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Dear CATA Family,

Early Release Day: Wednesday, October 13, **We have PSAT and PreACT testing on this day for all 10th and most 11th grade students.** School is from 9:05 to 12:30. We ask all students to go home directly after school (Students may sit in the café until their after school activities begin). Lunch will be provided in the café, but students are welcome to eat once they leave CATA. All students who drive to school or have a parent driver should plan to leave after the final bell at 12:30. The only students who should remain on campus are bus riders if their bus is not here. Bus riders will go directly to their bus if it is here or go to the café to eat lunch if they want to eat lunch at school. Students who ride a bus may be picked up by a parent and do not need a note.

-PSAT: The PSAT will be given to 146 11th grade students on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

-PreACT: The PreACT will be given to all 10th grade students on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

-Freshmen, Seniors and some Juniors: On the Early Release Day these students will be in advisory homeroom all day to participate in activities planned by the teacher.

-Culture of Respect Week is next Week, Oct.11-15. Please see **page 4** for details for each day of the week.

-Report Cards will be sent home on Tuesday, October 12.

-Monroe Christmas Parade Scholarship: We are selecting one senior to represent CATA as our Parade Princess. This student will be eligible to receive the Alex Kahle Memorial Scholarship. If you are interested in being selected, then complete the nomination form on the scholarship page by Friday Oct. 8! [Click here](#) to apply.

-Homecoming is the week of Oct. 18-22. We will have more communication in next week's edition, as well as, throughout the week next week.

The **Homecoming Dance** is on Sat. Oct. 23, from 8-11 PM on the CATA Campus. Tickets are \$15 per individual and \$25 for two. Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

-College Financial Aid Night will be Oct. 12, at 6:30 pm. This will be a virtual presentation. [Click here](#) to sign up to receive a link to the presentation.

-2022 Yearbooks are now available to order! [Click HERE](#) and search for CATA. The price is \$70 until January 1.

-Site Based Management Team (SBMT): Students and Parents needed. If you are interested in serving on our Site Based Management Team then please email [Dr. Wall](#) by Friday, Oct. 15. We are in need of two students and one parent to serve. Once we have all interest emails, then we will send out ballots to parent and students. The purpose of SBMT is to enhance student achievement and give faculty, students, and parents a voice in school-based decisions.

-College Visitations at CATA: Juniors and Seniors: [ECU](#) and [UNC-Asheville](#) all have representatives coming to CATA in Oct. [Click here](#) to register. Scroll down and click on college visits.

-Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 8** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#). —

-Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#).

-Spirit Wear: [Click here](#) to purchase. We are doing a pre-order for hoodies (only this year's design) Pre-ordering is still done through the online spirit wear store and is offered until Oct. 31.

-Student Life announcements on **page 2**.

-Senior Class of 2022 Information is on **Page 3**. Check out Senior Yearbook Tributes!

-Counseling Center and Career Development Coordinator Information: Announcements and information on Pages 5-7.

-PTSO Information: Page 9



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



Student Life Information



Powder Puff Football: If you wish to play in the Powder Puff Football Tournament in October, then you need to sign up NOW. The cost is \$15 and includes your t-shirt jersey. Proceeds from this event will go to Victory Junction, a camp in NC for kids with Chronic Illnesses. Click here to learn about [Victory Junction](#). Please [CLICK HERE](#) for forms (Scroll down and go to Announcements). Print out the four documents and sign and return no later than Friday, October 8. **Packets are available in the main office too. Sign up to Play by [CLICKING HERE](#). Pay the fee by [CLICKING HERE](#).** You must fill out the Google Doc, Pay the fee, and return the permission form, sportsmanship form, and rules form to the main office. **The next practice** is at 4:00 PM on the fields next to the student parking lot on Monday, October 11.

Student Life Meetings This Week

Student Council Officer meeting: Monday, October 11 at 8:15 AM in the media center

Fashion Club meeting: Monday, October 11 at 4 in Rm. 616

Society of Women Engineers: Monday, October 11 at 4 in Rm. 505


Beta Club Meeting: Tuesday, October 12 at 8:30 AM and 3:45 PM, Media Center

Yearbook Club meeting: Tuesday, October 12 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

Speech and Debate: Thursday, October 14 at 3:45 in Rm. 601


Minority Student Union Meeting, Friday, October 15 at 8:30 AM in the Den

ESports Meeting, Friday, October 15 at 4:00 in Rm. 217



**2022 Yearbooks
Now on Sale!**

Yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00
The price increases to \$80 on 1/1/2022
Senior tributes are also on sale!
Payment due by 10/15/2021
Photos and message due by 11/19/2021



The Den Digest

- Check out the [Virtual Learning Commons](#) and see what is offered. Find links to databases, research help, reading lists, how to evaluate news sources and more.
- Want to check out a book? Login to Destiny and put one on hold or stop into the media center and check one out.
- Need a calculator? [Click HERE](#) and have your parent/guardian sign. We will give the calculator to your math or science teacher.
- Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog by [Clicking HERE](#)
- Interested in joining a Battle of the Books team? Fill out the interest form at <https://bit.ly/HBOB2122>. Learn more by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/CATAHBOB>.



Senior Class of 2022 Information



ATTENTION SENIOR PASS HOLDERS GET READY! Your next Senior Pass Holder event will be on Friday, October 29, immediately after school. Please stop by the Senior Pass holder table outside the front office on your way out the door for treats, TREATS or BIG TREATS for a special holiday surprise.

Senior Cap and Gown Orders: Jostens was on campus last week during lunches taking orders for Graduation products, caps and gowns, and ring orders. Each senior was emailed a link to order through their UCPS Account as well along with an informational form. Please [click here](#) to order if you did not purchase items at school. Caps and gowns are required for the graduation ceremony.

Senior Tributes:

Order and pay online: [Click HERE](#)

1. Search for CATA. Click "Create a Personal Ad" at the bottom. (Make sure your pop up or ad blocker is turned off to see the link.)
2. You do not have to upload pictures when you place your order and pay. Just enter some text in the required text boxes and then on the top right click on the "I will deliver photos to the school at a later date" link to skip uploading pictures.
3. You can either email the photos or upload them to the Google form by November 19th. Please complete this Google Form: [Click HERE](#) with additional information about your senior tribute order.

Seniors and Senior Parents, Class of 2022 Information about your senior portraits: Seniors, it's time to get your senior portraits and yearbook photo taken! Go online to cady.com/book22 to schedule your session! CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews where your photos are taken. Every senior needs to get a picture taken with CADY so they will be in the yearbook. **Wednesday, October 20th is the second chance day for seniors to get their picture taken at CATA, and students have to sign up with CADY for this session.**

1. CADY has a studio at Crown Point Plaza in Matthews.
 2. When you go to the website, search for Central Academy, pick an additional scene, and then click continue.
 3. On the next page you will see prices for session (sitting) fees. If you want the basic \$30 option then scroll to the bottom of the page and select simple session.
 4. Your session fee (sitting fee) is the fee you are paying for the photographers to take your picture and there are a lot of different priced options with multiple locations, dedicated photographers, makeup artists, etc. This fee DOES NOT pay for any of the photos that you might want. You will have to purchase your photos after you receive your proofs.
 5. Make sure to remove any pre-checked items you do not want such as double proofs, retouching, etc.
 6. Select your date and time, create an account, and pay the sitting fee.
 7. Show up for your appointment date and time you selected to get your pictures taken.
 8. After your pictures are taken you'll receive a portfolio in the mail. Keep anything you'd like to purchase and return everything else in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
 9. Remember, we want 100% of our seniors represented in this book but we can't do it without you.
 10. Yearbook and senior tribute orders can be placed once school starts in the fall. The yearbook is always at its lowest price the first week of school so order early to get the best deal!
- If you have questions about senior pictures, please contact CADY Studios. If you have questions about other issues, contact Ms. Christensen at deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us.



Culture of Respect Week

Culture of Respect Week, October 11-15

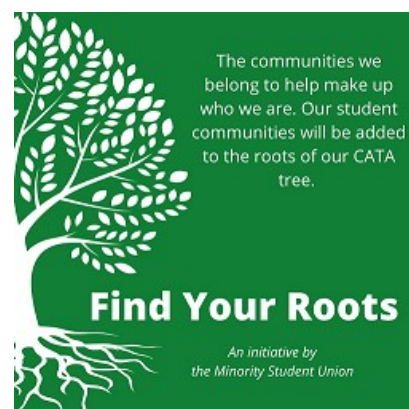
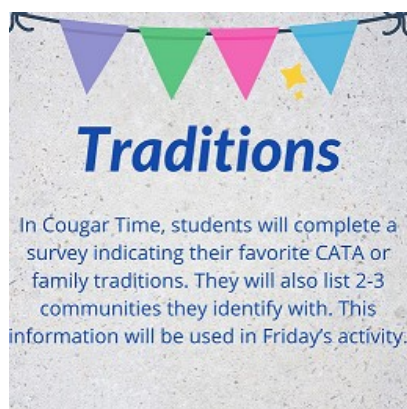
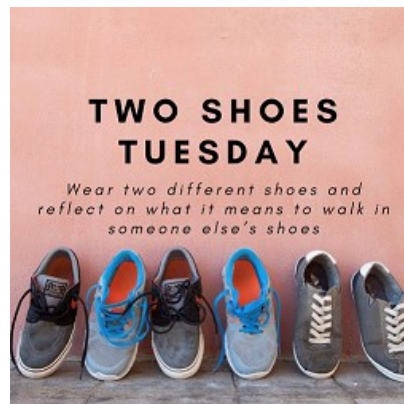
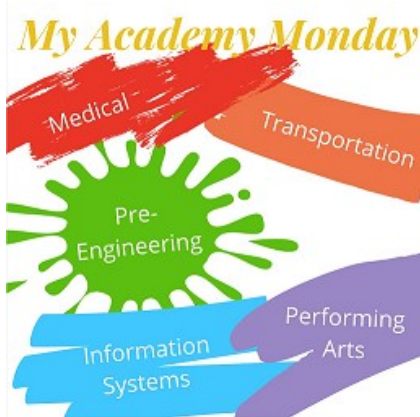
Monday: "My Academy Monday": Each academy will wear a signature color: **Red: Medical Science, Orange: Transportation Systems, Green: Pre-Engineering, Blue: Information Systems, Purple: Performing Arts**

Tuesday: "Two Shoes Tuesday": Wear two different shoes and reflect on what it means to walk in someone else's shoes.

Wednesday: "Wellness Wednesday"/"Don't Sweat It": Because this is a test day we will focus on self-care and taking it easy. Students can wear pajamas or sweat pants that day that are within the dress code.

Thursday: "Traditions": In Cougar Time, the students will complete a Google Form and share their favorite CATA or family traditions. They will also be asked to list 2-3 communities in which they identify.

Friday: "Find Your Roots": The Minority Student Union will be making a large paper tree on part of the front windows. We will write down the different communities our students said they belong to and those will be put at the roots of the tree.





College and Career Corner

Class Information from the Counseling Department

[Counseling Twitter @CATA_Counseling](#)
[Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling](#)



[Please click here for all information from our Counseling Department](#)

[Click here to sign up for CATA College Visits](#)
[Scholarship Spotlight– Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#)
[CATA Counseling Canvas Page– Click HERE](#)

[Click the captions for more information or take a picture of the QR Code](#)



CATA Counseling 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 Cole](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Sarah Goodwin](#): Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts

[Stephanie Graham](#): Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



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Information from Ms. Bartell, the Career and Development Coordinator

MEDICAL ASSISTING OPEN HOUSE



- ▶ Hands-on Demonstrations
- ▶ Recruiters & Healthcare Providers on site
- ▶ Find out how to apply

Register at www.spcc.edu/medicalassisting

Monroe Campus
 October 20 | 6pm - 8pm | Braswell Building

Polkton Campus
 October 21 | 6pm - 8pm | Horne Library



Want to know about Medical Assistants?

Who

Medical assistants work alongside physicians, mainly in outpatient or ambulatory care facilities, such as medical offices and clinics.

What

- Take medical histories
- Offer patient education
- Prepare patients for exams
- Assist the physician during exams
- Collect and prepare laboratory specimens
- Perform basic lab tests
- Prepare and administer medications
- Transmit prescription refills
- Take electrocardiograms
- Maintain records
- Schedule appointments
- Handle billing and bookkeeping
- Code insurance forms

How

- Get training in as little as 2 semesters
- SPCC is Nowatt and Abrium's college of choice
- Start at \$12,15/yr
- It's one of the fastest growing careers in the nation



South Piedmont Community College OPEN HOUSE

MONROE
 October 20 | 6pm-8pm

POLKTON
 October 21 | 6pm-8pm



For more information contact Lori Laney at LLaney@spcc.edu or 704-290-5825
 Register at www.spcc.edu/medicalassisting

SPCC CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE INFORMATION SESSION

*Join us for an information session that will cover
 everything you need to know about the
 Career and College Promise (CCP) program at SPCC.*

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!

DATES & TIMES

The second Tuesday of each month
 during the fall semester via Microsoft
 Teams (Virtual Sessions)

September 14th @ 6 pm
 October 12th @ 6 pm
 November 9th @ 6 pm

HOW TO ATTEND:

Simply click the link below to join:

Microsoft Teams meeting
 Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

CONTACT INFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at:
sep@spcc.edu
 704.290.5890





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Information from Ms. Bartell, the Career and Development Coordinator

CATA students: Are you looking for a job? I want to thank you all for telling me about all the places that are hiring where you work so other CATA students can apply! Please continue to let me know this so I can provide you all with updates.

Places hiring:

Mia Famiglia Pizzeria, Hemby Bridge in Indian Trail

<https://miafamigliapizzeria.com/> or call 704-882-8882
 (looking for Front staff + back of house, must be 16+ and need to be able to work weekends)

Target Wesley Chapel

<https://www.target.com/sl/wesley-chapel/2395>
 (must be 16+, hiring every position, need more help at Starbucks and Cafe')

Rizzo's Spaghetti House, Indian Land, SC

<https://www.rizzospaghetthouse.com/>

Fox's Pizza Den, Waxhaw, NC

<https://www.foxspizza.com/>
 (must be 16+)

Culver's of Indian Trail, NC

[Click HERE](#)
 (must be 15+)

Q-Shack, Charlotte, NC

<https://www.qshackclt.com/>

Publix at Marvin Gardens, Marvin, NC

<https://www.publix.com/locations/1704-marvin-gardens>

Please see the flyer for **Windsor Run** in Matthews and a description of jobs available: Senior Living community providing a maintenance free convenient living experience for adults age 62+. This Community offers a great first time job experience for high school students, ages 15 and up. They hire students, as part of their Signature Dining experience, in roles as Servers, Bussers and Dishwashers to interact with residents. Their company is an amazing fun place to work- with great hours, competitive wages and an opportunity to work among professionals who have a passion for serving our seniors.



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: <https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy>

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, Coach [Rachael Petre](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: @CATA_Athletics

Last Week's Results

Wednesday, Sept 29: JVFB 8 - Charlotte Latin 42

Thursday, Sept 30: Soccer 4 - Monroe 3 (win in double OT!); VB loses to W. Stanley in 3 sets

Saturday, Oct 2: XC Wendy's Invitation - CATA Men take 12 out of 23 teams
Grace Lane finished 10th in the Women's Race, setting a Cougar Record (20:42)!

Monday, Oct 4: VB loses to CTK in 3 sets (20-25, 12-25, 11-25)

Tuesday, Oct 5: Tennis 9 - Forest Hills 0; Soccer 9 - Anson 0; VB wins in 3 sets against Monroe

Upcoming Events:

Friday, Oct 8: (H) Soccer vs. Forest Hills 6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 9: (A) XC @ Cuthbertson Invite 5:30 PM

Tuesday, Oct 12: (A) VB @Forest Hills 4:30 / 5:30 PM; (A) Soccer @Parkwood 5:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct 13: (H) Tennis - RRC 3A Tennis Tourney 1PM

Thursday, October 14: (H) Soccer vs West Stanley, (H) Volleyball vs Parkwood 4:30/5:30, (A) JV FB vs Anson, 6:30

Preseason Workouts/Info:

Swim - Contact sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

M. Basketball - Preseason workout dates: Contact mwinnegan86@gmail.com

W. Basketball - Preseason workout dates: 10/12. 4:00-6:00 PM.

Baseball - Next preseason workouts: 10/6: Contact Asst. Coach Ramirez at tonino082301@gmail.com

Wrestling - Tues/Thurs in Oct 3:45 - 5:00 PM. Contact mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

News & Information

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA [physical form](#), for the 2021-2022 school year is on our athletics website under forms.

FAMILY ID: If you plan to participate in Athletics during the 2021-2022 school year, then you need to register with Family ID. You only have to register once and you are good for the entire school year. Same email & password as last year, if you are new to CATA you will need to create a new account. The link to the CATA Family ID page can be found under FORMS on the CATA Athletics Website [HERE](#).

Tickets: Tickets for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#).

Season Sports Passes - Go to [CATA Athletics Website](#) for Season Pass Information. Student All Sports Pass - \$40 Parent All Sports Pass - \$100, Parent Fall Sports Pass - \$50, Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50, Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Fall Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Victoria Zeiher - victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Cross Country - Kim Inuwa - kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football - Shane Griffin - shane.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Soccer - Jay Niessner - jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball - Stephanie Peacock - Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis - Terry Lewis - soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Winter Contact Information:

Cheerleading - Victoria Zeiher - victoria.zeiher@gmail.com

Indoor Track & Field - Kim Inuwa - kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball - -- Dwight Miller - dwightmlr57@gmail.com

Men's Basketball - -- Marcus Winneg - mwinnegan86@gmail.com

Swimming - Sally Goodwin - sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling - Mike Jacobus - mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball - TBD

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

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

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

Track & Field - Kim Inuwa - kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Soccer - Jay Niessner - jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Living Tree Fundraisers:
Please consider donating to
our Fall Sports Programs
Click on each sport to GIVE!
[Volleyball](#)
[Cross Country \(Men & Women\)](#)
[Cheerleading](#)
[Men's Soccer](#)
[Women's Tennis](#)
[JV Football](#)



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Save the Dates

Senior Movie Night will be on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Bring your blankets, your lawn chairs, your lovey and your senior friends as you cuddle up under the stars and enjoy a movie. What if it rains? Don't worry – we've got a back up plan! We'll keep you nice and dry as you enjoy Senior Movie Night in the gym! Senior Pass holders will receive free concessions. All seniors are welcome to bring snacks and drinks from home. Look for your chance to vote on the Senior Movie Night movie next week.

SeniorsGiving will be on Thursday, November 18 during 4th Block. ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED! Come join your senior friends as you give back by participating in a service project together. More information on this event will follow in the coming weeks.

Hello CATA Families!

We streamline all our fundraising efforts into our **Invest in Excellence campaign**. This is our simple, one-time straightforward way for individuals, families, and businesses to invest in the excellence of CATA. 100% of the money donated is invested in CATA.

Below you will find the link to the **Invest in Excellence** page on our website. You can pay with your credit card online or you can write a check (Contact the PTSO email below). Remember, your Invest in Excellence donation includes your PTSO Membership! But don't worry, you also have the opportunity to purchase the PTSO Membership separately if you wish – we want EVERY family to be part of the PTSO.

Click Here to Invest in Excellence: <https://cataptso.org/shop/>

Want to get more involved? When you fill out the online form, we also have an opportunity for you to tell us how you'd like to volunteer. As we have programs, projects, or events where we need help, this will be the first list we reach to. We are always open to new ideas and know each family at CATA makes a difference. Please feel free to reach out at any time – we'd love to hear from you, our email is catacougarcouncil@gmail.com.

CATA PTSO

Website: www.cataptso.org

Facebook: @catacougarcouncil

Twitter: @CATA_ptso

Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

Items to Remember

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 up to three unexcused absences per class. Parents will receive notification upon the 3rd, 6th, and 8th unexcused absence.



Parking Passes– are now being sold on a first come first served basis. After we run out of spots, then students will be put on a waiting list. The process for purchasing parking passes will be on the online platform “**FamilyID**” An account has to be created if you do not already have one. Parking passes MAY NOT be purchased by any student who owes outstanding fees. After completion of the application, CATA will review your submission. The student will then receive a spot number and a link to pay for the pass once the application has been approved via the email provided in the registration form. Passes are \$45. Link for the application: <https://bit.ly/3s9faWh>



CATA Student Handbook Link: Information about attendance, tardy policy, leaving school early, the dress code, and more. [Click here](#)

-CATA Honor Code: Created by Faculty and now in use and on display in each class. [Click here to view.](#)

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: [Click here](#) and go to pages 21-23.

Technology Help Desk

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

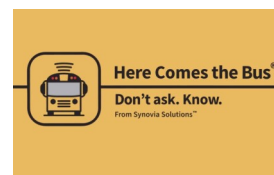
Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519

Monday 9AM – 10:30AM
Tuesday 12:30PM – 2PM
Wednesday 9AM – 10:30AM
Thursday 12:30PM – 2PM
Friday 9AM – 10:30AM

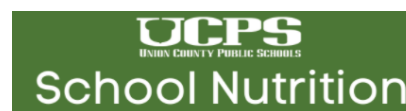


Bus Transportation:

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](#)



Early Dismissal: If a student driver needs to be dismissed early from school, a parent note must be emailed to [Mr. William Smith](#), our data manager prior to the start of the school day in order for the student to receive an early dismissal pass. The emailed parent note must contain the date, student's full name, the time that the student needs to be dismissed from school and the parent's phone number. Any student being picked up early from school by someone other than a parent, must follow the same protocol stated above while giving permission for someone else to pick up the student. Email the Mr. William Smith. In the event that a parent does not email a note, the parent must call the school to speak to someone in the front office.



Breakfast and Lunch: All breakfast and lunch meals are free to students this year! Students can purchase ala carte items if they would like. This includes premium chicken items, cookies, chips, sodas and water. To add money to their student's account they can visit k12paymentcenter.com