

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Central Academy Families

This week is a full week of school and we ask that you continue to get to school on time and ensure that your attendance is good. Next week we have school on Monday and Tuesday and then are off the rest of the week for Thanksgiving. We will not have a Cougar Chronicle edition next weekend, so please be sure to watch the CATA website for updates. Speaking of Thanksgiving. We, at Central Academy, would like to thank our students for your eagerness to learn, our staff, for their eagerness to share their love of learning each day with our students, and families for supporting us and your children every day. Together we can do so much more. Thank you, in advance, to all of the parents on the PTSO, and parents that are helping the PTSO to provide staff with a wonderful Thanksgiving Luncheon this Friday. Information on how you can help is in the Cougar Chronicle, page 16.

We are so proud of our Dance Academy students that provided the curtain performance at Sleeping Beauty last weekend, and to our theatre group that will be taking the Parchman Hour to states this week. In preparation, they will be performing one more night this week—Tuesday at 7:30. Admission is \$5 and this goes to help with the cost of the trip. We wish them luck! If you have not seen the show, this is one you don't want to miss. The 5th annual Miss CATA pageant is on. There is an informational meeting on Monday night. Please sign up in the office.

Seniors should visit the students page of CATA's website starting on Tuesday to register their senior quote for the yearbook. These must be in prior to 12/1. Seniors should stop by the yearbook table today to choose their senior pose for the yearbook. The final exam schedule has been listed in the Cougar Chronicle, be sure to check it out. ALL students are required to take their final exams during finals week, on the days scheduled. Trips will not be excused reasons to be absent, so please check the dates today.

Fall athletes will be recognized by their coaches tomorrow night. Winter sports are getting underway. Please check out the chronicle for events, games and matches coming up this week. Young men and women interested in playing lacrosse should check out the athletics page for an informational meeting.

Learning is taking place all over CATA, whether in the classroom, on a field trip, at an extra or co-curricular event, or through a student life activity. We hope that you take the time to ask you child what they learned in school. If you press for some details, we expect that you will be impressed. I know that I see great learning when I visit classrooms and events on campus.

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 hyper-linked 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

Seniors! **It is time to choose a senior quote.** To submit your quote, go to the "students" page on the school website on, or after 11/19. All quotes must be turned in by December 1st.

Seniors! Please see a yearbook staff member at lunch this week to **choose your yearbook pose.**

Scholarships:

- 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.

Senior Honor Awards' Opportunities

Seniors have the opportunity to be recognized at graduation for two UCPS honor programs. The first one is the *North Carolina Academic Scholars Program* and the second program is the *UCPS Global Scholars Program*. Both programs are similar in that students must meet the North Carolina graduation requirements and both award a special seal for the student's diploma, an honor cord, and recognition in the program at graduation.

With the *NC Scholar's Program*, students must have an over-all unweighted GPA of a 3.5. and take combinations of elective requirements including three extra honor or AP level courses in the student's junior and/or senior year.

To receive the *Global Scholar's Award*, the student must submit a proposal to the school's Graduation/Scholarship Committee outlining their plans for completing a Service Learning Project that will allow them to contribute to the local, national, or world community. The project must have a global theme and if approved, the student would present a written artifact to the committee. The student must also take a global awareness class and include two honor electives in recommended electives.

The specific requirements for each program can be found on page 17 and 18 in the *UCPS Program of Studies*.

Seniors, Check your email frequently for Counselor Information.



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 Dearmore, 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 Dearmore
Reporter, Shrink	Kaitlynn Divine
Detective, Prosecuting Attorney	Sarah Eberly
Reporter, Stenographer	Allie Ferro
Hostage, Shrink	Vanessa 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		

"Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc."

This play contains mature language.



Parchman Hour—Qualifies for STATE competition!!!!

Parchman Hour—repeat performance Tuesday 11/19 at 7:30 pm in CATA Auditorium \$5 admission

The Theatre Academy earned the following honors November 8 and 9 at the North Carolina Theatre Conference Regional Play Festival at Union Pines High School:

Excellence in Acting Awards: Shane Wyatt, Samantha Jackson, Nkeki Obi-Melekwe, Shidarius Barrett, and Carlton Collins.

T J Schmidt earned the **Outstanding Male Actor** award.

The Parchman Hour was named **Outstanding Ensemble**.

Technical/Design awards were given to:

Excellence in Lighting Design: Jasmine Lesane

Excellence in Musical Direction: Elijah Inuwa and David Moberg

Outstanding Achievement in Production Design for Projection Design:

Chapin Silberquit

Mr. Robinson received award for **Excellence in Directing**

Parchman Hour received a **Superior** rating and was named **Distinguished Play**

Central Academy - Cougar Spirit
Got Spirit??
Yes, We Do, We've
Got Environmental
Spirit!!!
Storm Water Field Trip



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:

None...more to come next week

Upcoming Events:

Monday 11/18:

Fall Sports Awards: 6:30 pm

Tuesday 11/19:

HOME Wrestling vs. West Montgomery 6:00 pm

AWAY Basketball vs. Metrolina 5:30 pm (Varsity Only)

Wednesday 11/20:

Winter Sports Pictures 3:30 pm

Thursday 11/21:

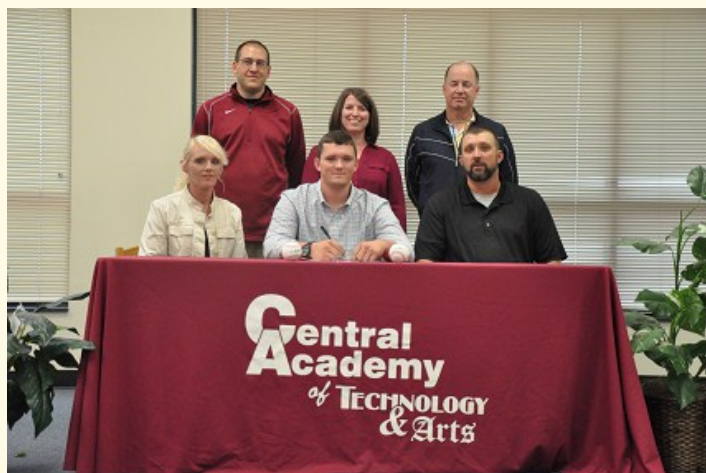
Swim @ Pfeiffer University 5:00 pm

Friday 11/22:

HOME Basketball vs. Porter Ridge 6:00 pm (Varsity Only)

Saturday: 11/23:

AWAY Wrestling: Marvin Ridge Tournament



Dillon Signing with Tusculum
Coach Niessner, Mrs.
Fisenne, Coach Rowell,
Ivey Hardy, Dillon Hardy,

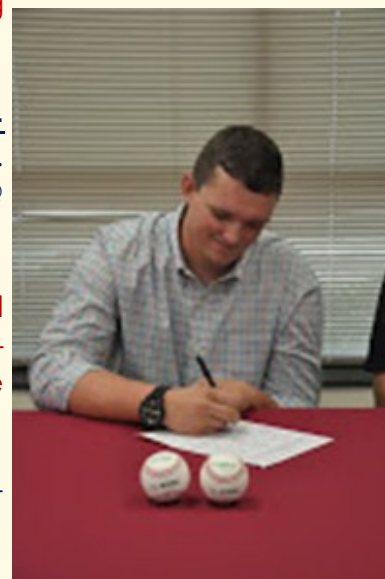
Other Athletic News:

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.

Dillon Hardy signed a baseball scholarship with Tusculum College this past week. Congratulations Dillon!



!Save the Dates!

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

Global Mural

At the end of the 2012-213 school year, the Globalization Committee held a Global Mural Contest. Students submitted designs to paint on the wall outside of the Guidance Office. Alex Alamos won that contest with a beautiful design which included famous buildings around the world. Alex started painting the mural over the summer and recently finished. He had some help throughout his endeavor. Kaylee Kirby, Camille Alvin and

Ms. Kopchick all pitched in at different times to help Alex with his mural. When asked why he chose the particular structures, Alex stated, "I wanted to choose awesome iconic buildings from all over the world and from different time periods. I chose the Burj Khalifa from Dubai as one of my buildings because it is currently the worlds tallest building and very modern. It was completed in 2010. The Great Pyramid of Giza was the tallest building when it was built around 2560 BC, and it held that record for over 3800 years. I chose the Eiffel tower because it also held the tallest building record when it was completed in 1889. The Parthenon in Athens, Greece has been very influential in modern architecture. I chose a Mayan pyramid built around 3000 years ago, because it is probably the most recognizable building in Latin America. Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, built in the 1500s, has the interesting onion domes. It also marks the geometric center of Moscow. I chose the Sydney Opera House from Sydney, Australia, built in 1973, because it has a very unique design. Finally, the San Francisco bridge is a beautiful bridge and is located in the United States."



Dance Academy Curtain Raiser for Sleeping Beauty at the Blumenthal



Cougar Pride

- * Paige Finney was recognized at a meeting of the John Foster chapter of the DAR for being CATA's Good Citizen, along with the 11 other Good Citizens from Union County's high schools. These students were selected by their teachers and peers as being an outstanding person who demonstrates qualities of a good citizen – dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Winners of the essay contest will be announce in the spring.
- * Theatre Academy students for their productions of the Parchman Hour and Coming Attractions. Parchman Hour proceeds to STATE Competition!! See page 3 for individual awards for Parchman and Coming Attractions. Way to go!!!
- * Parker Colbath (Chairing the committee this year), Ulayah Ivey and Noah Daniles attended the National League of Cities Congress of Cities in Seattle, Washington November 12 - 17th as representatives of the City of Monroe's Youth Council. Parker, Ulayah and Noah attended 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. Parker, Ulayah and Noah also had the opportunity to meet with youth council members and elected officials from across the United States. We are excited for this opportunity Parker, Ulayah and Noah have to represent CATA and the City of Monroe as members of the Monroe Youth Council. Go Cougars!!!
- * Simeon Kirillov for scoring a 99.3, just .5 points lower than his teacher, on an extensive, advanced Automotive Exam!!! Way to Go!!!!
- * 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

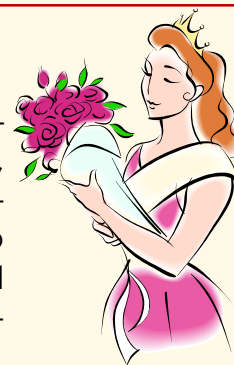
We helped 216 people!!! Go Cougars!!!!



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

5th Annual Miss CATA Pageant

The Dance Academy presents the **5th Annual Miss CATA Pageant**, Saturday, December 7th. If you are interested in running for Miss Freshman, Miss Sophomore, Miss Junior or Miss CATA please sign up at the front office. A parent interest meeting will take place Monday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the Distance Lab across from the main office. Packets will be distributed during this time with all pertinent information and costs. If you are interested in performing for the pageant as a non-contestant please sign up at the front office for that as well.



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

Monday, 11/18 am; pm—NCTC rehearsals; 6:30 pm Fall Sports Recognition, 4:00 Winter-guard workouts (reqd); 6:30—Miss CATA mandatory information meeting

Tuesday, 11/19— am 8:00 YCI meeting (Mr. Robinson's room); Cougar Time; pm—3:45 HO-SA (Hincemon); Hands Helping Others; 4:00 Winterguard WorkOuts (reqd); Home Wrestling; NCTC performance of the Parchman Hour 7:30 auditorium

Wednesday, 11/20—am— End of 2nd grading period—8:15—Beta Club Meeting; The Parchman Hour in school performance; pm—3:30 Winter Sports Pictures; Debate Team (Ms. Cochran's room); 3:40 Art Club(102); Beta Club; NCTC Rehearsal and departure; Winterguard Workouts

Thursday, 11/21—am 8:00 FCA Huddles (Sholar and Gundersen's rooms); Cougar Time; pm— NCTC theatre performs at Greensboro College

Friday, 11/22— pm—4:00—Winterguard Tryouts; Home Basketball game vs. PRHS.

Saturday 11/23—Debate Team to Asheville Debate Tournament

Upcoming Dates:

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

Saturday 12/7—Miss CATA pageant

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

UCPS 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 17th 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



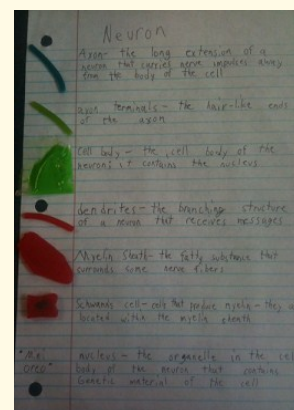
Seeing the Brain Up Close—AP Psychology Style

Students were given a problem—how can they best represent the regions of the brain in an appealing way to learn....

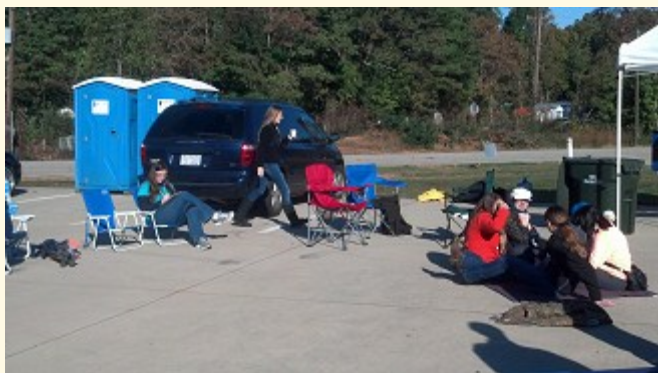


Some of their solutions, were down-right delicious!!!!

Way to Go Cougars in the Classroom!!



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.

Automotive Technology at Central Academy

The Advanced Electrical students recently completed an online course From Today's Class. What is different about this particular course is the teacher signed up for the course and challenged the students to beat his score. The teacher offered a very substantial award to any student who could score higher than he. All students did remarkably well and everyone had a great score.



Then there was Simeon Kirillov who is an outstanding student with the highest grade point average in the class. Simeon accepted the challenge and completed the course with an amazing grade of 99.3!! The teacher had a 99.8 for the course!! This was a very challenging course with many quizzes and three final tests. The course included over 500 questions with numerous math problems that had to be solved. Mr. Mayhew and the Transportation Academy just want to take the time to commend this young man for his accomplishment.

Way to go Simeon!!!!

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!!

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!



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.

The Cougar Canteen every afternoon from 3:30-3:45. Items for sale include Coke products, Powerade, water, chips, popcorn, cookies, and candy. The Cougar Canteen-located outside the gym-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 Carousel 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. During this same time, groups of teachers called Professional Learning Communities are meeting to collaborate and analyze data to improve student learning. Professional Learning Communities are research based and are needed for increasing student learning.

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/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.

PTSO - Needs your help to make the CATA Thanksgiving Luncheon for teachers and staff a success....

This Friday we are providing the staff at CATA a Thanksgiving Taco luncheon. Please use the link in the SignUp address below to volunteer to help or bring/send in items for the luncheon. This is our first time doing a luncheon with nearly all new people so we really need your help!

Thank you for all of your help and support! Our next PTSO meeting will be Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm in the media center. All are welcome to attend.

Hello!

You have been invited by Cougar Council to sign up for "Thanksgiving Luncheon for our CATA Teachers." Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

To sign up, go to:

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

Are you a student that is "in the know"??
Do you attend a lot of CATA events??
Do you have the "who's who" at CATA??
Do you want to be?

Help Wanted

We are looking for a student (or two) to write articles and take some pictures (cell phone pictures are fine) to provide material for the Cougar Chronicle each week.

Send an email to Ms. Fisenne if you are interested. If we have a lot of interest, we will provide you with an application form to complete.

Go Cougars!!!!