

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Central Academy Families

Good evening CATA are enjoying the day off and veterans in our school community! We wish not only the veterans the sacrifices they have made but remember how important our members are. In particular, we thank the veterans that we have on staff at Central Academy: Ms. Deanna White, Navy; Mr. Gerald Sheppard, Army; Ms. Shelly Pentecost, Air National Guard; Mr. Larry Harrison; Air Force.



families! We hope that you would like to wish all of the community a very happy Veterans' Day, but their families for to support their family member country. We should each military and service members.

All schools in North Carolina received their overall READY scores for student achievement. As we expected, due to increased proficiency standards, new exams, and new standards of study, all schools experienced a decrease in proficiency scores, however, we can continue to judge our students progress through our Growth Scores, and we Exceeded Expectations here. This is great news and we are very proud of all students and staff. Scores are listed in this weeks Chronicle and individual student scores will be sent home once the school receives them. CATA scored in the top four high schools in UCPS, far exceeded state scores, and we should be quite proud of this achievement for the 2012-2013 school year.

This past week, the men's soccer team ended their season in the third round of the state playoffs. The soccer team had a fantastic season and are congratulated on the distance they made it in playoffs. Thank you to our senior soccer athletes and to our underclassmen, we can't wait to see what you do next year! Way to go!! Our football team ended their season last week—congratulations to our JV team for a winning season. Our varsity team played Parkwood on Friday night, but could not pull out a victory. Thank you to all of our players for a great season, we have enjoyed watching and cheering you on! A special thank you to our Band and Colorguard for traveling with us to our last away game—you have provided great spirit at the games.

The theatre group went to the North Carolina Theatre Competition this past weekend and won many awards. We will list the accolades in next week's edition of the Cougar Chronicle, but we are so proud of them that we just have to announce that the "Parchman Hour" has earned a spot on the STATE NCTC competition! What a great honor! Way to go Cougars!!

Congratulations to our own Paige Finney for representing CATA in the Parade Princess scholarship program for young women that are well-rounded, high-achieving, and active in their community! We are proud of you!

In this issue you can also read about our World Language Department, Environmental Club Nature Walk, and our very own SuperHeroes—our Super Student Council!! We have launched some new student success programs this year that address needs seen by our educators. You can read about those in this week's edition. The Cougar Chronicle, our Facebook page, 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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Look for text that is blue and underlined. This text is hyperlinked to the corresponding information available on the web. Click on the text to be taken to the corresponding webpage.

~Class of 2014~Seniors

Graduation Day: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill
3:00 pm



Important Dates

• ACT Test

Register On line at ACT.org
October 26 Register by September 27
December 14 Register by November 8

SAT Test

Register On line at Collegeboard.org
November 2 Register by October 3
December 7 Register by November 8

Seniors, Check your email!!!: Guidance counselors are currently communicating with seniors through their email accounts. Seniors have received their first senior newsletter which is jam packed with the college application process.

Scholarships:

- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Scholarship – This scholarship is intended to provide support for students facing significant financial burdens due to the loss of a parent (or guardian) to breast cancer, or their own breast cancer diagnosis at age 25 or younger. Candidates must plan to attend a state University or College in the state they reside. **Deadline: mid-November, 2013.** For more information, write to: The Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation, Attn: Grants Dept. --College Scholarship, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite # 250, Dallas, TX 75244, or call 1-972-855-1616, or email ccombs@komen.org.
- AXA Achievement Scholarship - One student from each state will be selected for this \$10,000 scholarship. Seniors must be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident, plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the U.S., have demonstrated ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace, and be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement. Please visit their website for more information and for an application: <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>. **Deadline to apply is December 15, 2013.**
- Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 to students who demonstrate financial need, leadership, and scholarship. Students must be high school seniors and citizens of the United States, but do not need to be related to an Elks member. For more information, and to apply, visit: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>. **Deadline: December 6, 2013.**

College Visits: Go on line and check the college web site for the visitation dates. You may visit three colleges a year; bring something back stating you were involved in a college visit, and the days are excused.

North Carolina's annual College Application Week will take place on November 18-22, 2013. The goal of College Application Week is to give every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college online through CFNC.org. During College Application Week 2013, 110 North Carolina colleges and universities will accept the College Board fee waiver in lieu of the application fee for students who qualify. Additionally, many postsecondary institutions will waive the application fee for all graduating seniors during this week. Please visit CFNC.org/CAW and refer to the Participating NC Colleges & Universities document for a complete list of these institutions.

Central Academy Performing Arts



James Farmer	Nkeki Obi-Melekwe	Guitar	Elijah Inuwa
John Lewis	Alisha Hartley	Bass	David Moberg
Stokely Carmichael	Shidarius Barrett	Keyboard	Debbie Watwood
Freddy Leonard	Carlton Collins	Percussion	Jamari Massey
Lucretia Collins	Amina Faye	Lights	Jasmine Lesane
Mimi Real	Janiah Massey	Sound	Jason McGuire
Stephen Greene	Kevin Kent	Spotlight	Patrick Herring
Bill Svanoe	Morgan Miller	Projection/Set Design	Chapin Silberquit
Jim Zwerg	T. J. Schmidt	Stage Manager	Zack Thorpe
J.T. Mulholland	Jessie Sperry	Crew	Freddy Arcoraci,
Various Authorities	Samantha Jackson		Michelle Dearnmore, Gaige Robinson,
	Tyler Whitley		Collin Wilson, Kurt Williams
PeeWee	Javin Hughes	Choreography	Bianca Morgan
		Technical Direction	Jeff Weis
		Musical Direction	Debbie Watwood
		Director	Larry Robinson

Produced by special arrangement with the author.
This play contains mature content and inflammatory language.
This is a memory play with various characters portrayed by the actors.

Central Academy Performing Arts

COMING ATTRACTIONS

By Ted Tally Music by Jack Feldman
Lyrics by Jack Feldman and Bruce Sussman

Cast

Manny	T. J. Schmidt
Lonnie	Shane Wyatt
Miss America	Samantha Jackson
Reporter, Script Girl	Jillian Anderson
Hostage, Shrink, Gofer	Michelle Dearnmore
Reporter, Shrink	Kaitlynn Divine
Detective, Prosecuting Attorney	Sarah Eberly
Reporter, Stenographer	Allie Ferro
Hostage, Shrink	Vanesa Fuquene
Cop, Chief Braddock	Alisha Hartley
Mister X, Private Eye, Chaplain	John Newman
News Anchor, Teri Sterling	Nkeki Obi-Melekwe
Victim's Father, Director	Luke Porter
Hostage, Bystander	Victoria Pugliese
TV Interviewer, Tweed Jacket, Defense Attorney	Chapin Silberquit
News Anchor, Camera Operator, Private Eye	Grace Wallace
Judge, Warden	Tyler Whitley

Director	Larry Robinson	Technical Director	Jeff Weis
Musical Direction	Debbie Watwood	Choreography	Alisha Hartley
Set Design	Chapin Silberquit		Samantha Jackson
Lights	Jasmine Lesane	Sound	Jason McGuire
Stage Manager	Zack Thorpe	Spotlight	Jessie Sperry
Crew	Freddy Arcoraci, Elijah Inuwa, Kevin Kent, David Moberg, Gaige Robinson, Collin Wilson, Kurt Williams		

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Parchman Hour—Qualifies for STATE competition!!!!
Both shows—win awards that we will feature next week!

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/>

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.

Want MORE info?? Go to the CATA website, click on Parents and Community, then click on link for the newsletters—the Cougar Chronicle. Past issues are posted there each week!!

Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

Got Spirit??
Yes, We Do!!!!



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Winter Sports:

Any student athlete who is planning on trying out/participating in a winter sport needs to have a **current physical** and **insurance waiver** on file with their coach or with Coach Niessner. Students must have these forms on file before they can begin any offseason workouts. All forms can be found on the CATA website under athletics. If you have any questions you can email Coach Niessner at: jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Varsity Results:

Football:

CATA 14 – Parkwood 27

Soccer:

#9 CATA 1 - #1 Salisbury 7 (3rd Round NCHSAA Playoffs)

Upcoming Events:

Monday 11/11: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday 11/12: Basketball Scrimmage **HOME** vs. Buford 6:00 pm

Wednesday 11/13: No Events Scheduled

Thursday 11/14: Winter Sports Orientation/Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 11/15: Basketball Scrimmage **HOME** vs. Indian Land 6:00 pm



Other Athletic News:

There will be an Indoor Track Meeting for all students interested in running this winter. The meeting will take place after school on **Tuesday**.

Cheerleading Tryouts will be **Wednesday to Friday** from **4:00-6:00 pm** at East Elementary School.

Winter Sports Orientation/Parent Meeting will be on **Thursday, November 14th** starting at **6:30** in the auditorium.

The Fall Sports Awards will take place on **Monday November 18th** starting at **6:30** pm in the Auditorium.

CATA's 3rd Annual Alumni Soccer game will take place on **Friday, November 29th** at **6:00 pm** at Walter Bickett Stadium. Admission will be \$2.00. For more information please contact Coach Niessner @ jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in joining the men's and women's CATA lacrosse club on **Wednesday, December 4th, 2013**, after school. The meeting will last about thirty minutes. Please see Coach Niessner if you have any questions.

!Save the Dates!

Monday November 18th 6:30 pm—Fall Sports Recognition Night



Dr. Mary Ellis – Superintendent

Board of Education
Richard Yercheck - Chairman
Marce Savage - Vice Chairman
John Collins
John Crowder
Michael Guzman
Christina B. Helms
Sherry Hodges
Rick Pigg
Kevin Stewart

Dear Parent:

During the 2012-2013 school year, North Carolina's teachers and students began using new standards for learning. These new standards describe what students should learn in every subject and at every grade level. The standards are online at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/>. North Carolina has had state standards – called the *Standard Course of Study* – for many decades. This new *Standard Course of Study* is the latest update and is designed to meet the needs of today's students to be career and college ready.

Along with the new learning standards, students took new end-of-grade and end-of-course tests to measure their learning. If you have had a student participating in the previous ABCs of Public Education accountability model, you will notice some changes in the report your student receives this year and also in the accountability report available online to show school performance in 2012-2013.

We anticipate that student scores will be lower this year. The new assessments and the standards they measure are more difficult and more challenging than the previous ones. The performance that students need in order to meet Achievement Level 3 or better is more difficult to reach. Achievement Level 3 is considered to be grade-level performance.

If your student's test scores from 2012-2013 are lower than you have been used to seeing, this does not mean your child lost ground in the last school year. It does mean that the targets they were expected to meet were higher than they were used to meeting.

It is important to discuss the 2012-2013 results with your child's teacher if you have concerns. She or he can share strategies that are in place this year to help your child meet the standards for learning. I am confident our teachers and students will show improvements in the 2013-2014 school year and in future years. That is the pattern we have seen in the past when North Carolina raised standards and expectations, and other states that recently raised their standards have seen the same pattern occur.

Our priority is to work with all stakeholders to help all students prepare for today's very competitive world. Thank you for supporting your student at home and at school.

Sincerely,

John A. Jones, Jr., Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Programs

Globalization. Innovation. Graduation.

In compliance with federal law, UCPS administers all educational programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.

Dr. Atkinson Discusses READY Accountability Results in Video Online

State Superintendent June Atkinson discusses North Carolina's 2012-13 READY Accountability results and what they mean for students, parents and educators in a video at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/>. Select Dr. Atkinson's picture, located in the right corner, to start the video. A written transcript also is available.

Central Academy Students Exceed Expectations in Growth on State Accountability Measures!!

Students and Staff at Central Academy have a lot to be proud of for their achievements that were demonstrated on the 2012-2013 State Assessments. As many of you know, in addition to new standards for learning, new benchmark scores were set to show proficiency. This has happened in the past, and each time it does, we know that our proficiency scores will decrease overall, and then will continue to increase over the next few years. During standard and score transitions, we know to pay special attention to our growth scores. **Growth scores show us whether our students are growing—and grow we did! Overall, CATA ranked in the “Exceeds Expectations” for growth! This is great!**

In terms of proficiency scores, while these are lower than they were in the past, we expected this. All schools in the state experienced this decrease. For example, the overall state proficiency scores went from 81% in 2011-2012, to 44% in 2012-2013 due to the new standards and expectations for College and Career Readiness. **However we far exceed the state proficiency scores** (also called “performance composite”), with our performance composite at 75.9% (State composite was 44.7% and UCPS composite was 59.0%). Congratulations to our students for their performance. Our Math 1 performance composite was 76.2% (23.4 points higher than the state), Biology was 70.2% (17.3 points higher than the state), and English 2 was 81.7% (17.3 points higher than the state). **Central Academy scores were in the top four high schools in UCPS for all scores—**overall performance composite, Math 1, Biology, and English 2.

Schools are now being assessed using a new model called READY Statistics. These statistics assess how well students are performing at or above grade level standards AND how well they are prepared for Career and College Readiness. In addition to the performance composite scores addressed above, other READY Statistics include:

*Percentage of students meeting the ACT benchmark—***CATA 88.3%**, UCPS 73.2%, NC 58.5%

*Percentage of students meeting ACT WorkKeys benchmark—***CATA 89.6%**, UCPS 78.2%, NC 67.3%

*Percentage of students with high Math Course Rigor—***CATA and UCPS and NC >95%**

*Cohort Graduation Rate—Four Year Rate—***CATA >95%**, UCPS 90.8%, NC 82.5%

*Cohort Graduation Rate—Five Year Rate—***CATA >95%**, UCPS 90.4%, NC 83.1%

*Growth Status—***CATA Exceeds Expectation** (this is not a measure for the county or state)

Our next step as educators is to analyze individual student data once that is received so that we can continue to exceed expectations in growth, and to continue to increase the number of students meeting proficiency and benchmark scores. Our teachers have already started to analyze the information we have been provided. We will be receiving individual student scores within the month. As soon as we have those, we will send them home so that you can see how your child scored on these assessments.

We are proud of our students and staff for again scoring in the top of schools in UCPS and in the State. Go Cougars!!

Cougar Pride

- * Theatre Academy students for their productions of the Parchman Hour and Coming Attractions. Parchman Hour proceeds to STATE Competition!!
- * Ulayah Ivey and Noah Daniles, IT academy students, will be attending the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Seattle, Washington November 12 - 17th as representatives of the City of Monroe's Youth Council. Ulayah and Noah will attend several conferences, youth leadership work sessions that deal with public speaking, debating issues, learning the fundamentals of government, environmental issues, teen topics, lobbying, preserving community resources, and many other subjects. Ulayah and Noah will also have the opportunity to meet with youth council members and elected officials from across the United States. We are excited for this opportunity Ulayah and Noah have to represent CATA and the City of Monroe as members of the Monroe Youth Council. Go Cougars!!!
- * Congratulations to all CATA Students and Staff for showing exceptional growth on the State assessments last year! CATA Exceeds Expectations for Growth and shows comparatively high scores for proficiency, ACT scores, ACT WorkKeys scores, graduation rates, and Math Course Rigor! Way to go CATA!!!!
- * Congratulations to our Medical Science Academy and all of our Blood Drive Participants!!!!



Blood Drive Results:

Goal: 80

of students to register: 99

of students deferred: 23

of students unable to finish their donation: 4

of productive units collected: 72

of local patients to benefit: 216

We helped 216 people!!! Go Cougars!!!!



Yearbooks—Be sure to buy your yearbook!!!!
Yearbookforever.com

Parent access to grades through the Parent Portal on PowerSchool

Parent access to grades requires a new Username and Password. To obtain the information, parent or legal guardian must bring photo ID to CATA. Parents may pick up their username and password during regular office hours, from 7:30 am—5:00 pm.

Please remember that you must show a photo ID to get the username and password. We will also be asking you to verify contact information when you come in, so if you have any changes to emergency contacts, please bring them with you.

Thank you to all who have already come in to collect their password. If you have problems with the account set up, please contact Ms. Penny Lewis at CATA. If you have a question about grades, please contact the teacher directly.

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 page](#).

FCA Clothing Drive 11/1—11/22. Bins in Locker Room.

Monday, 11/11 Veterans Day—No School

Tuesday, 11/12—am 8:00 YCI meeting (Mr. Robinson's room); Cougar Time; HOSA members planning to compete at districts should see Ms. Hincemon with paperwork by today; pm—3:45 FTA (Durrah); Cultural Awareness Club (Janicki); 4:00 Winterguard Rookie WorkOuts (optional); Home Basketball Scrimmage

Wednesday, 11/13—am—pm—3:30 Debate Team (Ms. Cochrans room); 4:00 AP Art Studio (102)

Thursday, 11/14—am 8:00 FCA Huddles (Sholar and Gundersen's rooms); Cougar Time; pm—4:00 Winterguard Rookie Workouts (optional); 6:30—Winter Sports Parent Orientation Meeting—Mandatory

Friday, 11/15—pm—Home Basketball scrimmage.

Saturday 11/16—NHS Pancake Breakfast—Applebees on Hwy 74

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 11/18—Fall Sports Awards

Monday 11/18—11/22—College Application Week on CFNC

Wednesday 11/20—End of 2nd Six Week Grading Period; Winter Sports Pictures

Wednesday 11/27—Friday 11/29—Thanksgiving Holiday

Final Exams: Exams will be given on dates listed below. Students may not take exams early and must be present, unless sick, for all exams.

Monday 1/13—Fourth Period Exam Tuesday 1/14—Third Period Exam

Wednesday 1/15—Second Period Exam Thursday 1/16—First Period Exam

Friday 1/17—Make up Exams

Second Semester Starts on Thursday 1/23/14

Driver's Education—Sign Up Now!! 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. If we have to cancel a class, the student will be moved to the next scheduled class. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$55.00. 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**. The next class is Nov. 12th—Dec. 10th. Most Fall athletes should be able to take this class. After that: Feb. 18- March 14; March 17- April 9

UCPS Driver's Education Winter Break Class

UPCS will offer a winter break opportunity this year for Driver's Education at Sun Valley High School. Sports students are encouraged to participate in this class. Class will meet December 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 2, 4. Class times are 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Classroom work will also require two hours of homework. Students cannot miss any days. Students that miss any days or do not complete homework will be given the opportunity to reapply at their home school for Driver's Education. Please register and pay online at: <https://sites.google.com/site/svhsdriversed/>.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/driver-education/>



GUIDANCE INFORMATION

~Class of 2014~

PSAT results will come back in December. Students will get their scores and test booklets back at that time.

Sophomores - **The N.C. School of Science and Math** is now accepting applications for the class of 2016. If you have strong interest or abilities in science and math, please see Mr. Norris in the Guidance Office.



Students who wish to take **community college courses** while still remaining a student at CATA successfully registered for College and Career Promise classes on November 1st.

March 2 Success is an **online test preparation course** that provides help with standardized tests, and improving math, language arts, and science skills. This site is FREE and there is no obligation. To get started, visit: <https://www.march2success.com/index.cfm>



What do I want to be when I grow up?????

Guidance counselors would like to encourage you to have your child take the ASVAB. The ASVAB is an excellent interest inventory test that can help your child see what careers they are best suited for. It will be given on December 16th at CATA at 9:00 AM.

It is free!!!! This is not a test for your child to sign up for the military; it is one of the best interest inventories to help them see where their strengths lie for a career choice.

10th-12th graders may sign up in guidance to take the ASVAB.



Summer Ventures offers a 4-week FREE residential academic program in science and math for rising juniors and seniors. The programs will be offered at ASU, East Carolina, NC Central, and UNC Charlotte. **Deadline to apply: January 31st.** Applications can be found online at www.summerventures.org. Stop by the Guidance Office for more information.

Need **information about a career or a college**? Stop in and make an appointment with your guidance counselor.

College Preparation Checklist for Students and Parents of all ages: [Click here](#). And [Click here](#).

What should a junior be doing to prepare for college? [Click here](#).

How to get a great letter of recommendation: [Click here](#).

The low-down on extracurricular activities - how important are they??? Please go to this link to read about this: <http://www.princetonreview.com/college/extracurriculars.aspx>

Student Life

Club Leadership Council— NEXT MEETING—will be announced soon.



Club—spotlight—Student Council

The Superheroes of Student Council: Everyday Leaders in Action

Student Council has been very active this year with various adventures and endeavors to help boost school spirit. The council hit the ground running in July after announcing that this year's school spirit theme would be centered around SUPERHEROES. The first week of July, Nicole Pettine (Student Body President), Jasmine Wallace (Student Body Secretary/Treasurer), and Deion Perry (Senior Class President) went with Dr. Tarlton to Mars Hill College for a week of Student Council activities. According to Dr. Tarlton this is where the revolution in Student Council began. These three students really took charge of what they wanted **THEIR** school to look like this year. From there it has been smooth sailing. Student Council had a major part in welcoming the freshmen class to CATA this year by touring the students and presenting workshops for them. The council also held a retreat for our students this year and we had a great turnout. Nicole Pettine says, "I am so proud of everyone and the amount of effort they have contributed to make this school year filled with school spirit. I know the level of participation will continue to rise, and I am looking forward to it." Student Council has spent a majority of its focus on Homecoming which was the biggest success **EVER**. Currently, class T-Shirts are on sale during all four lunches for \$12. Next up for Student Council, now affectionately called StuCo, is a Winter Basketball Tournament scheduled for December 20. When we return from Winter Break, Student Council will present its first ever Sadie Hawkins Dance. If you still have not paid dues and would like to join Student Council, you may do so before or after school in Room 111.

Let's soar to
new heights
with
Superheroes
of Student
Council



Seeing the Environment Up Close with the Environmental Club

On Saturday, November 2nd, a few members of the Environmental Club went to Cane Creek Park for a morning nature walk. All the trees were in the midst of changing color from green to yellow and orange. It was a beautiful morning to be out learning



about the plants and wildlife. The first thing the nature guide informed the group about was Poison Ivy. Just like the trees, Poison Ivy's leaves change color during the fall. He pointed out all the different kinds of trees located in the forest and which were native and non-native. There are a mating pair of Bald Eagles in the park, that are very shy, but do show themselves more in winter. Hopefully next time, we will get a glimpse!

Written by Gillian Anderson,

President Environmental Club



NHS Members Gear Up to provide entertainment and refreshments along the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon to benefit CF Research!!!



School Safety Reminders

All visitors must enter through the front doors and sign in at the office.

Students coming to school tardy **MUST** enter through front doors only.

Remind your children to **NEVER** open exterior doors and to get an adult if someone comes to an exterior door.

World Language at Central Academy

German Language Study:

During the past couple of weeks, Mr. Loor's German students learned about the events that took place after World War II and how they affected world history. To this end, they built displays to showcase different aspects of life in East and West Germany. On Friday, November 8th, students symbolically "tore down" the wall and reunited a separated Maze to reenact what happened in Berlin on November 9th, 1989, when the wall that separated a city for decades started coming down, precipitating the fall of the Iron Curtain. During this tumultuous time, many families were able to leave their Soviet-supported, communist country in search of freedom in democratic West Germany and reunite with family members from whom they had been separated for decades inside the same city, but in a completely different country.



L-R: Students Tyler Panek, Robert McClain, Molly Hutson, and Noah Daniels "tear down" the Berlin Wall.

Spanish Language Study:

Spanish Students at CATA took learning beyond the school building and attended an interactive performance show at Central Piedmont Community College on October 22nd, 2013. The Hispanic Flamenco Ballet Company (<http://www.flamencoballet.com>) put on quite a show for Mrs. Mancilla's and Mr. Loor's students.

Students experienced a wide variety of cultural performances from different Spanish-speaking countries, which allowed them to increase their cultural understanding and see first-hand what they have been

learning at school. Dancers delighted the audience with different dances, like *flamenco* and *merengue*. The audience was even able to participate by singing along certain parts and dancing on stage with other students from the area.

By the end of the show, students had worked up an appetite, so the group went to Copán, an authentic Central American restaurant in Charlotte. Once there, students were surrounded by the sights and smells of Central American cuisine and tried foods ranging from *pupusas* and *baleadas* to *tamales* and *pasteles hondureños*.

Max Hockenberry, a tenth grade student, noted that "the dancing was interesting and the show we watched was funny. The food was also very good, I usually don't like Hispanic food, but what I had was very good! The trip did help with my cultural understand as I can see the diversity of the Spanish speaking world. It's enlightening to see how one language can unite so many different types of people and their ways of life...."



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.

PTSO is continuing to sell CATA senior Yard Signs! Honor your senior CATA student with a great yard sign!!! Contact the PTSO at the email below for more information and GET YOURS TODAY !!!!!

Graduating seniors may be eligible to participate in the Cougar Council Senior Scholarship awards which will be given in the spring. The student, parent or guardian must be a paid PTSO member for the graduating senior to participate in the scholarship award.

We need new faces to help come up with new ideas and accomplish plans we already have. Please join PTSO and then join us for the meeting!

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 family (which includes the student and parents), \$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!



The Cougar Canteen is now open for business every afternoon from 3:30-3:45. Items for sale include Coke products, Powerade, water, chips, popcorn, cookies, and candy. CATA Spirit wear is also on sale in the canteen through the end of September. The Cougar Canteen is located outside the gym and is sponsored by the Band Booster Club at CATA!



Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade—[Mr. Willie Howard III](#)

10th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

11th grade—[Ms. Deanna White](#)

12th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

Central Academy Nominates Ms. Paige Finney as Parade Princess

Central Academy of Technology and Arts enters a young lady into a scholarship event for young women called the Carolina's Carrousel Parade and scholarship program. This young woman should be



well rounded, high-achieving, and active in her community. This year we were proud to nominate Ms. Paige Finney who represented CATA with honor! Paige attended the crowning and the Alex Kahle Scholarship award this past Thursday evening at the Shops at Nottingham. While Paige was not crowned, she is the winner in our eyes!! Thank you for representing CATA.



Student Support for All Students

Student Success in Advisory Period—students learn organizational, study skills, communication, time management, self reflection, and self advocacy goals through a series of activities created by CATA educators. Students learn these skills to help them to be more successful in both high school and college or career. See the students page of our website to take a peek at some of the activities.

Cougar Time—CATA staff are coming together to offer enrichment and tutoring during the school day. Students will be able to select enrichment opportunities if they are not assigned by a teacher to tutoring or enrichment. This is a fluid process designed to meet students needs each week. Kick off is this week!

NC Schools and You UNC-TV Program Now Online - *North Carolina Schools and You: What Changes in Our Schools Mean for Parents and Students*, which originally aired on Sept. 19 on UNC-TV, is now online at <http://video.unc.tv/org/video/2365082029> in case you missed it. As a reminder, *North Carolina Schools and You* is an hour-long show that offers information and discussion around recent important changes in public schools and how parents could be more productively engaged in their children's success. Topics include Teaching and Learning: What Students Are Learning and How; Measuring Performance: New Assessments and Accountability Model; and Parent Engagement: How Parents Can Support Learning.