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Central Academy Families,

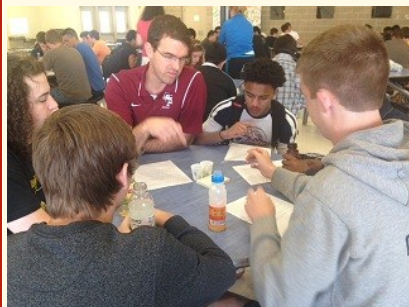
We wish all of you a very safe and relaxing spring break and hope that you enjoy time with family and friends. We will return to school on Monday, April 13th. The school is closed during spring break.

Please remember that AP exam dates and times are in the Chronicle, as is the final exam schedule for all students. Registration continues when we return from spring break. Students have been told what day they will register– the information is also on the website under school counseling. Students should review this information with parents and have the completed forms signed and returned on the day they are scheduled to meet with their counselor. Teachers have provided recommendations to the counselors and this will be discussed with students during their individual registration meetings.

Parents, we welcomed Ms. Boone as our new data manager last week and would like to remind you that if you have a change in phone number, address, or email, that you contact Ms. Boone about the change as soon as possible. It is essential that we have accurate contact information for every student. Our students met in advisory this week with their academies and received progress reports as well. When we return from spring break, there will be approximately nine weeks left of school and we ask that students make sure that they are present at school each day for instruction.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. Back editions are 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! - Mrs. Kim Fisenne,
Principal



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Guidance Info

Students – are you interested in **SAT or ACT test prep**? UNC Charlotte, in partnership with The Princeton Review, offers the ACT and SAT exam prep courses at a discounted rate! For more information, and to register, please visit <http://continuinged.uncc.edu/examprep/hs/>.

For more test prep resources, please visit our [webpage](#).

Upcoming Events:

Attention Juniors and Junior Parents - The CATA Guidance Department will be hosting a Junior Night on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium. The counselors will be sharing everything a junior needs to know to get ready for their senior year! We hope to see you there!!!!

Juniors – are you thinking about applying for the Park Scholarship or the Levine Scholars Program next year? If so, you or your parents should attend a **FREE webinar** on **April 14, 2015 from 6-7 p.m.** You will learn about the eligibility requirements, the application process, and tips to help you complete the process.

To register, visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7994208560927163650>

Summer may seem far way, but application deadlines for summer opportunities are quickly approaching! For a full list of summer opportunities, [please click here](#). And keep checking back for new listings!

Are you interested in learning about natural resources and their management in today's global environment? If so, you may be interested in the **Resource Conservation Workshop** from June 21-June 26, 2015 at NC State University. Students will learn about a wide range of conservation topics through hands-on learning experiences. Students will be staying on campus in their dormitories and will have the opportunity to win awards and scholarships. If you are interested you can pick up an application in Guidance. The application can be mailed to: Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, 3230-B Presson Rd., Monroe, NC 28112. The application must be in their office by the deadline. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>. **Deadline: April 14, 2015.**

Are you a freshman or sophomore interested in the United States **Air Force Academy**? If so, you may want to register for their Future Falcons Program. By registering your name will go into their database that will allow them to send you periodic mailings. These mailings will inform you about the Academy and what you need to be doing to be a competitive applicant. You can register for the Future Falcons Program here: <http://www.cvent.com/events/future-falcon-registration/event-summary-028d3e4fe8444783af405857a839c707.aspx>.

Are you looking for something to do this summer?? **South Piedmont Community College is offering a variety of FREE and low cost day camps for students.** They will be offering camps on the following topics: Advanced Manufacturing, Art, Construction Trades, Cyber Crime, 'Finding Your Tomorrow in the Medical Field', Intro to Auto Mechanics, Robotics, and Solar Energy. If you are interested in any of those topics, make sure you sign up today! You can learn more about each camp, and register here: <http://www.spcc.edu/summercamps/2136-summer-camps-home.html>



Career Development Corner—Ms. Webb's office is located in the Guidance Office and she is available to see students by appointment. You can email Ms. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us or Start following @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina.

"2015-2016 CTE Internship" Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Ms. Webb or your guidance counselor. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb @ sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

"Greiner Bio-One Apprentice Program"

Graduating seniors, how would you like to get paid to go to school? Greiner Bio-One in Monroe is looking for Apprentices shortly after you graduate high school. They are looking for:

- One Mechatronics Maintenance Technician Apprentice
- Two Industrial Systems Process Technician Apprentices
- 1 Industrial Systems Mold Technician Apprentice

What does the Apprentice program offer?

4-year technical training program:

On-the-job training

Two year AAS degree through SPCC
Incremental wage increases as skills improve
Full Benefits (Medical, Dental, Paid Holidays, Earned Time Off)

Technical Apprenticeship Programs Registered through NC Department of Commerce

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb @ [sa-rah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

Seniors

Graduation Day—Thursday June 11, 2015
3:00 pm Winthrop University Coliseum,
Rock Hill, SC



Senior Awards Day—Friday May 22, 2015 9:00 am, Auditorium

Seniors and Senior parents – Need more information about **financial aid**?? Check out our [Financial Aid website](#) for helpful articles and useful websites.

Seniors – Please let Mrs. Cameron know about any and all **scholarship offers** you have received, even if you do not plan to accept them! Drop a copy of your scholarship letter off in guidance. You will be recognized for all scholarships at Senior Awards Day.

Seniors – the *last* **scholarship newsletter** of the year was delivered to English classes last week. If you are not in English this semester, please pick up a copy in the Guidance Office.

Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarships are a great option for funding your college education. Below you will find a list of scholarships with upcoming deadlines in parenthesis. For more complete information, please visit our [scholarship webpage](#). Kiwanis of Monroe Endowed Scholarship (4/3); Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest (4/14); Union County Association of Educators & Retired Educators of Union County Scholarship (4/14); SECU 'People Helping People' Scholarship (4/15); State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) Scholarships (4/15); and HotelsCheap.org Scholarship (4/15).

The Union County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award Rosa L. Poston and Jeannette B. Sherrod Scholarships to *African-American female seniors* in Union County. To be eligible, students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, plan to enroll in an accredited 4-year school in the fall of 2015, and have leadership potential. For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/ScholarshipsFinancialAid.php>. Applications are available in Guidance and must be mailed. **Deadline: April 17, 2015**

Here is a review of our [transcript request process](#). Click the link.

Senior Week is May 18-22 Whitewater Center Field Trip to develop a Healthy Lifestyle is scheduled for Thursday 5/21.

Please listen for announcements about the event. Please bring your balance to Ms. Nahum in room 403 before school—ALL balances are due by April 30.

All fees are non-refundable.

Senior Class of 2015 picture—was taken on April 1st. Pictures can be ordered after online from Metro Portraits. Students received information on how to order.

****Senior Letter—Parents be sure to read the Senior Letter with IMPORTANT information on page 15.**



CATA Guidance Department

Available to support students on social, academic, and personal needs.

Guidance Department Chairperson—
[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science and Teacher Prep
[Kendall Cameron](#): Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)
[Scott Norris](#): IT and Transportation

2015 - 2016 Registration

In addition to their Report Card the current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students received their registration card during Advisory on Wednesday, March 18th. Rising 10th Graders received a **PINK** card, Rising 11th Graders received a **BLUE** card, and Rising Seniors received a **YELLOW** card. The students watched a Registration Video and received Registration Directions on how to select courses for next year. The following information is very important to know for registration.

- Registration will begin on **Monday, March 23rd during 2nd block classes.**
- Each student should select a total of eight courses, including their academy courses, and three alternates. A parent signature is required on the Registration Form.
- Students will have an individual meeting with their assigned counselor to review course selections. Counselors will have teacher recommendations as well and will review those with students.
- If a student does not have their Registration Card filled out and signed by a parent on their assigned day the School Counselor will not meet with them. The student will have to wait until the Make Up Registration Day.
- Once the selections are reviewed and entered into Power School the students will receive a print out of selected courses for their records.

The deadline for all forms is **Friday, April 17th**. Example of forms include Waiver and AP Commitment Forms.

Please contact your child's assigned counselor with any questions. All registration information is located on the School Counselor Page of the CATA Website under Registration. Click here <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/links/2014-2015Registration.php>.

2015 AP Exam Information:

As part of the Advance Placement (AP) program, students will take the corresponding AP exam for each AP course they take. **AP exams will be administered on the dates below at CATA:**

5/4 AP Chemistry & AP Environmental (8 am), AP Psychology (12 pm)

5/5 AP Calculus AB and BC (8 am)

5/6 AP English Literature & Comp (8 am), AP Physics 1 (12 pm)

5/7 AP Physics 2 (12 pm)

5/8 AP US History (8 am)

5/11 AP Biology (8 am)

5/12 AP US Govt & Politics (8 am)

5/13 AP English Language & Comp (8 am)

##AP Studio Art—last day for school to upload digital portfolios is 5/8. **Portfolios due to school by 5/6** at the latest for school upload on 5/7.

Driver's Education—Are completely filled for the remainder of the year... Driver's Ed classes must meet the minimum number of students or the class will be cancelled. Please sign up early so that classes are filled and do not have to be cancelled. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$55.00 for all classes. A student must be at least 14 1/2 years old on the first day of class. Classes will run Monday through Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm. To sign up please contact Ms. Tammy Tweed in the guidance office **as soon as possible**. Upcoming classes: April 20- May 13



COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Mr. Jay Niessner](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). ****Go to [Athletics link](#) on the left side of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the schedules. Coach contact info is there as well.**

Varsity Results:

Baseball: CATA 10 – Monroe 0, CATA 16 – Monroe 4, CATA 0 –West Stanly 11, CATA 3 – Carmel Christian 4

Men's Tennis: CATA 7 – Monroe 2, CATA 4 – West Stanly 5, CATA 0 – Porter Ridge 9

Women's Soccer: CATA 1 – Covenant Day School 2, CATA 1 - Olympic 1

Softball: No Games Last Week

Men's Golf: No Matches Last Week

Track & Field: No Meets Last Week

Upcoming Events:

None – There are no athletic events from 4/3 to 4/13...see you after Spring Break!



Other News:

Mark your calendars: **NOVANT** will be giving **free sports physicals** again this year on **Saturday, May 9th, 2015.**

More information about the sign-ups for free physicals coming soon

Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on **Monday, June 1st, 2015** @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.

2014-2015 Yearbook You may purchase at the school with cash or check or you may purchase online at www.yearbooksforever.com (there is a \$1 service fee for this option).

Spring Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director and Women's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball: Nelson Rowell – neson.rowellteacher@ucps.k12.nc.us

Softball: Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis: Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com

Track & Field: Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

Men's Golf: Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us



Cougar Pride....

- Congrats to Student Council—Taylor MacLellan will serve as the Western District Chair officer, and Dr. Tartlon and Taylor are now members of the NCASC executive board for a one year term.
- Congratulations to Lexi Rose, Ali Carson, and Elizabeth Anglis who were inducted into the NCASC Student Leadership Hall of Fame which honors students for service to their schools and communities.



- Congratulations to CATA Shooting Sports Team for making it into the State Competition!! The team gained entry due to their 7th place overall finish in the regional competition. Way to go!

- Congratulations to Chris Verrill for being selected to attend North Carolina Governor's School for Instrumental Music - French Horn!

- Congratulations to our Band students who traveled to Orlando



- to participate in a Disney academy where they learned and performed a score from a The Lion King at Disney World. Good luck!!
- Congratulations to the CATA Shooting Sports Team for their excellent performance in the county meet this past weekend. Go Cougars!!
- Congratulations to the Central Academy CATABots Team as they compete in Raleigh this weekend!!
- Congratulations to the entire Into the Woods Cast and Crew for their outstanding performance this weekend!!!
- A shout out to Ms. Hibberd's history class that recognized famous

women this month! Very creative display!!



Due to contract issues we cannot use the exact titles of the movies—so we have made it a game—guess what movie we are showing each night...some are a play on words, some are descriptions

Central Academy Student Council

Presents...

SPRING MOVIE NIGHTS

April— A movie about Dauntless, Amity, Abnegation.. And other factions.

May— a movie about a large hero (5+1)

June— a movie with the theme song “Greased Lightning”

Eco Column Project a Success!!!

(Written by Halen Mattison)

For the Eco Column Project, students were tasked to design and build a column out of recycled 2-Liter bottles that contained three miniature ecosystems. These ecosystems represented both terrestrial and aquatic environments. Students of Ms. Kopchick's AP Environmental Science class added fish and grass seeds to their columns, and watched them live and grow. On a regular basis, the three environments would be tested for factors such as pH, temperature, turbidity, and nitrate levels. Throughout this project, students were allowed to observe how both biotic and abiotic factors influence the way ecosystems work.

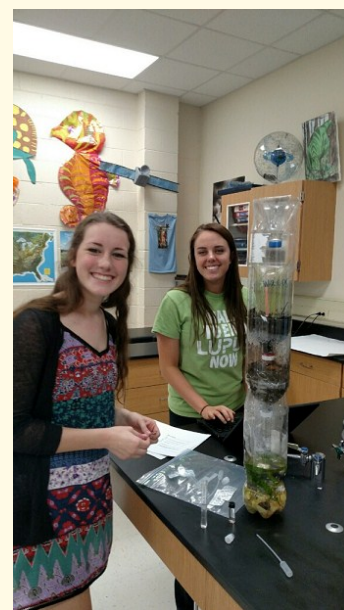
Incorporating Technology



Grow Cart—a new purchase!



Water Quality Testing



Students in Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition enjoy a light moment while creating tableaux from John Keats' "Ode on a Grecian Urn."



Victory Junction—Who had to take the Dare to donate???

Ms. Fissenne—Kiss a Pig

Ms. White—dress like a student

Mr. Pusser—say yes to every question for the day

Mr. Niessner—mystery dare

Mr. Wall—move his desk to the hall and work there for the day

Dr. Tarlton—blue Mohawk hair style

Ms. Foreman—doused in water

Ms. Kopchick—roll around IN recycle bin during lunch

Thank you to Mr. Wall and everyone that volunteered for being a great sport. Mr. Wall is spending his day at his desk at various locations in the school—during lunch he will work at his desk in the middle of the cafeteria! Great Job All!!!

Grand total—\$1134 raised
Way to Go!!



Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade (A-L) & all 10th grade—
[Mr. Josh Wall](#)

11th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

9th grade (M-Z) & all 12th grade—
[Ms. Deanna White](#)



Prom 2015 Masquerade at Midnight



Prom Royalty

Prom Junior Princess—Kelso Millett
Prom Senior Queen—Jasmine Lesane

Prom Junior Prince—Mark Goodson
Prom Senior King—Martin Marban

Prom Court

Juniors—Marc Duemmler, Charles Fisher, Jack Heda, Davies Lee
Stephanie Eberley, Olivia McKain, Sabrina Miles, Nicole Palmer

Seniors—Jeremy Fehlman, Kyle Johnson, Doug Lawrence, James Simmons, Jeron Ware
Jordan Carelock, Meredith Chandler, Alexia Rose, Allie Schneider

Information resources from Central Academy include:

Central Academy of Technology and Arts website at : <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/>

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralAcademyCATA>

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Twitter at: https://twitter.com/cata_monroe

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Band page at: <http://cataband.blogspot.com/>

CATA Career Development Center @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina.

Any other sites are not sites that are sanctioned by the school. We caution parents and families to get current and accurate information from the official sites listed above.

If a school club or school organization has an additional page, please notify Administration so that we can properly authorize the site. Thank you.

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, April 3: NO SCHOOL, Spring break, School Resumes 4/13

Upcoming.... Spring Spirit Week

April 20th - PJ Day

April 21th - Movie Day

April 22th - Wednesday We Wear Pink

April 23th - Tacky Tourist Thursday

April 24th - Seniors Black Out/ Underclassmen pick a color of their favorite Lifesaver to support our Relay for Life Lifesaver Team—we ask each student to bring in \$1 to donate...

(Relay for Life supports the American Cancer Society)

Upcoming Dates:

4/3 to 4/10—NO SCHOOL-Spring Break, School Resumes 4/13
 4/21—PTSO Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center
 4/21—Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:30 to 3:30
 4/22—Site Based Team, 3:40, Media Center
 4/20 to 5/13—Drivers Education Session Five
 4/23 to 4/25—Sophomore Theater Show, 7 pm Auditorium
 4/24 to 4/25—Union County Band Clinic
 4/27—Benchmarks Begin (Second Round)
 4/28—End of Second Grading Period
 4/30 to 5/2—Tentative Senior Theater Show, 7 pm Auditorium
 5/2—17th Annual CATA Car Show, 10-3
 5/4 to 5/13—AP Exams
 5/8 to 5/9—Tentative Spring Dance Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium
 5/12—PTSO meeting, 7 pm Media Center
 5/15—Jazz Café Fundraiser, 7 pm
 5/17, Blumey Awards, 7 pm
 5/19—Spring Band Concert, 7 pm Auditorium
 5/20—Site Based Team, 3:40, Media Center Conference Rm.
 5/20—Josten's Class Ring Parent Night, 3:30-6:30, Front of School
 5/20 Progress Reports
 5/20 to 5/21—Josten Ring Orders, 12-2, Café
 5/21—Spring Chorus Concert, 7 pm Auditorium
 5/22—Senior Awards day, 8-11 am, Auditorium
 5/25—Memorial Day Holiday, No School
 5/26—Piano Class Recital, 7 Auditorium
 5/28—Band Banquet, 6-9 (Café and Auditorium)
 5/29 to 5/30—Special Theater Projects, 7 PM (Auditorium)
 5/31—Performing Arts Banquet, 4-9 (Café and Auditorium)
 6/1—Spring Sports Award Night, 7 pm Auditorium
 6/4 to 6/10—Final Exams 6/10—End of Third Grading Period 6/10 —
 Graduation Practice, CATA Gym 2 pm
 6/11—CATA Graduation, 3 pm, Winthrop University

Exam Dates

Thurs, June 4

1st period exam
 2nd period review

Fri, June 5

2nd period exam
 3rd period review

Mon, June 8

3rd period exam
 4th period review

Tues, June 9

4th period exam
Weds, June 10
 Make-up Exams

CATA Arcade Design Team—Interested in working with students from multiple academies to create CATA Arcade Games from the ground up???

We are looking for students with the following skills: Engineering, Software, Hardware, Theatre for voice work & sound effects, Artistic talent, musical talent....First meeting has occurred, but we are still looking for some more students—email or see Mr. Bryan!!



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Building a Culture of Respect...



Students at CATA are working to build a Culture of Respect. Students on the Superintendent's Advisory Council designed a system for students and staff to Give What You Can and Take What You Need. Blank notes hang on the "give what you can" board and students and staff can leave inspirational messages or a friendly note for someone that needs it and hang it on the "take what you need" board. We have had a lot of activity.

Students are also working on the foundations of offering a peer support service for students who may be dealing with difficulties from another student.

Way to go CATA!!!!

Student Life Notes **Upcoming Events:**

Relay for Life

Friday, May 1
Sun Valley High
6 pm

JOIN CATA's Team
See the RFL Page

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

UCPS—Safety Net MORE INFORMATION ON KEEPING YOUR TEENS AND CHILDREN SAFE—

[READ THE WHOLE SAFETY NET NEWSLETTER](#)— GREAT ARTICLES FOR HS!!!!!!

[BACK EDITIONS](#) ARE AVAILABLE ON THE UCPS WEBSITE.

NEW EDITION

CATA's Got Talent

CATA's Talent Raises Funds for Safe Alliance



Twelve acts took the stage Friday and the talent ranged from Martin Marban's stand-up act to a number of singers. Abril Ruiz-Lopez performed with a violin/fiddle trio and Priyanka Lala entertained the audience with a Bollywood dance number.

After each act, NHS members would canvas the audience and collect tickets which were purchased at the beginning of the show. Each ticket counted as one vote and the votes were tallied after each act. At the end of the show, the NHS members stood at the front of the auditorium with their signs indicating which act they were collecting tickets for and a final count was taken.



While the NHS students and advisors were counting the tickets, Cynthia Hinson, an EC teacher at CATA, performed Adele's Someone Like You. The emcee announced that freshman Bryanna Sniatecki had won the show with her vocal and acoustic guitar performance.

The National Honor Society raised \$491.00 for Safe Alliance, a local organization that assists over 3,000 people in the county each year. For more information about Safe Alliance, please visit their [website](#).



Relay for Life of Union County Sun Valley High School Friday, May 1, 6 pm

Join the CATA Life Savers Team

April is Relay for Life Month at CATA

Each individual: teacher, staff member, parent and student may sign up for the CATA Life Saver Team at this link:

Click on this link:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=64769&pg=informational&sid=128501

You will be prompted or need to click on "Create an account," Follow the Directions to create an account

Once the account is created click on Join a Team

Choose "CATA Life Savers" as your team

Click, Yes I want to fundraise online

Choose to donate OR Click that you will donate later, then click NEXT

Fill out the information on the registration page, then click NEXT

Confirm your Registration, then click NEXT

Our school goal is **\$2000.00**. The goal of each individual is \$100.00

You may raise money on your own and turn in to Ms. Hinson on behalf of CATA. We place all monies in the school's RFL account and send on CATA's behalf to the American Cancer Society



PTSO information and update:

We invite all families at CATA to support our upcoming events - Student Achievement Breakfast and Senior Breakfast!! Each of these events honors students at the school! There is a sign up genius which is sent out to all PTSO members, but we are issuing a challenge to all CATA families to click on the sign up genius and support our events to applaud the great efforts of our students selected by teachers for their great achievements as well as for the senior breakfast!! Our official membership is down this year, but we are all CATA and we need support, help, and involvement from all CATA families.....please sign up to help one or both of these important and enjoyable events! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4BABAA2AA31-academic1/4676386

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Helms will be meeting throughout the month of March and early April with the task of putting together a slate of officers for the 15-16 school year! Please contact Ann Helms at adhelms@aol.com if you are interested in learning more about opportunities to lead the PTSO at CATA! The slate will be presented at the April 21, 2015 PTSO Meeting.

- Senior Scholarships - It is not too late to apply for a PTSO awarding scholarships! The PTSO will award 4 scholarships this year to eligible seniors. We are seeking applicants who possess a strong character, demonstrate community service and have academic success predicting likewise in college. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is April 17, 2015. Students will be notified on May 1, 2015. Students or Family must have joined the PTSO before the end of the first semester to be eligible to apply.

Senior T-Shirt Design Contest - Attention rising seniors.....that means, current JUNIORS.....be on the lookout for an email inviting you to enter the senior t shirt design contest! All juniors are eligible to enter. We are using Custom Ink, which is a web based program. All juniors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite design. T's will be sold during senior week and all juniors will have the opportunity to pre order their SENIOR tee shirt! Information will be available to students via their email and to families through the Cougar Chronicle.

Upcoming events -

- PTSO meeting - Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm Media Center
- Scholarship Deadline - April 17
- April 20 is the deadline submission for the Senior design contest. All submissions will be done online following the guidelines and spec provided on the link. This contest is for juniors! April 21 - 28 - On line voting.
- Academic Achievement Breakfast - April 29
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 5-8
- Senior Breakfast - TBA
- Sign up genius is available for all to help us with the Achievement breakfast and Senior Breakfast.....please take a moment and volunteer to bring an item, donate a gift card or donate your time to help with these events!!

Tune in for more information to follow about Teacher Appreciation Week!!! We have a full calendar for the week!

Thanks for all of your support of the PTSO! Hope you all enjoy a wonderful Easter and Passover...and have a lovely spring break! We return to the final phases of an amazing school year! Rest up and come back ready to enjoy the end of the 14-15 year and all it holds.

CATA's PTSO is sending out a "CALL FOR HELP" to the entire CATA community for upcoming events. Please click on the "Sign Up Genius" link to see how you can help us support CATA students and teachers. Thank you!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4BABAA2AA31-academic1/4676386

The PTSO is thankful for all of your support - administration, faculty, students, families and community!!!

Enjoy!!!

Kathie McKain

kathiemckain@carolina.rr.com

PTSO

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Senior letter

Central Academy of Technology and Arts
Graduation Information
Class of 2015

Dear Class of 2015,

We are so very proud of each and every one of you. This spring semester we hope that you will enjoy your time with your friends and teachers while maintaining your school work. In just a short time you will no longer be a “high school student” and will be looked at as an adult. You have worked hard, we have worked hard, and your parents have worked hard to prepare you for this challenge. You are each a reflection of your family and your school and, more importantly, you are a reflection of your core values. We hope that you will have fond memories of CATA and of the people here. We certainly have wonderful memories of each one of you.

The rest of this letter contains important information you need to know in a very factual format. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your Senior Year and want to be sure you know the expectations that are set. Feel free to come and ask any questions you may have.

Congratulations Class of 2015!

Date and Time: Graduation will be held at Winthrop University (701 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730) on Thursday, June 11th at 3:00 pm.

Students will need to arrive at the university by 2:00 at the latest.

A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu)

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Girls: Girls will need to wear an appropriate dress (or dark slacks) that is no longer than their gown. There should be No collar showing with the gown. Shoes should be black or navy since the robes are navy. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate, however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

Boys: dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie, and dark shoes. No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

IF you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: **Above is the same attire you will be expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on April 1st in the gym.** (Ladies, you do not need to run out and buy your graduation dress now, something that you have that fits this general dress code is fine). This occurs during 2nd block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 4th – May 8th before/after school in Ms. Nahum’s office.

Each senior will receive **four** (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$5.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need.

Tickets will also be sold at the door before the Graduation ceremony.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.

Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see below).

Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.

Students can pay cash or write a check out to CATA to pay for the tickets.

Senior Letter (cont'd)....

Graduation Practice: Graduation practice will be held on Wednesday, June 10th in the school gym from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. **Failure to do so will result in not walking at Graduation.** It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself.

You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice.

If you are speaking at Graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times.

You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma.

Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year, and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) - cafeteria, media center, textbook, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday June 10th to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony.

Senior Week: Senior Week is May 18th-22nd.

Extra Information about graduation day:

Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests are handicapped, there is a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.

· Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 3:00 start time.

· Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.

· Pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma will be taken by a professional photographer. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.

· At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside. Since there is a graduation after ours, guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum.**