

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



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Each new year brings **new faces**—both in 9th and 10th grades! We are excited to welcome our new Cougars!! Teachers, both returning and new, have worked hard to get ready for the school year and we are excited for you to meet the new staff and take time for you to connect with our returning staff. To that end, we are planning a parent/student **Open House** on Tuesday 9/15 at 6:30. Please save the date.

Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA—All students received their chromebooks on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to parents for returning their forms as we had over 95% returned by Tuesday morning!! We are requesting the technology user fee (which carries INSURANCE this year!!) for your student to be in by September 15th. [Click here to see the form.](#) If your child qualifies for free lunch, the fee will be waived—please send in a copy of your qualification letter so that we can waive the fee.

Underclassmen photos will be taken on 9/8 during the school day.

Congratulations to all of our Athletic Teams that have won games and matches over the past couple of weeks. We hope that you will continue to come out and support our Cougars. Come out and watch the men tonight at the stadium. Football played a great game this past Friday winning their first game of the season!! Tennis, volleyball, golf, cross country, football, soccer, cheer—there is something for any sports fan!!

This fall our Band of Blue has created a wonderful Hero-themed performance that CATA fans were treated to last Friday night at halftime of the football game. Way to go Band of Blue!!

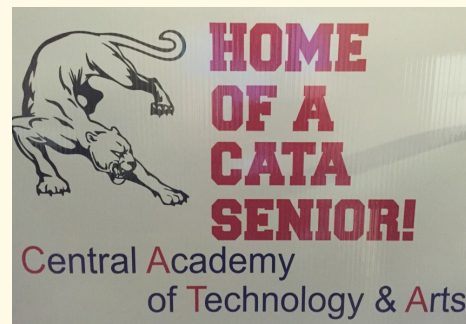
Next Friday—9/4 is a Blue Crew Spirit Day. Grab a Blue Crew shirt, put on a pair of navy BLUE shorts, jeans, skirt, a BLUE hat, BLUE socks—Blue Crew it up and make it a Great Blue Spirit Day in honor of our next home football game against rival—UA.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicles are also available on the website. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars! - Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal

CATA Class of 2016

Seniors Order Form



- ♦ Pre-orders should be placed no later than September 30th.
- ♦ Orders must be accompanied with payment by CASH or CHECK only
- ♦ Checks made payable to CATA PTSO - \$10.00 per T-Shirt, \$20 per sign or \$25 for both!
- ♦ Tear off bottom portion - return to Ms. Christensen in the media center with payment
- ♦ T-Shirts will be available in October.

CATA 2016 Seniors Pre-Order Form

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate number of T-Shirts and Sizes below:

T-shirt/Lawn Sign Combo: \$25.00 ea.—Total ordered: _____

T-Shirts: \$10.00 - Total ordered: _____

Senior Lawn Sign: \$20.00 each—Total ordered: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ SMALL _____ MEDIUM
 _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ XXL

Total Paid: _____

Thank you for supporting your students and the PTSO! Sale proceeds will be used by the PTSO to support students and CATA programs in our upcoming school year.

Senior T-Shirt Perk: Seniors that wear the official Senior T-Shirt with CATA Pride will receive a concession/special at a Fall/Winter & Spring **SENIOR NIGHT**.



Seniors *Graduation—Fri., June 10, 2016 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum*

Senior Pictures: Students had the opportunity to have senior pictures taken over the summer. If you did not get this done, plan on having your picture taken at CATA on 9/24 & 25. (Students will receive their scheduled appointments on these days by mail in advance.)

Senior Graduation Packages: Senior orders for robes and other graduation materials will be taken on September 4th. Please be sure to watch for more information from Josten's.

Senior t-shirts: Seniors that ordered a t-shirt last spring can pick it up in the front office. If you still need to order one, the form is in this newsletter—turn into the front office this week.

*Attention Seniors - Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm the CATA Guidance Department will be hosting a **Senior Night**. The guidance counselors will review everything you need to know as you start the application process for college! All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.*

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

Seniors - need to be on the lookout for a flyer coming home to them regarding special senior priced yearbooks and senior ads. Also on Senior student/parent night the yearbook staff is encouraging ALL senior parents interested in purchasing a senior ad to come in to create the ad with a staff member on Tuesday 9/8 from 5:30—6:30 in the Media Center. We will also be reviewing important Senior Portrait information.

**FEAR the
FELIDAE.
JOIN THE BLUE
CREW
STUDENT SECTION**

SHIRTS ARE \$10

Buy at Lunch, in the office, in Ms. Foreman's room, or at a home game for football, volleyball, or soccer



CATA Spirit Wear available online and at home Football Games. Support the Band and CATA and get your spirit on.



To see all [available spirit wear for CATA click here!!](#)



Support our athletics and our Band of Blue at once by showing school spirit!!



Schedule Change Reminder

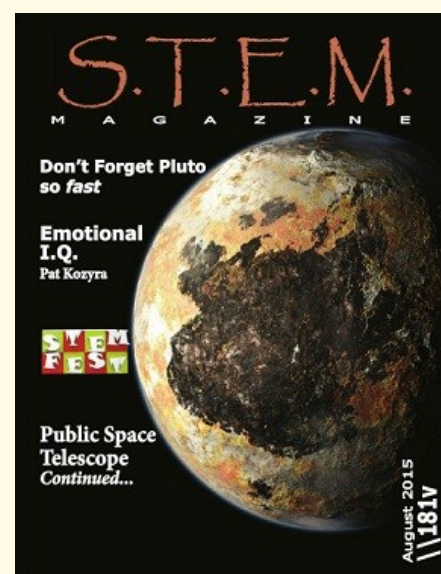
The last day to request a schedule change is Friday, August 28th. If a student plans to take a course Pass/Fail these forms must be turned in to the guidance office by Monday, August 31st. The forms are located in the guidance office lobby. Please see your assigned counselor with any questions.

Science Technology Engineering Math = STEM

Central Academy of Technology & Arts focuses on both STEM subjects and performing arts. We believe this well-rounded school environment supports all students.

We hope you enjoy this edition of STEM Magazine.

[Click on the magazine](#) to be taken to the actual FREE online magazine for our school.



Yearbook NEWS!!!

Yearbooks are on sale for the lowest price of the year, but only for a VERY limited time. From now until September 18th yearbooks can be purchased for ONLY \$65. This is a \$20 savings over the regular price. Yearbooks were completely sold out last year, so don't get left out in the cold. Reserve your copy TODAY!

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CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

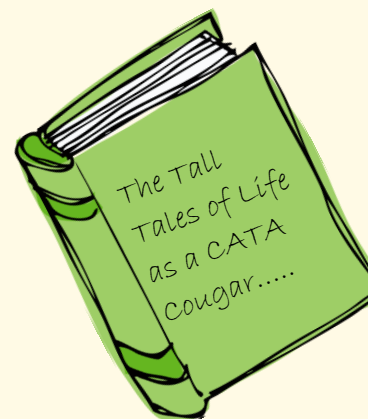
[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science, Teacher Prep (Seniors only), Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Kendall Cameron](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Mini D'Rozario](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

CATA Community Read—Book discussions start next week!!

CATA supports reading! The CATA community – staff and students – are reading this summer. It is not too late to start to get ready to return to school prepared to talk about your reading! This past spring teachers and staff members shared with current Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors their Book Picks. Students were then able to look through the book descriptions and choose a book that they were interested in. The assignments were emailed to student email accounts prior to the end of school. Students should be reading away... Students that did not make a choice were assigned a book that was emailed to them. ALL incoming 9th graders should read The Last Lecture by Pausch & Zaslow. ALL NEW 10th graders should read Tuesdays with Morrie. **If your child does not remember the name of their assigned book, [CLICK HERE](#) to see the list for current 10th-12th grade students.**



Around Campus... *(for all home and away sports times, see Athletics section)*

The CATA website Calendar is a great resource—please see that on the [main CATA page](#).

Friday, August 28: Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

Saturday, August 29: United Way Day of Caring (Wingate), 7:30 am

Monday, August 31: Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

Tuesday, September 1: Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch; National Honor Society Meeting, 8:15 am and 3:40 (Media Center); PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Media Center)

Wednesday, September 2: Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

Thursday, September 3: Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

Friday, September 4: Jostens Senior Orders during lunch; Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

Upcoming Dates:

8/28-9/4—Blue Crew Shirts on Sale During Lunch

8/29—United Way Day of Caring

9/1—PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Center

9/4—Jostens Senior Orders during lunch

9/7—NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

9/8—Underclassmen Photos

9/8—Senior Student/Parent Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

9/9—Beta Club Induction, 5:00 pm, Auditorium

9/12—Union County Band Preview (MRHS)

9/15—Academic Bars and Letters, 6:00 pm, Auditorium

9/15—Open House, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

9/16—Progress Reports

9/16—National Honor Society Induction, 6:00 pm, Auditorium

9/23—No School, Optional Teacher Workday

9/24 to 9/25—Senior Absentee Photos

9/30—Site Based Team Meeting

10/2—PLAN Test for all 10th Graders

10/5 to 10/9—Homecoming Week

10/6—End of Grading Period

10/10—Homecoming Dance

10/12—No School, Required Teacher Workday

10/21—Report Cards

Student Life Notes **Upcoming Events:**

NHS Inductions

Beta Inductions

Student Council Membership Drive

First Student Life Meeting in September

Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us



COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#).

Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter:

[@CATA_Athletics](#)

NEW – official twitter page of CATA Football: [@CATA_cougarfb](#)

Upcoming Events:

August 28th: AWAY Football @ Highland Tech – 7:30 pm

August 31st: HOME Soccer vs. Lake Norman Charter – 6:00 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

September 1st: HOME Cross Country vs. Rocky River Conference 4:30 pm

HOME Tennis vs. Mt. Pleasant 4:00 pm @ Monroe High School

HOME Volleyball vs. Union Academy 6:00 pm

AWAY JV Soccer @ Cuthbertson 5:00 pm

September 2nd: AWAY Soccer @ Union Academy 6:00 pm

AWAY Volleyball @ Porter Ridge 4:30/6:00 pm

September 3rd: HOME Tennis vs. Forest Hills 4:00 pm @ Monroe High School

HOME Soccer vs. Weddington 5:00/6:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

September 4th: HOME Football vs. Union Academy 7:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

September 5th: HOME Cross Country – CATA Invitational

News & Information:

- Winter Sports workouts & preseason meetings will be taking place in the next two weeks, listen to announcements, and check back with the Cougar Chronicle for times and locations.
- Workouts may start after September 1st. You **MUST** have a current physical on file with the Athletic Director to participate in off season workouts.
- Winter Sports Parent Night will be on Tuesday October 27th @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium.



- Fall Sports Awards Night will be Monday November 16th @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

Fall & Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information on next page

CATA Athletics Continued....

Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner –

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin – edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

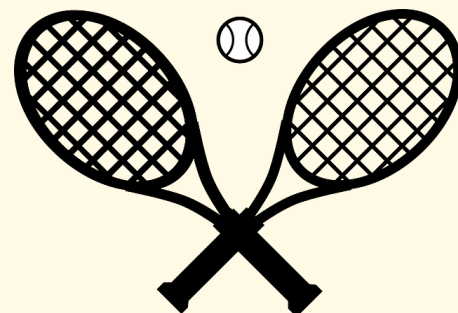
Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf – Kevin Allran – kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us



Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – TBA

Men's Basketball – David Daniels –

david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig –

Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

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

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Hello, Parents!

You have been invited by your CATA coaches to sign up for **"Cougar Concessions."** Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.



[Cougar Concessions—Please Click Here to Sign Up!!](#)

We need your help in our concession stands! Please sign up for a game date that you are available. Please notice that some games are at CATA and some are at Walter Bickett Stadium. Thank you for your support. We could not do this without you!