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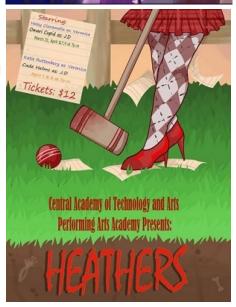
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March 3, 2022

Dear CATA Family,

- **-Trojan Women Performance:** Friday, March 4. This is our final performance before heading to the SETC competition, and serves as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at <u>CATA.seatyourself.biz</u>. There is also an option to donate if anyone cannot attend, but would like to help our students go to SETC.
- **-Tickets are now on sale for our Spring Musical: Heathers**: Tickets can be purchased at <u>CATA.seatyourself.biz</u>. The shows are on March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, & 9 at 7 PM in the Theatre (Thursday to Saturday)! This event has assigned seating.
- **-CATA students have you bought your yearbook yet?** There are only 76 yearbooks left for sale! Check the bulletin board outside of The Den to see if your name is on the list of students who have purchased a book. Don't miss out! Order online at <u>yearbookforever.com</u> and search for CATA.
- -Historical Beauty Pageant: Want to win a trophy, support a local non-profit, and dress up as a historical figure? See Ms. Thompson (room 604) with questions or to pick up an application for Rho Kappa's Historical Beauty Pageant. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 11th.
- **-Trip to Belize:** Big news, CATA parents and students! You have the opportunity to travel to **Discover Belize** with the Travel Club in the Spring 2023. Ms. Pentecost will be going over all the details. <u>Click Here</u> to RSVP to the meeting. We will be hosting a virtual informational meeting on March 15th at 7 PM. Join our meeting to hear all the details including the itinerary, dates, and cost of this trip. The meeting will also mark the official opening of enrollment!
- -**Registration**: The registration window is March 2-9. Students will be able to register in PowerSchool during this window. A registration timeline listed on **Page 4**.
- Additions to the UCPS Attendance Policy: While notes from a physician will be considered at any time, an excuse from a parent will only be accepted within the same 6 week grading period as the absence. This means the school will take it under consideration.
- -Attention Seniors and Parents Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Order here: cady.com/capgown22
- -Attention all seniors and Class of 2022: Jostens will be on campus on <u>Thursday, March 31 during all lunch periods</u> to distribute your cap/gowns and other senior items you ordered. If you have a balance due, it must be paid in full prior to picking up your order. Jostens has mailed information to all seniors, but if you are not sure if you owe a balance be sure to call Jostens at 800-582-6376 and they will be happy to assist you.
- -Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 4 & 5: Check out information about Criminal Justice Internships, SPCC Career and College Promise, summer job opportunities, and CTE Internships. Please see Ms. Bartell or your counselor in the counseling center.
- -Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on Page 6 or go to our athletics website by <u>clicking here</u>. Please check out our Winter Sports Rocky River All- Conference Athletes on Page 7
- -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 on Page 3, PTSO Information on Page 8, Media Center Information—The DEN on Page 3, School Procedure 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



Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

CATA Robotics wins Sportsmanship Award at the State Qualification Vex Tournament! Way to go CATA Robotics Team!

Minority Student Union: Friday, March 4, 8:30 AM, the Den

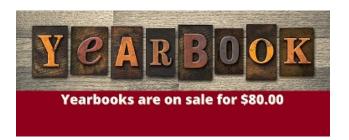
ESports: Friday, March 4, 4 PM, Rm. 217

National Spanish Honor Society Meeting: Monday, March 7, 8 AM, Rm. 521 Student Council Officer Meeting: Monday, March 7, 8:20 AM, the Den

Fashion Club: Monday, March 7, 4 PM, Rm. 616 Knitting for Good: Monday, March 7, 3:45 PM. Rm. 601

Yearbook: Tuesday March 8, 4 PM, Rm. 102

Beta Club Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 AM & 3:45, Rm. 601 **Speech and Debate:** Thursday, March 10, 3:45 Rm. 601



SAY Something Spirit Week March 14-18, 2022



Date	Monday-14	Tuesday-15	Wednesday-16	Thursday-17	Friday-18
Theme	Empowerment Monday	United in Action	Keep the Peace	School Safety	Why I Say Something
Spirit Day	Wear your school appropriate workout gear to show your strength	Twin Day-dress up with a friend to show your unity	Dress in your favorite Tie Dye shirt	Wear your CATA gear	Where green to spread awareness



Senior Class of 2022 Information

Den Digest

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.

Seniors: mid-year transcripts are being uploaded into Scoir. Your counselor will automatically send to every school that requires one. You do not need to request it via Scoir or email.



Attention Seniors and Parents, Cap & Gown portraits are now available to view and purchase through Cady! Celebrate this special achievement.

Click below to order now! cady.com/capgown22



Scholarship Reporting: It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.

Senior Pass holders for March: Sabor will be providing tacos for Senior Pass Holders on Tuesday, March 22 from 1:50 to 2:20.

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.

https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/cata-media-center/

Want to check out a book? Stop into the media center and check one out or Login to Destiny and put one on hold.

Need a calculator? Fill out this form and have your parent/guardian sign. You can pick the calculator up in the Den or it will be given to your math or science teacher.

https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8

Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog $\frac{\text{https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625}}{\text{https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/105625}}$



College and Career Corner Information from the Counseling Department

<u>Counseling Twitter</u>@CATA_Counseling <u>Counseling Instagram</u>@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

Classroom presentations (Feb. 14 - 25): Counselors will present to their academy classes about the registration process. Registration Window (March 2 - 9): Students will be able to register in PowerSchool during this window. 2nd Block Counselor Meetings (March 14 - 31): Every student will meet with their counselor during 2nd block to review their registration. Each second block class is assigned a specific day for their meeting (swipe for schedule). Students who do not register within the window will meet with their counselor on the make-up days. Make-Up Counselor Meetings (April 1st and 4th): These meetings will be for students who were absent on their assigned day or who did not register during the window.

Criminal Justice Professionals

- · State and local sworn law-enforcement officers.
- State correctional officers.
- State juvenile justice officers.
- Other correctional officers maintained by local governments, and juvenile justice agencies.
- Sworn Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs.
- Detection Officers
- Telecommunicators under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency.



Fellowship

- Provide 100 fellowships annually for students tettend a NC community college that are interested in a criminal justice profession.
- The student must receive their Associates
- Students that receive the fellowship will have five years to repay the loan once receiving their Associates Person
- The loan will be forgiven if the student enters a criminal justice profession in an eligible county in North Carolina and works for four years.

Application Process

- ⇒ The application process will open on November 1st and will close on May 31st of early year
- The application can be located on the Department of Justice website
 www.norlol.com
- Applicants will be notified of their selection of a fellowship no later than



Every Applicant Must Submit:

- → SAT/ ACT Scores.
- → Transcript showing GPA.
- School and Community Service/ Activities.
- → Essay describing your future caree goals in the criminal justice profession.
- → References.

Eligible Counties

Counties with a Population of less than 200,000

Harmett
Haywood
Henderson
Hertford
Hoke
Hyde
Iredell
Jackson
Jones
Lee
Lenoir
Lincoln
McDowell
Macon
Martin
Mitchell
Mortgomen
Moore
Nash

Pasiguotani Pender Pender Perguimani Person Pitt Polik Randolph Richmond Robeson Rockinghan Rowan Rutherford Sampson Scatland Stanly Stanly Stanly Stanly Swain Transylvani Tyrrell Vance

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After completion of their dogree, the applicant must be employed as a criminal justice professional in an eligible county. The applicant munot have been convicted of a felony or any crim as outlined in the course guide.

MISSION

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school graduates and high school seniors into the criminal justice profession. Each year this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.



Additional Information

- We encourage applicants to begin establishing relationships with agencies they plan to seek employment with.
- This program is not meant for those who intend to get a Bachelor's Degree immediately after earning an Associates Degree.
- the program must graduate within two years with their Associates Degree.
- If a fellow chooses to work for a state agency he/she must request the agency post them in an eligible county.

NC Department of Justice Criminal Justice Fellows Program

Office: 919-661-5980

Email: cjfellows@ncdoj.gov

Website: http://ncdoj.gov/cjfellows



North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program



Criminal Justice Standards Division



CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM

> Graduate of high school or high school senior looking for a career in the criminal justice field?

Wanting to have a positive impact on your local community?

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program can aid you in achieving your goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. We are here to offer you a 100% forgivable loan to go to any North Carolina Community College to acquire an Associates Degree. The loan will be forgiven upon 4 years of working in an eligible profession and county.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 1
THE APPLICATION PROCESS WILL CLOSE MAY 31



Criminal Justice Standards Division Post Office Drawer 149 Releigh, NC 27802 Call: (919) 661-5980 Email: cfellows@ncdoj.gov

Full eligibility requirements, forms and FAQ listed @ http://ncdqi.gov/cjfelows



College and Career Corner Information from the Counseling Department

Counseling Twitter @CATA Counseling **Counseling Instagram @CATA.counseling**

Attention Juniors: Are you interested in an internship next year? The application is open in MajorClarity under the work based learning link for you to apply for a summer internship or a full internship where you can get class credit in the fall or spring next year. You must have had two CTE courses and one 2nd level to apply. See Ms. Bartell for details.

CATA students: are you looking for a job? Swim Club Management will be here during lunches on Wednesday, March 2nd to answer any questions you might have or to apply for employment with them. Also, Greiner Bio-One will be here during lunches on Thursday, March 3rd to speak about Preapprenticeship and Apprenticeship opportunities with their company. Stop by their tables to find out more!

CATA

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides high school seniors opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career or academic interest prior to college or post-secondary training. Internship may be paid or unpaid. Applications are ranked and processed based on program criteria.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST

- Senior during school year / rising senior for summer Has successfully completed at least two CTE courses and reached concentrator status within a career pathway (Priority given to students completed coursework in their internship field.)
- No more than 7 absences in any semester for the current and past two (2) years
- No suspensions (ISS or OSS) or serious disciplinary incidents on high school record
- Reliable transportation
- ☐ Encourage at least 2.5 overall GPA
- Can attend at least eight hours per week Positive feedback on references

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application in Major Clarity
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and ntact information on the application
- For medical internships, submit vaccination records
- Deadlines: April 15 for a summer internship, May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year and October 1 (medical) or October 15 (non-medical) for a

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

- Time Sheet Reflection Questions

 Journal Response Project
 Analysis Questions Career Development Articles
 Terminology Major Clarity Assignments
 Workplace Readiness Modules Most assignments are completed online Time Sheet

Grade is based on required assignments, attendance at scheduled meetings and sponsor evaluation. Successful completion of the course will result in one unit of general elective credit

- Grade shows on report card for each grading period

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their

- Minimum of 135 total hours required (100 contact hours)
 Student attends at least eight hours per week (two or three days per week for three to four hours per day)

Placement must be confirmed by Internship
 Coordinator before course is added to class sch
 Completed during first or second semester with

Hours and assignments completed before the beginning of first semester

BENEFITS to STUDENT

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Connect classroom learning with career opportunities
- Make more informed decisions regarding postsecondary education or training

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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.

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 January 18th @ Spea

March 8th @ 6pm (Virtual Microsoft Teams Sessio

HOW TO ATTEND?

Simply dick the link below to join:

Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile upp Click here to join the meeting

CONTACTINFO

For any questions, please contact Secondary Education Partnerships at: sep@spcc.edu 704.290.5090



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 <u>Rachael Petre</u>. Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA Athletics**

<u>Last Week's Results</u> Monday, February 28

BB 6 - Concord 10; SB 17 - Concord 0

Tuesday, March 1: (Soccer 1 - Charlotte Christian 1;

Tennis 2- Porter Ridge 7

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 4

(H) BB vs. Concord - Location: Walter Bickett Stadium; (H) SB vs. Concord - Location: Parkwood HS; (H) Tennis vs. Corvian - Location: CATA Courts

Monday, March 7: (H) Golf @ MCC 3:00 PM; (H) SB vs. Queen's Grant 6:30PM - Location: Parkwood HS; (H) BB vs. Queen's Grant 5:30 PM - Location: Walter Bickett Stadium; (A) Tennis @ Piedmont 4:00 PM

Tuesday, March 8: (A) Soccer @LCN 6:00 PM; (H) Baseball vs. Corvian 6:30 PM; (A) Tennis @ West Stanly 3:30 PM

Wednesday, March 9: (A) Soccer @ East Lincoln vs. Highbrighten (EL) 5 PM

Thursday, March 10: (H) Tennis vs. Monroe, 3:30

Friday, March 11: (A) Soccer @ East Lincoln Tournament, 5 or 7 PM; (A) Softball @ South Stanley, 6:30

Saturday, March 12: Track and Field @Cuthbertson 9:00 AM

News & Information

Spring Sports Home Games: As construction begins on our fields, Softball home games will be played at Don Griffin Park, Baseball home games will be played at Walter Bickett Stadium, and Soccer home games will be played at Monroe HS.

Coaches Needed: CATA is looking for assistant coaches track (field events & sprints). Please email our Athletic Director if you know anyone who is interested.

Spring Sports Parent Meeting: Parents please make sure you have completed <u>Contact Info Google Form</u> for Spring Sports. Also, please make sure you watch the <u>NCHSAA Videos</u>. Here is the <u>LINK</u> to the Slides if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Physicals: The newest NCHSAA <u>physical form</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>. We will not be taking any cash at the gate.

Season Sports Passes - Go to <u>CATA Athletics Website</u> for Season Pass Information. Student All Sports Pass - \$40 Parent All Sports Pass - \$100; Parent Spring Season Pass - \$50

Spring Contact Information:

Baseball – Erik von Husen

erik.vonHusen@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf - Mike Jacobus -

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Terry Lewis –

soldbyterrylewis@gmail.com

Softball – Robert Steffman robert.steffman@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



COUGAR ATHLETICS

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

Winter Sports All Conference: Congratulations to all of our Rocky River All- Conference Athletes:

- Men's Swim: Caleb Huff, Carson Brackenbush, CJ Mayo, Jacob Curtiss, Junior Enombi, Carter Williams, Ellis Harrison
- Male Swimmer of the Year: Caleb Huff
- Honorable Mention: Michael York & Andrew Adler
- Women's Swim: Kelly Todd & Eden Mshar
- Honorable Mention: Alessandra Granda & Olivia Santolicito
- Men's Basketball: Jake Shearin
- Honorable Mention: Ben Green & Ethan Rangolan
- Women's Basketball: Zoie Jordan
- Honorable Mention: Sarah Gamble & Jaden Kempf
- Men's Indoor Track: Emanuel Williams, Isaac Brown, Evan Brown, Jonathan Kamenick, Ben Wojtkowiak, Roger Melchor, Gavin Jansen, Seth Averill, Roman Lopina
- Athlete of the Year: Evan Brown
- Field Event Athlete of the Year: Roger Melchor
- Coach of the Year: Kim Inuwa
- Honorable Mention: Andrew Catapano & Hayden Christensen
- Women's Indoor Track: Avery Pardue, Grace Lane, Maysen Melchor, Natorian Green, Aailyah Green, & Riley Schauer
- Runner of the Year: Avery Pardue
- Honorable Mention: Lilt Alterman & Andrea Martinz-Sanchez
- Wrestling: Kyle Montaperto, Elijah Harris, Brady Ross, Aiden Curry, Logan Fite, & Collin Lutz
- Wrestler of the Year: Elijah Harris





CATA PTSO Website: www.cataptso.org Facebook: @catacougarcouncil Twitter: @CATA_ptso Email: catacougarcouncil@gmail.com

Senior Pass holders for March: Sabor will be providing tacos for Senior Pass Holders on Tuesday, March 22 from 1:50 to 2:20.

Free Money Reminders

Did you know that our local grocery stores will donate a portion of your grocery bill to the school? AND it does not cost you a penny more! Both Harris Teeter and Publix have partnerships

with the local area schools to give back. Here are the details of each programs:

Harris Teeter – be sure your VIC card is linked to Central Academy of Technology & Arts (code: 3612).

Publix – To support your school, sign up for Publix Partners through your Club Publix account (if you don't already have one) and select your desired school (Central Academy of Technology & Arts - Monroe, NC). Then, enter your phone number at checkout each time you make an eligible purchase.

Amazon will also donate back to the school, it's just as easy! Same products, same prices, same service. When you shop at https://smile.amazon.com/, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. Simply select Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO Inc as your charity of choice.



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. <u>Click here to view</u>.

-CATA Dress Code and Tardy Policy: Parents and Students please review: <u>Click here</u> and go to pages 21-23.

Technology Help Desk

<u>Justin.Penegar@ucps.k12.nc.us</u>
<u>Help Desk Hours for Students:</u> 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 rid-



ers 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 <u>k12paymentcenter.com</u>