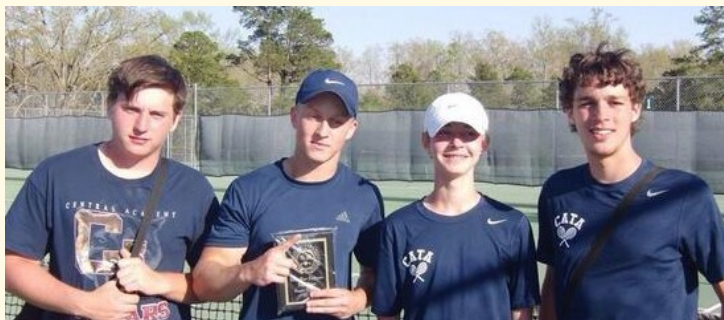


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Central Academy
We hope

one is having an enjoyable spring break and finding time to relax and enjoy family and friends. We are sending this Cougar Chronicle out early so that we do not interrupt any Easter Sunday events for families. Please take the time to read the material in the chronicle. We would also like to remind all families that school begins on Monday, April 21st. **Final exams** will begin on Thursday, June 5th and will continue through Tuesday, June 10th. June 11th will be a make up exam day for students that were sick for their exam day, and will be a regular school day for all other students. **Graduation** practice for seniors will be on Wednesday, June 11th and Graduation is on Thursday, June 12th.

Students taking AP courses this year—remember that your full payment for the **AP exams** is due this Monday, April 21st. If you believe your child qualifies for a fee waiver, please contact the guidance office on Monday.

Jazz Café will be this Friday, April 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for a night of music, desserts, and ambience! This night will be one to remember, we hope to see you there. Please also mark May 9-10th on your calendars for our **Dance Academy's** performance tribute to the Beatles, entitled Let it Be. You won't want to miss this.

Wednesday, April 23rd is **Administrative Professionals Day**. Be sure to thank our wonderful support staff here at school for all they do to support CATA; Ms. Rape, Ms. Poindexter, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Riley, and Ms. Tweed!! We will have a **Site Base Team** meeting on Wednesday. A special thank you to all of our Student Council members for nominating me for the state Student Council award for **NC STUCO Administrator of the Year**. Congratulations to Ms. Brooks, Ms. Cable, Ms. Duncan, Ms. Morgan and Dr. Tarlton for being named to our own **Student Council Hall of Fame!!**

Please see our chronicle for information on some very interesting **course offerings** for next year—Medical Spanish 1 and 2, and Air Force JROTC. Let your guidance counselor know if you are interested!

Spring Sports will be in full swing when we return to school. 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!! Congratulations to our **golf team** who are conference champions and to the **track team** for having conference wins in a number of the conference events!! Way to go. Check out pictures of our Pre-Spring Break **Spring Fling** where teachers and students alike had an opportunity to enjoy the outdoor weather and leisure games like cornhole, kickball, tug of war, relay races, and even some jump-ropeing!! Thank you to the Student Council for arranging for this great afternoon!

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 Fissenne, 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 3:00pm
Graduation Practice –MANDATORY to participate in graduation ceremony 6/11 1:30 at CATA

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

Congratulations to all seniors that Registered to Vote prior to spring break! Remember to always exercise your right to vote!!

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- 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), Marilyn Yetso Memorial Scholarship (5/1), Agnes Liles Scholarship (4/28), College Prowler's \$2,000 "No Essay" Scholarship (4/30), The Union County Branch of the NAACP's Louisiana Robinson Education & Leadership Scholarship (5/2), The Union County Principal's and Assistant Principal's Association (UCPAPA) Scholarship Program (5/2), The Union County Principal's and Assistant Principal's Association (UCPAPA) Administrative Scholarship Program (5/2), Union County NC Second Amendment Scholarship Fund (5/14), and Society of Women Engineers Scholarship (5/15) . More information about all of these scholarships are listed on our scholarship page.
- Please check our [scholarship page](#) frequently [by clicking here](#).
- The Weddington Optimist Club is sponsoring a **laptop scholarship**. One laptop will be awarded to a graduating senior here at CATA. If you are interested, you must submit a two-page double spaced 12 point font essay on the topic: Why are you deserving of this computer scholarship award, and will this award financially make a difference in your ability to attend college? The recipient must also be able to attend a reception on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Weddington Optimist Park to receive their prize. Essays must be returned to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. For more information about the Weddington Optimist club, please visit their [website](#). **Deadline: April 28, 2014.**
- **Education Foundation Scholarship:** This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one CATA senior. Selection for this scholarship will be based on need (40%), scholastic achievement (30%), and extracurricular activities (30%). The winner of this scholarship must also be accepted by an accredited, four-year college or university. In addition to an application, students must provide: 1). a letter stating your reason for applying for the scholarship, including special needs, family circumstances, and your future plans; 2). your ACT or SAT; 3). a letter of recommendation from an administrator, teacher, or counselor at your high school; and 4). a complete transcript. Please see Mrs. Cameron for an application. Completed applications and all materials must be submitted to Mrs. Cameron. **Deadline: April 28, 2014.**

Seniors – You have to notify the college you plan to attend by May 1st. Have you made the final decision? If not, here is an [article](#) that can help you make this important decision.

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.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

~Class of 2014~

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](#).

Need to start looking into colleges? **Start planning college visits!** But before you go, read these [tips for campus visits](#).

Juniors - UNC Charlotte will be hosting their last Open House of the school year on **April 26th**. This open house will be targeted toward juniors. Students and their families can attend an academic resource fair and presentation sessions. Walking tours and tours of residence halls will be available as well. Explore Open House will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Barnhardt Student Activity Center (SAC) on UNC Charlotte's campus. Registration is required. For more information, and to register, please visit their [Explore Open House website](#).

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

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— Full payment is due by MONDAY 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 each 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 official report card grades for the semester.

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**.



CATA Student Council nominates Principal Fisenne for a great honor in North Carolina. Principal Fisenne wins the Richard Cansler Administrator of the Year Award for support of the Student Council Organization at CATA.

Ms. Fisenne thanked the Student Council for the nomination and their dedication to CATA.



CATA Band celebrates Music in our newly designed CATA Cafe



Join us for an evening of music, dessert, and ambiance in the first annual CATA Cafe. Our newly renovated cafeteria will be transformed into a bistro complete with awning and sidewalk charm. Student musicians will perform live jazz and small ensembles while patrons enjoy dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade. All funds raised will assist in the purchase of new instruments to support our ever growing band program. Tickets can be purchased from any CATA band student. Thank you for supporting our dedicated musicians.

Friday, April 25 from 7-8:30 pm

Adult Tickets \$5

Child Tickets (12 & under) \$3

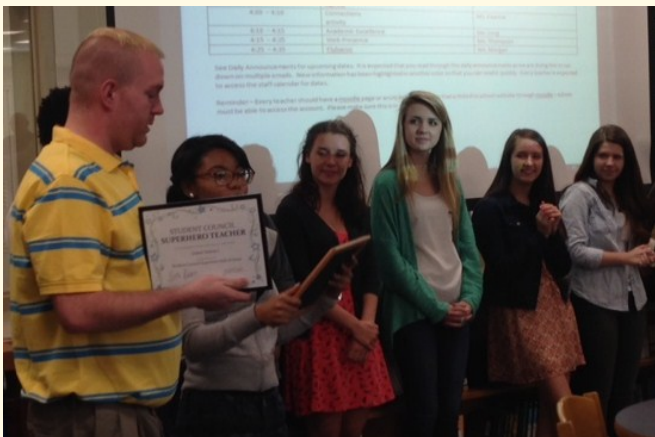
Email Ms. Craven at

leslie.craven@ucps.k12.nc.us if you would like order tickets but do not know a band student.



CATA Student Council Names Teachers to the STUCO Hall of Fame.

Students from each grade's student council spoke to the whole faculty about their choices for the STUCO Hall of Fame. Congratulations to the following teachers:



- Ms. Brooks—9th grade
- Ms. Duncan—10th grade
- Ms. Morgan—11th grade
- Ms. Cable—12th grade
- Dr. Tarlton—Student Council Supporter



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."

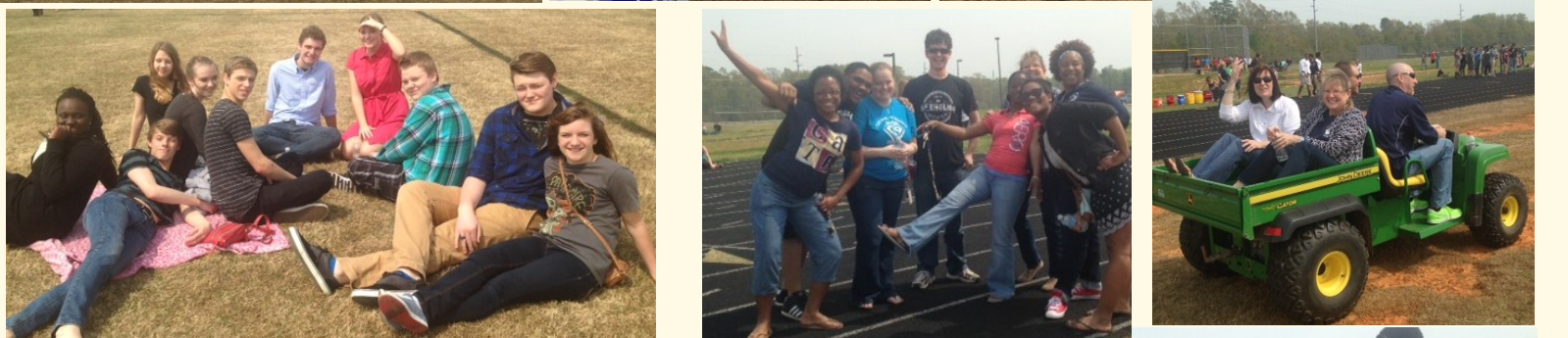
Officer Shawn Parler, CATA's SRO and SADD Club co-advisor, has organized all six of the Egg Hunts. She said that she thinks the event is "great for the CATA students as well as the Wolfe Students. I love seeing my students be positive role models."

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.



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COUGAR ATHLETICS

Varsity Results:

Baseball: CATA 0 – Mt. Pleasant 1, CATA 0– Mt. Pleasant 6, CATA 1– Forest Hills 4, CATA 0 - Piedmont 15

Men's Tennis: CATA 6 – Mt. Pleasant 3, CATA 9 – Parkwood 0. Men's Tennis Claimed the school's first Rocky River Conference Championship in Tennis finishing 10-0 in the regular season.

Cameron Clemons was named Rocky River Conference Player of the Year and won the Singles tournament.

Cameron, along with Will Hooper, Joe Hinkle and Thomas McCorkle all qualified for the NCHSAA 2A Regional tournament which will start on May 2nd @ Lexington High School.

Softball: CATA 2 – West Stanly 12, CATA 19 – Monroe 0

Men's Golf: 2nd @ Eagle Chase, Teams sits in 2nd place with one match to go in the regular season. RRC Championship will be held on April 29th.

Women's Soccer: CATA 9 – Forest Hills 0, CATA 3 – Mt. Pleasant 1

Track and Field: Men 4th, Women 6th @ Rocky River Conference Meet.

Elijah Inuwa was conference champion in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter events.

Quay Threatt was conference champion in the 400 meter event.

Upcoming Events:

Monday: April 21st:

- NO EVENTS!

Tuesday: April 22nd:

- AWAY Baseball vs. Parkwood 4:30/7:00 pm
- HOME Softball vs. Parkwood 5:00 pm

Wednesday: April 23rd:

- AWAY Soccer @ Parkwood 6:00 pm

Thursday: April 24th:

- AWAY Softball @ Forest Hills 6:00 pm
- AWAY Golf @ Pageland Central 4:30 pm

Friday: April 25th:

- HOME Baseball vs. Parkwood 4:30/6:00 pm

Saturday: April 26th:

- AWAY Track and Field @ Union County Meet @ Weddington-All Day Event

Other Athletic News:

The NCHSAA Scholar-

Athlete program,

brought to you by the

North Carolina Nation-

al 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 indi-

vidual 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 an-

swering 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.** Reg-

istration 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 sum-

mer 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

- * Congratulations to all seniors that registered to vote last week!!
- * Cameron Clemons was named Rocky River Conference Player of the Year and won the Singles tournament.
- * Cameron Clemons, Will Hooper, Joe Hinkle and Thomas McCorkle all qualified for the NCHSAA 2A Regional tournament which will start on May 2nd @ Lexington High School.
- * Elijah Inuwa was conference champion in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter events.
- * Quay Threatt was conference champion in the 400 meter event.
- * Congratulations to the CATA Symphonic Band and the CATA Chorus for their stellar performance at NC MPA!! Way to go!!
- * Congratulations to all cast and crew of Pippin!! Great job of getting the show ready and of delivering great performances!!



CATA is excited to announce a great opportunity for our students, particularly those in the Medical Science Academy!!!!

Medical Spanish 1

Sign up now!



Medical Spanish 1 is an introductory course for students with no prior knowledge of the Spanish language. The course introduces the students to the basics of Spanish grammar, pronunciation, speaking and writing for proficiency in the context of basic phrases and language needed in the medical profession. This course is ideal for anyone going in to the medical profession. It is advisable that students take both Medical Spanish 1 and Medical Spanish 2 but a student can enter Spanish 2 after Medical Spanish 1.


Rx Take your language skills and studies TO WORK

This course would permit students who are career-minded to focus on second language skills with direct application to the workplace. The course reinforces the need for a second language in a real-world context with immediate application in the United States.

CAREER COLLEGE
ready, set, go!

Medical Spanish 2

Sign up now!



Medical Spanish 2 is the second course in an introductory series for students going in to the medical profession. The course expects that students have been introduced to the basics of Spanish grammar, pronunciation, speaking and writing for proficiency in the context of basic phrases and language needed in the medical profession. This course includes more complicated grammar, more specialized medical language and more specialized medical interactions. It is advisable that students take both Medical Spanish 1 and Medical Spanish 2 but a student can enter Medical Spanish 2 after Spanish 1.

Rx Take your language skills and studies TO WORK

This course would permit students who are career-minded to focus on second language skills with direct application to the workplace. The course reinforces the need for a second language in a real-world context with immediate application in the United States.

CAREER COLLEGE
ready, set, go!

Course is recommended for all Medical Science Academy students, and other students that are interested. Students completing Medical Spanish 1 and Medical Spanish 2 will be prepared to enter the standard Spanish 3 if they are interested in pursuing higher levels of Spanish. **Contact your Guidance Counselor this week if you would like to switch your World Language class for next year!** Read the flyers above to see if you can take Med Spanish 1 or 2

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, 4/21 am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Bradshaw); pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran)

Tuesday, 4/22 am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard/Bradshaw); Cougar Time; pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cook); 3:40 Shooting Sports Team; 3:45 HOSA; Hands Helping Others; 5:00 HOME Softball vs. Parkwood

Wednesday, 4/23 am—Administrative Professionals Day; 8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard); Beta Club; pm—3:30 Debate Team; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); **Site Base Meeting**; Beta Club meeting; AP Art Studio

Thursday, 4/24 am—Cougar Time; Diversity Day at Monroe HS; pm—3:45 Spanish Club; 3:45 Math Tutoring (Brooks)

Friday, 4/25—am 8:20 YCI meeting; Spanish Club/Spanish 3-4 Field Trip; Superintendent's Advisory Council; pm—HOME Baseball vs Parkwood; **The Jazz Café**

Saturday, 4/26—

Upcoming Dates:

April 23—Site Base Meeting

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 9-10—Let it Be Dance Show at CATA 7:00 pm

May 19—23 Senior Week

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

June 11 1:30—MANDATORY Graduation Practice

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.



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.

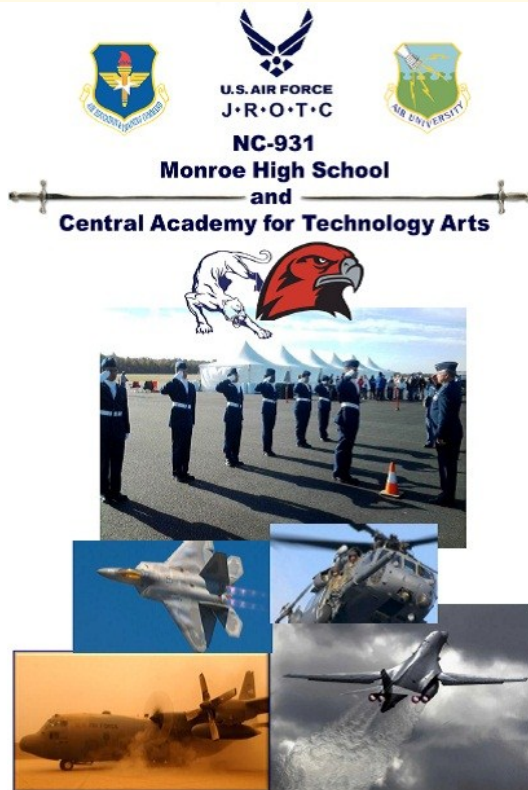
If a school club or school organization has an additional page, please notify Administration so that we can properly authorize the site. Thank you.

Opportunity for CATA Students in AF JROTC

**DEVELOPING CITIZENS
OF CHARACTER**



**CONNECTING TALENT
WITH OPPORTUNITY**



Did you know that CATA students can participate in the Air Force JROTC? CATA and Monroe HS have a joint JROTC unit based at Monroe HS. CATA students that participate are transported each day for their class.

CATA students can join at any point during their time at CATA, but starting early in high school is advantageous.

To learn more about this great opportunity, please [click here](#).

Contact your guidance counselor to sign up!!

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!

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.

Thank you to our wonderful PTSO for raising school and staff morale this year!!!

Here are some highlights:

We have **141 members** (including CATA staff).

We **raised \$1475.00** through selling jeans passes and memberships to teachers and administrators.

We raised \$92.23 selling **monkeys at Valentine's Day**.

Provided beginning of the year **ice cream social for teachers**.

Provided a Taco **Thanksgiving luncheon for staff** members in November.

Launched the **Student Academic Recognition program** this year and invited over 100 students to a breakfast in January and gave them a star sticker with a blue ribbon. We will repeat this second semester.

Provided the staff with **pie for Pi Day** on March 14th.

Will provide staff with a luncheon during **teacher appreciation week**.

Raised \$1500.00 and will award three \$500.00 **Senior Scholarships** this year. (Seniors who are members or whose parents are PTSO members are eligible to apply)

Created **CATA Senior Signs** last year to celebrate a student's Senior Year.

Paid half the cost of the **Senior Medallions** for graduation for this year and next year.

Will provide a **senior breakfast** during senior week.

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, 5/13 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.



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.

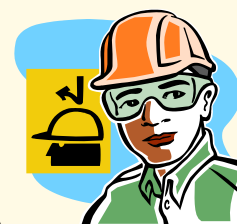
- Summer classes begin June 16 and end August 8
- Link for the summer calendar for ncvps can be found at <http://goo.gl/Soh8af>
- **Time Commitment:** Students will have **3 to 5 HOURS OF WORK EACH DAY** (depending on the course), Monday through Friday. These are our 18-week courses that are taught over 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.

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.