:** March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Baseball:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Women's Tennis:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Track & Field:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Wrestling:** April 12<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>



## COUGARS Live 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 student-athletes, 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](https://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

[CATA 2020 Secondary Databases and Extended Learning Resources For Students](#) -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/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8>
- 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/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d1Pw3Ys6VJcFJ87_0TaoAlxibynWt2RIHbT6JKDvzIA/edit?usp=sharing)
- 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- [CATA PTSO– The Cougar Council](http://www.cataptso.org)

Website- [CATA Performing Arts Parent Committee](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com)

### [Click here for the Cougar Council December Newsletter](#)

**HELLO CATA FAMILIES!!** Please visit our CATA PTSO website [www.cataptso.org](http://www.cataptso.org) for information including Invest in Excellence, PTSO Membership and more. Feel free to reach to us at [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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!**

**PTSO: Attention all parents! CATA PTSO is looking for volunteers** to be part of our nominating committee. All meetings are virtual. In addition, we are looking for volunteers who are interested in getting more involved for the 2021-2022 school year. Several committee and board positions will be open and we would love to have YOU join our team. If you are interested or know someone who would enjoy being a part of the board, then please email CATA PTSO [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com) for more information.

### AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

You can now support your favorite charity on iPhone & Android phones

#### How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

- Join AmazonSmile**  
If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up in your web browser, simply select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.
- Get the app**  
Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.
- Turn on AmazonSmile**  
Open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu (bottom right). Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

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**

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## 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: [CA-TA Driver's Ed.](#)

**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. Attendance 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 at their bus stop at least **20 minutes** before the scheduled arrival time. [Bus App Letter English](#) [Bus App Letter Spanish](#)

**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 \$25 starting 2/25/21 for the rest of the school year. If you have any questions, please email Ms. [Robin Viar](#).

### **Daily Schedule**

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

### **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](#)

[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.



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