

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



Central Academy
This week

Musical, **Pippin**, opens with performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 pm. Please come out and watch this fantastic musical! Cast and crew have been hard at work and we are excited to see this great performance. Our theatre group was recognized last week by the **UCPS Board of Education** for their award-winning run of "The Parchman Hour". It was an exciting night to be honored and our students also presented our Superintendent, Dr. Ellis, with a thank you for the support given to CATA Theatre by Union County Public Schools.

Spring Sports are going well and we have had great weather recently for our games. Fans at home sports are able to access concessions during the events, so be sure to treat yourself during the next home soccer, softball, or baseball event. Remember that all games, times, and results are listed in the Cougar Chronicle. Please see this and come out and watch the Cougars in action!! CATA will be participating in a **Baseball Tournament** over Spring Break, so if you can, join us for a game—times are listed in this week's chronicle. Please remember that the Hunter Safety Course will be on April 8th and 10th for those interested in joining the **Shooting Sports Team** for next year. Sign up with Mrs. Pentecost in the art room.

We have great news from other areas of performing arts as well. Our **symphonic band** performed at the North Carolina Music Performance Assessment and we received A's in all seven categories from all four adjudicators!! This is a first for CATA symphonic band. Way to go!! Our **chorus** also attended the North Carolina Music Performance Assessments and earned 1 Superior and 2 Excellents!! Their overall average was 89; only one point away from an overall Superior Rating! Way to go CATA Chorus!! This week our **Dance Academy** will be hosting Master Classes and we are excited to offer this opportunity to our dancers.

Some students from **Information Technology** will be heading to Microsoft this week to get a look into that IT Company. Our **Transportation Academy** students are preparing for their Skills USA competition and for our car show later this spring. Attention all **Juniors**—get your design for next year's Senior t-shirt in to Dr. Tarlton by this Friday—voting on next year's Senior T-shirt will take place after spring break!!

All students met in **advisory** this past Wednesday and the topic discussed was how to communicate with teachers, or for graduating seniors heading to college, professors. Communication included both talking with and emailing. See the information in the Chronicle this week to get an idea of what was covered.

CATA is working hard to **support the second annual UCPS Golf Tournament**. All money raised will go to the Union County Education Foundation which supports UCPS at all levels. In particular, the Ed Foundation supports mini-grants for teacher instructional use in the classrooms and through scholarships for high school seniors. You can support this by playing or by sponsoring a hole. Thank you to all those that have already committed to sponsorship. All information is in the Cougar Chronicle.

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 hyperlinked 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: [CLICK HERE TO READ THE SENIOR LETTER WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION.](#)

Register to Vote: Wednesday, April 9th, a representative from the League of Women Voters, a non-patrician group, will register eligible seniors to vote during lunch. A 17 year old who will be 18 on November 4, 2014, can register now and vote in the primary and general election. We hope you will encourage your senior to take the time and register on the 9th so they can be a part of the democratic process in the future.

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- Union County Retired Educators Scholarship (4/8), Alpha Delta Kappa Future Teacher Scholarship (4/10), Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest (4/14), State Employee's Association of North Carolina (SEANC) Scholarship (4/15), The NC Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation (4/15), Hotelscheap.org Scholarship (4/15), Alpha Zeta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators Grant-in-Aid Award (4/18), Stanley Arts Guild Scholarship (4/19), LIFE Lessons Essay Contest (4/20), Kiwanis of Monroe Endowed Scholarship (4/22), Girls on the Run of Union County Scholarship (4/25), The Fountainhead Essay Contest (4/26), and Marilyn Yetso Memorial Scholarship (5/1). More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.
- Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#).
- **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.**

SPCC will host an **Advanced Manufacturing Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 8th** at the Center for Technology and Health Education (Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe). High school students and their parents are encouraged to visit their new educational facility and discover some of the many high tech career opportunities available right here close to home. A wide range of local companies will be on hand to discuss career opportunities and answer questions. Find out more here:

<http://spccevents.com/home/2014/02/27/advanced-manufacturing-awareness-day-tues-48/> or <http://www.spcc.edu/manufacturing/>

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

~Class of 2014~

ALL Registration parent-signature forms (ex. AP contract, waiver, senior Flex Day forms) are **due Monday 4/7**. Failure to turn these in will result in the student not being registered for that HN or AP class, or getting a senior flex day.

April 26th is Free College Day at South Piedmont Community College. Students 13 and older can sample free college classes and attend college information sessions. It is also a great opportunity to tour their campus and to get to know their faculty and staff. Free College Day will take place at the Old Charlotte Highway campus in Monroe. Learn more [here](#).

April 8, 2014 - Getting In: The Knowledge to Get Into College - Speaker Robert Franek, the Senior Vice President at Princeton Review will be exploring secrets of the admissions process. He will discuss how to be a savvy college shopper and applicant, the insider scoop on colleges, and college cost/financial aid information. This event will be held at Calvary Church (5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226) beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is **FREE**, but registration is required. For more information, and to register, please visit [The Princeton Review](#).

With Spring Break being next week, 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**.

Juniors planning to take the **SAT** this spring, need to make sure they list four colleges in which they wish to send their scores to. The colleges can be schools you are just thinking about and schools you are definitely interested in. Either way, **entering those schools when you take the SAT / ACT is the only time your scores will be sent for free.** *The Guidance Office cannot sent 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—After the first six week grading period, teachers, guidance counselors, and administration review student grades and attendance to look for students that may fail due to class average and/or attendance. **Letters of Possible Failure** will be sent home notifying you that your child may fail the course if they do not improve their grade or attendance. Please return the signature portion of the letter and contact your child's guidance counselor if you have questions. This is just an additional piece of communication to make sure that you are aware of your child's standing. We want to make sure that we are working together to support your child in earning a passing grade. This letter is based on the first official report card grade for this semester.



Historic Old Salem Trip

On Wednesday, March 26th Mrs. Janicki's class took their annual trip to Historic Old Salem. The English III classes take this trip to tie into their classroom discussions and readings of Colonial Literature. Ms. Christensen's Broadcasting class also went on the trip to document the events. The classes visited on Arts Alive day where History and Arts collide! Upon their arrival in Old Salem, students were given papers so they could participate in a scavenger hunt to find different examples of architecture throughout the town. Mrs. Janicki also encouraged students to get pictures of themselves with as many people in period costume as possible.



While touring the many buildings in Old Salem, students had the opportunity to learn about different types of arts and crafts what were practiced, as well as trades. The first stop was the Timothy Vogler Gunsmith Shop where students learned that children rarely went to school past age 13 before becoming an apprentice to learn a trade.

In the Single Brother's House, students learned about the 1798 Tannenbergs Organ, Baroque and Neo-Classical pottery, making paste paper for booklets, tailoring and using wood block stamps. In the Single Brother's Workshop, students had to pay attention to detail by matching photo samples they were given with larger photos. There was also a giant wooden frame in another room along with different hats and props so students could be in their own picture frame photo.



At the Vierling House the students learned about how medicine was practiced in Old Salem. They saw where the doctor's apothecary was located and saw some medical instruments from that time. In another room of the house the students saw a demonstration of Fraktur painting. This beautiful art form consisted of elaborate lettering and intricate borders that were a combination of painting and cut paper work. In the Vierling barn some students got to try their hand at creating a Theorem painting using a stencil.

The last stop, and everyone's favorite, was the Winkler Bakery. Here the bakery oven is still heated with wood as it was almost 200 years ago. Students can watch a demonstration and then head into the shopping area to purchase Moravian cookies, sugar loaf and other delicious treats.

Parchman Hour Honored Again!

This week the cast, crew, and directors for the Parchman Hour were recognized by the UCPS Board of Education for their award-winning production. Dr. Ellis, Superintendent, introduced the CATA group and the students and teachers were able to receive individual congratulations from every UCPS BOE member.



The CATA group also presented Dr. Ellis a framed letter and photograph of thanks for the support we received from UCPS.

CATA, Monroe MS, and Wolfe School Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday April 4th students from CATA's SADD Club went to the Wolfe School for the 6th Annual Egg Hunt. They were joined by Red Cross Club students from Monroe Middle and their SRO, Monique Holt, and members of the Monroe Police Department.

When the Wolfe Students came out to the playground they found students eager to help them hunt for eggs. The Easter Bunny and CATA Cougar were on hand, much to the delight of the Wolfe students.

CATA Senior Paige Finney, who has participated in the last three Egg Hunts, said she looks forward to the event each year. "I love watching the kids light up when they find an egg."

Officer Shawn Parler, CATA's SRO and SADD Club co-advisor, has organized all six of the Egg Hunts. She said that she thinks the event is "great for the CATA students as well as the Wolfe Students. I love seeing my students be positive role models."

CATA's SADD Club would like to thank everyone who donated candy, eggs, and baskets, the CATA teachers and administration for allowing the students to go on the field trip, the Wolfe Teachers and Principal Breckinridge for their help, and the Monroe Police Officers for coming out for the event.



Advisory Subject: Communicating with Teachers and professors.

Teachers and students met in Advisory this past Wednesday to take some time to “talk about” how you “talk with” a teacher, or for those seniors heading off to college – a professor. The first topic covered was **How do I communicate with a teacher or professor in a responsible manner?** Discussion, and the guiding video, discussed that talking to a teacher/professor—out of genuine curiosity, a genuine interest in learning, a genuine desire to improve—is one of the smartest things a student can do.

The next topic covered was **What about e-mailing a teacher or professor?** In these modern times, many people find that e-mailing is an ideal way to communicate. This is especially true when requesting a meeting, asking a brief clarifying question, or seeking some small bit of information related to the topic immediately at hand. However, there are a few things to remember about e-mailing. We have included the list that was discussed with students here in the Chronicle for reference.

- Always fill in the subject line with a specific, but brief, comment. “Request for meeting” will often work best if you are going to ask to the professor for a meeting.
- Address the teacher/professor directly and state who you are and which class you are in. Teachers/professors have many students and may not immediately know your name.
- Put your main idea in the opening sentence. Keep the message brief but informative enough that the professor knows the perimeters of your concern. Two to four sentences is normally sufficient.
- Remember KISS – Keep it simple, silly. When we send out a long email, you are essentially saying “I do not respect your time.” Show you appreciate his/her time, by making the message short and simple to answer. Use as few words as possible.
- Do not use all capital letters. This is equivalent to shouting. Likewise, do not use all lowercase letters.
- Use standard/proper grammar and spelling. Leave abbreviations associated with chat-rooms and texting for informal chats with friends.
- Leave the emoticons for friends and family as well. They should not be included in professional communications.
- Remember to use “please” and “thank you” and mean it.
- Include a signature box with contact information.
- Proof read the message at least twice to be sure it includes sufficient information and has a professional tone.
- Do not assume privacy with this or any other e-mail message. Therefore, do not include any personal information that you are not willing to share with the world.
- Provide adequate time for receiving a response. Teachers/professors have classes and meetings to attend. Often, they do not have time to respond to e-mails except in the early morning pre-class minutes or late in the day after classes have concluded.
- Finally, respond as quickly as you can. Be sure to thank the professor for responding to you and establishing a meeting time. Be sure to jot down the time and place of your meeting in your planner or electronic device.

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 0 – West Stanly 5, CATA 3 – West Stanly 8

Men's Tennis: CATA 9 – Monroe 0, CATA 8 – Forest Hills 1, CATA 7 – West Stanly 2

Softball: CATA 5 – Forest Hills 4, CATA 4 – Union Academy 8, CATA 2 – Mt. Pleasant 12

Men's Golf: 4th @ Red Bridge Country Club

Women's Soccer: CATA 4 – Monroe 0, CATA 9 – West Stanly 0, CATA 0 – Weddington 9

Track and Field: Men 3rd, Women 4th @ Mt. Pleasant Meet

Upcoming Events:

Monday: 4/7

- HOME Soccer vs. Mt. Pleasant 5:00 pm
 - HOME Tennis vs. Parkwood 4:00 pm
- AWAY Golf @ Eagle Chase 3:30 pm

Tuesday: 4/8

- HOME Baseball vs. Mt. Pleasant 4:30/7:00 pm
 - AWAY Softball @ West Stanly 6:30 pm
- AWAY Tennis @ Mt. Pleasant 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 4/9

- HOME Soccer vs. Forest Hills 5:00 pm
 - HOME Softball vs. Anson 5:00 pm
- AWAY Track and Field @ Monroe Rocky River Conference Meet 2:00 pm

Thursday: 4/10

- AWAY Softball vs. Monroe 4:30 pm
- AWAY Tennis @ Rocky River Conference Tournament @ West Stanly 12:00 pm

Friday: 4/11

AWAY Baseball @ Mt. Pleasant 4:30/7:00 pm

Baseball Spring Break Tournament @ Sun Valley High School

Monday 4/14:

AWAY Baseball vs. Forest Hills 2:30 pm

Tuesday 4/15:

AWAY Baseball vs. Porter Ridge 5:00 pm

Wednesday 4/16:

AWAY Baseball vs. Piedmont 2:30 pm

Other Athletic News:

The NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, brought to you by the North Carolina National Guard, is one of the Association's most popular voluntary programs and recognizes excellence in the classroom as well as on the playing court or field. The program includes recognition of varsity teams that attain certain grades as well as individual athletes. We are pleased to announce the inaugural **NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Essay Contest, brought to you by the North Carolina National Guard.**

Student-athletes will have until midnight on April 25th to submit a 400 word essay answering the question: "What Makes a Scholar-Athlete?" One male and female winner will be selected from the pool of entries to win an **8GB iPod Nano and gift pack** from the North Carolina National Guard, in addition to opportunities for recognition at future NCHSAA events

For more information about this essay contest please contact Coach Niessner @

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Free Physicals will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd**. Registration is open until April 16th, the link to this can be found on the CATA website under athletics.

Although it is still four 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.

Cougar Pride

- * Junior, Kannon Baker, fished the Bass High School tournament on March 30th at Badin Lake and finished 3rd out of 12, with 2.70 pounds fishing with a friend from Riley's Catch. Way to Go!!
- * Congratulations to the CATA Symphonic Band and the CATA Chorus for their stellar performance at NC MPA!! Way to go!!
- * Emma Marvel has been accepted into the prestigious Joffrey Ballet School in New York City for their year-long trainee program. What an honor!!
- * Congratulations to all HOSA members that competed at the NC State level!! We did a great job!!



- * Congratulations to all Sophomores in the Theatre Academy on the presentation of the Sophomore Shorts—a collection of scenes. Students did a great job performing just feet away from the audience!!



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](#).

NHS Ribbon Fundraiser for Autism Awareness (3/31-4/11)

Senior T-shirt design entries due to Dr. Tarlton by 4/11

Monday, 4/7 am—8:15 Math Tutoring(Bradshaw); Dance MasterClass; pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran); 4:00 Spring Musical Rehearsals; HOME Soccer, HOME Tennis

Tuesday, 4/8 am—8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard/Bradshaw); Cougar Time; pm—Guest Speaker—Forensics Class; 3:30 Hunter Safety Course; 3:45 Math Tutoring(Cook); Cultural Awareness Club; 4:00 Spring Musical Rehearsal; 4:00 or 7:00 Marching Band REQUIRED Interest Meeting; HOME Baseball; **7:00 PTSO meeting**

Wednesday, 4/9 am—8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring(Sheppard); Benchmarks for Wenger, Math 2 for Cook, O'Connor, and Brooks; pm—Voter Registration for eligible students during lunches; 3:30 Debate Team; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); 4:00 Spring Musical Rehearsal; AP Art Studio; HOME Soccer, HOME Softball

Thursday, 4/10 am—Cougar Time; Dance MasterClass; ECU rep visits in guidance 9:30—10:30; pm— 3:30 Hunter Safety Course; 3:45 Math Tutoring(Brooks); **7:00 Spring Musical—Pippin**

Friday, 4/11— am 8:20 YCI meeting; IT Trip to Microsoft; Rising -Senior t-shirt designs due to Dr. Tarlton today; pm—7:00 Spring Musical-Pippin

Saturday, 4/12—7:00 Spring Musical—Pippin

Upcoming Dates:

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

4/8 & 4/10—Hunter Safety Awareness Training—sign up with Ms. Pentecost

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

June 5—11 **Final Exams—students must be present**

June 12—Graduation

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.



CATA Community Blood Drive Every Drop Stays Here—Saving Local Lives

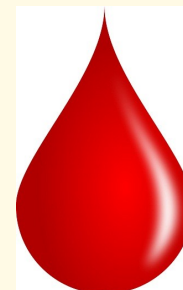
Blood Drive Results:

Goal: 80 units

of donors signed up: 95

of productive units collected: 67

of local patients to benefit: **201**



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

Symphonic Band, Chorus Soar at MPA

Students from CATA's **symphonic band** program recently travelled to Hickory Ridge High School where they performed in their annual MPA performance. Every spring, middle and high school band students across the state prepare for and perform in the North Carolina Music Performance Assessment (MPA), which is much like a performance EOC exam for band. During the assessment process, bands perform three prepared pieces and play one piece they have never seen before, a process called sight reading. Four judges, called adjudicators, evaluate the student musicians and the band director as they perform and sight read, then assign a score based on how accurately and musically the students and band director perform. The scores are then compiled and each band is assigned an overall rating of Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor. More importantly, the rating sheet from each adjudicator is filled with helpful comments and feedback that band directors use as a resource to guide students to greater musical achievement.



Bands in Union County are not required to attend MPA, but Ms. Craven and the CATA band program choose to participate in MPA because we feel that it is important to hold ourselves to a high standard of performance. Attending MPA allows us to acquire valuable feedback from music professionals regarding our musical growth. We believe that preparing for and performing at MPA motivates student musicians to reach new levels of technical mastery on their instrument and, more importantly, deepen their understanding of what it truly means to be a contributing part of a musical ensemble. Performing at MPA is a way for the CATA band program to measure our progress in a meaningful way as we grow in size and strength in the coming years.

This year's MPA scores were through the roof! For the first time in CATA history, the band received "A's" in all seven categories from all four adjudicators. Hats off to our student musicians who pushed themselves to master new skills and develop their musicality during this year's MPA preparation. We are so proud of you! Click [HERE](#) to listen to recordings of the CATA symphonic band performing at MPA earlier this week.

Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Watwood, also attended MPA this past week, following an adjudicator process similar to the process described above. The Chorus did a Great Job!! Chorus earned 1 Superior and 2 Excellents!! Their overall average was 89; only one point away from an overall Superior Rating! Way to go CATA Chorus!!

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— HOSA

State Convention Results

28 CATA students competed in 14 events

8 students scored in the top ten and we have 2 top-three finishers who qualified for nationals in Orlando, Florida in June.

Jeet Patel- 2nd in Biotechnology

Kaley Kirby- 3rd in Life Support Skills

Other top ten finishers:

Bridget Sheridan- 4th in Biotechnology

Matthew Bucklin- 6th in Biotechnology

Angela Florez and Jessie Appleyard- Community Awareness

Cheyenne Grondin- Medical Reading

Adam Connell- Epidemiology



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



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.

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.



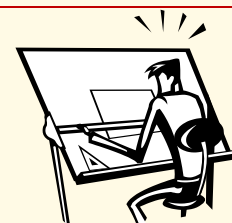
American Flags Hang in Every CATA Classroom—Eagle Scout Project

Thank you to James Bernash, a CATA Junior in the Automotive Technology Academy, for installing flag pole brackets and beautiful, new American Flags at CATA. James completed this project as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. Teachers, students, and administrators appreciate his efforts to ensure that every student has a flag in their room. Each day, CATA students recite the Pledge of Allegiance and James has helped everyone have a flag in their class to face as they recite the Pledge. Great Job James!!

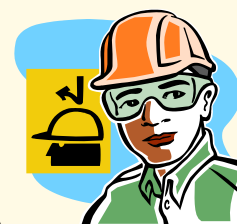


Internship Opportunities at Central Academy

Attention Juniors: Internship applications are now being accepted for summer and the coming school year. See Mr. Shuping in Room 201 for more information. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.



Make your High School resume stand out to college or companies by participating in an internship related to your academy! Bring your ideas, and an application for an internship to Mr. Shuping.



Union County Public Schools Golf Tournament

UCPS Golf Tournament being
held on May 19 at Monroe
Country Club



Funds raised will be donated to the Education Foundation to support all Union County Public Schools. The Education Foundation provides mini-grants to teachers for instructional use in their classrooms as well as scholarships for HS seniors going to college.

Please support this Golf Tournament by:

Sponsoring a Hole The sponsorship includes having your company name, and logo if you like, on a hole sponsorship sign during the golf tournament. Families can also sponsor a hole. Hole sponsorships cost \$100. Hole Sponsor Web Link: <http://tiny.cc/ujlldx>

Playing in the Tournament This tournament will be Captain's Choice. We will offer a choice of two flights. The morning flight will have an 8:00 a.m. tee time - breakfast and lunch will be served. The afternoon flight will have a 1:30 p.m. tee time - lunch will be served 12:00 - 1:30. Cart fees, lunch (and breakfast if applicable), mulligans, raffle tickets and prizes are included in the \$400/foursome registration fee. Only one individual per team needs to register the team. To ensure a fair level of competition, all current college and professional golfers will be expected to play from the tips (furthest marked tee box) and all senior golfers (65+) will play from the white tee boxes.

Register to Play in Tournament Web Link: <https://docs.google.com/a/ucps.k12.nc.us/forms/d/1WPdU-QDxB645CGDRfHD4h18OrqvfiwQoYNVwE8rbQo8/viewform>



Would you like to play golf with a CATA

Coach/Teacher? If so, email Athletic Director, [Jay Niessner](#), to let him know who your group of three is and what coach you would like to join. Mr. Niessner will work out the logistics.