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Central Academy Families

We hope that you have enjoyed your long weekend. School resumes for students on Thursday, January 23rd. Thursday is the first day of second semester and students will receive their current second semester schedule on Thursday. Report cards will be sent home next Wednesday, January 29th. Our site base team meeting has been rescheduled to next Wednesday, 1/29, so that all of our representatives can attend. Senior Parents—Senior Recognition Ads in the yearbook are only available for a very limited time. Create memories for your child by purchasing or putting a down payment by January 24th. This will be the FINAL opportunity to recognize your senior in the yearbook. You may purchase online at www.yearbooksforever.com or directly to Ms. Eaton. There is an option for the parents to design the ad for a small fee, or the CATA yearbook staff can design the ad according to your specifications. The sizes and pricing are located in the Cougar Chronicle, prices start at \$55.

All students and parents—ONE DAY ONLY!!! On January 24th 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!

Congratulations to our Swim Team—The women captured the Rocky River Conference Championship and the men grabbed second place. Great job!! Congratulations to our Band Students that earned seats, or alternate seats, in the South Central District's Honor Band!! You have worked hard and have represented our school well!! Way to go Cougars! See the Cougar Chronicle for individual student names. We do have a basketball game tonight and 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. All students are invited to the Sadie Hawkins dance this Saturday, January 25th. Ladies be sure to invite someone special, or perhaps someone that is a good friend, to the dance this Saturday. It is sure to be a great time. Tickets are \$10 and will be available Thursday and Friday during lunches, as well as at the door on Saturday.

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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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, 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.
- We are receiving a lot of scholarships in the Guidance Office. Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#). The following scholarships have upcoming deadlines- Crumley Roberts Founder's Scholarship (February 1), Jagannathan Scholarship (February 1), Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship (February 8), Monroe-Union Breakfast Rotary Club Scholarship (February 12), Jerry McGee Endowed Scholarship (February 14), Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship (February 14), Clary Student Medal Award (February 14), Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship Fund if the Foundation For the Carolinas (February 24), Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship (February 24), Rotary Student Service Scholarship (February 28), and Buick Achievers Scholarship Program (February 28). More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.

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.

For seniors and their parents it is time to fill out the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. To learn more about the FAFSA and financial aid, you may want to read this article: ["Financial Aid Myths – Part I" by clicking here](#).

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*.

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 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 sent 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.
- Future Prep is an SAT and ACT Review company offering face to face review in the area. You can get more information by going to their website: www.futureprep.com

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.

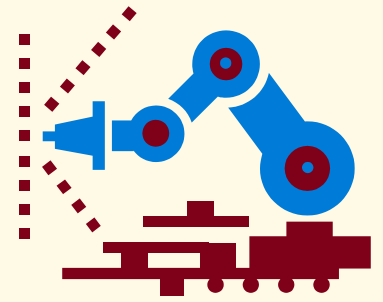
Students interested in **summer enrichment opportunities** should check out our Summer Opportunities page on the school counseling website: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/SummerOpportunities.php>. Deadlines for some programs are quickly approaching.

~Class of 2014~



ALL students will receive a new copy of their Second Semester Schedule in advisory first thing on Thursday 1/23.

Thank you to ATI ALLVAC, a Monroe company, that is interested in promoting Engineering at the High School Level. ATI ALLVAC recently presented CATA with a generous **\$5,000 donation for robotics**. ATI ALLVAC strongly believes that Robotics is critical for the students' development and interest in the field of Engineering. Mr. Michael Hardy, Pre-Engineering Teacher, will be leading the robotics effort at CATA.



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



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COUGAR ATHLETICS

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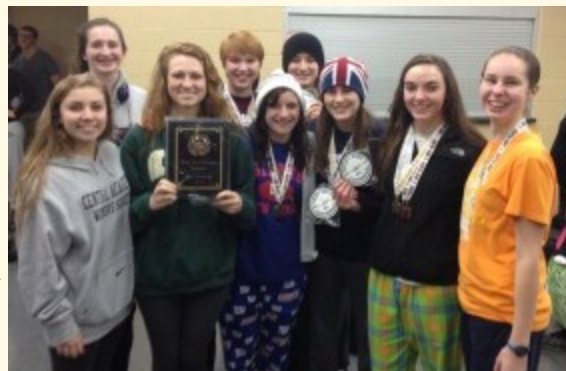
Men's Basketball: CATA 61 – West Stanly 39

Women's Basketball: CATA 34 – West Stanly 38

Men's and Women's Swimming:

Rocky River Conference Championship Meet:

- Women Rocky River Conference Champs! 1st Ever Women's Team to win a Conference Championship!
- Men 2nd Place
- Congrats to Sam Souther for being named Rocky River Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year



Upcoming Events:

Monday 1/20: No Events

Tuesday 1/21: HOME Basketball vs. Mt. Pleasant, JV Girls start at 4:00 pm

AWAY Wrestling @ Mt. Pleasant 6:30 pm

Wednesday 1/22: AWAY Basketball @ Sun Valley, Varsity Only 6:00 pm

Thursday 1/23: AWAY Indoor Track @ West Stanly 4:00 pm

Friday 1/24: HOME Basketball vs. Forest Hills, JV Girls start at 4:00 pm

AWAY Wrestling @ Gamecock Invitational Sumer High School, SC 5:00 pm

Saturday 1/25: AWAY Wrestling @ Gamecock Invitational Sumer High School, SC, All Day Event

Other Athletic News:

- The mandatory parent meeting for ALL spring sports athletes will take place in the CATA Gym on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm. Please contact Coach Niessner if you have any questions.
- The first official day of spring sports in Wednesday, February 12th
- The first day for spring games is Wednesday, February 26th.
- 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

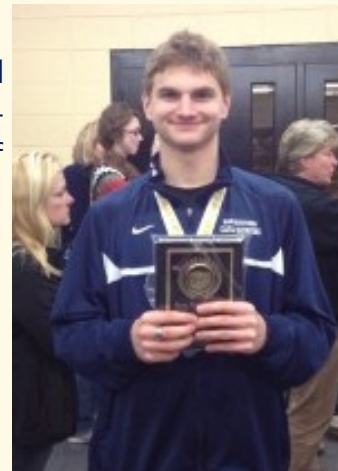
UCPS Release Form

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.



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Senior Parents,

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

1/4 page - \$100

1/2 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



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Student Council to Sponsor First Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance

"So just who was this Sadie Hawkins girl? Believe it or not, the entire tradition of the girl-asks-boy dance originates from a *comic strip*. In the famous cartoon-turned-musical Li'l Abner, there was a designated day in November when unmarried women could chase bachelors around the town in hopes of catching them for marriage.

According to the story, little Miss Sadie Hawkins was "the homeliest gal in all them hills" and this fateful day was her favorite - and the town bachelor's most dreaded - day of the year. As the comic gained popularity, a holiday inspired by the perpetually single Sadie was born."

Source: prom.about.com



Student Council brings this tradition to CATA on **Saturday, January 25 from 8:00 until 11:00 pm**. Young ladies have been asking for the past three years for the council to sponsor a Sadie Hawkins dance. After the smashing success of this year's Homecoming Dance, it was announced in December, and the young ladies began asking the gentlemen. The tickets will be on sale at school on Thursday and Friday, January 23 & 24 before school and during lunch. Tickets will also be on sale at the door. The cost is \$10 and will cover the dance and plenty of food and drink. Come on out and have a good time, and remember this is FORMAL! See Dr. Tarlton with any questions in Room 111.

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.

Student Opportunities

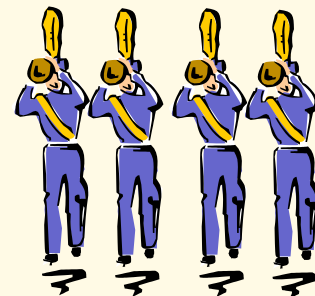
2014 Arbor Day Photo Contest Deadline Approaching - The 2014 Arbor Day Photo contest, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Forest Service, is open to all students in the 5th through 12th grades. Students are encouraged to submit photographs of trees in or around urban areas, depicting this year's contest theme, "Young and Old." The contest is designed to engage students' critical thinking skills by having them submit a photographer's statement discussing the contest theme and their interpretation of how their photo relates to the theme. The deadline for entries is **Feb. 28**. Prizes will be awarded to the top three photos. For more information or to download an entry form, please visit www.ncforestservice.gov/Urban/arbor_day_photo_contest.htm, or contact Jennifer Rall, photo contest coordinator, at Jennifer.rall@ncagr.gov.

Stop Rx Abuse PSA Competition - Attorney General Roy Cooper's office will be holding its Stop Rx Abuse competition for the third year to increase awareness about the dangers of youth prescription drug abuse. All students enrolled in grades nine through 12 are eligible to enter by creating a short public service announcement. The competition will run from March 1-April 15 and winners will receive prizes. In the coming weeks, each high school will receive detailed rules and guidelines about the competition, as well as a promotional poster to display via U.S. mail. To learn more, visit www.ncdoj.gov or e-mail questions to StopRxAbuse@ncdoj.gov.

10K For Solving Real-World Problems - The InvenTeam initiative, created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, offers an unparalleled opportunity for high school students to cultivate their creativity and experience invention. InvenTeams are teams of high school students, teachers and mentors that receive grants of up to \$10,000 each to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Each InvenTeam chooses its own problem to solve. Invention Ideas and InvenTeam projects span many fields from assistive devices to environmental technologies and consumer goods. Applicants are encouraged to consider needs of the world's poorest people (those earning \$2/day) when brainstorming invention ideas. The initial application deadline is Feb. 28. More information is available online at <http://web.mit.edu/inventteams/apply.html>.

Cougar Pride

- * Congratulations to all of our band students who auditioned for the South Central District honor band this weekend. Special congratulations to the Kyle Johnson, Chris Verrill, and Alec Merrill for earning a spot in the honor band and eligibility to audition for the North Carolina All State Honor Band in March. Honorable mention to Julian Coley, Yesenia Castrejon, Christian Chavez, Michael Jeffries, Brice Martin, and Alejandro Alamos for placing as alternates in the honor band. We are so very proud of our band students for these accomplishments!
- * 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 our CATA Swim Team!!! Women Rocky River Conference Champs! 1st Ever Women's Team to win a Conference Championship!!!!!! Men 2nd Place in the Rocky River Conference!! Congrats to Sam Souther for being named Rocky River Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year!!!



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!!

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, 1/20 Holiday

Tuesday, 1/21 Teacher Workday

Wednesday, 1/22 Teacher Workday

Thursday, 1/23—am— Advisory to get schedules; First Day of Semester 2; pm—Spanish Club (3:45); County Poetry Out Loud Competition (4:00)

Friday, 1/24— am All District Band Clinic; YCI meeting (8:20); pm—HOME Basketball vs Forest Hills HS

Saturday 1/25—am All District Band Clinic; pm—8:00—Sadie Hawkins Dance at CATA

Upcoming Dates:

1/23/14—Second Semester begins

1/27/14—County Wide Financial Aid Meeting at CATA (7:00 in Auditorium)

1/29/14—Report Cards Distributed; **3:30—Site Base Meeting**

2/3—2/7/14—National School Counseling Week—Be sure to thank your counselor!!

2/3/14—Required Meeting for any students taking a UC Virtual Class this semester (6:00)

2/3/14—Required Meeting for all Spring Sports Parents (7:00)

2/10/14—Open House & PTO meeting for all families of current students (6:00—8:00 pm)

2/10—2-14/14—School Bus Drivers Appreciation Week

2/13/14—Shrek Performances (UCPE) begin at CATA... more dates and times to follow

2/17/14—Teacher Workday—NO school for students

2/18-2/19/14—CATA Crawl for current 8th graders

2/19/14—Progress Reports Distributed

Site Base Meeting date has changed from Wed 1/22 to Wed 1/29 at 3:30.



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. 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.

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

