

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Central Academy Families

It is with much sadness that we share with you tonight that one of our 2013 Graduates, Rachel Mangum, passed away this weekend. We will be honoring her with a moment of silence on Monday morning and will be working with teachers and students to plan a remembrance for her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mangum family at this time.

We ask all parents to consider stepping up to a leadership position in the **PTSO**. The PTSO board must elect new officers next month, and attendance at PTSO meetings has been extremely low. We know we have a great group of parents and hope that some of you will consider stepping up to keep this important organization functioning at CATA. See the Chronicle or call the school for more information on how you can get involved.

Current seniors will receive the caps and gowns they ordered on Monday during lunches. On Tuesday, Seniors will meet as a class toward the end of second period. Seniors will be given graduation and senior activity information.

Spring sports are going well with Baseball defeating Anson, Softball defeating Monroe, Tennis defeating West Stanly and Mt. Pleasant, Soccer tied PRHS in an exciting game, Golf finishing 3rd at Stonebridge CC, and men's track finishing 2nd and women's track finishing 4th at West Stanly conference meet. All games, times, and results are listed in the Cougar Chronicle. Please see this and come out and watch the Cougars in action!! **Winter Sports Awards** were last Wednesday night. It was great to see our athletes—and our coaches honored. Our **Winterguard** team placed first in dance and second overall this past weekend in competition. **The Band of Blue** has already started planning for next Marching Season and it is important that those interested in participating check out their website and the Chronicle for upcoming required dates in April. See Ms. Craven, our Band Director, with questions.

Our **Dance Academy** hosted their Student Choreographed Dance Show this past weekend. The dance show, called Boundless, was wonderful and it was so impressive that our students choreographed the dances. We have very talented students here at CATA. Thank you to Ms. Aguilera for her hard work with the Dance students and to Mr. Weis for his support on the technical production.

There is information on registration in the Cougar Chronicle and on the website. **Registration** began on March 12th. Make sure that your child is prepared by viewing the videos, and reading the information so that you make good choices about classes as class changes will be minimal and limited to necessary changes next year. Parents, **report cards** came home last Wednesday (3/19).

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

Senior Class: Monday, 3/24, during lunch seniors get cap and gown – we will have them put them in their car if they drove. They will receive the order form for their 2014 senior class formal picture with their cap and gown on Monday. This picture will be taken on April 4th during second block.

Tuesday 2nd period – we will be calling ALL seniors to the auditorium for the last 30 minutes of class. This is a mandatory meeting.

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- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship (March 31), Doodle 4 Google Scholarship (March 20), M. Wayne Mangum Scholarship (3/26), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship (March 31), OMNOVA Scholarship (4/1), and NC Hispanic College Fund Scholarship (4/1). More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.
- Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#).
- **Charlotte Knights Healthcare Scholarship Program** - In an effort to improve education funding and further opportunities to the youth in our community, the Charlotte Knights instituted the HealthCare scholarship presented by Carolinas HealthCare System. This year, 3 recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and honored at BB&T Ballpark. To be eligible, applicants must, 1). be a high school senior enrolled in one of the following counties: Cabarrus, Catawba, Chester, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lancaster, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union, or York County; 2). be attending an accredited institution or higher education in the fall of 2014; 3). have a cumulative *un-weighted* grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; 4). have a minimum of an 1800 SAT score (based on 2400 scale) or 1200 SAT score (based on 1600 scale) or 26 ACT score; 5). be a member of at least one sports team at your high school or related extracurricular activity; 6). have heavy involvement in the community or multiple hours of volunteer experience; and 7). plans to declare a major within the healthcare field or have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in a healthcare field. More information and applications are available [here](#). **Deadline: April 4, 2014.**
- **A Few Good Men:** Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 to UCPS seniors planning to enroll in an accredited college or technical school in the fall of 2014. The scholarships will be awarded based on the student's academic achievements and other criteria stated on the application. A photograph and a one-page typed narrative describing your ambitions for the future are also required. Interviews are also required of each applicant. Please see Mrs. Cameron for an application. **Deadline: April 18, 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.

The Cougar Council PTSO will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to CATA seniors. The scholarship award is designed for graduating seniors possessing strong character, a demonstrated belief in service to the community, and academic evidence predicting success in college. To be eligible, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, the student or parent must be a member of PTSO, and the student has applied to attend a community college or higher level of schooling. A completed application, resume, two letters of recommendation, and a one-page essay on the topic, "Why I should be awarded the Cougar Council PTSO Scholarship" should be submitted by the deadline. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: April 10, 2014.**

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

~Class of 2014~

With Spring Break being a little less than a month away, this is the perfect time to **start planning college visits!** But before you go, read these [tips for campus visits](#).

Cyber Crime Summer Camp - South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) is offering a this FREE summer camp that will teach you computer security techniques including: cyber crime investigation, browser security, digital forensics, virtualization, and malware handling. This camp is offered twice during the summer - once at the Old Charlotte Highway campus on June 16th & 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again at the L.L. Polk campus on June 23rd & 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Camp registration and lunch are FREE! Applications are available [here](#). The deadline to register is **May 1st**.

STEM Awards—STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in Education—something that we embody at CATA. Please see this new awards program on page 11 of this chronicle, or visit this website to learn more pbscharlotte.org

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!

National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC)

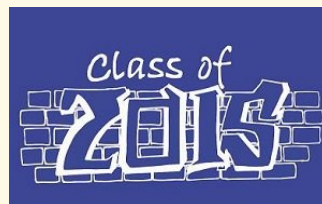
Are you a **freshman** with demonstrated leadership potential, maturity, and academic excellence? If so, you are the ideal candidate for the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC). This program prepares young leaders to excel and inspires them to envision and achieve their life's full potential through decision making, team building, conflict resolution, project planning, listening, etc. NYLSC will occur in Greensboro, NC and Spartanburg, SC this summer. Tuition is required. Please see Mrs. Cameron in Guidance if you would like to be nominated.

All students....

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.

AP Exams—Deposit of \$15 was due by Wed March 5th to Ms. Tweed in Guidance. **Full payment is due by April 21st.** Remember that if you do not take the AP exam, your letter grade is dropped one letter per UCPS BOE policy. AP exams can earn you college credit—sign up today!!!

Parents—Are you concerned about your child's progress in school, social success, or commitment to school? If so, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor today. We will work together to support your child's success.



Do you know someone interested in learning more about CATA? Did they miss the CATA Crawl? We will be having an additional information session on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 6:00 - 7:30. Join us to view our informational video and take a self-guided tour of the school. Staff will be available to answer questions.

- Remember that the application window closes on May 1, 2014.
- If you are unable to join us that night and would like to view the video, please click here http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/fb_tw_yt.php?type=3. If you have questions after watching the video, please call the guidance office at CATA.
- Information on the CATA lottery and on theatre/dance auditions is available on the CATA website, or by [clicking here](#).

Boundless... Student Choreographed Dance Show.... A Great Success!!!



Athletes Honored at Winter Sports Awards Night

Thank you to all athletes and parents that attended. Every winter team was able to honor their Team MVP and their team's Coaches Award. Ms. Fissenne welcomed the athletes and families and athletes gave both their coaches and their parents a round of applause for their hard work. Mr. Niessner, Athletic Director, was then able to give a great summary of each team's season. After the team awards, teams broke off and went to a private room where all athletes were celebrated.

Wrestlers honored Coach Jacobus by awarding him medals for all of the values that he has helped to instill in them.

It was a great night!!

Thank you all Coaches for attending and for all of your hard work in the season!!!

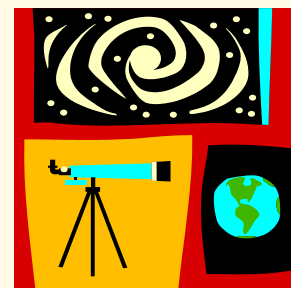


North Carolina Science Festival

March 28 – April 3, 2014 Go to ncsciencefestival.org for more information.

Check out these family-friendly events happening in Union County....

- Reptile & Amphibian Day • Charlotte • March 29, 10am • FREE with admission
- Get S.T.E.M.Ed. E-Corps Expeditions • Charlotte • March 29, 1pm • FREE
- Fun with STEM • Charlotte • Check website for dates and times • \$
- Carowinds Education Days • Charlotte • April 4 & April 11, 9am • FREE
- Statewide Star Party: UNC Charlotte • Charlotte • April 4, 8pm • FREE
- Science Family Fun Night • Charlotte • April 5, 1pm • FREE
- Bird Lore and More • Charlotte • April 6, 2:30pm • FREE
- Science & Superheroes Contest • Charlotte • April 6, 2:30pm • FREE
- Film & Discussion: Jurassic Park • Charlotte • April 6, 3pm • FREE
- Cold-Blooded Encounters • Monroe • April 11, 12, 13, 10:30am - 4:30pm • \$
- UNC Charlotte Science and Technology Expo • Charlotte • April 13, 10am • FREE



Central Academy - 2014-15 Registration Information

Parents and students -

- Registration materials are available on the CATA web site, please [click here to see the videos and forms](#).
- Students should pick classes that you will be happy with. Students will only have the opportunity to ask for class changes if they are missing a pre-requisite. The schedule will be created based on the requests from students—because of this schedule change requests will be very limited and students/parents should not expect to be able to change classes.
- Teaching assignments are not made until final teacher allotments are in, usually in the summer. Student requests are for courses only.
- Completed registration forms will be sent home with the student for the parent's review and record on the day they register. Registration forms serve as a list of requested classes only, they are NOT a schedule.
- If a parent decides to request an Honors level course and the teacher does not recommend this, the parent will have to complete a course waiver. By doing this, the parent is signing that they understand that the teacher does not feel the student has the skills or knowledge base for the Honors course and that they understand they will not be allowed to change the class if the child is not successful.
- All students taking an AP course, and their parent, will be required to sign a contract stating that they understand the rigor and understand that they cannot change out of the AP class once the schedule is created.
- All parent signed forms are due by March 31st. It is the student's responsibility to get this form signed.
- If a student or parent feels that there is an error on the registration card that was sent home, they must notify the counselor, by email, by April 4th.
- NO class schedule is set. Schedules will be available prior to school starting in mid-August, but are subject to change by the Principal due to class size, teacher allotments, or the need to change course offerings.
- When we are close to the start of the 2014-2015 school year, we will post courses that have available seats should students wish to make a necessary class change.

North Carolina Virtual Public School

Classes are available over the summer for students that want to take an additional class. When thinking about taking a class over the summer, think about the information below. Students that should consider this are students that need an additional pre-requisite for a class they want to take, or to take a class they cannot fit in their schedule at school.

- Summer classes begin June 16 and end August 8
- Link for the summer calendar for ncvps can be found at <http://goo.gl/Soh8af>
- **Time Commitment:** Students will have **3 to 5 HOURS OF WORK EACH DAY** (depending on the course), Monday through Friday. These are our 18-week courses that are taught over an 8-week period. Students must have daily access to the Internet for the duration of summer school. There are no exceptions made for students who attend camps or go on vacations where they do not have access to the Internet.
- Courses that you take are listed on your transcript as virtual courses, and the grade you earn is on your transcript as well.
- The list of summer course offerings can be found at <http://goo.gl/wrkl2C>
- To register—see your guidance counselor. Space is limited.
- All questions about grades and requirements in a virtual class must go to the online teacher.
- It is our experience that students that typically struggle to hand in work or study for exams, will struggle MORE in an online class due to the self-discipline required.

COUGAR ATHLETICS

Varsity Results:

Baseball: CATA 6 – Anson 0, CATA 0 – Sun Valley 16

Men's Tennis: CATA 7 – Mt. Pleasant 2, CATA 5 – West Stanly 4

Softball: CATA 20 – Monroe 0

Men's Golf: 3rd @ Stonebridge CC

Women's Soccer: CATA 1 – Porter Ridge 1

Track and Field: Men 2nd, Women 4th @ Rocky River Meet @ West Stanly



Upcoming Events:

Monday 3/24:

- AWAY Golf @ Monroe Country Club 1:45 pm (18 Holes)

Tuesday 3/25:

- HOME Tennis vs. Forest Hills @ Monroe 4:00 pm
- HOME Softball vs. Monroe 5:00 pm
- HOME Baseball vs. Monroe 6:00 pm

Wednesday 3/26:

- AWAY Tennis vs. Butler 4:00 pm
- HOME Softball vs. Union Academy 5:00 pm
- AWAY Soccer vs. Monroe 5:30 pm

Thursday 3/27:

- AWAY Tennis vs. Parkwood 4:00 pm
- AWAY Softball vs. Parkwood 5:00 pm

Friday 3/28:

- AWAY Baseball vs. Monroe @ Walter Bickett 4:30 pm



Other Athletic News:

Free Physicals will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd**. Mark Your Calendars...more info on how to sign up and location coming soon.

Men's Tennis players, parents and fans please check the CATA website, the schedule has been updated.

Although it is still five months away **FALL sports** will be here before you know it. Please remember that all tryouts and practices will start on **August 1st, 2014**.

ALL student athletes must have a **current physical** and **insurance waiver** on file with Coach Niessner to be able to participate in off season and summer workouts. Insurance Waivers from the 2013-2014 school year are good until June 30th, 2014. If you have any questions please contact Coach Niessner at jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us or 704-296-3088 ext. 158.

Central Academy defeated West Stanly 5-4

Singles

Cameron Clemons (CA) d. Leighton Dry (WS) 6-1,6-0
 Thomas McCorkle (CA) d. Alex Harkey (WS) 6-1,6-0
 Caleb Whitley (WS) d. Joe Hinkle (CA) 6-4,0-6,(8-6)
 Austin Eudy (WS) d. Will Hooper (CA) 7-5,6-4
 Nicholas Olson (CA) d. Bernie Garcia (WS) 6-0,6-3
 Trey Speight (WS) d. Halen Mattison (CA) 6-1,6,4

Doubles

Clemons/Hooper (CA) d. Dry/Whitley (WS) 8-0
 Harkey/Speight (WS) d. Hinkle/Olson (CA) 8-0
 McCorkle/Nance (CA) d. Eudy/Garcia (WS) 8-5

Record:

5-3 overall; 3-0 conf



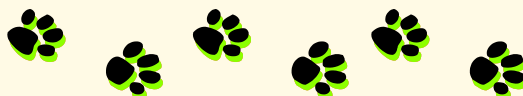
Cougar Pride

- * Congratulations to all of our Dance Academy students for their wonderful show on Friday and Saturday night. Students choreographed the dances and they did a WONDERFUL job!! See photos on page 12...
- * Congratulations to Ryan Grigston for being honored on UC Hoops for achieving over 1000 points!!! Congrats to Alyssa Carbone for being honored in UC Hoops for setting CATA's point record in one game with 41 points!!!
- * Congratulations to Winterguard for placing 1st in Dance and 2nd place overall at their NW Guilford CWEA competition this weekend!! Way to go!!



- * Congratulations to Alisha Hartley for winning State Runner-up in Poetry Out Loud. Way to go!!

- * Congratulations to all NHS students for their hard work in the NHS book drive.



The 12th Annual Service Academy Day

- Are you a leader looking for a challenge?
- Are you interested in serving your country as a military officer?
- Do you have the "right stuff" to graduate from a military academy?

Where?

Charlotte Catholic HS
7702 Pineville Matthews Rd, Charlotte, NC

When?

Saturday, April 12 10:00 am
Please be in your seat promptly at 10:00 am.



What?

Listen to presentations from each of the Five Federal Service Academies
Speak individually with Congressional Staff, Cadets, Midshipmen, and Academy Representatives
Have an opportunity to ask questions of each representative in a one on one situation
Open to High School and Middle School Students interested in attending a Service Academy
Family Members, Counselors, and Educators are welcome to attend

Who will be there?

US Military Academy West Point, NY
US Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO
US Naval Academy Annapolis, MD

US Coast Guard Academy New London, CT
US Merchant Marine Academy Kings Point, NY

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, 3/24 am—Moment of Silence for Rachel Mangum; 8:15 Math Tutoring(Bradshaw); Engineering (Bunce) & US History (Hibberd) benchmarks; Senior Cap and Gown Delivery Day pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran)

Tuesday, 3/25 am—8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard/Bradshaw); Cougar Time; Benchmarks for Mahmoud class; Interior Design Field Trip; Senior Class Meeting (end of second block) pm—3:45 Math Tutoring(Cook); Shooting Sports Team meeting; HOSA meeting; HOME Softball vs. Monroe; HOME Tennis vs.FHHS (at MHS); HOME Baseball vs. Monroe

Wednesday, 3/26 am—8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard); 8:15 Beta Club meeting; Benchmarks for Lindley & Tesar; Old Salem Field Trip (Janicki); Yearbook conference (Eaton); pm—3:30 Debate Team; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); Beta Club mtg; Site Base Meeting; 4:00 AP Art Studio; HOME Softball vs. UA

Thursday, 3/27 am—Cougar Time; NC Math Contest trip; HOSA State Convention; pm— 3:45 Math Tutoring(Brooks); Spanish Club; 7:00 Sophomore Theatre Show

Friday, 3/28— am 8:20 YCI meeting; HOSA State Convention; Benchmark for Drayton; pm—7:00 Sophomore Theatre Show

Saturday 3/29—HOSA State Convention continues

Upcoming Dates:

3/24/14—Senior Cap and Gown Delivery Day-Students that drive will be permitted to go to their car to put their cap and gown in after they pick it up

4/1—BOE meeting; Parchman Hour Cast and Crew recognized

4/2—Progress Reports Distributed

4/2—CATA Information Night for current 8th graders that missed CATA Crawl

April 3, 2014—Blood Drive

4/8—REQUIRED Marching Band Interest Meeting—[click here for information](#); PTSO meeting

4/10-4/12 Spring Musical (Pippin)

April 14—April 18, 2014—Spring Break

April 28– May 1—Band of Blue Spring Clinics

April 30—End of Grading Period

May 2, 2014—Relay for Life for American Cancer Society

May 5—May 14—AP Exams [Click Here for dates of each AP exam](#)

May 19—23 Senior Week

Snow Days—The snow days will be made up using the Teacher Workdays on 2/17, 3/7, and 4/21. These days are now required student days.



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 March 17- April 9



CATA NHS Delivers Again

On March 3rd, students with Central Academy's chapter of the National Honor Society completed a school-wide book drive and delivered hundreds of books to the students of East Elementary School in Monroe. The book drive was organized by NHS president Amanda Privette, and the entire CATA community contributed to the effort. Thirty-nine NHS students, along with members of the CATA faculty, then delivered the collected books to East Elementary in person. Our NHS volunteers went classroom to classroom distributing books and reading aloud to classes, much to the delight of the young students. Each child



in first and second grade was given three books, and each kindergartener was given two, for them all to keep and enjoy. Some students at East do not have many opportunities to call a book their own, but now they will be able to read to their hearts' content.

"All of the planning that went into the trip was worth it once we saw how happy the books made the children." - Amanda Privette, NHS President



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.

Student Life



Club—spotlight— CATA Shooting Sports Team

Shooting Sports Team participated in the District competition recently and did very well!! Team placed 3rd in Shotgun and received a trophy. We also placed: 7th out of 21 teams in Archery AND 14th out of 21 in Rifle

Shotgun Top Performers (test scores are used to place since they all tied):

Reagan Rushing 18th out of 104, Jacob Whittaker 19th out of 104, Jacob Thomas 20th out of 104

Rifle Top Performers:

Liat Bell 11th out of 104

Archery Top Performers (again test scores are used for placement):

Jacob Thomas 21st out of 104, Dax Whitesides 23rd out of 104,

Highest Test Score – Kannon Baker (81, the average was 65!)

Clubs Join Together to Support Relay for Life!!

Donate \$1 and decorate your "footprint" to show how we can make a difference.

Save the Date— "Relay for Life" is on Friday May 2, 2014—[Join the CATA Lifesavers](#) and sign up to walk. We will be setting up "camp" to walk through the night to raise money for cancer research.

We are all affected by cancer, and certainly our school has been...please join now—you can walk, make a donation, buy a footprint, or help us plan!! YOU can make a difference.

Fall 2014 Marching Dates are Set!

It's time to start planning for the fall marching season already! There will be a marching band information meeting for ALL STUDENTS planning to march in the fall 2014 season on **TUESDAY, APRIL 8** at 4pm and 7pm in the band room. This meeting is intended for both parents and students. **Please plan to attend the meeting time that best fits your schedule. You only need to attend ONE meeting.**

All students interested in auditioning for the leadership team, color guard or drumline will attend a "spring workshop." During this workshop, students will learn new skills, develop existing skills, and prepare for an official audition to be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

The 2014 SPRING WORKSHOP dates are as follows:

April 28-May 1 Drumline Workshop 4-7 pm

April 28-May 1 Leadership Workshop 4-7 pm

April 28-May 1 Guard Workshop 4-7 pm

Dates for summer marching camp have also been set. Veteran marchers will notice that the 2014 camp schedule is a bit different than in years past. Spread the word, mark your calendars now and plan ahead for a terrific 2014 marching season!

The 2014 summer marching camp dates are as follows:

August 4-5 Leadership Camp 9am- 4pm

August 6-8 Guard/Drumline/Rookies/Leaders 9am - 4pm

August 11-15 FULL Band 7am - 7pm



Thank you to **Mr. Michael Staton** for his years of service to Central Academy of Technology and Arts, and to Union County Public Schools. Mr. Staton has been a Science Teacher at CATA, teaching Biology, Earth Science, and Physical Science. Mr. Staton is retiring this year as of March 31, 2014.

Everyone at Central Academy wishes him the best in his retirement.



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 !!!!!

The PTSO served our CATA Teachers and Staff a variety of pies on "Pi Day." Teachers and staff were incredibly grateful for this wonderful treat! The PTSO even delivered the slices of pie to each teacher in their classroom! What a treat.

Plea for Additional Volunteers—We really need more parents to come to our meetings. We appreciate everyone that has helped by bringing/sending in requested items and who have helped with events but we will be looking for officers for next year soon and if we don't have enough people, the PTSO will be disbanded. The majority of the planning and work is falling on the shoulders of just a few people and we need more help. If you are interested in being more involved next year, please start attending our meetings for the remainder of this year so you can get a sense of what's involved. I know that due to work and other obligations not everyone can attend our meetings but hopefully some of you are willing to take a more active role.

Remember that we started the Student Academic Recognition program this year, we are awarding three \$500 scholarships to seniors, have helped pay for the senior medallions for graduation and have had other events to support the staff. We make a difference and would like to continue to do so!

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, 4/8 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 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!

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.



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.

WTVI PBS Charlotte launches first STEM Awards

WTVI PBS Charlotte is pleased to announce it will launch its first STEM Awards this year. The awards will recognize 6th-12th grade students and teachers from the station's 13-county viewing area who exhibit excellence in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Nominees can either nominate themselves or someone they know who builds, performs or organizes STEM-related programs for charities, social clubs or school projects. Submissions will be judged by a panel of CPCC STEM faculty and staff members who will select both student and teacher winners based on set [criteria](#) in a number of [categories](#), such as Focus Excellence in a STEM Field, Most Innovative and Best STEM Integration.

Nominees representing Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Lancaster, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, Union and York Counties may submit an entry in up to 27 different award categories. The station will also post the top four student submissions to its website at PBSCharlotte.org and give the public an opportunity to cast its vote between April 1-15, for the 2014 People's Choice Award.

STEM Award winners will be recognized in front of a live studio audience on May 21 in CPCC's Halton Theater, located on its Central Campus. The ceremony will be broadcast on May 22 at 8 p.m. on PBS Charlotte. During the ceremony, winners will receive a trophy for their exemplary STEM efforts.

Individuals may access the submission form at PBSCharlotte.org. The station will accept award submissions between March 10-24. To obtain a submission form or to learn more about the award criteria and categories, please visit pbscharlotte.org.

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