



# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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Dear CATA Family,

-Our **Fall Exam Schedule, Information, and Procedures will be in next week's edition.**

-**CATA Holiday Drive:** Our Student Council is sponsoring our first ever CATA Holiday Drive. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to help ten families in the Monroe area during the holidays. Thus far, we have collected over \$4,000! The business letter for this project is posted [here](#) and is on **Page 8**. Student council members are visiting first period classes to see which class can raise the most money. Each class has a \$250 goal and will be rewarded with a breakfast if they reach their goal.

**We will have loose change days on Friday, December 3 and 10.** The classes that bring the most change will be rewarded. One can give online by [clicking here](#). We will purchase three outfits for the children, a pair of new shoes, a winter coat, toys for the kids, and a family holiday dinner. Please consider giving to this project!

-**Warm Clothes Drive:** Join the CATA Beta Club in our efforts to provide warm clothes to those in need. Starting Thursday, December 2, bring socks, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, and coats to your 4th block class. The class who earns the most points per student wins a Cookies & Cocoa party! **Items must be new and can be for children or adults.**

-**Happy Holidays Seniors!** Our **Senior Holiday Parade** will be on Monday, December 13. Seniors, come out to the student lot after school to decorate your vehicles with season's greetings. There will be prizes for the best decorated cars, games, and fun with your senior friends. **\*SENIOR PASSHOLDERS\*** will receive a festive drink and treat. *SeniorsGiving* will continue at this event, so bring new, unwrapped toys, gloves, mittens, socks, etc. to fill stockings for local families in need. We cannot wait to celebrate the holidays with you!

-**Annual Student Basketball Tournament:** Our annual student basketball tournament is on Friday, December 17th during 4th period. Students can attend for \$5 and tickets will be sold during lunch 12/13 to 12/1. In order to play, you must form your team, sign up to play, and then pay the registration fee. This information has been emailed to all students.

Here are the rules: 5-6 Players (additional "coach" allowed), Only 2 current Varsity/JV basketball players per team, \$20 entry fee per team, sign up with your team by Friday, December 10, and the winning team will play the faculty team! [Click here](#) to pay the team fee. [Click here](#) to sign up your team.

-**Almost Maine:** CATA Performing Arts Presents a Play, "Almost Maine," on Thursday and Friday December 9th and 10th at 7:00 PM! Tickets are \$5 and are available by [clicking here](#).

-**Senior Yearbook Photo Update:** The yearbook staff has decided to let all seniors choose either the formal pose OR a casual pose for the 2022 yearbook. If you already selected a yearbook pose through CADY and wish to change it you are now able to do so. Log into the portal and select a new photo. If a full-body casual image is selected, note that it will be cropped to a head and shoulders shot instead. **Anyone who has not had their picture taken yet needs to do this by December 15th.** If you wish to use a casual photo for the yearbook and were not happy with your picture taken at CADY (you didn't bring the right clothes, etc.) then please contact Ms. Christensen before Friday, December 3rd. Please see Ms. Christensen if you have any questions about senior pictures: [Email Ms. Christensen](#). **Seniors have been emailed who have not had their picture made at this time.**

-**Josten's Holiday Package:** This will give seniors another choice to order their school jewelry. This is a follow up on all the other sales run this year. It will run through December 31, 2021. Please check out **page 3** for more information.

-**Athletics:** Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on **Page 5** or go to our athletics website by [clicking here](#). Please check out the links to the **winter sports fundraiser websites** on **Page 5**.

-**Tickets** for all CATA Home Athletics can be purchased [HERE](#). -**Spirit Wear:** [Click here](#) to purchase.

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

-**Senior Class of 2022 Information** is on **Page 3**.

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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



### Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Remember that if you **borrowed a calculator or a computer for the Work Keys** exam Tuesday that you need to return those items to the Den this week.

**Poetry Out Loud:** The school wide Poetry Out Loud competition was held in the past few weeks. Nineteen students from each grade and from several academies recited poems before a live audience. The school-wide winners are: first place Kire Elsasser, second place Stephanie DiMeo, and third place Omari Cupid. Congratulations to all who participated!

**Minority Student Union:** Friday, December 3 at 8:30 AM, Media Center

**Spanish Honor Society and World Language Club:** Monday, December 6, 8:00 AM, Media Center

**Fashion Club:** Monday, December 6 at 4 in Rm. 616

**Society of Women Engineers:** Monday, December 6 at 4 PM, in Rm. 505

**Yearbook Club** meeting: Monday, December 6 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

**Yearbook Club** meeting: Tuesday, December 7 at 4 PM in Rm. 102

**NHS General Meeting:** Tuesday, December 7 at 8:30 AM and 4 PM in the Den

**Speech and Debate:** Thursday, December 9, 3:45 PM Rm. 601

**ESports:** Friday, December 10 at 4 PM in Rm. 217

**Maker Club:** EVERY FRIDAY, at 4:00 PM in Room 525



Congratulations to the Trojan Women Cast for winning the following awards at the state NCTC Competition, including the **Distinguished Play** advancing to the SETC Competition in March in Tennessee! This means they **WON** the state competition! Kind of a big deal!

**-Excellence in Student Production and Design: Costumes**

Josie Roller

**--Excellence in Acting:**

Emma Rombold

Katie Ruttenberg

Nate Judy

**-Excellence in Ensemble Acting**

**-Outstanding Achievement in Student Production and Design with a \$60k Scholarship to Catawba College and a 28k scholarship to Greensboro College for Directing Trojan**

**Women-** Sophie Beeman

**-Outstanding Achievement in Acting with a 20k scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne University and a 28k scholarship to Greensboro College - Lana Patel**

**2022 Yearbooks**  
**Now on Sale!**

Yearbooks are on sale for \$70.00  
The price increases to \$80 on 1/1/2022  
Missed Sr Tribute Deadline? Limited space still available, contact Ms. Christensen.  
Photos and message due by 11/19/2021



# Senior Class of 2022 Information

[Click here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.



**Class of 2022 Graduation Date:**  
Tuesday, June 7 at 8:00 AM at  
Walter Bickett Stadium. [Click  
here](#) for the Fall Senior Letter.

**Senior Cap and Gown 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.

**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](http://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.

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](mailto:deb.christensen@ucps.k12.nc.us).

**THE LUXE COLLECTION**

**SENIOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SALE!**

Use this offer to save \$ 40.00 off the price of your school jewelry order NOW!  
(some rings are excluded-see below)

**SAVE \$48.00 ON YOUR CLASS JEWELRY ORDER**

\*Ring prices will increase January 1, 2021. Order your ring now and take advantage of this offer!

**USE THIS OFFER UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**THIS OFFER IS FOR SCHOOL JEWELRY ORDERED ONLINE AT [WWW.JOSTENS.COM](http://WWW.JOSTENS.COM)**

\*Go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)  
Type in your School Name  
to see your ring choices

**OFFER CODE**  
SENIORGIFT40

**SENIORGIFT40 - \$40.00 OFF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS JEWELRY ORDER FOR SENIORS**  
Add a qualifying high school class jewelry item to your shopping cart. Enter offer code SENIORGIFT40 at checkout for orders shipping within the US and SENIORGIFT40CAD for orders shipping within Canada. Discount will automatically be deducted for eligible orders on the applicable product only after offer code is applied. Valid starting 12:01 am CT on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. EXCLUDES previous purchases, Tradewinds, Sarah Chole | Jostens Collection, Odyssey (E880, E823, B24, B25, B26, B27, B28, B29, B30, and Basic Ocean rings (P11, P12, P31 and P32). Offer not available in select schools in LA, TX, KS, MO or AR and does not apply to any products in your cart. Discount will not be applied to taxes, applicable shipping/handling and other fees. Offer valid online only at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Not valid with any other offers. Limit one promo code per order. Not valid for cash or cash equivalent. For orders outside the US, additional taxes and duties may apply. Offer may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice.

**THE CLASS BAND™ - Jew**

**THE ACHIEVER™ COLLECTION**

**YOUR STORY.  
YOUR STYLE.**





## College and Career Corner

### 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 on the Pictures and Ads for more information*



**Free Speech Essay Contest** for Juniors and Seniors. This involves a scholarship. [Click here](#) if you are interested. [Click here](#) to apply.

**NC Governor's School:** If you are interested, then please contact [Ms. Goodwin](#) in the Counseling Center for more information.

Attention Juniors and Seniors!! A representative from **Greensboro College** will be at CATA this coming Monday morning, Dec. 6. If you are interested in finding out a little more about this small liberal arts college nestled in the vibrant city of Greensboro, come to the Counseling office to sign up or email Ms. Goodwin before Friday of this week.



If you took the **PSAT** at school on October 13th, **your scores** are now available on your college board account. If you have any issues accessing your scores, please let [Mrs. Morse](#) know by email.

### 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)



# 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

**Monday, Nov 22:** WBB 22 - Sun Valley 51; MBB 28 - SVHS 79

**Tuesday, Nov 23:** WBB 22 - Porter Ridge 42; MBB 36 - PRHS 82

**Wednesday, Nov 24:** Wrestling @ Bandy Invitational

- Champions: Kyle Montaperto, Aiden Curry, & Brady Ross
- Runners-up: Elijah Harris, Logan Fite, & Josh Keller
- 3rd Place: Collin Lutz

**Tuesday, Nov 30:** MBB 35 - CTK 75; WBB 18 - CTK 38

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, Dec 2:** Wrestling @ West Stanly 6:00 PM

**Friday, Dec 3:** (A) WBB @ Chesnut Park @Concord Carolina Courts - 5:00 PM; (H) Wrestling vs. Sun Valley, Cuthbertson, & Bradford Prep 6:00 PM

**Saturday, Dec 4:** (A) Indoor Track @ Marvin Ridge Invitational

**Monday, Dec 6:** (A) BB @ UA 4:30/6:00/7:00 PM

**Weds, Dec 8:** (A) BB @ East Rowan 4:30/6:00/7:00 PM

**Thursday, Dec. 9:** (H) Wrestling vs. Monroe & Apprentice, 6:00 PM

**Friday, Dec. 10:** (A) MBB vs Queens Grant @ Carolina Courts Indian Trail, 5:30 PM

**Saturday, Dec 11:** Wrestling at Piedmont Tournament, All Day

## News and Information:

**Coaches Needed:** CATA is looking for a Head Softball Coach & a baseball assistant coach. Please email our Athletic Director if you know anyone who is interested.

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

**Winter Sports Parent Meeting:** Thank you to all that attended. Here is the [LINK](#) to the Parent Contact Info Google Form. Here is the [LINK](#) to the required NCHSAA videos.

**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](#). We will not be taking any cash at the gate..

**Season Sports Passes** - Go to [CATA Athletics Website](#) for Season Pass Information.

Student All Sports Pass - \$40; Parent All Sports Pass - \$100; Parent Winter Season Pass - \$50; Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

## Winter Sports Fundraisers Click on the team to give!

[Cheerleading](#)

[Swimming](#)

[Men's Basketball](#)

[Women's Basketball](#)

[Winter Track](#)

[Wrestling](#)



## Winter Contact Information:

**Cheerleading** – TBA

**Indoor Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa –

[kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Basketball** – – Dwight Miller-

[dwrightmlr57@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightmlr57@gmail.com)

**Men's Basketball** – – Marcus Winnegan-

[mwinnegan86@gmail.com](mailto:mwinnegan86@gmail.com)

**Swimming** – Sally Goodwin –

[sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.goodwin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Wrestling** – Mike Jacobus –

[mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## Spring Contact Information:

**Baseball** – Anthony Ramirez-

[tonino082301@gmail.com](mailto:tonino082301@gmail.com)

**Men's Golf** – Mike Jacobus –

[mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Men's Tennis** – Terry Lewis –

[soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com](mailto:soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com)

**Softball** – TBA

**Track & Field** – Kim Inuwa –

[kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Women's Soccer** – Jay Niessner –

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## Den Digest

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Hello CATA Families!

Thank you for your continued support of our programs and events! Our senior committee is rocking the senior events (stay tuned for even more to come), our families have helped our hospitality team celebrate CATA teachers and staff (thank you), and most recently our parents helped filled baskets we'll be given to our custodians - our behind the scenes heroes (so many great things were sent in)!

As we move into the holidays, we wish everyone a safe and healthy season.

**CATA PTSO Website:** [www.cataptso.org](http://www.cataptso.org) **Facebook:** @catacougarcouncil **Twitter:** @CATA\_ptso  
**Email:** [catacougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:catacougarcouncil@gmail.com)

## 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>.

## 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

[Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us)

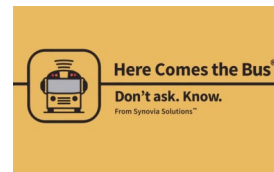
**Help Desk Hours for Students: Room 519**

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

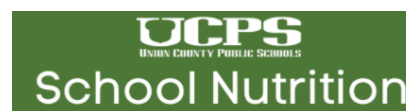


### Bus Transportation:

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](http://k12paymentcenter.com)



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November 22, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The student council of Central Academy of Technology & Arts in Monroe, North Carolina, is sponsoring our first annual Children's Holiday Drive to help children and their families who are having extreme financial difficulty this year. The purpose of the letter is to reach our goal of \$5,000 from our student body and area businesses to help children from the Monroe Cluster elementary schools. We need your assistance in any way possible. Remember, all donations are tax deductible! Our donation drive for this project begins Monday, November 22 and ends December 10, 2021. Please make all checks payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts and make memo it is for the Children's Holiday Drive.

**Each child and family receives:**

- Three new outfits
- A new pair of new shoes
- A new winter coat
- A new book bag and school supplies for the child
- Toys for the children of the family
- Toiletries and other family supplies
- Christmas Dinner for the family

(This is about \$500 worth for each family)

**Thank you for your compassion and support!**

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Student Body President, Carrington Newsome

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Principal, Ms. Vicki Merritt

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