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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ Spring Break is from Thursday, April 1 to 11. **Monday, April 12 is no longer a remote learning day. It's an in-person learning day for those choosing Plan A and a virtual learning day for those choosing Plan D.**
- ◆ **Five Days of In School Instruction begins on April 12:** Go to **Page Two** for full details. We will open our doors at 8:35 am for student entry and all students should go directly to their 1st period class. We no longer have screenings based on the recommendation of the NCDHHS. We ask that students arrive before 9:00 AM. **Plan A and Plan D expectations are on page 2**
- ◆ **WorkKeys Testing:** Most of the **Class of 2021** are required to take WorkKeys. Ms. Lawson sent an email to students on 3/23 who are taking the assessment. You will test in three areas - Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents. **There is more information on page 3.** Testing will begin at **9:00 am** and should end by **12:00 pm** on your scheduled day. You will need your Chromebook and charger (fully charged), as this assessment is online. You must wear a mask. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Lawson. **The schedule is on page 3.**
- ◆ **Spring Sports Part 2** start on **Monday, April 12:** Women's Tennis, Wrestling, Baseball, Track & Field. Please contact your coach for more information: Coaching information is on page 10.
- ◆ **Junior/Senior Prom:** Our prom will be on May 15, 2021 outdoors at CATA. May 22, 2021 is the rain date. We will send more information to our juniors and seniors in the coming weeks.
- ◆ **CATA Performing Arts Fundraiser:** [Click here to Give-](#) The 2020-2021 CATA Performing Arts Academy seeks to raise money for this year's Spring Musical Cabaret, while also supporting the curricular choral, dance, and tech needs.
- ◆ **Blumey Winners from CATA-** Jackson Randall and Lana Patel won the Blumey competition from our school and will go on to represent us in Charlotte for the entire area competition!
- ◆ **Virtual Sophomore Night:** Join us as we discuss everything you need to know to prepare for your junior year. We will talk about college visits, classes, SAT/ACT, and much more. This will be on Monday, April 26 at 6:30.
- ◆ **Virtual Junior Night:** Join us as we discuss everything you need to know to prepare for your senior year. We will talk about college, scholarships, resumes, and much more. This will be on Monday, April 19 at 6:30.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **CACRAO Virtual College Fairs** - You can choose which colleges you want to hear from by registering for their sessions. You and your family can ask questions of the college representatives. All sessions will be recorded, so please register for ALL college/universities that you have an interest in, even if you can't make the live session. You will have an opportunity to watch the recordings later. The fair will be held on Monday, 4/19. **Click [here](#) to register.**
- ◆ **PTSO page 12-** Please check out page 8 for important information about service and volunteering.
- ◆ Please check out the **Career Corner Pages 6 & 7** for information about **Builder's Bridge Summer Internship, SPCC Summer and Fall Registration, College Summer Programs, Co-Admissions SPCC Opportunities, SPCC Gateway to Wingate, SPCC Associates in a Year Program, and summer job offers.**
- ◆ **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 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





UCPS Plan A and Plan D starting Monday, April 12

On March 15, the Union County Board of Education voted to move all schools to **Plan A**, with in-person instruction, five days a week, beginning Monday, April 12, that's the day we come back from spring break. Families were to choose between Plan A and Plan D (All remote by 3/24 with a form sent out in our last edition. **Those that did not submit a choice:** If the student was on Plan B, then they will be put on Plan A and students who were on Plan D will remain on Plan D. All absentee notes should be sent to Mr. [William Smith](#)

Please mark your calendars that Monday, April 12 is no longer a remote learning day. It's an in-person learning day for those choosing Plan A and a virtual learning day for those choosing Plan D.

The following guidelines will be in place for Plan A in-person instruction:

- Students must always wear a mask (except while eating or taking a short, permitted mask break)
- Visitors are **not** permitted on campus without an appointment.
- In Plan A there will be minimal social distancing (3 feet)
- Contact tracing will continue with direct Blackboard communication to our school families to note that required quarantine could occur for an individual, group, or school.
- If students are not in class, then they will be counted absent, unless sick or on quarantine. Notes must be sent to our data manager Mr. [William Smith](#)

The following guidelines will be in place for Plan D remote instruction:

- Students are expected to participate in online instructional activities each day for a minimum amount of time per subject/course. Approximately 90 minutes per subject. Students are expected to follow a daily schedule and attendance will be taken.
- Students must have access to a computer and high-speed internet. Students are to contact the school if they need assistance. It is expected that your camera and microphone be in working order at all times. Students can apply to receive a hot spot for access to high-speed internet.
- Students are expected to have a designated space for instruction that is conducive to learning and free of distractions.
- Students are expected to participate in online instruction and interact with both the teacher and each other during interactive sessions.
- Students are expected to turn in assignments on or before their due dates.
- Students are expected to complete assignments, tests, and quizzes independently and without the use of unapproved support.
- Each teacher will set expectations about camera use for class and students must follow all UCPS rules while engaged in an online platform with their class.



WorkKeys Schedule

CATA WORKKEYS Schedule April 2021

Friday, April 16th

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 203

Students Testing – Last Name Ahmedoff to Connell (36)

Test Administrator – Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 206

Students Testing – Last Name Cuamacateco-Ildefonso to Gordon (24)

Test Administrator – Ms. Cole

Tuesday, April 20th

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 203

Students Testing – Last Name Gorman to Maher (36)

Test Administrator – Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 206

Students Testing – Last Name Mannarino to Paz-Fuentes (24)

Test Administrator – Ms. Goodwin

Wednesday, April 21st

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 206

Students Testing – Last Name Pena-Whalen to Stryka (36)

Test Administrator – Ms. Lawson

Location - Professional Development Center (PDC) (Across from CATA)

Room Number – 203

Students Testing – Last Name Sturdivant to Zummo (21)

Test Administrator – Ms. Cole

WorkKeys is an assessment that will measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance.

You will test in three areas -

1. **Applied Math** - measures critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and problem-solving techniques for situations in today's workplace
2. **Graphic Literacy** - measures skills needed to locate, synthesize, and use information from workplace graphics
3. **Workplace Documents** - measure skills when you read and use written text



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)

Virtual Sophomore Night

Junior year is right around the corner!
 Join us as we discuss everything you
 need to know to prepare for junior year.
 We'll talk about college visits, classes,
 SAT/ACT, and much more!

APRIL 26 @ 6:30

Virtual Junior Night

Senior year is right around the corner!
 Join us as we discuss everything you
 need to know to prepare for senior year.
 We'll talk about college, scholarships,
 resumes, and much more!

APRIL 19 @ 6:30

[Click here for Sophomore Night](#)

[Click here for Junior Night](#)

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



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SENIORS

Make sure you are sending all scholarship offers to Ms. Cole. Please submit ALL offers, even for schools you are not going to attend. We will acknowledge all offers during senior week and the total amount will be reported at graduation. Please turn in a hard copy or a digital copy of your offers to Ms. Cole by **May 3**

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 if interested



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/onlinecollegeetools>.
 @UCPSCollegePrep



Click on the Ad to register

2020-2021 UCPS Parent College Readiness Webinars

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

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



Click on the Ad to register

**Virtual College Fairs
 Registration
 is Open!**

**High
 School Students
 Thursday,
 March 25th and Monday, April 19th**



The 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 [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 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](#)



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

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!

For any questions please contact

High School Programs at:

highschoolprograms@spcc.edu
704.290.5090

spcc.edu/areas-of-study/high-schools/



The Career Development Corner

Students, are you looking for a job? Job Description–

Urban Air Trampoline Park is seeking qualified and energetic individuals for Court Monitors, Front Desk, Party Hosts, Cafe Positions, and Management. Applicants MUST have reliable transportation and be available to work at least one Monday thru Thursday shift and up to two weekend shifts.

Skills and Qualifications

- High energy and fantastic customer service skills
- Previous work experience in retail or hospitality preferred but not required
- Cash handling experience

They encourage athletic minded individuals to apply due to the physical nature of our business but do not require it as all team members are required to perform to equal levels of performance or greater.

They will be hosting a JOB FAIR this upcoming Monday (3/29/21) and Tuesday (3/30/21) from 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM at our location. Application can be found at <https://www.urbanairtrampolinepark.com/trampoline-park-careers>

ATTENTION STUDENTS!!! Are you interested in, or curious about, construction careers after high school?

Builders Bridge, a local nonprofit organization, is offering paid, summer internships in the home building skilled trades for hard-working students like you.

The Builders Bridge Summer Internship is an 8-week, paid, summer internship for young men and women 16 and older.

- + Monday June 21-Friday August 13 (You may miss up to 8 business days of the internship for family vacation, trips, etc.)
- + On-the-job training in your field of choice
- + Interns are placed with trades such as (but not limited to): electrical, plumbing, landscaping, carpentry (framing, cabinetry, trim), installation, exterior siding, fulfillment, etc.
- + Paid \$10-15/ hour

As a Builders Bridge intern you will be partnered with experienced construction professionals and gain invaluable knowledge and experience in the industry.

For more information about the opportunity check out the Builders Bridge website: www.buildersbridge.com/internship-program To apply: Complete the [Builders Bridge Internship Application](#), Have a teacher, CDC or employer complete the [Recommendation Form](#), Sign up for a [15-minute video interview](#), Deadline for the application is April 30th, 2021.

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STEP TO YOUR CAREER
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- PAID TRAINING
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- EDUCATION REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE



SUMMER INTERNSHIP



6-8 WEEKS



PAID INTERNSHIP
(\$10-15/HR)



WORK-BASED
LEARNING



SCHOOL CREDIT

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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

Thursday, April 1st: HOME – Tennis vs. West Stanly – 4:00 pm; HOME – Football vs. Forest Hills – 6:30 pm

Friday, April 9th: HOME – Football vs. Montgomery Central – 6:30 pm

Monday, April 12th: 1st Day of Spring Sports Part 2 – Track & Field, Wrestling, Baseball & Women's Tennis.
AWAY – Softball vs. West Stanly – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 13th: AWAY – Women's Soccer – West Stanly – 5:30 pm; AWAY – Golf – Montgomery Central – 3:30

Thursday, April 15th: HOME – Softball vs. Anson – 5:00 pm; HOME – Soccer vs. Anson – 5:00 pm

HOME – Tennis vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:00 pm

News & Information:

Spring Sports Part 2 start on **Monday, April 12th:** 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
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:

Football: February 8th – April 9th
Football Cheer: February – March-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



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 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
- 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 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!**

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 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 left). 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

(<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: [CATA 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 A 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](#).

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.