

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Central Academy Families

We are currently in the final grading period of this semester and have three weeks of instruction and review left before final exams. Report cards went home last Wednesday. Remember that as parents you can view your child's grades at any time by obtaining your parent password for the Parent Portal. Please stop in the main office with ID to get this information. Remember that each 6 week grade counts for 25% of your final semester grade, and the final exam itself counts for 25% of the final semester grade. Students should begin reviewing this month on their own for their exams and take advantage of all tutoring and review opportunities with teachers. The final exam schedule and study tips are posted in each classroom and are on the last pages of the Cougar Chronicle this week. We will be starting with the 4th period exam on Monday 1/13, so be sure you check out the schedule. All students are required to stay for all exam reviews. ALL students are required to take their final exams during finals week, and on the days scheduled.

Basketball played tough last week. Wrestlers beat Cuthbertson HS in a great match last week and came in second at their tournament. Swimmers came in first in their competition last week! Go Cougars!! Please come out to the next game in any of our winter sports to cheer the Cougars on. Our Dance Academy sponsored the 5th Annual Miss CATA Pageant. Congratulations to all participants and the winners that are listed in the Cougar Chronicle. Congratulations to the winners of the CATA Poetry Out Loud competition; they will compete against other UCPS schools in January.

Central Academy was honored by being named a Global Partners School by UCPS, which is the second highest Global School honor that can be obtained. Global topic integration, global skills, and supporting people in need on a global level are just a few areas where CATA shines. This year, students have organized a fundraiser to help the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. Information is listed in the Cougar Chronicle, please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Students that took the PSAT this year will be getting their scores back this week. See the Cougar Chronicle for details. All Juniors will be taking the ACT, a college placement test, in March. Resources have been placed on the Students page of the website so that students may begin preparing now. We will be announcing school opportunities to prepare soon.

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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# ~Class of 2014~Seniors



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

## **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.**

**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.

## **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.**

## **Fundraiser for the Philippines**

A group of students from a variety of clubs have been working on a campaign to raise money to donate to the Red Cross to help with the efforts to bring relief to the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan. This money will be used to buy medicine, clean water, food, and provide shelter for people in the Philippines. We will be raising money during 4th period classes. The students will come around and collect money from each 4th period class on the following dates:

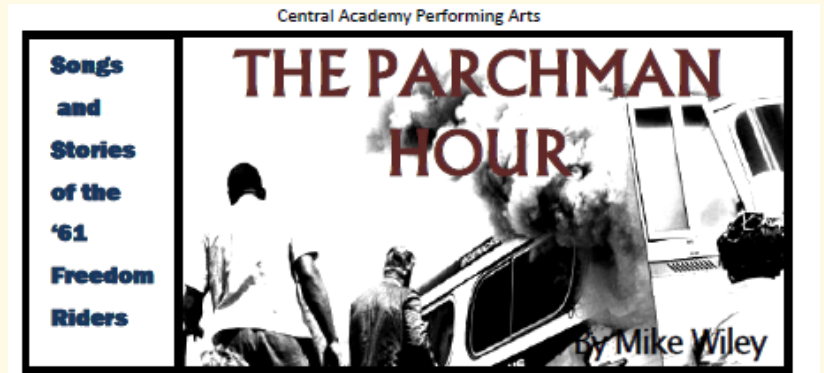
Friday, December 6th

Friday, December 13

Wednesday, December 18th



The class with the most money donated will receive a pizza party on Friday, December 20th.



On Thursday, November 21st, students from the Theatre Academy at CATA took the stage in Greensboro to perform *The Parchman Hour* at the NCTC State Finals. Playwright Mike Wiley was in attendance for the performance as well.

CATA was one of sixteen schools to perform at the state finals after they advanced from the regional competition earlier in November in Pinehurst. Porter Ridge High School also advanced to the state finals from a different regional competition.

At the judging on Friday, *The Rimers of Eldritch*, which was performed by Northwest School of the Arts, was the judge's choice for Distinguished Play and *The Parchman Hour* was the audience's choice for Distinguished Play.

Both plays will now represent North Carolina at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Mobile, Alabama the first week of March.

In addition to the Distinguished Play award, the performance also earned the following awards: Chapin Silberquit earned an Excellence in Projection Design; Elijah Inuwa and David Moberg earned an Excellence in Music Design; Nkeki Obi-Melekwe earned an Excellence in Acting award, and Samantha Jackson was named as the female recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Acting award.

This is the second time in three years that CATA's production has advanced to the Southeastern Theatre Conference and last year's performance of *The Crane Wife* was runner up at the state competition.

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,
PeeWee	Tyler Whitley		Collin Wilson, Kurt Williams
	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.

## Congratulations to everyone involved in the production!



Thank you to Playwright Mike Wiley for your support!!





## Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

### Got Spirit??

### Yes, We Do!!



Be sure to check out this week's athletic schedules!!! Last week's games were exciting and we need that Blue Crew Spirit at home and away games!!!! Come out and Support your Cougars!!!!!!



## COUGAR ATHLETICS

### Varsity Results:

**Wrestling:** CATA 54 – Cuthbertson 27, CATA placed 2nd at the West Montgomery Tournament.

**Men's Basketball:** CATA 39 – Weddington 67, CATA 52 - Marvin Ridge 68

**Women's Basketball:** CATA 20 – Weddington 85, CATA 28 - Marvin Ridge 55

**Men's and Women's Swimming:** Men 1<sup>st</sup>, Women 1<sup>st</sup> @ West Stanly Meet.

### Upcoming Events:

**Monday 12/9: AWAY** Varsity Only Basketball @ Bessemer City, 6:00/7:30 pm

**Tuesday 12/10: AWAY** Wrestling @ Forest Hills 6:30 pm

**Wednesday 12/11: HOME** Varsity Only Basketball vs. Cuthbertson, 6:00/7:30 pm

**Thursday 12/12: AWAY** Wrestling @ Charlotte Country Day Tri-Meet vs. Charlotte Country Day and Providence Day, 6:30 pm

**Friday 12/13: AWAY** Basketball @ Central Pageland. JV Girls Start at 4:00.

**Saturday 12/14: AWAY** Swimming @ Union County Meet at Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center

Start Time: 1:25. Swimmers need to be at the MAC by 11:45 to get in the team area and prepare for warm ups.

### Other Athletic News:

- There will be a meeting for all girls interested in playing **soccer** in the spring on Monday after school at 3:45 in room 609
- The NCHSAA athletic dead period is now over and spring/fall sports may resume **offseason workouts**. Student athletes **MUST** have a **current physical and insurance waiver** on file to participate in workouts. All athletic forms can be found on the CATA website.
- **Softball and Volleyball workouts** Monday through Thursday from 3:45 - 5:15 until further notice. Softball players will go outside if weather permits. Bring all your gear for indoor or outdoor workouts.
- The first official day of spring sports in Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
- The first day for Spring Sports games is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Spring sports schedules are being finalized and will be posted on the CATA website following winter break.
- All athletic forms should be filled out prior to tryouts for spring sports, all papers can be found on the CATA website, these include:
  - Current Physical
  - Insurance Waiver
  - UCPS Eligibility Form
  - UCPS Release Form
  - NCHSAA Concussion Form

**Student athletes should check with Coach Niessner to see if they have all paperwork turned in before trying out for a sport.**

## Poetry Out Loud

Kelly Manning, a senior from Ms. Cable's Honors English IV class, took the top honors at CATA's annual Poetry Out Loud Competition on November 25, 2013 during 4th block. Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest that awards a national winner a prize valued at \$50,000. Ms. Manning placed first in the school-wide competition, which included 15 competitors from all English classes at CATA. The competition places an emphasis on memorizing and reciting chosen poems from the official anthology while

paying attention to details such as accuracy, physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, and evidence of understanding of the poem. In second place was Roni Rose, of Dr. Tarlton's AP English III class, and tied for third place was Siah Reed of Ms. Cable's Honors English IV class and Alisha Hartley of Ms. Henry's Honors English IV class. All four finalists will compete at the Union County Poetry Out Loud Competition, to be held in January. This will be Roni Rose's second trip to the county finals, as she won the competition last year and moved forward to the state level, where she placed sixth. We wish these talented students luck as they prepare for the next level of competition.



## CATA Recognized as a Global Partners School

Central Academy of Technology and Arts was recognized along with many other UCPS schools for being a Global Partners School. This honor recognizes the hard work of CATA teachers, staff, students, and parents last year in placing an emphasis on globalization in education.

Global issues incorporated in lessons, cultural events, and support of global issues and needs are just some of the many qualities looked for in a global school.



Congratulations to Central Academy on this great honor!!





## SADD Club Enters Float in the Monroe Christmas Parade

The SADD club joined the Band of Blue, CATA's Carrousel Princess, Transportation Academy, and the Miss CATA's Princess contestants in the Annual Monroe Christmas Parade. The Band of Blue wowed parade viewers with their musical presentation. The SADD club float had a skating snowman, Christmas tree and Mrs. Claus—played by SRO Parler.

Central Academy joined other UCPS schools and organizations in participating in this long standing tradition. If you have not been to the Monroe Christmas Parade, we suggest that you make plans to attend next year. Go Cougars!!!



## Central Academy Tech Tips

**Have you visited the Technology page on the CATA Website lately?** Please do visit for an updated page with a wealth of information for students, teachers, and families. [Click here.](#)



**Important Reminder—Students are NOT permitted to use proxy's or "find ways" to get to unapproved websites, or download materials to their school laptops. This includes downloading movies. Remember that you must follow the UCPS rules for computer use. If you violate them, you may be restricted from internet access or computer use. The firewalls in place are for overall student safety. If a student thinks there is a website that should be accessible, speak to your teacher or our Technology staff. This is an important life lesson to be learned as all computer systems have safeguards put in, and at both college and in the workplace, you will need to abide by those policies. You can review those policies on the page above.**

## Cougar Pride

- \* Congratulations to Katy Smith for being selected to represent CATA at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Foundation seminar. This program recognizes 10<sup>th</sup> grade students with demonstrated or potential leadership skills. We would also like to congratulate Halen Mattison who was selected as our alternate in the event that Katy cannot attend.
- \* Congratulations to all groups participating in the Monroe Christmas Parade!! Special thanks to the Band of Blue, SADD Club, Transportation Academy, Parade Princess Paige Finney, and Miss CATA Pageant contestants for participating!!
- \* Congratulations to Kelly Manning, a senior from Ms. Cable's Honors English IV class, who took the top honors at CATA's annual Poetry Out Loud Competition. In second place was Roni Rose, of Dr. Tarlton's AP English III class, and tied for third place was Si-ah Reed of Ms. Cable's Honors English IV class and Alisha Hartley of Ms. Henry's Honors English IV class. Congratulations to all CATA students that participated. Way to Go!!!
- \* Congratulations to all who participated in the Miss CATA Pageant and to our winners: Miss CATA Jordan Auvil, Miss Freshman Allison Davis, Miss Sophomore Alyssa Macomber, Miss Junior Anna Plyler, and Miss Senior Olyvia Thomas.



**Yearbooks—Be sure to buy your yearbook!!!!**  
**[Yearbookforever.com](http://Yearbookforever.com)**

## 5th Annual Miss CATA Pageant

The Dance Academy presented the **5th Annual Miss CATA Pageant**, Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations to our winners:

Miss CATA, Jordan Auvil

Miss Freshman, Allison Davis

Miss Sophomore, Alyssa Macomber

Miss Junior, Anna Plyler,

Miss Senior, Olyvia Thomas





## 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](#).**

December—NHS will spearhead a campaign to collect books for students at East Elementary School. NHS will then take the books to East, present/distribute them to the students, and read with them.

**Monday, 12/9** am SADD Holiday Fundraiser starts—buy your Holiday Bear; pm—3:40 Travel Club; 4:00 Collaborative Rehearsal

**Tuesday, 12/10**—am Cougar Time; pm—3:45 FTA meeting; Cultural Awareness Club; 4:00 Collaborative Rehearsal; 7:00 PTSO meeting

**Wednesday, 12/11**—am—pm—3:30 Debate Team (Ms. Cochran's room); Staff Meeting; 4:00 AP Art Studio(102); Collaborative Rehearsal; 6:00 **HOME Varsity only Basketball** vs. Cuthbertson

**Thursday, 12/12**—am 8:00 FCA Huddles (Sholar and Gundersen's rooms); Cougar Time; pm—4:00 Collaborative Rehearsal; Cougar Combat—NHS

**Friday, 12/13**—am 8:20 YCI meetings (Robinson); pm—**Holiday Collaborative 7:00 pm**—open to all

**Saturday 12/14**—7:00 **Holiday Collaborative**—open to all

### Upcoming Dates:

12/23—Winter Break Begins

1/6/2014—Students Return to School

**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

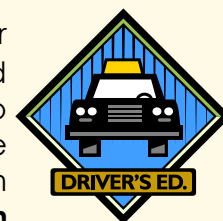
SEE MORE FINALS INFORMATION AT THE END OF THE COUGAR CHRONICLE.....\*\*\*\*\*

**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** Students who took the October PSAT will receive their score sheets and test booklets on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Guidance will explain how to read the scores and use their test result to help students to prepare for the SAT. Please be sure to ask to see your child's answer sheet and have them use their test booklets to prepare for their SAT.

Please read the following information concerning Collegeboard's program designed to use the PSAT scores for My College QuickStart.

My College QuickStart is available free to PSAT takers, it gives students a personalized tool powered by their test results. Using the unique **access codes** provided on their Score Reports, students will be able to connect to these helpful resources to start thinking about the road ahead:

**My Online Score Report** — Score results, test question details, and students' projected SAT® scores.

**My SAT Study Plan™** — Personalized skills feedback and access to hundreds of practice questions to prepare for the SAT.

**My Personality** — A detailed personality test that can help students discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests.

**My College Matches** — A starter list of colleges based on the student's home state and indicated choice of major.

**My Major and Career Matches** — Extensive information about majors and careers, including what to expect in college and what courses to take now.

**My AP Potential™** — AP Potential for more than 20 different AP® courses as well as recommendations for AP courses related to their intended college major.

Go to [collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://collegeboard.org/quickstart)

**ACT**—All Juniors will take the ACT in March. This is a college readiness exam and can help students to gain entry into college and qualify for scholarships. Resources to help students prepare have been added to the Students Page of the CATA website.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.summerventures.org). Stop by the Guidance Office for more information.



## Student Life

### Club Leadership Council—

**ALL club officers should make sure they have a representative at Club Leadership Council meetings.**



## Club—spotlight—Speech Team

The Central Academy Debate Team is a growing club that competes in Debate events. The club has greatly increased in numbers this year under Ms. Cochran's leadership and is showing incredible promise. Speech and Debate Teams are great ways to get involved at school and help students meet new people, participate on a team, and earn great experience for college!! Congratulations to the entire Central Academy Debate team for all you did to prepare us for the Cougar Classic on Saturday, 11/23. Even if every team member could not be there in person, their encouragement, resources, and work on the topics were a huge help to our competitors and to our victories.

Thanks to Mr. Navey for all of the support and for judging on Saturday. We value all you do for us!!

The Cougar Classic had over 600 students participating from 31 schools in 3 states.

We had three entries: two in SPAR debate, and one in Public Forum. We received trophies in 2 out of the 3 entries. If we had entered one more student, we would have been in contention for the small school percentage trophy!! There were teams with 20 or more students who only got the number of trophies we did. Congratulations Cougars!!

Thomas McCorkle in SPAR won 2 out of four of his events and barely lost in another—way to go, Thomas, and so close to a trophy! Deyton Cook, in his first tournament ever, placed in SPAR and received a 6<sup>th</sup> place trophy. There were 23 entries in that category. Awesome to both of our SPAR contestants.

Thanks to Nidia Angeles for filling in at the last minute (on Wednesday) in the Public Forum. Nidia and Halen Mattison, who was in his first debate, ended up placing 8<sup>th</sup> (10 trophies given out) and received a really high compliment from a judge who asked if they shouldn't have been put in varsity over novice. The only loss was to the first team they debated and they beat that team in final scores. Proud of that 8<sup>th</sup> place finish when you consider there were 31 entries. What an awesome showing! We are on our way!

The team will be meeting again on Wednesday, December 4, to celebrate quickly before we begin working on our Laird-Lewis event Jan 3 and 4.

We are expecting GREAT things!!! Go Cougars!!!!



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade—[Mr. Willie Howard III](#)

10th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

11th grade—[Ms. Deanna White](#)

12th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

**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!

### **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.

In November, all students and staff participated in an important safety drill—a lockdown drill. Students and staff practice procedures that would be used in the event there was an intruder in the school building. The Monroe Police Department joined with CATA Administrators in overseeing this practice. The Monroe Police Officers were very complimentary of our students and staff and the efficiency of our procedures.

Lockdown drills are one of many safety procedures that we follow. We also conduct Fire and Tornado drills. In addition, this year our staff and students have made a concerted effort to ensure that all exterior doors are locked and secure during the school day. All visitors are required to enter through the main entrance and enter the front office to check in.

### **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](https://twitter.com/cata_monroe)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/CATA\\_Athletics](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!!**

# Student Testing Calendar January 2014

*EOC, IMS, NC Final, and Teacher*

## Made Exams

Monday January 13, 2014	Tuesday January 14, 2014	Wednesday January 15, 2014	Thursday January 16, 2014	Friday January 17, 2014
8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 4<sup>th</sup> period exams</b>  12:55 – 1:40 Lunch  1:45 – 3:30 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> period re- view</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams</b>  12:55 – 1:40 Lunch  1:45 – 3:30 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> period re- view</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 2<sup>nd</sup> peri- od exams</b>  12:55 – 1:40 Lunch  1:45 – 3:30 <b>1<sup>st</sup> period re- view</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 1<sup>st</sup> period exams</b>  12:55 – 1:40 Lunch  1:45 – 3:30 <b>Community Building</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All make-up exams</b>  8:50 – 3:30 All students will follow <b>a regular schedule, unless making up an exam.</b>

**January 13 – January 17, 2014: All students must attend review sessions, exams, and regular school day. Failure to attend will be counted as additional absences. Trips will not be considered excused absences and the student will not be given a makeup exam. Only exams that are missed due to documented illness or court will be excused.**

**EVERY class will be given a comprehensive final exam that will count for 25% of the student's final grade.** Students can significantly increase or decrease their semester average with their final exam. Students should utilize notes, study guides provided by the teacher, and other resources to prepare for the final exam. Teachers will provide review sessions as listed above. The review session for the 4<sup>th</sup> period exam will occur on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> during the last block of the day.

**Central Academy expects students to display their learning with academic integrity.** Per student code of conduct, any student that is “cheating” will earn a ZERO for that final exam. As final exams account for 25% of the cumulative grade, we are reminding students that cheating on a final exam will have serious ramifications to their grade.

**ALL Cell phones will be collected from students prior to final exams each day.** Students should turn phones off prior to collection. Phones will be returned to students at the end of the testing window (12:50). NO exceptions. If a student does not turn in their cell phone and is found with it during the test, it will be considered cheating.

**There will be NO extra-curricular events after school during exam week. Afterschool activities may resume on Thursday 1/16. Note—Athletic practices can occur until 5:00 each day as needed.**



## Cougar Final Exam Tips

- \* Create a study calendar and stick to it
- \* Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!
- \* Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- \* Attend all review sessions offered
- \* Go to tutoring for extra support
- \* Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach
- \* Make a study group and discuss each topic
- \* Have your parents ask you questions
- \* Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a talking point for you to review
- \* Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- \* Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask your teacher or a friend for help
- \* Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study group needs to stay and study and we will make arrangements for you to stay to study
- \* Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- \* Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- \* Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- \* Practice math problems
- \* What other suggestions can your class come up with?