

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle



### Central Academy Families

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All students and parents—ONE DAY ONLY!!! On January 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a ONE DAY yearbook sale. This will be the final time the book will be \$72! It will go to its regular price of \$80 after this time. Don't miss out on the savings by making sure to either order online or send payment in to Ms Eaton!

Exams start tomorrow with fourth period exams. After lunch, students will go to their 3rd period review session. Teachers would like to remind you how important these review sessions are and that they are expecting to see every student present. The exam schedule is on the website and in the Cougar Chronicle. Students are welcome to bring a novel to read while they wait for others to complete their exams. The final exams from the state are rigorous and students must study for every final exam they have.

Recovery opportunities will continue this week. Questions about waived absences should be directed to your child's grade level administrator: 9th grade—Mr. Howard, 10th and 12th grade—Mr. Pusser, 11th grade—Ms. White.

We do have a basketball game this Friday and hope that you will come out to cheer on the Cougars!! Concessions will be open at all home events. Encourage your children to come out, join the Blue Crew, and cheer on the Cougars. Juniors in Theatre had their show last weekend. The Twelfth Night, by Shakespeare, was great and those that attended really enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to all Juniors. A shout out also to the technical theatre class and all students that created a fantastic set for the performances. Congratulations to the Theatre Academy who were recognized last week by the UCPS Board of Education for their winning a place in the SouthEastern Theatre Competition.

Applications to Central Academy are available on the CATA website. Online applications are now offered for both 9th and 10th grade admission.

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:**

- The Herff Jones 'Believe in You' Scholarship will be awarded to one student who demonstrates academic success, community service, and exemplary leadership. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Cameron know. Scholarships could be awarded for \$2,000, \$5,000, \$8,500, or \$12,000. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <http://www.herffjones.com/biuscholarship> . Deadline is February 8, 2014.

**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.

**Seniors, Check your email frequently for Counselor Information.**

## **Transcript Changes:**

Effective *January 6, 2014* transcript request guidelines will change. The new guidelines are as follows:

- o after the first 3 transcripts students will need to pay \$2 for each additional transcript
- o student will be handed an official transcript in a CATA envelope, upon receipt of the \$2 fee
- o student will be responsible for addressing and mailing the envelope containing their transcript
- o If you are applying to a N.C. college or university, please send your transcripts through the Transcript Manager on CFNC's website.
- o [Click here](#) for directions on the revised Transcript Process.

## **College / Career Questions or Concerns?**

Make an appointment to see your counselor if you have questions or concerns about where to go to school or possible career choices.

## **GUIDANCE INFORMATION**

### **Leadership Conference for High School Women at Meredith College:**

On *Saturday, February 1, 2014* Meredith College will offer its annual women's leadership development conference for *female juniors* who are currently in leadership positions or who aspire to assume leadership positions their senior year. This leadership conference intends to help students become more effective leaders in their schools and communities.

Pre-registration is required. Only 250 slots are available, so register ASAP! For more information, and to register, please visit <http://www.meredith.edu/admissions/lc> . There is no cost to attend the conference, and lunch will be provided; however, the student must provide their own transportation. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Meredith College at (919)760-8581 or 1-800-MEREDITH. **Registration deadline: January 24, 2014.**

# GUIDANCE INFORMATION

## Thinking Ahead—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*.

# ~Class of 2014~



**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.

Juniors planning to take the **SAT** this spring need to make sure they list four colleges in which they wish to send their scores to. The colleges can be schools you are just thinking about and schools you are definitely interested in. Either way, entering those schools when you take the SAT is the only time your scores will be sent for free. *The Guidance Office cannot send test scores to colleges!*

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>

Lindenwood Learning is offering test prep sessions again for upcoming SAT and ACT administrations for \$199 beginning at the end of January. Visit <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/SAT-ACT-PSAT.php> for more information.

**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.

Students interested in **summer enrichment opportunities** should check out our Summer Opportunities page on the school counseling website: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/SummerOpportunities.php>. Deadlines for some programs are quickly approaching.

**Handling AND Regrouping after Disappointing College News:** Sometimes answers don't turn out the way your child might want them to. [Click here](#) to read some tips about helping your child handle disappointing college news.





Congratulations to all Football Players honored at the Football Banquet last week. Go Cougars!!



## Inclement Weather Notifications...It is that time of year!

(From UCPS Communications) In making a decision about potentially closing schools or operating on a delay, our Superintendent, Dr. Mary Ellis, will always err on the side of protecting and maintaining the safety of students and staff. All inclement weather closing or delay announcements will be immediately posted on the UCPS website and on all school websites. The notification will also be posted on the UCPS Facebook page and on all school Facebook Pages. At the same time, UCPS faculty, staff and parents will be alerted via phone call and email through Blackboard Connect. Announcements will also be made through local television and radio stations.

In order to be notified, it is essential that parents keep emergency contact information updated at their child's school. This information includes home and emergency phone numbers and a valid email address. To receive an email from the school or school system, please give your email address to the school office and ask that your child's PowerSchool information be updated. To ensure the quickest notification, you are encouraged to visit the UCPS Facebook page, and "like" the page. News stories and weather announcements from UCPS will now appear directly in your Facebook newsfeed. For more information, please see the UCPS Website at [http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/communications/EngWeather\\_Page.php](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/communications/EngWeather_Page.php)



## COUGAR ATHLETICS

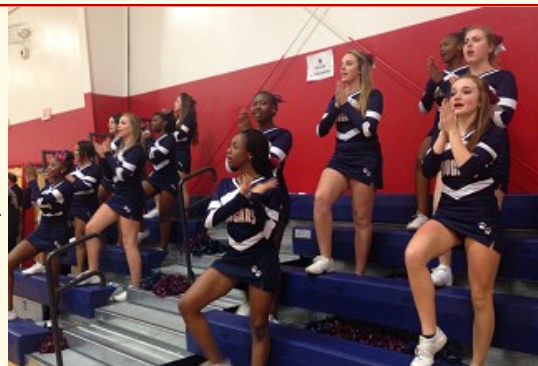
### Varsity Results:

**Wrestling:** CATA 32 – West Stanly 36

**Men's Basketball:** CATA 64 – Union Academy 57, CATA 39 – Monroe 49

**Women's Basketball:** CATA 52 – Union Academy 50, CATA 36 – Monroe 47

**Men's and Women's Swimming:** @ Pfeiffer Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> place both teams.



### Upcoming Events:

**Monday 1/13-Thursday 1/16: No Events Exam Week**

**Friday 1/17: HOME** Basketball vs. West Stanly JV Girls start at 4:00 pm

**AWAY** Swim @ Rocky River Conference Meet start time 5:00 pm

**Saturday 1/18: AWAY** Wrestling @ West Mecklenburg, All Day Event



### Other Athletic News:

Central Academy would like to wish head football coach Tad Baucom the best as he leaves CATA to become the head football coach at Sun Valley High School. We appreciate the hard work and dedication to our football program over the past three seasons.

The NCHSAA athletic dead period takes place during exam week. NO out of season team may have skill development or weightlifting during this time period.

The first official day of spring sports in Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

The first day for spring games is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Ryan Grigston who was Named Union County Men's Soccer player of the year by the Union County Weekly.

CATA Lacrosse club dues are due by Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. This will determine if CATA will move forward in fielding a lacrosse club this spring.

The mandatory parent meeting for ALL spring sports athletes will take place in the CATA Gym on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please contact Coach Niessner if you have any questions.

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.**

## Senior Parents,

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1/8 page - \$55 (this is credit card size)

¼ page - \$100

½ page - \$195

Full page - \$295

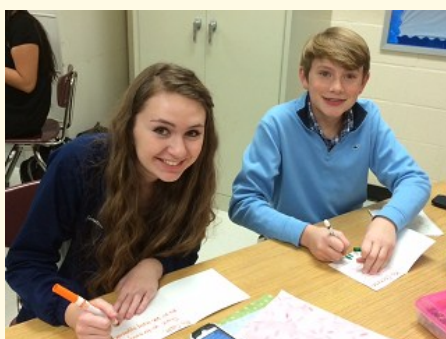
All pictures should be in .jpeg format and can be emailed to Ms. Eaton at [lisa.eaton@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:lisa.eaton@ucps.k12.nc.us)



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## CATA Clubs Act Locally

Hats off to all CATA students, teachers, and clubs that participated in making the holidays of local families a little brighter. Many classes and clubs participated in efforts to support organizations that helped the local community.





## Student Recognition Program

The Cougar Council, the PTSO at Central Academy, launched a new student recognition program this year. Each semester teachers will select one student from each course they teach and that student will be invited to a recognition breakfast. The first breakfast was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

PTSO members created a nomination form which teachers filled out. Invitations were delivered to all the students selected. Parents donated granola bars, breakfast bars, drinks and Chick-fil-a minis.



Even with the two hour delay, the event went off without a hitch. Students arrived at the gym and were checked in and given a gold star sticker with a blue ribbon to signify that they were "academic all-stars!" Parent volunteers congratulated the students for being selected and told the students how proud they were of them.

"Everything went very well for our first time," said Deb Christensen, PTSO vice-president and CATA school library media coordinator. "The students really seemed to enjoy the event and it is a great way for the PTSO to expand the ways we help students."

Seniors who were graduating at the end of the first semester were also invited to get some breakfast food since they will miss the PTSO senior breakfast that will take place sometime second semester. The PTSO would like to thank everyone who donated and helped make this a special event.

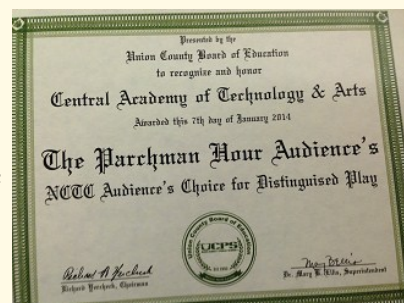
## Central Academy Tech Reminder for EOC Exams

**Students, if you forgot to turn your charger in with your computer last week, be sure to bring it in to your teacher on Monday.**







## CATA Theatre Academy Recognized by the UCPS Board of Education

The Theatre Academy was recognized for their State award at the NTC Theatre Festival, and their placement into the SouthEast Theatre Competition. This is the second time in three years that the academy

has qualified for the SETC. Members of the play, *The Parchman Hour*, along with Director Larry Robinson, and Chorus Teacher, Debbie Watwood, were in attendance at the event.



## Cougar Pride

- \* Congratulations to Parker Colbath on being selected as a semifinalist for the Park Scholarship at NC State University! The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. 
- \* Congratulations to Zac Curtis, Paula Das, Brian Hinkle, Thomas McCorkle, Deyton Cook, Gabriel Horne, and Joe Hinkle for participating in the **nationally** recognized Laird-Lewis Speech and Debate Tournament over the Holiday Break! Thank you for working so hard to represent Central Academy! We know there are great things to come from our Speech and Debate Team!!!   

- \* 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 CATA students that were honored at the PTSO Student Recognition Breakfast. 
- \* Congratulations to all CATA seniors that will be graduating mid-year. These students were also honored at the PTSO Student Recognition Breakfast.

### 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!!**



## 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](#).

**Monday, 1/13** am Final Exam; pm—Review Period; Recovery (3:30-5:00)

**Tuesday, 1/14**— am Final Exam; pm—Review Period; Recovery (3:30-5:00); 7:00 PTSO meeting

**Wednesday, 1/15**—am—Final Exam; pm—Review Period; Recovery (3:30-5:00)

**Thursday, 1/16**—am Final Exam; pm— Recovery (3:30-5:00)

**Friday, 1/17**— am End of Grading Period—full day of classes; pm—Recovery (3:30-5:00); HOME Basketball vs. West Stanly (jv and varsity (starts @ 6:00 for V women's)

### Upcoming Dates:

1/14/2014—PTSO meeting 7:00 pm in media center; all welcome

1/20/2014—1/22/2014—No School for Students

1/23/14—Second Semester begins

2/18-19—CATA Crawl for current 8th graders

**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 and Regular Instructional Day for ALL students

**Second Semester** Starts on Thursday 1/23/14

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



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

**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 Feb. 18- March 14. After that: March 17- April 9



**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! **NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1/14 AT 7:00 PM.**

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](#)

# Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Setting: 1950's Miami: The Nightclubs of Orsino and Olivia

Cast: Orsino—Will Friesen; Curio—Tia Randolph; Valentine—Megan Morris; Bartender—Kevin Kent; Viola—Jessie Sperry; Sea Captain—John Winburn; Olivia—Morgan Miller; Sir Toby Belch—Zack Thorpe; Maria—Alexa Viola; Sir Andrew Aguecheek—Patrick Herring; Feste—Elijah Inuwa, Mackenzi Morris; Malvolio—Kurtis Williams; Antonio—Jason McGuire; Sebastian—John Robitschek; Fabian—Michael Evola; Officers—Maddie Branca, Ginny Smith; Priest—Kevin Kent



Stage Manager—Collin Wilson; Light Board and Lighting Design—Jasmine Lesane; Sound/Spotlight—Michelle Dearmore; Set Construction—Members of Technical Theatre Classes, Zane Robinson, Zach Woodard, Allen Carpenter; Set Painting—Liz Branca, Michelle McGuire; Director—Larry Robinson; Technical Director—Jeff Weis





# 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>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 2<sup>nd</sup> peri- od exams</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All 1<sup>st</sup> period exams</b>	8:50 – 12:50 <b>All make-up exams</b>
12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	8:50 – 3:30 All students will follow
1:45 – 3:30 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> period re- view</b>	1:45 – 3:30 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> period re- view</b>	1:45 – 3:30 <b>1<sup>st</sup> period re- view</b>	1:45 – 3:30 <b>Community Building</b>	<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?