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Dear CATA Family,

- ◆ **Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information:** A separate email will be sent to each senior to their UCPS email account and parents will receive a Connect Ed. email. Click [here](#) to see the letter. The letter is posted on pages 14-17 in this edition. Health guidelines are subject to change and we will update as needed.
- ◆ **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Please thank our teachers for all of their hard work this year. May 3-7 is teacher appreciation week.
- ◆ **Exam Information** will be in next week's edition.
- ◆ **Student Recognitions Page 2: Transportation Systems Skills USA, Blumey Awards, Graduation Speakers, Scholarship winners, wrestling, and Performing Arts.**
- ◆ **AP Exam Information** is on Pages 3 and 4.
- ◆ **Spring Musical Cabaret Tickets:** Tickets are on sale to the public. Please click [here](#) to buy tickets. Tickets are \$15 and seating is limited.
- ◆ **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 this page.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive:** The spring blood drive will be Thursday, May 6th from 9-1:30. Please stop by Mrs. Turner's room if you are interested in donating blood. Please check out the ad on this page.
- ◆ **Senior Week :** The class of 2021 Senior Week is May 17 to 21. Please check out page 5 for full details. We will finalize some times in the coming weeks.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Our Spring CATA PTSO General Meeting** will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. Please join us to learn more about the PTSO, meet the 2021-22 Board, hear about available positions and vote to approve the Revised By Laws. The updated By-Laws may be found on the CATA PTSO page or by clicking [here](#). **Meeting link Information is on page 6.**
- ◆ **CATA PTSO Scholarship:** Please see page 6 for details. The deadline is May 5. The link to apply is [here](#).
- ◆ **Seeking Scholarship Chair Information:** The PTSO is looking for someone to chair the Scholarship Committee next year. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Fazzino at sarah.catapts@outlook.com.
- ◆ **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 Page 7, Career Corner Page 8, PTSO page 6.**

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

**WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together**



All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.
Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need.

**Central Academy of Technology and
Arts
Blood Drive**

American Red Cross Bus
600 Brewer Dr
Monroe, NC 28110

Thursday, May 6th
9:00am - 2:30pm

To schedule your life-saving appointment, go to redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code "CATA" or scan QR code below



Schedule a blood donation appointment today:
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CENTRAL ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY & ARTS
PRESENTS

The Secret Garden Prom 2021

May 15, 2021
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
(Raindate May 22nd)

Central Academy Courtyard
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28110

Tickets on sale online:
April 16th - May 13th
\$25 per person



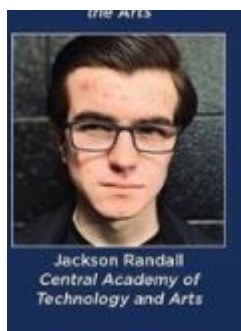
Student Life

Congratulations CATA Students:

- ◆ Congratulations to **Megan Mossembekker** for being awarded the Weddington Optimist Scholarship!!
- ◆ Congratulations to **Juan Strobel** who won 2nd Place in Collision Damage Appraisal at the SkillsUSA competition! Way to go Juan!
- ◆ Congratulations to these SkillsUSA 1st place winners in Welding Sculpture and Collision Damage Appraisal! Way to go **Dawson Maher and AJ Zummo**
- ◆ Congratulations to **Jackson Randall** for being a best actor finalist in the annual Blumey Awards.
- ◆ Congratulations to the men's **wrestling team** for their 300th dual team win in history, to **Aiden Curry** for 100 career wins.
- ◆ **Congratulations to our Academy Graduation Speakers:**
 - Information Systems:** Samantha Parler
 - Medical Science:** Palak Desai
 - Performing Arts:** Megan Mossembekker
 - Pre-Engineering:** Heidi Picazo-Gonzalez
 - Transportation Systems:** Dawson Maher



- ◆ Congratulations to three of our students who participated in the NYU Department and Performing Arts Professions Program in Education Theatre Verbatim Performance Lab project featuring 60+ teenagers from schools around the U. S. that take on a verbatim performance of a section of the first 2020 Biden/Trump debate moderated by Chris Wallace is debuting in a virtual festival on April 17th. Our students: **Ashline Arnaud** (as Trump), **Ellie Chickoree** (as Biden), and **Sydney Bupp** (as Chris Wallace. Click here to view the clip: <https://www.instagram.com/c.a.t.a.theatre/> or go to the CATA Theatre Instagram page.





AP Exams

AP TESTING 2021

You should bring the following items to the exam room:

- Several sharpened No. 2 pencils (with erasers) for completing multiple-choice answer sheets
- Pens with black or dark blue ink for completing areas on the exam booklet covers and for free-response questions in most exams
- Up to two calculators with the necessary capabilities if you are taking an AP Biology, Calculus, Environmental Science, Physics, or Stats Exam
- A ruler or straightedge for AP Physics exams

You should not bring the following to the exam room:

- Electronic devices, such as: cell phones, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerry, smart phones, laptops, Bluetooth-enabled devices, MP3 players, iPods, e-mail/messaging devices, camera/photographic equipment, devices that can access the internet, or any other electronic or communication devices
- Books, compasses, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, correction fluid, dictionaries, highlighters, protractors, or notes
- Rulers and straightedges (unless you are taking an AP Physics exam)
- Scratch paper (notes can be made on portions of the exam booklets)
- Computers or calculators (except as noted above)
- Reference guides, keyboard maps, or other typing instructions
- Watches that beep or have an alarm, or smartwatches
- Portable listening or recording devices (even with headphones)
- Scissors, pocket knife, or other sharp implements
- Clothing with subject-related information
- Food or drink (*Unless this has been preapproved as an accommodation by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities office prior to the test date*)

Reminders:

You are required to arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to your exam: 7:50 for the morning administration and 11:50 for the afternoon administration. **Please DO NOT park at the Professional Development Center (PDC).** Students may not be dismissed until an exam has officially ended; do not ask to leave early if you finish before the end of the exam. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly. Please note that if you ride the bus, you will need to make alternate travel arrangements as morning exams begin before CATA starts at 9:05 a.m. and afternoon exams may end after 3:45 p.m.

English Literature and US History exams will be given digitally at your home. You must be logged into the testing system prior to 12:00 noon or the exam will not be loaded onto your Chromebook. You must use your Chromebook to take these two exams. The software will be loaded onto your Chromebook.

Get a good night's rest before your exam, and eat a nutritious breakfast/brunch. You are allowed to bring a snack and beverage for your 10-minute break. However, food and drink are prohibited in the exam room. It is advisable to bring a sweater or jacket, in case the room temperature is below your comfort level – it is normally very cold at the PDC!!!

You are required to abide by the policies of both the College Board and CATA during the exam period. Any misconduct will be reported and could jeopardize your AP Exam score.

AP Scores will be available online in July. You will access your scores via your College Board account. Check the score release schedule, available on the student AP scores website in May.



AP Exams

If you have any additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ms. Lawson at Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us or (704)296-3088. Thank You and Good Luck!!!

Below is the listing of ALL AP Exams. Please review and make sure you know the day, time, and location of your exams.

AP Exam	Date	Time	Room
AP US Government	Monday, May 3rd	8:00 am	PDC 203/204/205
AP Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 4 th	8:00 am	PDC 203/204/205 206/207
AP Human Geography	Tuesday, May 4 th	12:00 noon	PDC 220
AP Physics 1	Wednesday, May 5 th	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205
AP Computer Science	Thursday, May 6 th	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205
AP World History	Monday, May 10 th	8:00 am	PDC 220
AP Psychology	Tuesday, May 11 th	12:00 noon	PDC 203/204/205 206/207
AP English Language	Wednesday, May 12 th	8:00 am	PDC 206/207
AP Biology	Friday, May 14 th	8:00 am	CATA 107
AP Environmental Science	Friday, May 14 th	12:00 noon	CATA Media Center
AP Computer Science Principles	Monday, May 17 th	8:00 am	PDC 206/207
AP Statistics	Monday, May 17 th	12:00 noon	PDC 220
AP English Literature	Tuesday, May 18 th	12:00 noon	Digital at Home
AP US History	Wednesday, May 19 th	12:00 noon	Digital at Home
AP Studio Art	Thursday, May 20 th	Portfolio Submitted by 11:59 pm	n/a
AP Calculus BC	Monday, May 24 th	8:00 am	PDC 206/207

Advanced Placement Absence Permission Form - for each student to fill out. In the past we would give students an actual document to sign, but we are living in a virtual world these days, as you know. Our students are not required to attend classes on the day of their assigned AP Exam (this is no different than any other school year) provided they have communicated with their teachers and parent/guardian). We will review their grades and if they should be in class their google form will not be approved. If granted permission the student will be coded as "field trip" and not counted absent on the day of their AP Exam. Please have your students fill out the google form by **Thursday, April 29th at 5:00 pm**. They must fill out a form for each exam they are taking.

[Please click here for the form](#)








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.

May 4 General PTSO Meeting Information: Our Spring CATA PTSO General Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm. Please join us to learn more about the PTSO, meet the 2021-22 Board, hear about available positions and vote to approve the Revised By Laws. The updated By-Laws may be found on the CATA PTSO page or by clicking this link. [Central Academy of Technology Revised By Laws 2020 21.pdf \(ucps.k12.nc.us\)](http://ucps.k12.nc.us)

PTSO General Meeting

May 4, 2021 @ 6:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91978310015?pwd=K0RualYyTHJvZGhncm91QVZpY0trQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 7831 0015

Passcode: Z5r5k5

Seeking Scholarship Chair Information: The PTSO is looking for someone to chair the Scholarship Committee next year. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Fazzino at sarah.cataptso@outlook.com.

SENIORS Apply now for the PTSO Scholarship: This scholarship is open to CATA seniors who possess strong character, a demonstrated belief in community service, and academic evidence predicting success in college. Eligible applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA and must be applying to attend a technical school, community college, or 4-year university. The student or their parent/guardian must be a member of the Cougar Council PTSO before the end of first semester.

Amount: Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded

Deadline: May 5, 2021

Application: Click [here](#) for the scholarship application

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704-967-4020

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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

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





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)

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**



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

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

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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• 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. Montgomery Central & Anson – Season Now Complete

Women's Soccer: Win vs. Montgomery Central & Mount Pleasant, Loss vs. Porter Ridge

Men's Tennis: Wins vs. Olympic, Porter Ridge & Parkwood

Men's Golf: Rocky River Conference Champions! Congrats to Coach Jacobus & Smithson on a great season. Team advances to NCHSAA Regionals Next Week

Baseball: Season Opener vs. Corvian

Wrestling: Wins vs. Rocky River & Weddington

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 30th: AWAY – Women's Soccer – Hickory – 6:00 pm; AWAY – Wrestling – Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

Monday, May 3rd: Soccer – NCHSAA Playoffs 1st Round – Time/Location – TBA; AWAY – Men's Golf – NCHSAA Regionals – Salisbury, NC – All Day Event

Tuesday, May 4th: HOME – Track & Field – 5:00 pm; HOME – Baseball vs. Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium; HOME – Wrestling vs. Cuthbertson – 6:00 pm – CATA Gym

Thursday, May 6th: AWAY – Baseball – Women's Tennis – 4:00 pm; AWAY – Baseball – Mount Pleasant – 6:00 pm

Friday, May 7th: HOME Wrestling – 6:00 PM – Senior Night – CATA Gym

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 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
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Monthly Pass - \$10.99/mo.
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Den Digest (Media Center) & Yearbook Information

Yearbooks are on sale for \$85.00. Reserve your copy today! Order online by [clicking here to order](#).



Order your yearbook!

Books are \$85.00 and can be purchased online at yearbookforever.com.
Delivery is in July and book will cover full year (prom and graduation).

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.



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SNAP IT — SHARE IT — SEE IT!

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The Den Digest

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

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/>
Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold. We will deliver it to you!

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>

All calculators need to be returned by Wednesday, May 19th so we can get them ready for exams.

The last day to check out books is Friday, May 14th and all materials are due back by Friday, May 21st.

Seniors must return all checked out items and pay any fines before graduation or they will not be allowed to walk.

Any materials not returned will be charged to student's accounts.



All calculators that have been checked out from The Den need to be returned by Wednesday, May 19th so we have enough for testing the following week.
Thank you!



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 A 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



Spring Senior Letter and Graduation Information

Dear Class of 2021,

We are very proud of every one of you. We hope you will have fond memories of CATA and of all the people here. Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We would like to provide you some updated information for your senior year. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family to familiarize yourselves with the information and expectations.

Graduation: Our graduation date is on **Friday, June 4, at 8 AM, at Walter Bickett Stadium**. The address is 704 Washington Street, Monroe NC 28112. We will live stream this on the Central Academy of Technology & Arts YouTube Channel. There is a link to the channel on our school website at the bottom of the home page. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4ui1rY4xUohFC0fy8PmEw>

Name Pronunciations: All Seniors must email Dr. Josh Wall an audio clip of their legal first, middle, and last name as stated in Power School by Friday, May 14. Please make an audio clip on your phone or computer and email to josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

Graduation Practice: There will be no graduation practice.

Attire: All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Caps and Gowns may not be altered.

Graduation Packet Pick up Day, Items to return to CATA, and Senior Wall Signing: Thursday, June 3, 9-11 AM

-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. There is a drop off day on Thursday, June 3 from 9-11 AM. These items must be returned before students can participate in graduation. If you do not need these items for exams, then you may drop them off in the main office during business hours from 8 am to 3 pm the week before graduation. Students will drive around the front circle to turn in these items and then proceed to park in the student parking lot.

-Senior Wall Signing and Hand Print: Seniors will enter the building through the 100 Hallway door close to the student parking lot. Students will wear a mask and follow distancing protocols. The counselor will then guide the students through the hand print and signing procedure. Students will exit the 100 hallway door closest to the front of the building and walk around the side of the media center to pick up graduation packets.

-Graduation Packets: Packets will contain parking passes, cords, tickets, and graduation information (procedures and maps) and should be picked up under the covered outside area of the media center on the way back to the student parking lot after the wall signing. Students must pick up these packets for parking passes and tickets.

Senior Scholarships: It is that time of year to **REPORT your SCHOLARSHIPS!** Please send a copy of your scholarship letter to Ms. [Ashley Cole](#)- even those scholarships you are not going to use- by Friday, May 3. Please continue to review scholarship opportunities on the CATA School Counseling Website. If you have questions please ask your assigned counselor.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: We will send more specific information about the picture in the coming days.

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 or on the online payment site in the correct specific area. Dr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by May 16, 2021. Please [click here](#) to pay the appropriate fee.



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Senior Week: Monday, May 17 to Friday May 21

Monday, May 17, 4:30 to 6:00, Senior Pep Rally (Walter Bickett Stadium or CATA Gym & Fields)

Tuesday, May 18, Senior Breakfast and **Academic Signing** 9:15 AM (Café, Bus Lot, Theatre)

Wednesday, May 19, Pelican's Snow Cone Truck, 12:15 to 3:15 PM (Student Parking Lot)

Thursday, May 20, Virtual Paint Party 6-8 PM (Details communicated in an email to UCPS accounts)

Friday, May 21, Taco Truck, 3:15 to 4:15 (Student Parking Lot)

Health Disclaimer for the Graduation Ceremony If students or their guests are sick or are awaiting testing results for an unknown potential virus, then please do not attend this event. Please do not endanger others. If you are sick or someone you are living with is awaiting test results, then please stay home. Parents, students, and staff are asked to wear masks at all times with two exceptions (Dr. Wall calling names and those giving speeches) Please remember to follow distancing rules 6 ft. or more. Distance is the best deterrent. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines.**

Graduates, Staff, and Guests should not attend if they have experienced the following within 48 hours of the event.

Fever of 100.4 or above

New cough

Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

Chills

New muscle aches/body aches

Sore throat

Diarrhea or vomiting

New onset of severe headache

New loss of taste or smell

Have been within 6 feet of a person with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 for fifteen minutes or more cumulative over a 24 hour period

These protocols may also call for additional measures to be put in place based on future guidelines.

Graduation Day Procedures: We will use the home side permanent stands, visiting side temporary bleachers, and seats on the field. All graduates and patrons must wear a mask appropriately over their nose (No face shields without a mask) and distance six feet from family to family. Graduates will sit spaced in rows in front of the stage. **Guidelines are subject to change as the state, UCPS, and NCDHSS update guidelines. No students or parents will be allowed in the Walter Bickett Parking area without the parking pass and in the gates without tickets. Students will not be able to pick up Diploma Packets at the stadium who owe items or fees to the school. Please make sure all items and fees are cleared the week before graduation. If you have questions, please contact our bookkeeper, Ms. Robin Viar. robin.viar@ucps.k12.nc.us**

Entering the Stadium (You will need to refer to the attached map): There are two entrances for ticketed guests. The double swinging gate off of S Johnson Street/Washington Street is Gate A, and the double gates off of S Johnson Street on the home stadium side is Gate B (GATE B is also the handicap entrance). Students with the last name A-L will enter Gate A and Students with the last name M-Z will enter gate B. Students will pick up Diploma Packets from guidance then go directly to their assigned seat on the field. There is no processional. The four parents or guests must present tickets and will sit on the home/visiting side or be directed to the field to sit in chairs. Parents must sit where asked. We will begin filling in the top rows first, then come down. The bottom row will be for late arrivals. Handicap seating is on the home side in front of the gate on the field. **Entrance begins at 7 am and is shut down at 7:45 AM. We cannot accommodate late arrivals past 7:45.**

Diploma Packets: Our Guidance Department will hand out diploma packets before students and parents enter the stadium to the students. The students' assigned seat cards will be stapled to the packet. The packets will include a diploma, programs, picture information, and transcripts (official to be mailed and unofficial).



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Student Assigned Seats: Students will be sitting in Alphabetical Order by Academy (Which are in alphabetical order). There are 11 rows. A to L and seats numbered 1-20. If a student does not pick up a packet, then their seat will be skipped and their name will be marked off the list to be called to walk across the stage. Student names and seat numbers will be marked on each seat. Students will be with their parents when they get their packets and will be told their seat number. All students should be in their caps and gowns with comfortable shoes. Students may wear clothes for hot weather within the school dress code. Graduation Speakers will sit in row A seats 1-6 and return to assigned seat with their academy after they speak. Students will move tassels, but are asked not to throw caps.

Photographer: The student will stop for a brief picture with the principal after they get their diploma cover. There will be an X to mark the spot. The student will take another photo as they exit the stage. Photography information will be in the Diploma Packets.

No Processional but a Recessional: As students enter and take their seats, "Pomp and Circumstance" will be played continuously starting 30 minutes before the beginning of the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the administration and UCPS officials will exit the stage and walk toward the running gravel track on the home side. Then, staff will help rows of students to get up one row at a time to walk in a circle around the field and then exit to their cars. Parents must remain in their seats (or stand at their seats) and cannot come down to the gate. Staff will keep students spaced apart. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the campus. Staff will keep students spaced apart. Parents will be dismissed at various exits after the recessional. All attendees must go straight to their cars and leave the stadium. Students are not allowed to pose for pictures at Walter Bickett Stadium after the recessional due to traffic concerns. Parents and Students may go to the CATA campus and take photos outside of the building.

Parking and Directions: You will be directed where to park. No one may just park; someone will direct you where to park. Each graduate is allowed ONE parking pass and four guests. All graduates and guests should arrive in one car. If you have to meet another group, then you may go to CATA's main campus at 600 Brewer Drive and meet in the student parking lot to get into one car. This is due to parking limitations at the stadium. The parking pass must be displayed to enter the parking entrance which is off of **Washington Street. All cars must enter on Washington Street off of Lancaster Avenue.** An officer will be placed at each entry point to turn cars around who do not enter in this manner. Cars should have no more than five people. (Graduate and four guests, unless it is a family with more than one graduating student). Cars that do not have a pass displayed or have more than the allotted number of people will be asked to leave and return once the procedures are followed.

Cars will proceed around the block to park on Griffith Road until full on the right side of the road only, cars will continue to turn right and park on S. Johnson Street until full. **Note the spaces next to the stadium gate are for handicapped parking and the handicapped entrance will be the gate off of S. Johnson Street onto the field close to Gate B. Please display your handicapped sticker or email josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us if there is a special circumstance we need to accommodate.** Cars will then go into the parking lot off of S Johnson at Sunset Park, and once the lot is full cars will turn left and park on S Johnson Street on both sides. Cars will continue up South Johnson and when full, park on both sides of Bickett Street headed toward Sunset Drive. Cars will continue to come in and park on Washington Street on both sides going toward S. Johnson Street. Parking can be on both sides and in some turn spaces all the way back to Lancaster Avenue. Once this parking is exhausted then cars will park in the WBES parking lots under the direction of a staff member.

Cars must follow an exit pattern: Those on Griffith Road will go straight and turn left or right on Lancaster Avenue. Those on S. Johnson parked toward Griffith Road on both sides of the will exit by going straight and turning right on Griffith Road. Those on Washington Street on the right side will turn right on S. Johnson, go straight and turn right on Griffith Road. Those on the left side of Washington will go straight, turn left on South Johnson, then right on Bickett to exit left or right onto Sunset. Those in the WBEC parking lot will turn right on to Washington Street and may exit to the right or left on S. Johnson and follow those exit patterns.

The paved area near the patron entrance at the corner of Washington and South Johnson: Gate A will NOT be used for parking to help traffic directors keep good line of site and to not clog up the entrance to Gate A.

Ms. Vicki Merritt, Principal

The map is on the next page.

