

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle



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**Senior Graduation robes, caps, & more** can be ordered tomorrow, 9/4, from Josten's during all lunches. Underclassmen photos will be taken on 9/8 during the school day. Guidance will be hosting a **Senior Night on Tuesday 9/8 at 6:30**. All senior parents and students should attend for important information about applying to college and planning for post-secondary life. Senior parents can come in on 9/8 prior to the Senior Night Presentation to create a **Senior Ad for the Yearbook** for their child. This will occur from 5:30—6:30 in the media center. Seniors will get a flyer about this this week.

Save the date for a parent/student **Open House** on Tuesday 9/15 at 6:30. Students that are being awarded an Academic Bar or Letter for last Spring's academic work will receive an email early next week. The list will also be posted across from the guidance office. Please ask your student to check their email and the list posted across from guidance if they believe they may receive this award. Students will be awarded the Bar or Letter at a short ceremony at 6:00 on 9/15—prior to the Open House.

**Attendance**—CATA thinks attendance in class is important. Please see the information about Attendance, Recovery, and earning credit for classes on the last page of the Chronicle. This is important information for all families.

**Chromebooks** – 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.](#) Remember that this technology user fee includes insurance this year—get your money in asap so that your child is covered.

**Come out this Friday** to see our Band of Blue's Hero-themed performance at halftime of the football game. Join us for a pre-game show that will include the Cheer Team AND the Band of Blue!!!!

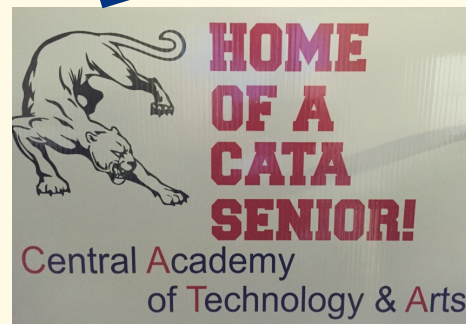
**THIS Friday—9/4 is a Blue Crew Spirit Day. Grab a Blue Crew shirt, put on a pair of navy BLUE shorts, jeans, skirt, a BLUE hat, BLUE socks—Blue Crew it up and make it a Great Blue Crew Spirit Day during school. Then add some (or a lot) of Camo for a Camo-themed night at the CATA Cougars game against 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

Sales are going so well that we are ordering MORE Signs and Shirts... Get yours ordered so you are included in the new batch coming soon!!!!



- ♦ 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*

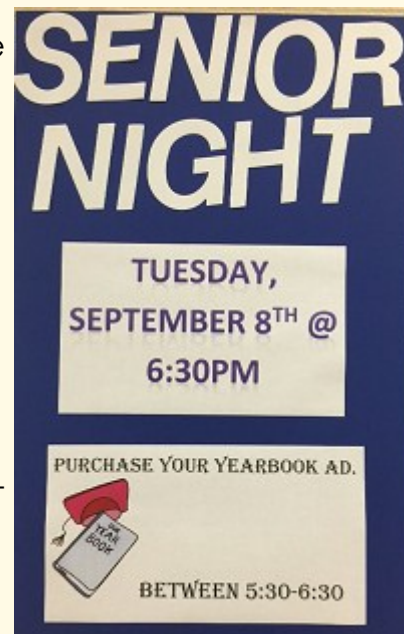
**Senior Pictures:** Students had the opportunity to have senior pictures taken over the summer. If you did not get this done, plan on having your picture taken at CATA on 9/24 & 25. (Students will receive their scheduled appointments on these days by mail in advance.)

**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.

*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 or in the office,  
- sold out—ordering more now....**



**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!!



## 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!**

### 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 started this week!!!

Students will have met for TWO Book Discussions by the time this Chronicle has been delivered. Students are having great discussions about books, watching author interviews, creating re-designed book covers, going on scavenger hunts with clues from the book, learning about history, creating maps and movie trailers. In all of this we, at CATA, hope that students see the value in reading and decide to pick up a book—and maybe even discuss one at home with family!!



Testing Out What You Read About in Books

Happy Reading!

Re-imagining a Book Cover After Reading the Book





# PTSO news...

The PTSO would like to welcome you all to the 2015 - 2016 school year. We are excited to welcome new students and families into our community. The Executive Board met this week to plan for the year ahead and are hopeful to continue to support our students, families and the CATA staff through our fundraising efforts, our service to the school and community and our appreciation of the staff at CATA. We will be sending out membership applications through your student. In addition, we will be at the Senior night on September 8 and will conduct a general membership meeting prior to the open house on September 15. There will be membership applications there, senior signs and tee shirts, we will assist you to link up your Target Card and Harris Teeter card to CATA so that we will benefit from these organizations support of education. In October we will hold our annual Invest In Excellence fundraiser, a one time, write-a-check to CATA! 100% of your donation supports CATA. Last year we were able to donate an item of need that was unfunded by the annual budget to each department in the school. Look for additional information on the Invest In Excellence Campaign in the Cougar Chronicle, and in your child's backpack! We are hoping to see our membership increase this year - the goal is 150 - 200 members! Many thanks to the families in the Performing Arts Academy who are currently leading the pack! We will be providing a challenge to each 3rd period class to recruit PTSO members! The 3rd period that gets the largest percentage of members will have a pizza party! The application is on line - located on the PTSO link. Stay tuned for additional information!

Thanks again for all that you do for CATA and the PTSO and your student and community throughout the year. We have some changes in our meeting schedule that will be provided in upcoming Cougar Chronicle Issues. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to your involvement, membership and participation in our events. All the best to you and your student.

Take care, Kathie McKain, President PTSO

## Dates, Events and Information:

There is still time for seniors to order a senior tee shirt or senior sign. Complete the attached order form and bring it to the main office. PTSO members will be at the football game this Friday with samples of each. (attach flyer)

Senior Night - Tuesday, September 8 representatives from the PTSO will be attendance giving out information on membership and the senior scholarship. We award 4 senior scholarships in May. To apply for a scholarship the students or their family must be a member of the PTSO.

Open House - Tuesday, September 15, the PTSO will hold a General membership meeting. Officers will be introduced, budget will be presented and information will be provided. We will have membership applications there for anyone interested.

We are looking for someone to lead our fundraising efforts and to support new member recruitment. Contact [kathieptsocata@gmail.com](mailto:kathieptsocata@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

## KUDOS TO:

**Alyson Flood and Lisa Holliday for hosting the Ice Cream Social on behalf of the PTSO to welcome back the teachers during their teacher work days!**

**Liz Branca and Laura Minsk for hosting a welcome dinner for the Theatre Academy members and promoting PTSO memberships throughout Performing Arts. The Performing Arts committee is looking for support from all their academy members to work concessions during the year, to help raise funds to purchase a Debbie Watwood Memorial Piano, to plan and organize a spring fund raiser/dinner theater/auction. Please email Liz if you are interested in helping at [Lmbranca@hotmail.com](mailto:Lmbranca@hotmail.com).**

Simple ways to support CATA



count - # 3612.

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612.

Support CATA when you use your Target REDcard. Link your card to our school's account - # 81011.

## 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, September 4:** Jostens Senior Orders during lunch; Blue Crew Spirit Day (Wear your Blue Crew Shirts); Blue Crew Shirts on sale during lunch

**Monday, September 7:** NO SCHOOL, Labor Day Holiday

**Tuesday, September 8:** Underclassmen Photo Day (Auditorium); Senior Student/Parent Night, 6:30 PM auditorium

**Wednesday, September 9:** Beta Club Induction, 5 pm (Auditorium)

**Saturday, September 13:** Union County Band Preview, 2-11 PM (MRHS)

### Upcoming Dates:

9/4—Jostens Senior Orders during lunch

9/7—NO SCHOOL, Labor Day Holiday

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—Fall Sports Pictures after School

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 Sophomores

10/5 to 10/9—Homecoming Week

10/6—End of Grading Period

10/10—Homecoming Dance

10/12—No School, Required Teacher Workday

10/13—PTSO Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center

10/14—PSAT for all Juniors

10/21—Report Cards

10/27—Winter Sports Parent Night, 7 pm (Auditorium)

10/28—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference Room)

10/30—Trunk or Treat

**Blue Crew to School  
on Friday 9/4**

**Camo to Game on  
Friday Night 9/4**



# **Student Life Notes**

## **Upcoming Events:**

**Join Stuco: Student Council Membership Drive: Go to the First Meeting, Tuesday, 9/15  
Media Center**

**NHS Inductions: Wednesday, 9/16 at 6 pm  
Auditorium**

**Beta Inductions: Wednesday, 9/9 at 5 pm  
Auditorium**

**FCA will meet for the first time at the end of September. The membership drive will start in mid September.**

**Skills USA (Collision Repair) will start next week at a time TBA. Officers will be elected and meeting times established at that time.**

**SADD Club's first meeting will be next Friday (9/11) at 8:15 AM in Room 604. After that, meetings will be held the 1st Friday of every month at 8:15 AM in Room 604**

**Shooting Sport is planning a parent and student meeting Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 in the art room. Practice is every Sunday at 2:00 at  
Take Aim Training**

**Speech and Debate meets every Monday as a CLUB—from 3:45 – 4:30 and as a competitive TEAM—from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.**

**Science Olympiad is a new club. The membership drive meeting was this Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> in Mrs. Cross' classroom, room 605. This is an "interest" meeting, so if you missed it and are still interested, please see Ms. Cross**

**BE a LEADER JOIN a STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION TODAY**

Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at  
[josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto: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](#).

### Varsity Results:

**Football:** CATA 49 – Highland Tech 0

**Men's Soccer:** CATA 0 – Cuthbertson 0, CATA 5 – Lake Norman Charter 0, CATA 2 – Union Academy 2

**Volleyball:** CATA 0 – Sun Valley 3, CATA 3 – Union Academy 0, CATA 0 – Porter Ridge 3

**Tennis:** CATA 8 – West Stanly 1, CATA 6 – Mt. Pleasant 3

**Cross Country:** CATA Meet – Men 3<sup>rd</sup>, Women 1<sup>st</sup>

**Women's Golf:** @ Monroe Country Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finish



### **Upcoming Events:**

**September 4<sup>th</sup>:** HOME Football vs. Union Academy 7:30 pm – Walter Bickett Stadium

**September 5<sup>th</sup>:** HOME Cross Country – CATA Invitational – 9:00 am

**September 7<sup>th</sup>:** No Events

**September 8<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Tennis @ Parkwood 4:00 pm

AWAY Cross Country @ Mt. Pleasant 4:30 pm

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Golf @ Divide Country Club 3:30 pm

AWAY Volleyball @ Piedmont 4:30/6:00 pm

AWAY Soccer @ Piedmont 6:00 pm

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Tennis @ Monroe 4:00 pm

AWAY Soccer @ Marvin Ridge 4:30/6:00 pm

HOME Volleyball vs. First Assembly 6:00 pm

**September 11<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Football @ Northside Christian 7:00 pm

**September 12<sup>th</sup>:** AWAY Cross Country @ Weddington Invitational – All Day

HOME Soccer vs. Newton Conover 11:00/12:30 pm



### **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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium.



Fall Sports Awards Night will be Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Football – Shane Griffin – [edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – [doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Golf – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cross Country – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.com)

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang –

[sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us)



## Winter Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Basketball – TBA

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

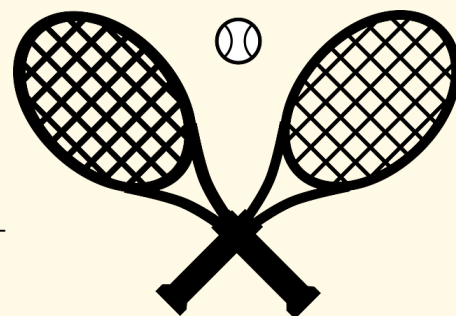
Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.com)

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

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

**@CATA\_Athletics**



## 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!

## News from Guidance:

Attention ALL Sophomores!!! On **Friday, October 2nd** the PLAN will be administered to each sophomore at CATA during 1st and 2nd period. PLAN is a practice test for the ACT - American College Testing. The ACT is an entrance exam for all colleges and universities. The practice test will include an English, Math, Reading, and Science section. The results of PLAN will be returned to students at the beginning of November and can be used to better prepare for the ACT. The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina on Tuesday, March 1st.



On **Wednesday, October 14th** the PSAT will be given to ALL JUNIORS this year free of charge! The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and juniors can earn National Merit Scholarship opportunities based on the earned score. 9th and 10th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT too. The fee is \$18. Sign ups will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and will end on Friday, September 25th. Please come to the guidance office and see Mrs. Tweed.



### Health Careers Day on the Hill - October 23, 2015:

The NC Health Careers Access Program is sponsoring this one day conference at UNC Chapel Hill for student in grades 9-12 that are interested in pursuing a career in a health field. Students will hear presentations from UNC Admissions, UNC School of Medicine, UNC School of Dentistry, UNC School of Nursing, UNC School of Pharmacy, and UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences. Registration is \$15. The conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Koury Oral Building - UNC School of Dentistry. For more information, and to register, please visit: [nchcap.unc.edu](http://nchcap.unc.edu) or call Mrs. Amber McGregor at 919-966-2264.



### SAT.... ACT.... PSAT....

LOTS of Info on the SAT and ACT is located on our School Counseling Tab of the CATA website. [Click here to go to the page for registration dates, costs, AND information on SAT and ACT prep.](#)

**Please note that ALL juniors will participate in ACT prep at CATA during Cougar Time.**

**More Senior Information:** Guidance has begun scheduling college visits. A representative from the college(s) listed below will be here at the dates and times listed to discuss the admissions process and answer questions. Please sign up in Guidance if you are interested. Each session will be limited to 40 students. Students will be limited in the number of college visits they can attend. Students must get approval from their classroom teacher and guidance counselor:

- **September 11, 2015** - Wofford College @ 10:30 a.m.
- **September 15, 2015** - Meredith College @ 2:15 p.m. (girls only)
- **September 16, 2015** - University of South Carolina @ 11:00 a.m.
- **September 17, 2015** - Appalachian State University @ 2:15 p.m.
- **September 25, 2015** - Embry-Riddle @ 2:10 p.m.
- **September 28, 2015** - Campbell University @ 2:10 p.m.
- **September 29, 2015** - Queens University @ 11:00 a.m.
- **September 29, 2015** - Virginia Tech @ 2:15 p.m.
- **September 30, 2015** - UNC Charlotte @ 2:15 p.m.
- **October 1, 2015** - East Carolina University's Honors College @ 10:30 a.m.
- **October 5, 2015** - UNC Asheville @ 2:15 p.m.
- **October 9, 2015** - High Point University @ 2:05 p.m.
- **October 16, 2015** - UNC Greensboro @ 10:45 a.m.
- **October 22, 2015** - University of Alabama @ 11 a.m.

Link to the website with guidance information: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/guidance.php>

## College Open House Information:

**UNCSA** will be hosting an Open House for students interested in majoring in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, or Music are encouraged to attend the University of North Carolina School of Arts Open House on **September 11, 2015**. For more information, please visit: <https://uncsa.hobsonsradius.com/ssc/eform/M0B04Gc00z3m0x6702d68N.ssc>

**UNC Asheville** and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College will be hosting a Latino Open House on **September 12, 2015** for Latino students and their families. Students will be able to tour campus, learn information about the admissions process, learn about financial aid, and have the opportunity to talk to local businesses about employment. To RSVP, please email Brittany Privott at [bprivott@unca](mailto:bprivott@unca)

Here is a list of N.C. College Open Houses with admissions deadlines: [https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions\\_deadlines.pdf](https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf)

Looking for SAT test prep?? College Board and Khan Academy have teamed up to offer FREE practice resources for the *new* SAT here:

[https://www.khanacademy.org/sat?utm\\_source=cbemail&utm\\_content=emlc2&utm\\_campaign=CollegeBoardEM&utm\\_mid=11123335&utm\\_rid=157101397](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat?utm_source=cbemail&utm_content=emlc2&utm_campaign=CollegeBoardEM&utm_mid=11123335&utm_rid=157101397) These resources are designed to meet you where you are and to help you where you need it. You will have access to interactive practice, instant feedback, and more.

The first scholarship newsletter for 2015-2016 was sent to all seniors this week.

Check your email!!

Parents, [click here to go to the guidance website, scroll down and click on Scholarship Newsletter](#).

## Scholarship Information:

**Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill:** The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It promises: full tuition, student fees, housing, meals, books, a laptop, supplies, and Discovery Funds to be used for education opportunities. In addition, a four-year Summer Enrichment Program is built in that is made up of diverse, customized experiences that begin the summer before freshman year. To be eligible, students must be a competitive applicant to UNC Chapel Hill, be on track to graduate in the spring, and be unmarried and without children.

To be selected, students must: 1). Have a challenging schedule; 2). Have above average SAT/ACT scores; 3). Demonstrate leadership through courage, action, and initiative; 4). Demonstrate service by showing concern for others by trying to meet their needs and seeking to improve life for others; 5). Demonstrate character by exhibiting the highest levels of integrity, honesty, conscientiousness, bravery, humility, generosity, and empathy; and 6). Demonstrate physical vigor by playing a sport/having a commitment to an active lifestyle. If you are interested in this scholarship, and feel that you meet the criteria, please stop by the Guidance Office to fill out an interest form. You must provide a resume, in addition to the interest form. **Interest forms are DUE September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Park Scholarship at NC State University:** The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This scholarship is valued at about \$98,000 for North Carolina residents, including: tuition and fees; room and board; books and personal expenses; a computer stipend; educational trips, retreats, and seminars; enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences, early course registration, and more. Students are selected based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

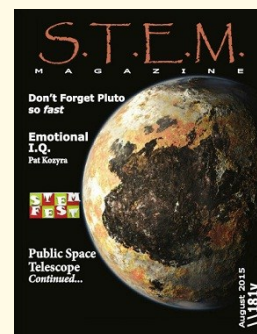
Scholarship criteria include: 1). An 'A' average and above average SAT/ACT scores; 2). A high level of engagement and leadership in a few meaningful activities in your school or community; 3). A desire to master subjects and to seek learning experiences outside the classroom; 4). Assuming formal leadership roles; 5). Demonstrating service by finding ways to improve the lives of others; and 6). Demonstrating character by setting positive examples for others, having personal fortitude, and having the highest levels of integrity. If you believe you meet these criteria, and you are interested in being endorsed, please pick up an interest form in the Guidance Office. **Interest forms are DUE September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

# 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.**



## Attendance Information for Parents and Students

Ninth grade parents, please note that High School Attendance is different than middle school. It is taken by class, not by day. Students with more than 7 absences in a course can fail the class due to Absences alone, regardless of their grade average in the class.

Attendance at school is Priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.

- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences. The numbers 3,6, and 8 are for Total absences, both excused and unexcused.
- According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. **The goal is to not miss ANY school**, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.
- **It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.**
- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date. There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class. CATA feels this is most effective.
- [Click here to be taken to the Parent Page of the CATA website where you can click to see an "Attendance Letter Example".](#)