

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



Central Academy Families

We hope that all of you have stayed warm and dry last week's inclement weather. We are looking forward to getting the classrooms as there is no snow to occur. Tomorrow, Monday, is a regular school day and all

students should report to school on time. This month we celebrate Black History Month and our theatre group will be putting on their award winning "Parchman Hour" for high school students across the county. Many of our students saw this production in December, and classes will have the opportunity to attend again this month. Families and students can see the show on February 28th when our students perform at Wingate University as well. Union County Library events that celebrate Black History Month are listed in the Cougar Chronicle as well for your information. We are looking for 2-3 parents that can help us with cultural diversity events throughout the year, please see the Chronicle for more information.

Last week students received their final Semester 1 report card. Additionally, all 9th grade students received a letter about the pilot for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery which is being implemented by the North Carolina State Board of Education to allow successful students to accelerate their learning. Those interested 9th graders can **submit their application to the Guidance Counselors by Wednesday February 19th. Students can access both the letter and application on the School Counseling tab of the CATA website.**

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We start off the week with Parkwood at home to determine our seeding position for the conference tournament that will be played the rest of the week at Monroe HS. Please come out and cheer on the Cougars!! Also come out to thank our seniors, as Monday night is Senior Night for Basketball and Cheer!!

PTSO will continue their Monkey fundraiser Monday during lunch through Tuesday before school and will deliver monkeys to students on Tuesday afternoon—so get your monkeys ordered now!! CATA Crawl for interested 8th grade students is this week, please encourage those that you know that would thrive at CATA to come and check us out!! The CATA theatre department, UCPS, and Union County Arts Council are proud to announce that the UCPE production of Shrek the Musical starts this Thursday. Last week's shows had to be cancelled due to weather, so there are added times this week. See the chronicle to see times and order your tickets in advance!!

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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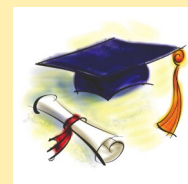
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Look for text that is blue and underlined. This text is hyper-linked to the corresponding information available on the web. Click on the text to be taken to the corresponding webpage.

~Class of 2014~Seniors



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

Scholarships:

- 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- 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). Greater Charlotte Bowling Scholarship Fund (March 1), Bluewolf Technology Scholarship (March 1), Rotary Public Safety Scholarship Fund (March 3), Mary and Millard Kiker Scholarship Fund (March 3), NC Retail Merchants Association Scholarship (March 3), Carolinas Food Industry Council Scholarship (March 3), Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program (March 14), Union Power Cooperative Scholarship (March 21), and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship (March 31). More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.
- **SECU Foundation's 'People Helping People' Scholarship:** Each NC high school will receive (1) four-year scholarship valued at \$10,000 (payable at \$1,250 per semester to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the UNC System. To be eligible, students must: 1). be a US Citizen and resident of NC; 2). plan to attend one of the 16 UNC-system schools; 3). have a minimum 2.5 GPA; and 4). have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. Also, the student must not be a director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees' Credit Union or the SECU Foundation. If you are interested, please pick up an interest form in the Guidance Office. The interest form, a detailed resume, and two letters of recommendation from organizations in which you have completed community service with must be given to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. *Please note:* if you are planning to attend a North Carolina community college, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship. Please contact the Financial Aid office at the community college for more details. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Cameron. **Deadline: April 10, 2014.**

Transcripts: [Click here](#) for directions on the Transcript Process.

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.

College Finances:

FAFSA Day will be February 22, 2014 - FAFSA Day is a program offered by the College Foundation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators each February. On FAFSA Day, North Carolina high school seniors can receive free help completing and submitting their FAFSA forms from 9:00 a.m. until noon at most State Employees Credit Union locations across the state. For specific locations, and to register go to www.CFNC.org/FAFSADay.

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. You can also read ["Financial Aid Myths—Part 2"](#) by clicking here. Or ["Financial Aid Tips from an Expert"](#) by clicking here.

Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to complete this form.

Did you check out a calculator from the media center for your Fall math class??? If so, now is the time to return it if you are no longer in that class. Other students are waiting to check out calculators. Please return yours today.



GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Juniors

All juniors will pre-register for the ACT on February 19th during first period. This registration process is part of the material that must be completed before juniors take the ACT on March 4th at CATA. Students will need to bring a sharpened number 2 pencil with them on the 19th. Guidance will provide the students' answer sheets and the Taking the ACT booklet. Please encourage your junior to be present on this day.

~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. Watch for information next week on CATA's **March 1st ACT Boot Camp**.... Save the date now!



Juniors planning to take the **SAT** this spring, and all Juniors that take the **ACT** in March at school, 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 / ACT is the only time your scores will be sent for free.** The Guidance Office cannot send test scores to colleges!



All students....

N.C. Youth Legislative Assembly (YLA) will be held March 21-23, 2014 - The NC YLA is a mock legislative session where high school students voice their opinions and vote on issues concerning local, state, and national government. Each youth delegate is a member of one of 10 legislative committees which discuss and recommend to the main assembly a bill relating to various issues. The bills are then debated and voted on by the full Youth Legislative Assembly. The three-day session is patterned after the N.C. General Assembly. YLA is open to ALL North Carolina students, grades 9-12, who are interested in learning more about government and the legislative process. For more information, please visit <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/links/OpportunitiesforStudents.php>. Registration deadline is **February 21, 2014.**

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.

NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) will be sponsoring the Charlotte National College Fair on Sunday, March 9th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte, NC. The event is free, but registration is required! For more information, and a list of schools attending, please visit: <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/SpringNCF/Pages/Charlotte.aspx>

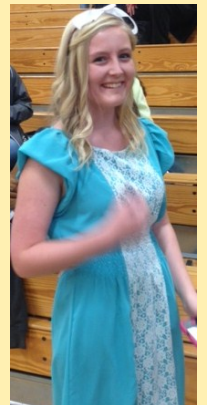
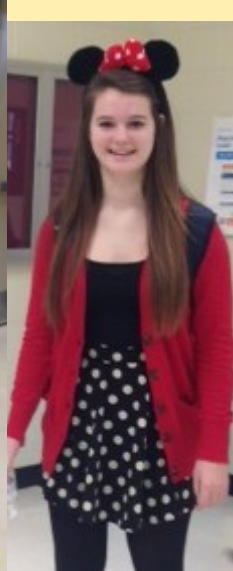
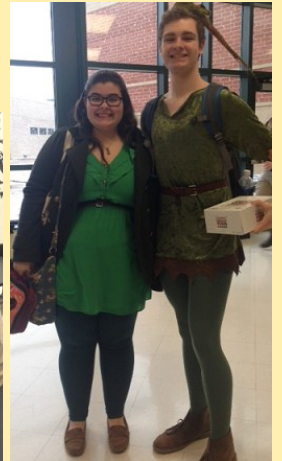
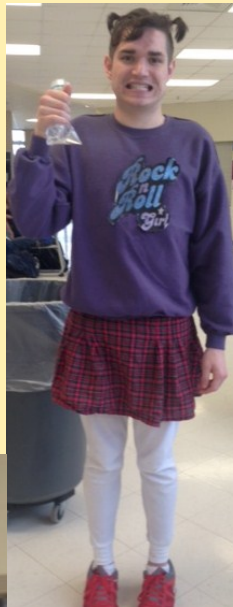
ACT—Boot Camp—Saturday March 1, 2014

Juniors—Please sign up for the ACT boot camp on Saturday 3/1. This boot camp will provide you with tips and strategies to feel more prepared as you take the ACT on March 4th. Know what you are walking into.. Sign up in guidance today. We will also send out reminder emails to all Juniors with more information. Check your school email account later this school week.

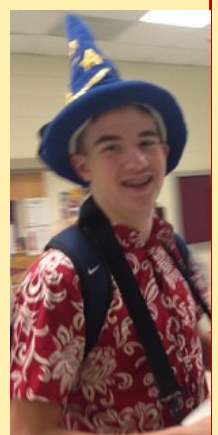
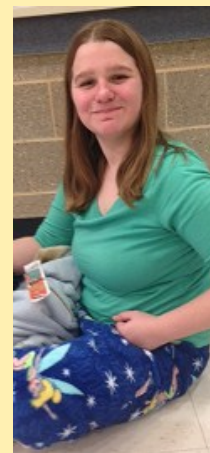
Central Academy - Cougar Spirit Got Spirit??



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COUGARS



Yes,
We
Do!!



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Varsity Results:

Wrestling: At Regional Tourn. this weekend; will post results next week.

Men's Basketball: CATA 54 – Forest Hills 57.

Women's Basketball: CATA 32 – Forest Hills 61.

Men's and Women's Swimming: 1A/2A State Championships:

200 Medley Relay: Sam Souther, Nathan Burnette, Deyton Cook, and Mark Goodson 15th

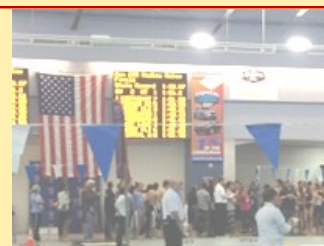
Sam Souther: 15th 200 Freestyle, 12th 100 Butterfly

Sarah Everhart: 4th 100 Butterfly 1st Ever CATA Swimmer to Place at the meet, 9th 100 Backstroke - Congrats Sarah!

Indoor Track: Elijah Inuwa finished 1st in the 1000 meter run and 5th in the 3200 meter run at the 1A/2A Indoor Track State Championship held at the JDL Fast-Track in Winston Salem.

Elijah's State Championship in the 1000 meter is the 1st indoor track championship in CATA History! Congrats Elijah!

Swim Medley Relay
15th Place Finish



Upcoming Events:

Monday 2/17 HOME Basketball vs. Parkwood JV girls start at 4:00 pm **SENIOR NIGHT (Bball and Cheer) DURING VARSITY GAME**

Tuesday 2/18 Women's Basketball vs. West Stanley at Monroe HS 4:00 Conference Tournament Men's Basketball tbd based on Monday's game—watch website for day and time of conference tournament.

Wednesday 2/19 Basketball Conf. Tourn. tbd

Thursday 2/20 Wrestling to states if qualify; Basketball Conf. Tourn. Tbd; Women's Soccer @ East Lincoln Jamboree 4:00 start

Friday 2/21 Basketball Conf. Tourn. tbd

Saturday 2/22 Women's Soccer @ North Gaston Jamboree 9:00 am start



Elijah Inuwa and
Coach Miller

Other Athletic News:

The first official day of spring sports in Wednesday, February 12th. Tryouts rescheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday for Women's Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Men's Tennis, Track and Field. Golf tba. Check with the coach for specifics.

Athletes currently still in winter season will arrange a tryout time with the Spring Coach once their season is complete. Be sure to speak with Spring Coach or AD now so they know you are interested.

Spring sports schedules are posted on the CATA website under athletics

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
- CATA Athletic Rules

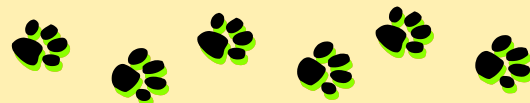
Student athletes should check with Coach Niessner to see if they have all paperwork turned in before trying out for a sport.

Come Cheer on the Cougars
MONDAY night at HOME
against Parkwood!!!

The first day for spring games is Wednesday, February 26th.

Cougar Pride

- * Congratulations to **Kyle Griffin** for directing and editing the NEW CATA Informational video that will be used at the CA-TA Crawl this year!!!
- * Congratulations to **Jake Hillhouse** for being nominated by CATA as the Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship Program nominee! What a great honor!! Way to go!!
- * Congratulations to all students and staff at CATA that participated in the fundraiser to support the **ARC relief efforts in the Philippines**. This fundraiser, organized by the Environmental Club, Hands Helping Others, and Student Athletes, and supported by the Club Leadership Council, raised \$1,300 to donate to the American Red Cross. Way to go Cougars!!
- * Congratulations to our swimmers for their performances at States: **Sam Souther, Deyton Cook, Mark Goodson, Nathan Burnette, and Sarah Everhart**. Congratulations to Sarah Everhart for becoming CATA's first Swimmer to Place at States!!!! Way to go!!!
- * Congratulations to Indoor Track runner, **Elijah Inuwa**, for winning the 1A/2A State Championship in the 1000m!!! Way to go !!!!



Winter Spirit Week Was disrupted by the snow!!!! Let's keep up the spirit... see revised days below..... This year, Student Council has created some very unique days, and the council encourages everyone to participate in as many days as possible. Last week we did (and did it well...):

Monday- Middle School Day – Did it!!!

Tuesday- Disney Day—Did it!!!!



The days for THIS week are:

Monday—School Spirit Day to prepare for our Basketball game vs. rival Parkwood at HOME tonight!!!

Tuesday- Country vs. Country Club Day

Wednesday- Great Gatsby Day

As always, please remember to keep within school dress code when participating. Keep up the great spirit!!!

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](#).

February is National Black History Month.

Monday, 2/17 SCHOOL is IN Session am—8:15 Math Tutoring(Bradshaw); pm—3:30 UCPE rehearsals; 3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran); HOME Basketball vs. Parkwood SENIOR NIGHT; Spring Sport Try-outs begin

Tuesday, 2/18 am—8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard/Bradshaw); WorkKeys Exams for Seniors; Cougar Time; pm—UCPE rehearsals; 3:45 Math Tutoring(Cook); FTA meeting; Hands Helping Others meeting; HOSA meeting; 6:30 CATA Crawl

Wednesday, 2/19 am—8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard); WorkKeys Exams for Seniors; ACT Pre-Registration for Juniors; pm—Progress Reports Distributed; 3:30 UCPE rehearsals; Debate Team; 4:00 Art Club; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); 6:30 CATA Crawl

Thursday, 2/20 am—Cougar Time; pm— Math Tutoring(Brooks); 7:30 Shrek Performance

Friday, 2/21— am 8:20 YCI meeting; pm—Superintendents Student Advisory; 7:30 Shrek Performance

Saturday 2/22—2:30 and 7:30—Shrek Performances

Sunday 2/23—2:30 and 7:30—Shrek Performance

Upcoming Dates:

2/19/14—Progress Reports Distributed; Student Success Advisory Period

2/26/14—Spring Sports Season Games Start

2/26/14—ACT Writing portion of the Test during class time

2/28/14—The Parchman Hour performed at Wingate University

3/1/14—ACT Boot Camp for Juniors—register in guidance NOW....

3/4/14—ACT exam for all Juniors

3/7/14—End of Grading Period

3/12/14—Report Cards Distributed

3/24/14—Senior Cap and Gown Delivery Day

Site Base Meeting Wednesday 2/26 at 3:45

Snow Days—As soon as we know how we will make up the time lost due to inclement weather, we will post on the website and in the Cougar Chronicle. Thanks!!



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



Afternoon Car Rider Pick-up

As we all know, dismissal in the afternoon can sometimes be hectic as it is busy. Please abide by the safety procedures listed below:

- Pedestrians have the right of way and cars should stop to allow people to cross. We do ask that walkers stick to the sidewalk and crosswalk.
- If your child is not outside and you have to wait on your child to exit the building please pull along the right curb all the way up to the mailbox. Once cars move, if you are still waiting, please continue to pull up as far as you can filling in all available space.
- Inside lane (for quick brief stops for boarding) – **please do not stop in the inside lane** unless your child is there ready to get in your vehicle. If they are not outside please make sure you remain along the right curb. We do not want both lanes blocked while parents wait for their child to exit the building.
- If cars are parked along the curb and are ready to pull out and you are in the inside lane, please allow cars to merge into the moving lane.
- In an effort to load up quickly and exit the traffic circle, it would be preferred if you did not have to get out and switch drivers in order to let the student drive.
- At no time should there be three lanes of cars, this causes a safety issue.

Thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of our CATA students and staff!

NHS is sponsoring a BOOK DRIVE for the students at East Elementary School. Students are asked to bring in new or gently used books geared toward 1st and

2nd graders. 4th block teachers will be collecting the books for the next two weeks and the class that brings the most books will win an ice cream social in March. No extra incentives such as extra credit or homework passes are allowed to win the contest. Just show your awesome character by donating out of the kindness of your hearts. The ice cream social is the reward! Thank you!



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.

February is Black History Month

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson instituted the first week-long celebration to raise awareness of African Americans' contributions to history. Prior to this time, little information could be found regarding African American history. Important achievements were left out of history books, and there was a general misconception that African Americans had made little contribution to U.S. society or history. 50 years later, the week became a month, and today February is celebrated as African American History Month. The month of February was chosen because it celebrates the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both of whom dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. Frederick Douglass (1817-1895) was a writer, lecturer, editor, and civil rights activist who escaped slavery at age 21 and went on to campaign for the abolition of slavery, establish a newspaper, and hold the office of Minister to Haiti. He was a major voice in the anti-slavery/civil rights movement of his time. Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809), as the sixteenth president of the United States, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, thereby declaring that all slaves within the Confederacy would be permanently free. Each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded by Dr. Woodson, sets the theme for the month. (taken from DiversityCentral.com)

CATA Theatre Group is once again performing the Parchman Hour.

Approximately 400 students were able to see the Parchman Hour in December. Some classes are choosing to go during the school day later this month—students should check with their teachers to see if they are scheduled to go.

Students and families can see this performance on **Friday 2/28 at the Wingate University Theatre.**

Read this Charlotte Observer article about racial relations in nearby Charlotte 50 years ago by [clicking here](#).

Events in Union County Libraries for families:

Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:45 p.m., Union West Regional Library—Civil Rights, The Historic Perspective—Wingate University's Dr. Aaron Culley will recount the events encompassing the Civil Rights Movement.

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m., Monroe Library—Hair, Hair & More Hair! African American Healthy Hair Care; Freda Leak Green of Ebonee Images will discuss hair texture, products and healthy hair maintenance.

Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:45 p.m., Monroe Library—Camp Sutton: A Study in Racial Issues.

Local Historian Jack Clay will offer a PowerPoint presentation of the racial issues at Camp Sutton based on official U. S. Army reports, some news accounts, and soldiers' reminiscences.

Displays at Union County Libraries (Feb. 1 – Feb. 28):

History in the Making Display—Portraits of the selected nominees for History in the Making will be on display in each of the libraries.

Monroe Library—African Americans at Camp Sutton display

Monroe Library—Civil Rights Act of 1964 Bulletin board and book display.

Monroe Library--Front display case will feature the closed Winchester Branch as well as some other local black history.

CATA is looking for 2-3 parents to volunteer their time to celebrate cultural diversity at CATA. Any parents or students interested should email Mr. Willie Howard III at Willie.HowardIII@ucps.k12.nc.us.

We have multiple cultural months to organize activities for and would like to get parent/community input. The following are examples of ways we can recognize diversity as a community:

Feb—Black History Month; March—Women's History Month; May—Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Sep-Oct—National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month...

Thank you in advance for your interest!

PTSO "The Cougar Council PTSO is selling stuffed monkeys for Valentine's Day. The monkeys cost \$2 and will be sold during lunches February 6th-February 17th AND BEFORE school on Tuesday. The monkeys will be delivered to fourth block classes on Tuesday 2/18.

Thank you to everyone that bought monkeys at the Open House and during lunches—ONLY A COUPLE OF OPPORTUNITIES LEFT.....

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 at Open House 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.

Tutoring Opportunities at CATA

Teachers have the opportunity to offer both tutoring and enrichment to students that they select during Cougar Time. If you have a concern about your child's progress, feel free to contact your child's teacher to see when the best way for them to get additional support.

National Honor Society students are available to assist student's that need some peer tutoring in their coursework. Students that would like this help should go to guidance to ask for a counselor to connect them to an NHS student that can offer assistance in that course.

Every teacher offers tutoring times and this is listed in their class syllabus, on their moodle site, or posted in their room. If you cannot get this information from your child, please email the teacher directly or call the school.



Pilot for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery

The North Carolina State Board of Education is in the process of implementing a new program which will allow successful students to accelerate their learning. The Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) program is to be implemented during the 2014-2015 school year by the Department of Public Instruction. This program will afford students the opportunity to earn high school course credit by a demonstration of mastery in the course curriculum without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for 135 hours of seat time.

The Department of Public Instruction has given permission for school districts to pilot portions of the program this school year with specific guidelines. Union County Public Schools requested permission to provide the CDM opportunity to **current students in grades 8 and 9**. Courses available for the CDM process will be English II, Biology, Math I and Microsoft PowerPoint Word.

All 9th graders at CATA will receive a letter on Monday, 2/10, that describes how to proceed. There are strict deadlines for the process, and those students interested must complete the application and **submit it to the Guidance Counselors by February 13th**.

Students can access both the letter and application on the School Counseling tab of the CATA website starting Monday 2/10.

CATA Safety Information about Drug and Alcohol Prevention

- At CATA students are taught about the dangers of drug use during their **Health and PE class**, usually taken in the 9th grade year.
- CATA also has a **student club, SADD**, that is devoted to preventing drug use.
- **Teachers** are able to refer any students that they think may be using drugs to either the **School Nurse or Guidance Counselors** for help.
- Drug use, possession, and distribution is **against policy** in all UCPS schools and results in severe school consequences, as well as being reported to law enforcement. Students may not be in possession of any drugs or alcohol on school property, including buses and other schools/locations where CATA/UCPS is participating in events.
- As a measure to keep drugs out of CATA, and all UCPS schools, the Union County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the School Resource Officers and Administration, will conduct random searches of areas on school property by using a **trained Canine Unit**. This can include classrooms, lockers, cars on the property, and student belongings.
- **Students with medications** should be sure that they have completed the proper forms with the School Nurse as students may not carry any medication without doctor and School Nurse approval. Failure to follow UCPS procedures does not relieve students of consequences.

**The Union County Performance Ensemble
Presents**



SHREK The MUSICAL

**FEBRUARY 20,21,22,23 , 2014
7:30 PM**

**FEBRUARY 22-23, 2014
2:30 PM**

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www.carolinatix.org
Adults \$10 Students \$6

**Remaining tickets will be sold at
the door.**

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Music by Jeanine Tzuc

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