

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle



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### Central Academy Families

All students and staff participated in our second **Code 500 drill** of the year where we simulate safety procedures if there were ever an intruder in the building. The drill was conducted with the assistance of the Monroe Police Department. We thank them for their assistance. Student Safety is also highlighted as students buy tickets for prom. The **prom** committee requires all students purchasing tickets to make a Safe and Sober PROMise affirming that they will stay safe on prom night and abide by all school expectations. Prom ticket sales have been extended for one final day—Monday, April 28th, so be sure to get your ticket tomorrow. **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 is mandatory and will be on Wednesday, June 11th and Graduation is on Thursday, June 12th. Parents if you sent pictures into the school for Yearbook Ads, the pictures are ready for you to pick up in the front office.

Students taking **AP courses** this year—remember to get your permission form for school arrival/departure in on Monday or Tuesday. A big thank you to the Child Nutrition Department for the **CATA Café makeover**. Please see photos in the chronicle, or stop in yourself to see it. It looks great! A shout out to our **Yearbook** staff for being featured on the Walsworth website for innovation and dedication in meeting Yearbook deadlines!!

**Jazz Café** was a phenomenal success. If you joined us you were treated to fantastic jazz and small ensemble music, ambience, delicious desserts, and even some vocal performances. 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. Congratulations to the cast and crew of **Pippin** for being nominated for 5 Blumenthal Performing Arts Awards—CATA nominated for Best Set Construction, Best Costume Creation, Best Choreography Execution, Best Supporting Actor— TJ Schmidt as Charlemagne, Best Actress—Nkeki Obi-Melekwe as Leading Player... Way to go.

Please see our chronicle for information on some very interesting **course offerings** for next year—Medical Spanish 1 and 2, and Air Force JROTC. Anyone else interested in AP Physics C or AP Statistics or perhaps Yearbook? Let your guidance counselor know if you are interested!

**Spring Sports** are so enjoyable right now in this great weather—and we are playing so well. Baseball, softball, golf, and soccer all had very exciting games last week. Track and field competed in the Union County Championships this past Saturday. Congratulations to Elijah for winning the county championship in the one mile and the 800. Congratulations to Lane for finishing 2nd in Shot put!! Great job to all athletes on stellar performances. We look forward to watching tennis next week as well. We also look forward to welcoming our new football coach, Coach Smith, later this week.

CATA is working hard to **support the second annual UCPS Golf Tournament**. All money raised will go to the Ed Foundation that 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. All information is in the Cougar Chronicle. Finally, **Relay for Life is this weekend**. Please support our students and staff, and this great cause, by donating any amount or by joining us to walk. See page 11 of the chronicle to see how. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this worthwhile cause.

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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# ~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.](#)

**Parents—Senior Ads are submitted. If you sent in photos for the senior ad, they are ready to be returned to you. You can pick them up in the front office this week. Thank you.**

## 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- 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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:

- after the first 3 transcripts students will need to pay \$2 for each additional transcript
- student will be handed an official transcript in a CATA envelope, upon receipt of the \$2 fee
- student will be responsible for addressing and mailing the envelope containing their transcript
- If you are applying to a N.C. college or university, please send your transcripts through the Transcript Manager on CFNC's website.



## Prom Tickets—

Sale Extended One More Day—Final Ticket Sales on Monday, 4/28.

Don't miss out on this great celebration!!

# GUIDANCE INFORMATION

~Class of 2014~

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

**Exploring College Options** - Exploring College Options will take place on **May 6<sup>th</sup>** and is a special recruitment program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country's leading universities: [Duke University](#), [Georgetown University](#), [Harvard University](#), the [University of Pennsylvania](#), and [Stanford University](#). At each event, representatives from the five universities will conduct brief slide presentations about their institution and answer your questions about the sometimes-mystifying world of college admissions. You will learn what distinguishes one fine university from another, what competitive colleges look for in the selection process, and what you can do to enhance your college application. You can learn more [here](#).

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.

**DigiGirlz High Tech Camp** - This camp takes place at Microsoft's Charlotte location and introduces high school girls to the many career fields offered within the high tech industry. During the camp, DigiGirlz opportunities include Xbox game testing, Microsoft Studio broadcasting, and product development and marketing. It features hands-on activities, keynote speakers, career/tech tours, resume workshops, and panels. This camp will occur June 17-19, 2014. There is no registration deadline; however, registration will close once all slots are filled. To register, please visit: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/digigirlz/hightechcamp.aspx>

**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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again at the L.L. Polk campus on June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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.



**AP Exams**—will begin on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Students taking AP Exams have a permission form for parents to sign if parents are allowing students to come to school just for the exam period. This will allow AP students to use that time to prepare on the day of their exam. Please speak with your child and sign and return the form on Monday or Tuesday of this week. [Click here for full schedule](#). Students cannot be late for the exam.



## CATA Band celebrates Music in our newly designed CATA Cafe



On Friday night, April 25th, guests were treated to an evening of music, dessert, and ambiance in the first annual CATA Cafe. Our newly renovated cafeteria was transformed into a bistro complete with awning and sidewalk

charm. Student musicians performed live jazz and small ensembles while patrons enjoyed dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade. The guests were even treated to vocalists singing with the band.

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy this great night—it was well worth it and



we can't wait for the next one!!!



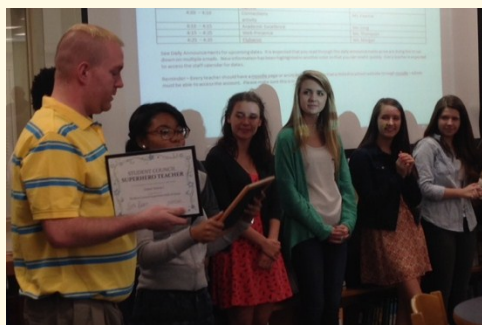


## Student Life Club—spotlight— NHS—National Honor Society

Invitations for potential NHS members were handed out first block on Friday. This process has very strict deadlines, so please be sure to attend the mandatory information meeting. The information meeting for these prospective members will be Wednesday, April 30th, before and after school. At that time they will receive information about the application packet which we will place online. We will also post the new by-laws at the same time.

## 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



## Child Nutrition Makes Over the CATA Café!!!



CATA Students and Staff thank the Child Nutrition Department for their hard work in making over the CATA Café. It looks great and students are enjoying the new atmosphere!! From the new tables, recycling stations, lighting fixtures, and tile accents, to the recognition of what is special about CATA on the serving lines, we are very impressed.









## COUGAR ATHLETICS

### Varsity Results:

**Baseball:** CATA 1 – Parkwood 6, CATA 7 - Parkwood 11

**Men's Tennis:** No Matches Last Week

**Softball:** CATA 2 – Parkwood 11, CATA 16 – Forest Hills 4

**Men's Golf:** @ Pageland, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Women's Soccer:** CATA 0 – Parkwood 1

**Track and Field:** Elijah Inuwa county champ in one mile and 800, setting a county record in the mile of 4:25 @ Union County Meet. Lane Butler is 2nd in the county in shot put!

### Other Athletic News:

Senior Nights this week:

Baseball Tuesday vs. Forest Hills, before the game

Softball Thursday vs. West Stanly, before the game



### Upcoming Events:

**Monday: April 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- AWAY Softball @ East Mecklenburg 5:00 pm
- HOME Soccer vs. West Stanly 5:00 pm

**Tuesday: April 29<sup>th</sup>:**

- AWAY Golf @ Rocky River Conference Tournament @ Eagle Chase Golf Course
- HOME Tennis 1<sup>st</sup> Rd. NCHSAA Dual Team Tournament 4:00 pm @ Monroe High School
- HOME Baseball vs. Forest Hills 4:30/7:00 pm, Senior Night\*

AWAY Softball @ Mt. Pleasant 6:00 pm

**Wednesday: April 30<sup>th</sup>:**

HOME Soccer vs. Mt. Pleasant 5:00 pm

**Thursday: May 1<sup>st</sup>:**

HOME Softball vs. West Stanly 5:00 pm, Senior Night\*

**Friday: May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- AWAY Baseball vs. Forest Hills 4:30/7:00 pm
- AWAY Tennis Individuals @ Regionals @ Lexington High School, TBA

**Saturday: May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

AWAY Track and Field @ 2A Mid-West Regionals @ Monroe High School, All Day Event



Senior Nights next week:

Women's Soccer 5/7 vs. Parkwood at Halftime of the game

Spring Sports Awards night will be **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium.

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If you have any questions please contact Coach Niessner at [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us) or 704-296-3088 ext. 158.

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



## Cougar Pride



- \* Congratulations to Grace Wallace for being nominated by our scholarship committee as SECU's 'People Helping People' \$10,000 scholarship nominee!
- \* Congratulations to the cast and crew of Pippin for being nominated for 5 Blumenthal Performing Arts Awards—CATA nominated for Best Set Construction, Best Costume Creation, Best Choreography Execution, Best Supporting Actor— TJ Schmidt as Charlemagne, Best Actress— Nkeki Obi-Melekwe as Leading Player... Way to go!!!
- \* Elijah Inuwa county champ in one mile and 800, setting a county record in the mile of 4:25 @ Union County Meet. Lane Butler is 2nd in the county in shot put!
- \* Congratulations to the CATA Jazz and Small Ensemble Bands for their fantastic Jazz Café. Congratulations also to Ms. Craven, the Band Boosters, and all of the Band Students that served as hosts and hostesses for this great event!!
- \* Congratulations to the staff of the CATA Café and to the Child Nutrition Department for completing a fabulous make-over of our cafeteria!!

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.

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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](#).

**Graduation Tickets on Sale 4/30—5/2 before school and during lunches.**

**Monday, 4/28** am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Bradshaw); pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cochran); 4:00 PAC meeting; Marching Band Spring Workshop; 5:00 HOME Soccer

**Tuesday, 4/29** am—8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard/Bradshaw); Cougar Time; pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Cook); FTA (Durrah's); 4:00 Marching Band Spring Workshop; HOME Tennis at MHS; HOME Baseball

**Wednesday, 4/30** am—End of grading period; 8:00 FCA Huddles; 8:15 Math Tutoring (Sheppard); NHS Invited for Application Meeting; German Lang. field trip; pm—3:30 Debate Team; NHS Invited for Application Meeting; 3:45 Math Tutoring (O'Connor); 4:00 AP Art Studio; Marching Band Spring Workshop; HOME Soccer

**Thursday, 5/1** am—Cougar Time; pm—3:45 Math Tutoring (Brooks); 4:00 Marching Band Workshop; HOME Softball

**Friday, 5/2**—am 8:15—SADD meeting; 8:20 YCI meeting; Spanish Club/Spanish 3-4 Field Trip; All State Band Clinic; pm—**Relay for Life** (at SVHS—come join us!!!)

**Saturday, 5/3**—Relay for Life; Downtown Monroe Car Show 8-3; All State Band Clinic

### Upcoming Dates:

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

May 5—May 9—Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7—Report Cards Distributed

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

May 10—CATA Car Show at CATA 8:00—3:00

May 13—Parent Night for Ring Orders; PTSO meeting

May 13-14—Ring orders during lunch

May 17—Prom ; May 18—Blumey Awards

May 19—Symphonic and Jazz Band Concert

May 19—23 Senior Week

May 20 Cluster Academic Excellence Awards; May 21 CATA Awards Night

May 22 Choral Concert

May 26—No School—Memorial Day

May 29—Spring Sports Awards

May 30-31—Theatre Special Projects

June 1—Performing Arts Banquet

June 3—Band Banquet

June 5—10 **Final Exams—students must be present**; June 11—Regular school day

June 11 1:30—MANDATORY Graduation Practice

June 12—Graduation

## Fall 2014 Marching Dates are Set!

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**

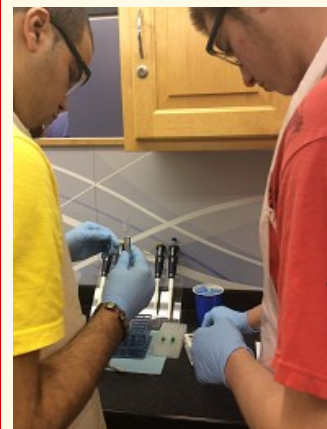
**August 11-15 FULL Band 7am - 7pm**



## Mobile Science Laboratory Bus Comes to CATA!!!

The Destiny mobile laboratory from UNC-Chapel Hill's Morehead Planetarium visited CATA on Wednesday, April 23rd. Students from Miranda Calandro's chemistry classes participated in a lab activity called 'Crucial Concentration.' In this experiment, students were able to determine the protein concentrations in various sports drinks using a series of chemical reactions and spectral analysis.

The DESTINY (Delivering Edge-cutting Science Technology and Internet across North Carolina for Years to come) Traveling Science Learning Program is Morehead Planetarium and Science Center's formal science education initiative serving pre-college teachers and students across North Carolina. DESTINY develops and delivers standards-based, hands-on science curricula, teacher professional development opportunities, and enriched learning for students who otherwise would not be able to experience what



jobs in science, biotechnology, health and related fields may offer them.

Traveling throughout North Carolina year-round, DESTINY's team of educators, along with Destiny and Discovery (two 40-foot, 33,000-pound buses, each fully equipped as a traveling science laboratory that can accommodate 24 students), bring effective science learning to students and provide strong support for teachers. DESTINY was created by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000 and has served thousands of North Carolina's teachers and students. It became a program of UNC's Morehead Planetarium and Science Center in 2006.



## CATA Cares about our Students' Safety. Safe and Sober PROMise campaign.

Thank you to the prom committee for ensuring that all students purchasing tickets know the expectation for prom. Thank you to all students for taking this promise seriously and for participating in a great CATA high school tradition of a safe prom!!!



### 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](https://twitter.com/cata_monroe)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/CATA\\_Athletics](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.

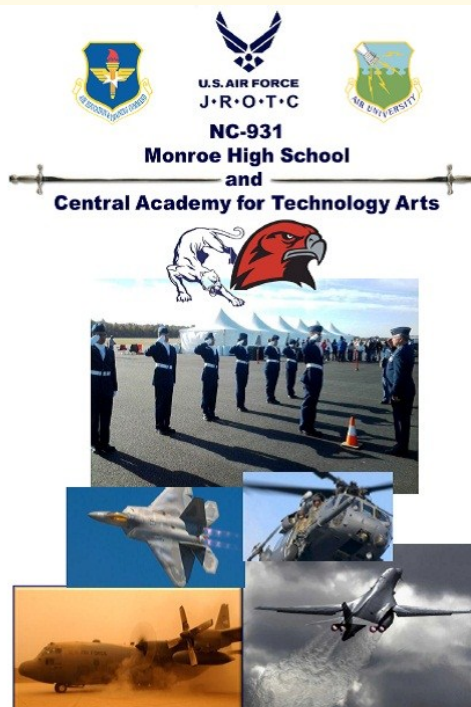
If a school club or school organization has an additional page, please notify Administration so that we can properly authorize the site. Thank you.



## DEVELOPING CITIZENS OF CHARACTER



CONNECTING TALENT  
WITH OPPORTUNITY



## Opportunity for CATA Students in AF JROTC

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!!

### THIS WEEKEND—Join now to support CATA's efforts!!!!

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.

### Let It Be

- A Dance Academy Tribute to the Beatles
- May 9th and 10th
- 7:00 pm
- \$5 admission
- Don't miss out!!!



## 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.

We will also be providing students with their own code this week.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



# Central Academy Yearbook Makes the Yearbook Website !!!

Yearbook staff work hard all year, but when deadlines are looming, both students and teacher put in a lot of extra hours in order to ensure that CATA students have a great memory-filled book!! Congratulations to Yearbook for meeting their deadlines so creatively! The staff is now hard at work preparing the 2014-2015 Yearbook. Now that is dedication!!



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## Yearbook editors make deadline using Skype

by Elizabeth Braden  
Posted in: Staff Management

Yearbook staffs embrace technology in different ways all the time, leading one group of editors recently to meet their deadline using Skype.

Paige Finney, Kyle Griffin and Andrew Blanton, the yearbook editors at Central Academy of Technology and Arts (CATA) in Monroe, N.C., needed to get together to make final edits to the portrait, club and ad pages of the *Felidae* yearbook in mid-January. They decided to go to school on a teacher workday when their adviser, Lisa Eaton, was on hand.

But Finney couldn't get there. Her brother had to use her car for a job interview and she had a doctor's appointment later in the day for her knee.

The three talked on the phone for about an hour, but that wasn't working. Then, they came up with the idea to use Skype and screen sharing, which enabled the three of them to see pages all at the same time so they could discuss each one.

"This was our first time using Skype. In the past we have stayed late after school or even met at Panera Bread on a day off," Griffin said.

But they had decided to come to school since Ms. Eaton would be there, Griffin said.

"It was good that we could come together and finish our pages, considering we were not altogether in one place. We used technology to our advantage and got our pages done," Griffin said.

The editors agreed it was a successful first try using Skype, and it's something they will use again since it can be difficult to coordinate schedules. Finney said she could even see the yearbook staff using it for interviews.

Has your yearbook staff used Skype? How did it work?

Article by Elizabeth Braden

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## 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.

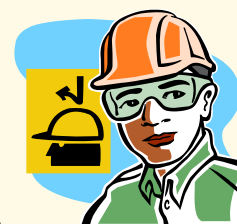
- Summer classes begin June 16 and end August 8
- Link for the summer calendar for ncvps can be found at <http://goo.gl/Soh8af>
- **Time Commitment:** Students will have **3 to 5 HOURS OF WORK EACH DAY** (depending on the course), Monday through Friday. These are our 18-week courses that are taught over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