

# Central Academy of Technology & Arts

## Cougar Chronicle



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Spring spirit week:

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school staff member

Freshmen - purple

Sophomores - pink

Juniors - green

**Seniors - blue** 

cation Day (dress code)

Dear CATA Family,

- Student Life announcements on page 2-3
- Spring Musical: Heathers: Purchase tickets at <u>CATA.seatyourself.biz</u>. The shows are March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, & 9 at 7. This event has assigned seating. Online sales will close 2 hours before the show and tickets can be purchased at the door with credit/debit card or exact cash. Tickets are \$12
- ♦ Heather's Student Night: During the regular 7 PM show time on Thursday, April 7. Tickets will \$5 (one per student) and will be on sale at lunch April 4-7.
- **Spring Spirit Week:** There will be a spring spirit week and pep rally the week of April 4-8. Our spirit days are listed in the caption on this page and **Page 3**.
- Senior Class Picture: This is on Tuesday, April 5 during Cougar Time in the Gym. Seniors must wear their Caps and Gowns. Seniors should plan to come to the gym at 1:45 and we will dismiss to class once we are done.
- ♦ NHS Talent Show Auditions: Auditions are on April 6th after school. Scan a QR code on any of the posters around the school or stop by Ms. Thompson's room.
- ♦ **Voter Registration Drive:** The Union County Board of Elections will be at CATA lunches on Tuesday, April 5 to register eligible students to vote.
- ◆ Junior Night- The CATA Counseling Department will be hosting a virtual Junior night on Monday, 4/4 at 6:30 PM. This is an event to discuss the upcoming senior year, college, scholarships, resumes, and more. <u>Click here</u> to sign up.
- ♦ **Sophomore Night:** Counselors will be discussing everything your student needs to know to prepare for junior year. <u>Click here</u> to sign up.
- ◆ Gator Ball Tournament: CATA's first ever tournament is on April 14, during 4th period. Please <u>click here</u> to sign up your team of six players. Each individual player must sign up. The entry fee is \$5 for each player and you get a plain color t-shirt for your team. <u>Click here</u> to pay the fee. The deadline to sign up is 4/8. Permission slips will be handed out after you sign up. More on Page 3.
- ◆ **PTSO Senior Scholarship**: CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: \$250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: 4/13. Application: **Click here**
- ◆ Scholarship Reporting: Seniors: Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.
- Senior Graduation Speaker Auditions: Consider auditioning to be a speaker at this year's graduation ceremony and represent your academy's graduating class. Auditions will be held after school on May 12 & 13. Please contact Mrs. Henry for important details about the process.
- Central Academy of Technology and Arts
  Performing Arts Academy Presents:
- Important PTSO Information on Page 8: Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser, PTSO Scholarship, PTSO Scholarship Commit-
- tee needs, and 2022-23 PTSO Committee Chair needs.
  -Counseling Center & Career Development Information: on Pages 5 & 6:
- -Athletics: Check out the CATA Sports page in this edition on Page 7 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.
- -Senior Class of 2022 Information on Page 4, Media Center Information—The DEN on Page 4, 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

Students in AP Literature and Composition after reading Joyce Carol Oates's short story "Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?" investigated the efficacy of music in the short story. After a character analysis of the main character Connie, students went back in time to select a popular song from the time period that would serve as not only "Connie's song," but most students also included the irony of their song which could be seen as alluding to the dark content of Oates's story. Here, they are all boogying down to The Rascals "People Got to Be Free" selected by student Jase Buel. Pictured from left to right are Jase Buel, Kendall Stegall, Charvi Kavadekar, Emily Adams, Buggs Nelson, Lasya Kandukuri, Kyle MacLellen, Reece Hartley, and Nate Judy.

This past week we inducted the following students into the **Spanish National Honor Society**: Charvi Kavadekar, Kendall Pixley, Emma Griffin, Damian Calvo, Henry Barnes, Apollo Leon, and Chloe Martin.

The **Pulsera Project** is a non-profit organization that helps artists in the impoverished nation of Nicaragua. April 4-8, the Spanish Honor Society will be selling bracelets outside the main office. Each bracelet is made by the artists in Nicaragua. All bracelets are \$5 each and must be purchased with cash. 100% of the money we raise goes to the Pulsera Project in Nicaragua.

On April 13th at 6:00 PM please join us as we make history with our 1st (and hopefully annual) **Historical Beauty Pageant.** Contestants will compete in interview and talent sections as their chosen historical figures. The audience chooses the winner! All event proceeds will go to the local non-profit that is sponsored by the winner.







**CATA students have you bought your yearbook yet?** There are only 32 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.

#### Student Life Meetings and Activities This Week

Minority Student Union: Friday, April 1, 8:30 AM, Den

ESports: Friday, April 1, Rm. 217

Spanish Honor Society: Monday, April 4, 8 AM, Rm. 521

Student Council Officer Meeting: Monday, April 4, 8:20 AM, Media Center

**Knitting for Good:** Monday, April 4, 3:45 PM, Rm. 601 **Fashion Club:** Monday, April 4, 4:00 PM, Rm. 616

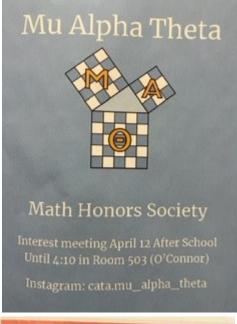
NHS General Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 8:30 AM and 4 PM, Rm. 604

**Yearbook :** Tuesday April 5, 4 PM, Rm. 102

Student Council General Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 8:20 AM, Den

Creative Writing Club: Wednesday, April 6, 3:45 Rm. 610 Speech and Debate: Thursday, April 7, 3:45 Rm. 601 Hands Helping Others: Thursday, April 7, 3:45, Virtual









### Student Spirit Week and Beyond





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### 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.

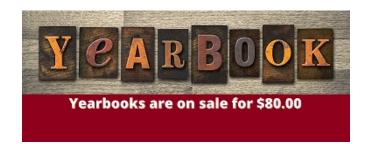






**Scholarship Reporting:** It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Email or turn in a hard copy of your offers to Ms. Cole. Make sure you include ALL offers, even if you don't plan on accepting them. All offers need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by May 9.

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! <a href="mailto:cady.com/capgown22">cady.com/capgown22</a>



# 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. <a href="https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8">https://forms.gle/UopHczyHpjzf6QBb8</a>
Remember that you can access e-books and other resources through our online catalog

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

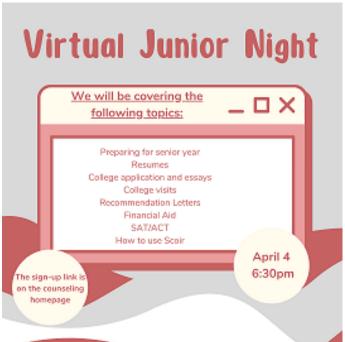
Scholarship Spotlight- Click HERE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE

CATA Counseling Canvas Page- Click HERE

**Remembering the Holocaust Class Offering:** If you are interested in taking this course next year, please click **here** and fill out the form.











# College and Career Corner Information from the Counseling Department

<u>Counseling Twitter</u> @CATA\_Counseling <u>Counseling Instagram</u> @CATA.counseling

11th grade pre-engineering students: Are you interested in getting paid to go to college while in high school and get high school and college credit at the same time? If so, be sure to attend the information meeting on April 7th at 6 pm at the SPCC Tyson Center for Technology! See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information.

Seniors in Medical: Are you interested in finding out more about a career in the Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat field? Charlotte, Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat will be speaking in the media center during 2nd block on Tuesday, April 12th. If you are interested in finding out more about this apprenticeship opportunity see Ms. Bartell, Ms. Black, Ms. Turner or Mr. Hammers for a permission slip to attend.

**Seniors in Medical, Pre-Engineering, IT, MPRA and Transportation:** are you looking for scholarships for college? CTE has two \$1000 scholarships available. You must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted gpa, be a CTE concentrator and have been accepted to an accredited college or university. See Ms. Bartell in guidance for more information on how to apply.

**Pre-engineering students:** Former NASA Aerospace engineer Shayla Rivera will be speaking on Saturday, April 9th from 10-12:30 at CPCC uptown. The event is free. Please review the attached flyer to sign up to attend!



### OPHTHALMIC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH CEENTA

Associates, P.A. (CEENTA) is looking for high school graduates to take part in a one-year paid apprenticeship with our award-winning Ophthalmology Department!

This program brings candidates into the world of eye care through classroom instruction, clinical rotations, and hands-on experience from our selected trainers to prepare them for a role as a CEENTA Ophthalmic Assistant, Imaging Technician, or Contact Lens Technician.

- IDEAL CANDIDATES ARE:
- High school graduates with a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- 18 years of age by the start date of the program (August 30th, 2022)
- Available full-time (40 hours/week) during the duration of the program

Apply Starting On MAY 16TH, 2022

Apprenticeship Begins AUGUST 30TH, 2022



COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATE - PULL BENEFITS PACKAGE - GUARANTEED EMPLOYMENT AFTER COMPLETION
For additional information, please contact CEENTA's Recruiting Team (recruiting@ceenta.com).





#### **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:

<u>Ashley Cole</u>: Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) & Guidance Department Chairperson

<u>Sarah Goodwin:</u> Information Systems (Cyber Security, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Re-cording Arts <u>Stephanie Graham:</u> Medical Science, Transportation (Auto Technology & Collision Repair)



### COUGAR ATHLETICS

Athletics website: <a href="https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy">https://www.ucpsathletics.com/centralacademy</a>

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

#### **Last Week's Results**

Friday, March 25: BB loses to W. Stanly

**Saturday, March 26:** T/F Wedding Invite Results: First Place Finishers included: SMR qualified for Nationals: Rutledge, Higgins, Kamenick, Williams; 4x4 Relay: Wojtkowiak, E. Brown, Kamenick, Williams

**Monday, March 28:** Golf wins match at Red Bridge, Justin Jenkins shot 38 for the low score of the match

**Tuesday, March 29:** SB loses to Anson: BB loses to Parkwood Tennis 8 - Monroe 1

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, April 1: (A) BB @ Parkwood 6 PM; (H) TN vs. Piedmont 4PM Saturday, April 2: (A) T/F @ Forest Hills - Union County Meet 9AM Monday, April 4: (A) Golf @ Stonebridge (Parkwood) 3:30 PM Tuesday, April 5: (H) Soccer vs. Monroe (Location Monroe HS) 6:00 PM; (A) SB @ Parkwood 6PM; (A) BB @ Anson DH 4:30 / 6:00 PM; (A) Tennis @ Forest Hills 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 6:** (H) SB vs. UA 5:30 PM; (H) BB vs. Anson 6:00 PM

**Thursday, April 7:** (A) Soccer @ Anson 6PM; (H) SB vs. West Stanly 5:00 PM; (A) T/F @ Monroe 3:45 PM; (H) Tennis vs. Parkwood 4:00 PM

**Friday, April 8:** (A) T/F @ Spring Valley All-American Track Classic; (H) Soccer vs. Weddington (location: Monroe HS) 6:00 PM **Saturday, April 9:** (A) T/F @ Spring Valley All-American Track Classic

#### **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 – Nathan Stewart– Interim
olynate105@gmail.com
Track & Field – Kim Inuwa –
kimberly.inuwa@ucps.k12.nc.us
Women's Soccer – Jay Niessner –
jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Living Tree Fundraiser: Please consider a donation to our spring sports programs. Feel free to share with others.

Click on the Sport to GIVE!

Women's Soccer

Men's Tennis

Baseball

Men's Golf

Track and Field

Softball

#### **News & Information**

**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



CATA PTSO Website: <a href="www.cataptso.org">www.cataptso.org</a> 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.

#### Pizza Kit Fundraiser

In celebration of "Pi" Day we're celebrating all month long with a "Pizza Pie" fundraiser. We've partnered with Little Caesars to bring pizza kits right into your kitchen. Need a quick dinner after a long day? Maybe an after school snack? Ohhhh even some fresh baked cookies. YES all of that can be ordered and shipped directly to you. And the best part is that Little Caesars will donate a portion of the sale back to CATA PTSO which will support the needs of our students and staff. It's easy and only takes a few minutes to order. You can pay by credit card and the yummy kits will be shipped right to your door by FedEx. Just follow the order link below and select the "start shopping" orange button at the bottom. Click here to purchase.



If this sounds good to you, just imagine how your friends and family will like it! Share the link to ANY-ONE across the country. With this special link CATA will receive the fundraising donation and the items are shipped directly to the person ordering - there is nothing you need to do except SHARE. Simply copy the link or use the social media tabs from the order link home page. Thank you for supporting CATA PTSO and celebrating Pi Day with the best way we know how ... PIZ-ZA PIE!

#### PTSO Senior Scholarship NOW OPEN

CATA PTSO is open to current CATA seniors whose families were members of the PTSO by the end of 2021. Amount: \$250 (minimum of four scholarships are being offered) Deadline: April 13, 2022

Application: Click here

#### Scholarship Committee (non-senior parents needed)

PTSO is looking for a handful of non-senior parents to help review our senior scholarship applications. This is a light time commitment sometime mid - late April. You will need to attend 1-2 meetings where you will review all of the applications and as a team award the scholarships. If you are interested, please contact Dee Swanson (demetra.swanson@gmail.com).

#### 2022-2023 Committee Chairs Needed

Next school year is fast approaching and we are rounding out our PTSO board for next year. We have a few more spots to fill including Membership, Scholarship/Grant and Fundraising. If you've been involved at your previous school(s), please reach out. High School PTSO involvement is much different than elementary or middle school - less hands on and more behind the scenes - and we need you! New to this whole PTSO thing? No problem - no previous PTO/PTA or PTSO experience needed - just a desire to share ideas, brainstorm and have input on how to support CATA. Our goal is to provide resources and support for our school and give our children the best learning experience (oh and we have fun too - it's a great way to meet new CATA parents).

If you'd like to learn more about any of these open needs or just to learn more about CATA PTSO in general, please reach out to Megan Huffman (meghuf5@yahoo.com or 704.905.6473 cell/text).

### **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. 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.

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.

# <u>Technology Help Desk</u> 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 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 k12paymentcenter.com