

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

Central Academy Families

We hope that you are having a relaxing summer break. The summer staff at CATA are making preparations for the CATA staff to return on August 19th. The entire CATA staff will then be working diligently to welcome your students on Monday, August 26th. This will be an exciting day as we welcome a new class of Cougars to Central Academy. In order to best serve our newest members and their families we have a separate page in this newsletter with information that is important for you. Should you have any questions after reading this information, please do not hesitate to contact Central Academy.

Students have been busy here at CATA over the summer as well. A beautiful new globalization mural is being completed outside of the guidance suite. Student Council has met with me already this summer to get a head start on making this a spirit filled year. They have some great ideas! Student council also went to a summer workshop to hone their leadership skills. Student-athletes have been working hard at off season workouts and will begin trying out this Thursday. Yearbook students attended a summer conference in order to make this year's yearbook the best ever.

Please take time to read over this newsletter. These newsletters will begin on a weekly basis once the school year starts so that the whole CATA community can read about the great things our children and teachers are doing. For information about how to make sure you and your CATA neighbors are on the list to receive the newsletter, please go to the Parents and Community tab on our website, or [click here](#). The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. By working together as family and school we can support our students to soar. 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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Look for text that is blue and underlined. This text is hyper-linked to the corresponding information available on the web. Click on the text to be taken to the corresponding webpage.

Class of 2017

Ninth Grade Students—CATA Class of 2017:

Welcome to Central Academy. Be sure to read over our New CATA family information page; it contains a lot of great (and really important) information!!

Orientation Days: You should have received information in the mail regarding your orientation days. The dates are Tuesday 8/20 for Medical Science and Pre-Engineering Academies and Wednesday 8/21 for Information Systems, Performing Arts, and Transportation Academies. Both days the activities start at 10:00. Parents should expect to stay until @ 10:30. Students will finish at 2:00 pm. If you did not receive this information, please call Ms. Tammy Tweed at CATA to be sure that we have your correct contact information.

New Sophomores to CATA - Class of 2016:

We are so happy to welcome you to Central Academy. We hope that you will read the New CATA family information page so that you can get easy answers to questions you may have.

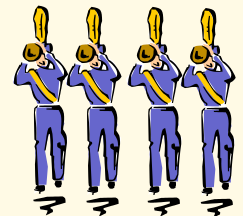
Orientation Day: You are cordially invited to a welcome orientation day just for new sophomores. Please join us in Guidance on Thursday, 8/22 from 10:00—@11:00. This is an informal orientation where you can walk your schedule, ask questions, and find out more about CATA. If you have questions, please call Ms. Tammy Tweed at CATA.

Returning Sophomores & Juniors

Welcome back. Please be sure to continue to email any schedule concerns to your guidance counselor. Please remember that schedules that were distributed in the spring were draft schedules. Small changes / additions in staffing have resulted in small changes to the master schedule and ALL students will receive a new schedule when they return to school. Some students will be affected by the changes, others will not. Be sure to check out NEW Course Offerings on page 7!!

BAND Program.....

The CATA band program welcomes all of the incoming freshmen who were recently selected in the lottery to attend CATA in the 2013-14 school year. Our band program offers all of the performance opportunities you would expect and are excited to welcome you into our band program. We encourage you to learn more about our band program by exploring earlier posts on our homepage and the SYMPHONIC BAND, JAZZ BAND and MARCHING BAND tabs across the top of the homepage. All students who are interested in MARCHING or COLOR GUARD this fall should email band director Leslie Craven at catacougarband@gmail.com ASAP to secure a spot in the marching band.



Class of 2014

Seniors



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 9/18.

Senior Graduation Packages: Senior orders for robes and other graduation materials will be taken on September 18th and 19th. Please be sure to watch for more information.

Senior Activities: Student Council will be working with Administration on designing some senior activities during the school year. Please work with your Student Council Representatives if you have ideas.

Senior Advice: This year will be very busy planning and applying for colleges, getting a job, working on classes, and enjoying your last year in high school. Plan out all that you need to do so that you have time to relax and spend the appropriate amount of time on items on your To Do list.

Feel overwhelmed? Don't keep it inside and assume it will get better. Come and talk to your guidance counselor or administrator so that we can help you plan out what you need to get done. You are not alone. We are here to help you.

College Recommendations: Please be respectful with the time frame that you ask staff to complete recommendations for you. Teachers can limit the number of recommendations that they write, so please ask teachers early for 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 as Role Models: Please consider the legacy that you will leave. You have been Cougars for many years and have a lot to offer younger students at the school. Let's model good student habits, social skills, and school spirit! Go Cougars!!

Student Parking Passes

Seniors Only – Parking passes will be on sale from 9:00-11:00 AM on August 5th & 6th on a first come first served basis.



All students – Parking passes will be on sale from 9:00-11:00 AM on August 7th & 8th on a first come first served basis.

ALL Students, MUST print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the check for \$35.00 made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you will NOT receive your hang tag until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign on page 2 of the [registration form](#).

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE.



COUGAR ATHLETICS



The Fall Season starts this week with tryouts.

Football: No Tryouts, start 8/1 from 5:00-8:00 pm, Practice: 5:00-8:00 Mon-Fri, 9:00-12:00 Sat

Cross Country: No Tryouts, start 8/1 8:00-10:00 am at CATA, All practices 8:00 am with some being held at Monroe Country Club

Women's Tennis: Tryouts 8/5 and 8/6 at Monroe High School 5:15 pm

Women's Volleyball: Tryouts 8/1 6:00-8:00 pm, 8/2 3:00-5:00 pm, 8/3 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Men's Soccer: Tryouts 8/1 to 8/3 8:00-11:00 am

Cheer try-outs will be held 8/1-8/3 from 12-3pm.



****Please make sure that you go to the Athletics link on the left side of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the important information and [required forms](#).**



CATA is hosting an Athletic Parent Night for ALL fall sports on Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 pm in the CATA auditorium.



Fall Schedules are available on the  CATA website. Please check the calendar for game dates for all sports.

PTSO

Are you looking to get involved at CATA? Join the Cougar Council, PTSO! We plan events for the teachers and provide resources for students. We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the [information sheet](#) on the PTSO website.

Officers for 2013-2014

President – Laura Minsk

Vice-President – Deb Christensen

Secretary – Wendy Duemmler

Treasurer – Susan Montgomery

To contact the PTSO, please email us at thecougarcouncil@gmail.com. You may also call the school at 704-296-3088 and ask for Deb Christensen.

PTSO membership - \$10 per parent, \$5 per student, \$5 per staff

PTSO is seeking volunteers to help with hospitality/teacher events, and many other areas.

Contact thecougarcouncil@gmail.com to sign up

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612. [Click here](#) to re-link online or visit any Harris Teeter store. We appreciate your support!

Driver's Education—Sign Up Now!!

The Driver's Ed class schedule is below. 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. If we have to cancel a class, the student will be moved to the next scheduled class. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$45.00 and 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**.

8/26/2013 through 9/23/2013

9/30/2013 through 10/24/2013

10/28/2013 through 11/21/2013

2/18/2014 through 3/14/2014

3/17/2014 through 4/9/2014



SUMMER HOURS Union County Public Schools will observe a four-day workweek during the 2013 summer months to continue to improve our efficiency and energy cost savings for the school system. UCPS will follow a four-day workweek schedule from **June 10 - August 12, 2013**.

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Office Hours Monday & Tuesday 7:30am – 5:30 pm. Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 am – 11:30 am.

PTSO Meeting and Central Academy Open House

All parents and students are invited to the CATA open house. We will start with a PTSO meeting and information from School Leadership in the auditorium at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10th.

Following this presentation, parents will be able to visit classrooms from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Please join us!!

LAPTOP INITIATIVE

UCPS Technology Initiative will provide learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chrome book that they may use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will benefit from. Students will be required to bring their chrome book to school every day.



Parents—both you and your child will be required to sign a Chrome book Student /Parent Agreement. In order to do this, the parent or legal guardian of every child must come to Central Academy to sign their form. You must bring legal identification (such as a driver's license or passport) with you to show the staff member. Students will not be able to receive a chrome book when they are distributed during the first few days of school unless the form is signed.

To that end, we will be making as many *opportunities* as possible for you to come in. Students can come in and sign with you, or we can obtain student signature when school starts. Please see the list below and be sure to get this taken care of before school starts.

Mon, Tues 8/5-8/6 7:30—5:30 pm

Wed 8/7 7:30—11:30 am

Thurs 8/8 7:30—11:30 am and 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (Fall athletic parent mtg from 7—8)

Mon, Tues 8/12-8/13 7:30—5:30 pm

Wed, Thurs 8/14-8/15 7:30—11:30 am

Mon—Fri 8/19-8/23 7:30—5:00 pm

AND

Wednesday 8/21 and Monday 8/26 5:30 pm—8:30 pm Parent Drop In Technology Night—parents can drop into the main office to sign the form and watch the video on school computers if needed. (If parents have already come in to sign at an earlier date, they should not come back in, this is just to try to accommodate all schedules.)

Cougar Pride

- * Congratulations to the CATA Art Students for their success in last spring's Union County Art Show: Carley Moore—"Best in Show" with her amazing drawing skills, Rachel Mangum and Ryan Roepe—Honorable Mentions in Black and White Drawing, Erasmo Perez—third in Printmaking, Cameron Dion—third in sculpture, Anna Jacumin—Honorable Mention for Color Drawing.
- * Congratulations to David Pann and Elijah Inuwa. David finished 3rd in the 1600m at the 1A State Championship meet with a school record time of 4:34. He also finished 9th in the 3200m. Elijah won the 1A State Championship in the 800m with a school record time of 1:58. He also finished 6th in the 3200m.
- * Congratulations to the Environmental Club for spearheading the recycling effort again this year on CATA's campus. The City of Monroe partners with local schools and picks up the recyclables. For the past five years, the City of Monroe has awarded CATA's Environmental Club \$1,000 each year for participating in recycling. Way to Go!
- * E.V Hybrid Class builds an electric car!! Way to go Transportation Academy!
- * CATA Theatre Group won Blumey Awards for their production of Young Frankenstein in the following categories: Best Costume Creation, Best Hair and Makeup Design, Best Overall Direction and TJ Schmidt won the Best Supporting Actor award.

New course offerings

Looking for a challenge? Something different? See the list of additional courses we have been able to add this summer. Let us know if you would like one of these courses added to your schedule by emailing your counselor...

Foods 1 (grades 10-12)

Sports Medicine 1(grades 10-12)

Fitness and Nutrition Honors (grades 10-12)

Forensic Science (grades 11-12)

AP Geography (grades 9-12)

Or try **Multimedia and Webpage design (grades 9-12)** - this course is a pre-requisite for the Film Production course that we plan to add the following school year.

Email the counselors your schedule changes (please use the contacts listed below for the academies for this scheduling purpose). The new master calendar will be on the website soon.

Medical Science, Teacher Prep, Information Systems, Dance—[Ms. Sheila Long](#)

Transportation, Pre-Engineering, Cisco, Theatre—[Mr. Scott Norris](#)

Student Life

Club Leadership Council—A Representative from each club is invited to a Leadership Council meeting to discuss Student Life for the year, set calendar dates, and discuss fundraising ideas. The Club Leadership Council will be headed by Student Council, but will be a collaborative group that makes decisions about the Student Life program at Central Academy.

*Join us at 5:00 pm on Thursday August 15th
in the CATA Media Center*



Club Officers—Be sure to send a representative to the Club Leadership Council. If you cannot attend, please send your meeting dates and times to your club advisor (staff member) and ask them to forward the dates and times, with their approval, to Mr. Pusser. We will be working toward having ALL club meeting, fundraising, and event dates on the school master calendar. Help us by sending in your dates as soon as possible. If you are unsure who your advisor is, please forward your dates to Mr. Pusser and he will direct them to the correct person.

New Family Information for Central Academy of Technology and Art

- School day hours: 8:50-3:30 (Class starts at 8:50, students should all **arrive by 8:40** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:20—8:30 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by your 3rd block teacher, (there are four lunches).
- Freshmen students will receive their class schedules by mail before orientation.
- Upperclassmen will receive their class schedules in home room on the first day of school.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to home room first. Home room assignments will be posted at the front of the school and in the cafeteria.
- Freshmen students will receive bus letters and assignments during Freshmen orientation.
- Bus letters and routes will be mailed out to 10th through 12th grade students before school starts.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. Sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$2.00. PE Lockers **are required**. Your PE teacher will provide information on rental fee. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room.
- There is not a supply list. Supplies needed are on a class by class basis and each teacher will communicate this on the first day of school.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you don't miss too many days in one class.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, and affects eligibility for sports. Students too sick to come to school should not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.
- Every teacher will have a Moodle page for students and parents to access with course information.