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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **WorkKeys Testing:** Most of the **Class of 2021** are required to take WorkKeys on 4/16, 4/20, or 4/21. Ms. Lawson sent an email to students who are taking the assessment. You will test in three areas - Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents. 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 2 along with more information.**
- ◆ **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. [Click Here](#)
- ◆ **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. [Click Here](#)
- ◆ **Student Recognitions Page 3:** Medical Science HOSA Competition, and UCEC Sweet Salute Scholarships , SECU Scholarships
- ◆ **Junior/Senior Prom:** The Secret Garden Prom is Saturday, May 15 from 8 to 11 PM on the campus of CATA. The rain date is May 22. Tickets are on sale online at this [link](#) from 4/16 to 5/13 at \$25 per person. All who purchase [must click here](#) to fill out the prom attendance form. If you have a non CATA guest, then you must [click here](#) or pick up a guest form in the main office and return by 5/10. Please see the add on page 3.
- ◆ **Senior Week :** The class of 2021 Senior Week is May 17 to 21. Please check out page 4 for full details. We will finalize some times in the coming weeks.
- ◆ **Senior Free Ice Cream Night at Dollar Cone:** Thursday, 4/22 from 3:45 to 7. Please see the ad on page 5 for details. Wear your Senior shirt or CATA gear and tell them you are a senior for a free cone. Senior passes earn an extra treat.
- ◆ **CATA Performing Arts Fundraiser:** [Click here to Give-](#) The 2020-2021 CATA Performing Arts Academy seeks to raise money to support the needs of their pathway programs. Please see page 13 for more information.
- ◆ **CATA Studio Session Concert:** CATA Chorus and MPRA Academy present CATA Studio Sessions Mix of choral arrangements, cover songs, and original songs written by CATA students! Please click [here](#) to watch.
- ◆ **Performing Arts Presentation of Lost Girl:** The CATA Junior Theatre Class presents "Lost Girl" by Kimberly Belflower premiering this Friday and Saturday, 4/16 and 4/17 at 7pm. **Please click [here](#) tickets. Please click [here](#) for more information about this event.**
- ◆ **CATA PTSO Scholarship:** Please see page 7 for details. The deadline is May 5. The link to apply is [here](#).
- ◆ **National English Honor Society Book Drive:** The NEHS hosting a book drive to provide young people in Union County access to the tools for literacy. Please bring in a few good-condition or new books suitable for ages preschool through high school. The books may be placed in a box in Mrs. Henry's Room 108 or in the box in the front office.
- ◆ **Graduation Speaker Auditions:** Seniors who are interested in speaking on behalf of their academy at graduation, please [click here](#) for the guidelines and procedures. Please email Ms. [Sarah Henry](#) for details.
- ◆ **Athletics:** See our athletics information on pages 9 & 10 in this edition for information on our weekly schedule. Please check out page 10 for how to **live stream CATA wrestling**. **CATA Cougar Spirit Wear:** [click here](#) to purchase.
- ◆ **Guidance Pages 6 & 7, Career Corner Page 8, PTSO page 5**

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





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



Student Life and Prom 2022



Congratulations CATA Students:

- ◆ **Medical Sciences students** participated in the state HOSA Leadership Conference this past week in the area of Biomedical Debate. This was our first HOSA competition in several years and our students Vanika Mehta, Palak Desai, Harshini Janapaty, and Aminata Diagne represented CATA! Thank you to Ms. Turner and Ms. Black for helping prepare our students.
- ◆ **2021 Union County Education Foundation Sweet Salute Scholarship Winners from CATA:** Reese Milhone and Megan Mossembekker on May 13 will be a part of a hybrid event to honor a teacher who has influenced them greatly and receive a one time \$1250 scholarship.
- ◆ **NC State Employees Credit Union People Helping People Scholarship:** Congratulations to Gaby Montes for winning this scholarship.








Senior Week

Click on the Paint Party Ad
to pay and sign up.

SENIOR WEEK

May 17 – May 21

Monday May 17 th 4:30 - 6:00	SENIOR PEP RALLY 
Tuesday May 18 th During 1 st Block	Senior Breakfast  & ACADEMIC AWARDS SIGNING
Wednesday May 19 th 12:15-3:15 student parking lot	Sno Cone Treat 
Thursday May 20 th 6pm – 8pm	Virtual Paint Party with DJ 
Friday May 21 st	Fiesta Friday - Taco Food Truck 

SENIOR VIRTUAL PAINT PARTY

MAY 20
6:00-8:00PM

LIVE DJ WILL PLAY WHILE YOU
PAINT!

SPECIAL PRICING!

APRIL 15-APRIL 23 \$5 PER STUDENT

APRIL 24-APRIL 30 \$10 PER STUDENT

MAY 1-MAY 7 \$13 PER STUDENT (FULL PRICE)

NO ADDITIONAL SIGN-UPS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER
MAY 7. NO EXCEPTIONS.

TO PAY GO TO ONLINE SCHOOL
PAYMENTS ON THE CATA WEBSITE



PTSO- The Cougar Council

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

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

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.

Hey SENIORS ... You scream. We scream. Seniors ALL scream for ICE CREAM!!! That's right ... another Senior "Drop In" Event just for you on Thursday, April 22nd. Stop by DOLLAR CONE on Weddington Road anytime between 3:45 – 7pm on April 22nd for a FREE Ice Cream Cone from your CATA PTSO. Simply to wear your senior t-shirt or any CATA spirit wear, tell them you are a CATA SENIOR and order your FREE cone. **Senior Event Pass Holders will get a special take home brownie treat! Dollar Cone address: 4043 Weddington Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

Hello CATA Families! The CATA PTSO Nominating Committee NEEDS YOU to help fill the roles of President-Elect and Treasurer-Elect for the 2021-2022 school year. These positions are a shadowing opportunity in preparation for the 2022-23 school year when an entirely new CATA PTSO Board must be elected. This is the perfect opportunity to become more involved with your child's school and help prepare for a smooth transition to a new board. Please contact Sarah Fazzino at sarah.cataptso@outlook.com if you are interested.

2021-2022 Senior Committee information: Attention RISING Senior Parents. We're looking for parents to be part of our senior committee for next year. If you are interested in helping for next year, please reach out to Sarah Fazzino at sarah.cataptso@outlook.com for more information.

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>)

Publix: Click [here](#) to register and choose cata as our school

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CATA Seniors scream for ICE CREAM!



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3:45 – 7:00 pm

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Senior Event Pass holders will also receive a take home Brownie for an extra special treat!



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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Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling

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**

CATA PTSO SCHOLARSHIP

Click on the
Ad to apply

CRITERIA:

- 2.5 GPA OR HIGHER
- PARENT/GUARDIAN OR STUDENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF PTSO BEFORE THE END OF FIRST SEMESTER
- MUST PLAN TO ATTEND A TECHNICAL SCHOOL, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OR 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

DEADLINE: MAY 5

MORE INFO AND
APPLICATION LINK ON THE
SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE



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/collegereadynesswebinars>

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

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

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 or our CDC Ms. Bartell 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/



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EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 Years of age or older.
- Maintain a professional, safe, and neat appearance, including no visible tattoos in a long-sleeved uniform.
- Possess and maintain a valid driver's license.
- Autobell is a drug-free workplace and all candidates must pass a pre-employment drug screening.



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Part-Time Clerk Job Information

• \$10.50 per hour. Pay is weekly.

• Flexible schedules

• Must be 16 to apply

• Reliable transportation required

• Never work alone

• Varied schedules including weekends and holidays

• Customer Service Bonus at 6 months

• Anniversary Bonus every 6 months

• Benefits include: limited health, vacation after 2 years, unpaid sick and personal days, retirement plan at 21 years of age (profit sharing, 401K, ESOP), tuition reimbursement, seniority awards, Christmas bonus, and more

Apply online at www.quiktrip.com





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:

Softball: Losses vs. West Stanly

Women's Soccer: Win vs. West Stanly

Football: Season Complete

Men's Tennis: No matches since the break ended

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 16th: HOME – Softball vs. Mount Pleasant – 4:30 pm

Monday, April 19th: AWAY – Softball vs. Forest Hills – 5:00 pm; AWAY – Soccer vs. Forest Hills – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 20th: AWAY – Men's Tennis – West Stanly – 4:00 pm; AWAY – Golf – Red Bridge Country Club – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, April 21st: AWAY – Softball – Montgomery Central – 5:30 pm; AWAY – Soccer – Montgomery Central – 5:30 pm; HOME – Tennis vs. Olympic – 4:00 pm

Thursday, April 22nd: HOME – Tennis vs. Porter Ridge – 4:00 pm ; AWAY – Soccer – Porter Ridge – 6:00 pm; HOME – Baseball Scrimmage vs. Monroe – 4:30 to 6:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium – Admission – FREE

Important Upcoming Dates:

August 2nd – Official Start Date of FALL Sports

Parent Check List for Athletics: The following need to be completed 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:

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>



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



UCPS Plan A and Plan D Expectations Performing Arts Fundraiser

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.

CATA Performing Arts Program Fundraiser

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. Please see page 12 for more information on this fundraiser.

Fundraising monies will be used for:

- Help offset the impact of COVID-19 on our fine arts program which includes extra costume pieces for dance/theatre due to sanitary requirements, extra technology to film productions, masks, cleaning supplies, etc...
- Yearly Technology needs such as microphones, cameras, software, etc...
- Yearly Dance needs such as equipment, costumes, etc...
- Yearly Tech Theatre needs such as equipment for the set, tools, supplies, paint needs, etc..
- Yearly Choral needs including sheet music, curricular books, etc...
- Needs for this year's current musical including costumes, licensing fees, props, etc....

All donations are tax deductible. Tax ID Number:56-6001123