

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



Central Academy Families

The first week of school students and teachers are settling into their new classes. This year as we walked through the building we saw medical science students in a forensic mystery and pre-dents in aerospace class practicing their flying skills. We saw students and teachers reviewing syllabi for the semester and teachers facilitating a chromebook orientation. This past week all students participated in reviews of both the Central Academy and the UCPS student handbooks. Students met their advisors as well this week. Central Academy will meet in advisories approximately every three weeks so that every student has a staff member that is taking an interest in their academic and social success at CATA.

Athletics have gotten off to a great start this past week and we hope that each of you takes time to come out to a game. Concessions, with hot food options, are available at volleyball, football, and soccer games. Parking passes for football games are available on the Central Academy website. This week we are hosting the following athletic events: Wednesday, Soccer; Thursday, Soccer and volleyball at home, and tennis and JV football at Monroe HS; and Friday is our BIG home football game at home against Union Academy. Get there early to get a great seat. The students have asked for their own section next to the Band and we are sure that they are going to fill up that section with Cougar Pride!

Central Academy is very excited to announce that we are the recipients of a large grant from the Union County Arts Council that we will be using to upgrade our lighting system in the auditorium. Way to go CATA!!

We would like to remind all families that the best time to purchase a yearbook is now. Prices are the lowest of the year, and if you purchase before September 8th, you will get that price. You can purchase a yearbook from Ms. Eaton at school, or you can go online to yearbookforever.com. Senior Ads are also on sale until September 8th, so buy one today.

This past week you received a letter explaining the uses of the student technology fee. We are asking all families to try to pay their \$25 fee by September 31. You can send in a check or cash to your child's first period teacher, or pay online through the school website. Please remind your children to charge their chromebook each night as they are required to bring it to school each day.

Both the UCPS and the Central Academy websites are back up. Each day we are adding back links that may be missing. We will work diligently to complete this process as quickly as possible. If you are not receiving the Cougar Chronicle via email, be sure to send your email and child's name to Penney.Lewis@ucps.k12.nc.us so that you can get regular and emergency messages from your child's school. 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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Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

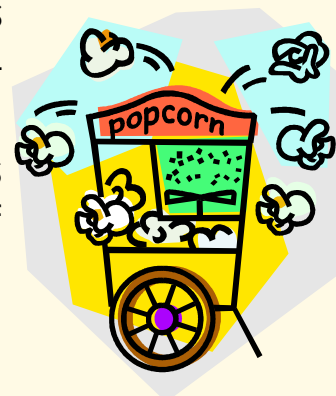
2013-2014 Student Spirit Wear t-shirts are on sale Monday Tuesday and Wednesday during lunches. T-shirts will be on sale for all students during the first week of school.

Watching the teams during their opening games this past week—they are truly “busting their tails” to get it done!!! Get your SPIRIT ON!!!!!! Just \$15 !!!

**WE BUST
OURS...
TO KICK
YOURS!**



The Cougar Canteen is now open for business every afternoon from 3:30-3:45. Items for sale include Coke products, Powerade, water, chips, popcorn, cookies, and candy. CATA Spirit wear is also on sale in the canteen through the end of September. The Cougar Canteen is located outside the gym and is sponsored by the Band



**BUY YOUR
YEARBOOK
NOW!**

yearbookforever.com



Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Order a 2014 yearbook for your student for \$65 with this coupon!

For easy ordering, go to yearbookforever.com, type in and select Central Academy of Technology and Arts, and pay by credit card, debit card or PayPal. Don't forget to recognize your special senior with a personal ad in the CATA *Felidae* yearbook! Business ads can also be purchased online!

\$20 YEARBOOK SAVINGS!

**Purchase your yearbook
and save \$20 off the
regular price of \$85 with
this coupon.**

Expires on Sept. 8.

\$20 SENIOR AD SAVINGS!

**Purchase an ad and save
\$20 off the regular price.**
(See prices below.)

Expires on Sept. 8.

[Click here](#) for the full add with prices and order form.

Class of 2014

Seniors



ALL seniors should be sure to login to their **CFNC account** before they come back to school. If you cannot remember your account information, be sure to create a new account as you will need that.

Graduation Day: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill

(Time will be at approx. 3:00pm)

Senior Pictures: Students had the opportunity to have senior pictures taken over the summer. If you did not get this done, plan on having your picture taken at CATA on 9/18.

Senior Graduation Packages: Senior orders for robes and other graduation materials will be taken on September 18th. Please be sure to watch for more information.

Senior Activities: Student Council will be working with Administration on designing some senior activities during the school year. Please work with your Student Council Representatives if you have ideas.

Senior Advice: This year will be very busy planning and applying for colleges, getting a job, working on classes, and enjoying your last year in high school. Plan out all that you need to do so that you have time to relax and spend the appropriate amount of time on items on your To Do list. Feel overwhelmed? Don't keep it inside and assume it will get better. Come and talk to your guidance counselor or administrator so that we can help you plan out what you need to get done. You are not alone. We are here to help you.

College Recommendations: Please be respectful with the time frame that you ask staff to complete recommendations for you. Teachers can limit the number of recommendations that they write, so please ask teachers early for recommendations. Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

Seniors as Role Models: Please consider the legacy that you will leave. You have been Cougars for many years and have a lot to offer younger students at the school. Let's model good student habits, social skills, and school spirit! Go Cougars!!

Scholarships:

- The Scholarship Committee will be selecting two representatives for the **Morehead-Cain Scholarship** at UNC Chapel Hill. The criteria for this scholarship include: moral force of character, scholarship, physical vigor, and demonstrated leadership. The student must play a sport. If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, please complete a form in Guidance. Mrs. Cameron must have the completed form, along with your resume, by September 11, 2013. Please see Mrs. Cameron if you have questions.

Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

Got Spirit?

Sounds like the Blue Crew will be out again this week at our home athletic events.... The Blue Crew have asked for their own section and will be getting that at this Friday night's football game against Union Academy. Be sure to show up to the next home game and cheer on your Cougars. Let's be sure to be that twelfth player on the field by showing up and being loud!! The teams appreciate you and gain energy from your energy in the stands.

Varsity Football scored and scored and scored this past Friday night against Highland Tech!!! Both defense and offense were on fire. Our Cougar Cheerleaders led the crowd in cheering for the Cougars and counting the many points we scored. Way to go Cougars!

Varsity Soccer had a good week, going 1 and 1. There was a lot of spirit in the stadium at Walter Bickett as the team battled throughout the game. Volleyball fought hard against Cuthbertson and showed some great skills that should take them far this season.

We look forward to each of you joining us for some great events. Please remember that we will have concessions open for all volleyball, soccer and football events. Spiritwear will be on sale at football events, and we would love to get some parent volunteers to help us out at soccer and volleyball. Parents can continue to sign up for all athletic events through Mr. Niessner and the SignUp Genius that our parents have set up for this purpose. Talk to Mr. Niessner or your team parent about how to get signed up today!!



COUGAR ATHLETICS

Thank you to all parents that came to the Athletic Parent Night for ALL fall sports on Thursday, August 8th. If you have questions or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Mr. Jay Niessner](#). Fall Schedules are available on the CATA website. Please check the calendar for game dates for all sports, and all changes.



Parking Passes for all Football Games (both JV and V) at Cougar Stadium at Walter Bickett are on sale now. Passes are limited and will cost \$75 each. Passes are for parking ONLY and money for game tickets will be collected at the gate for each person in the vehicle. The pass gate is located across from the field house. Handicapped parking is accessible behind the press box. You can purchase your passes in the main office OR online. To order online go to the UCPS website and click on [online payments](#).

Varsity Results:

Football CATA 33 Highland Tech 6

Soccer CATA 4 Lake Norman 1; CATA 0 Weddington 2

Women's tennis CATA 8 Sun Valley 1; CATA 8 Sun Valley 1

Volleyball CATA 1 Cuthbertson 3

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 9/3—Cross Country @ Parkwood 4:30

Wednesday 9/4—Soccer vs. Lake Norman at home- V only 6:00; Volleyball @ Union Academy 5:00

Thursday 9/5—Tennis @ Monroe HS 4:00, Volleyball vs. Metrolina at home 5:00, JV Soccer vs. Covenant Day and V Soccer vs. Piedmont at home—4:30; JV Football vs. Southlake Christian @ Monroe HS 7:00 pm.

Friday 9/6—V. Football vs Union Academy at home 7:30 pm

Saturday 9/7—Cross Country @ Cannon School Invitational All Day Event

A note to all Athletes—Hydration is imperative for every athlete. Athletes should have a bottle of water with them throughout the school day in order to be completely hydrated. Dehydration can lead to muscle cramps that can prevent you from playing and other illnesses that keep you from being your best. Drink H₂O every day, all day to be at your best!!

Off season workouts for men's basketball begin in September. Stop by Mr. Wenger's room for information that will be posted outside his door.

Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade—[Mr. Willie Howard III](#)

10th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

11th grade—[Ms. Deanna White](#)

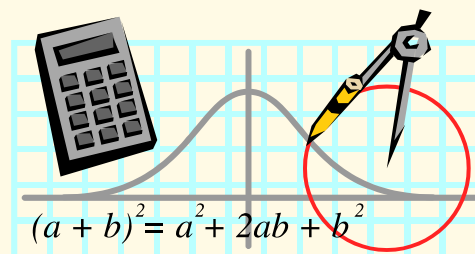
12th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)

Hall Passes ~Each teacher has 2 hall passes that students may use with teacher permission to go to the restroom or other destination. NO student may be in the halls during class time without a hall pass.

Student Parking Lot —NO student will be allowed to their car during the day unless escorted by an Administrator or School Resource Officer. If it is an emergency that a student go to their car, they will need to come to the main office.

Calculators

All math classes will require students to use calculators. Details on the type of calculator needed will be given out in the math classes this week. Students should be sure to either buy a calculator for school use or check one out from the media center. Teachers will NOT have class sets of calculators. If families are able to purchase one the student should be able to use that same calculator for many math classes to come. If families are unable to purchase one, students will be required to check one out from the media center and must be responsible for maintaining it in good condition and keeping it working by replacing batteries during the semester. We have a limited number available to borrow. Students will be expected to have their calculator every day in order to be prepared. Whether you decide to buy one or borrow one, student success is sure to 'Add Up'!!



PTSO Meeting, Central Academy Open House, Fall Bars & Letters

All parents and students are invited to the CATA open house. We will start with a PTSO meeting and information from School Leadership in the auditorium at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 10th.

Following this presentation, parents will be able to visit classrooms from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Please join us!!

Fall Bars and Letters will be awarded just prior to the PTSO meeting at 5:30 in the auditorium. Students should arrive by 5:20 to sign in so that they are recognized. Those not coming on 9/10 can pick up their Bar or Letter in the front office later that week.

Driver's Education—Sign Up Now!!

Driver's Ed classes must meet the minimum number of students or the class will be cancelled. Please sign up early so that classes are filled and do not have to be cancelled. If we have to cancel a class, the student will be moved to the next scheduled class. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$45.00 (for the September class) and \$55.00 for all classes starting in or after October. A student must be at least 14 1/2 years old on the first day of class. Classes will run Monday through Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm. To sign up please contact Ms. Tammy Tweed in the guidance office **as soon as possible**.



9/9/2013 through 9/30/2013—THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FOR THE 8/26 CLASS

Additional classes start in October, November, February and March.

Sign up Today!!

Around Campus... (for sports, see Athletics section)

Monday, 9/2—No school, Labor Day

Tuesday, 9/3— 8:15 or 3:45, NHS meeting in media center; 3:45 Hands Helping Others Club rm 523

Wednesday, 9/4—3:45 student council mtg in media center

Thursday, 9/5—8:00 FCA meeting in gym; 3:30 Environmental Club mtg and vegetarian festival in rm 620

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 9/9—UCPE auditions

Tuesday 9/10—Ring Orders Delivered During lunches; PTSO mtg, Fall Open House, Bars and Letters Ceremony

Thursday 9/12—Underclassmen pictures taken today

Wednesday 9/18—Senior orders can be placed during lunch (cap/gown, etc.); Senior photos for those unable to take them over the summer

All club dates (including meeting dates) will be listed here each week—**we need ALL clubs to get their dates in by this Wednesday**. This is important so that all students know when club meetings are. Clubs will not be permitted to use classrooms or spaces in the building until dates are submitted. Check with your advisor to see if they have submitted the dates.

Thirsty? There are water fountains throughout the building AND two water bottle vending machines—one at the bottom of the stairs near the media center in the 100-200 wing and one in the café. Stay hydrated! Your brain works better that way!!

Student Parking Passes

All students must have a parking pass displayed in their window to park at Central Academy. ALL Students, MUST print and bring ALL required documents with you along with the check for \$35.00 made payable to Central Academy of Technology & Arts. Any incomplete application packets will delay the process and you will NOT receive your hang tag until all documents and check are turned in. Please make sure to have your parent sign on page 2 of the [registration form](#).

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE.

Please know that if you do not have your driver's license, you cannot reserve a space. Once you get your license you can reserve a space.



LAPTOP INITIATIVE

UCPS Technology Initiative will provide learning anywhere, anytime for our students. We are very excited for all of our CATA students to receive their Chrome book that they may use for schoolwork during the school year. This is an amazing initiative that students in UCPS will benefit from. Students will be required to bring their chrome book to school every day.



Last week we handed out over 800 chromebooks! On Friday all students participated in a chromebook orientation. All students should be sure to check their ucps email on a regular basis as we will send them information to this email address.

You may begin to pay now if you would like, by check in the main office, by check given to your child's teacher, or [online](#) on the CATA website, under Parents & Community, then under On-line school payments. We ask that each family submit payments by the end of September. Families of students that have qualified for the free lunch program will not have to pay the user fee.

Cougar Pride

- * Sam Heda, 12 grade, is a very talented musician who donates all monies earned by performing. This past week he donated \$200 to the Union County Humane Society. Way to go Sam!!
- * Matthew Bucklin was accepted to and attended, this past summer, the University of New Hampshire's Project SMART Summer Institute Biotechnology/ Nanotechnology program!!
- * Congratulations Central Academy for a 99.01% graduation rate!
- * Congratulations to Union County Public Schools for having the highest graduation rate of the top 10 largest school districts in North Carolina!!
- * Congratulations to the CATA Athletic Teams that began competing this past week. You are looking great!! Go Cougars!!!!
- * Congratulations to this year's Student Body Officers for already boosting student spirit!!!
- * Welcome to Mr. Willie Howard III who has joined us as an additional Assistant Principal! Mr. Howard will be with us during the day and will also work with Union County students that cannot attend school during the day and are taking advantage of online classes in the afternoon here at CATA.
- * Way to go Kyle Carbin for being the first CATA student to read a welcome email from Principal Fisenne on his new Chromebook!!!



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.

Officers for 2013-2014 :President – Laura Minsk; Vice-President – Deb Christensen; Secretary – Wendy Duemmler; Treasurer – Susan Montgomery

To contact the PTSO, please email us at thecougarcouncil@gmail.com. You may also call the school at 704-296-3088 and ask for Deb Christensen.

PTSO membership - \$10 per family (which includes the student and parents), \$5 per student, \$5 per staff

PTSO is seeking volunteers to help with hospitality/teacher events, and many other areas.

Contact thecougarcouncil@gmail.com to sign up

Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612. [Click here](#) to re-link online or visit any Harris Teeter store. We appreciate your support!

Student Life

Club Leadership Council—A Representative from each club will serve on the Club Leadership Council to discuss Student Life for the year, set calendar dates, and discuss fundraising ideas. The Club Leadership Council will be headed by Student Council, but will be a collaborative group that makes decisions about the Student Life program at Central Academy. All clubs should submit the name of their representative to Mr. Howard.

Club Officers—We will be having a **club fair** for all clubs to display information for students. Clubs can set up their information on 9/9 afterschool. The club fair will take place during lunches on 9/10 and 9/11. Parents attending the school Open House will also be able to view the club information during the open house. Don't Miss Out—have your club represented!!!!



See Mr. Howard for more information.

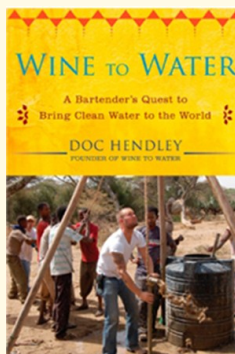
Club Fair
Set up 9/9
Open 9/10-9/11

YEARBOOKS

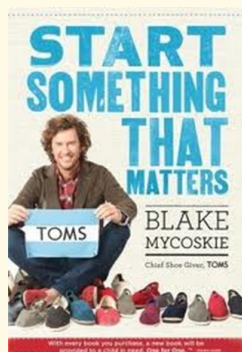
2014 Yearbooks are on sale!! Reserve your copy for only \$65. You may purchase online or send check or cash to Ms. Eaton. This is the lowest price of the year, and the sale ends September 8th! ALL Senior Recognition ads are on sale also until September 8th. This will be the only time they will go on sale this year. Don't delay... See the [flyer for more details](#)

Summer Read—It's not too late to get in the summer

read.... This year, we are supporting two community read options that are **OPTIONAL**. We will be offering extra credit within English classes for students who demonstrate knowledge and insightful reflection of one of the selected books. There is no summer assignment attached to the reading, however to receive the extra credit, students will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of the book when school resumes.



Choice One: *Wine to Water* by Doc Hendley. "Doc Hendley never set out to be a hero. In 2004, Hendley—a small-town bartender—launched a series of wine-tasting events to raise funds for clean-water projects and to bring awareness to the world's freshwater crisis. He planned to donate the proceeds through traditional channels, but instead found himself traveling to one of the world's most dangerous hot spots: Darfur, Sudan." - amazon.com There will be an opportunity to attend a session and meet the author through Wingate University in September. Please see the attached flyer from Wingate with more information about the book.



Choice Two: *Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie. "In ***Start Something That Matters***, Blake Mycoskie tells the story of TOMS, one of the fastest-growing shoe companies in the world, and combines it with lessons learned from such other innovative organizations as method, charity: water, FEED Projects, and TerraCycle. Blake presents the six simple keys for creating or transforming your own life and business, from discovering your core story to being resourceful without resources; from overcoming fear and doubt to incorporating giving into every aspect of your life. No matter what kind of change you're considering, *Start Something That Matters* gives you the stories, ideas, and practical tips that can help you get started." Amazon.com

For more information about a Meet the Author Event, [click here](#)

For the opportunity to see more on Glogster—[click here](#).

New Family Information for Central Academy of Technology and Art

- School day hours: 8:50-3:30 (Class starts at 8:50, students should all **arrive by 8:40** when the first bell rings to move to class.) If you are dropping your student off by car, you should arrive between 8:20—8:30 to ensure that your child can get to class on time.
- Lunches are determined by your 3rd block teacher, (there are four lunches).
- All students will receive their class schedules in home room on the first day of school.
- Upon arrival on the first day of school, all students will report to advisory first. Advisory assignments will be posted at the front of the school.
- Freshmen students will receive bus letters and assignments during Freshmen orientation.
- Bus letters and routes were mailed out to all students.
- Set uniforms are not required for PE classes, but a dress code is strictly enforced. This will be discussed during the first day of class. Sneakers, athletic shorts, and t-shirt are required every day.
- Lockers are not required, but you may rent a locker for \$2.00. PE Lockers **are required**. Your PE teacher will provide information on rental fee. NO students may leave their belongings out in the PE locker room. Athletes may also use a locker after school to lock up valuables. Please see your coach.
- Athletes may store their sports bags in the Varsity locker room each morning if needed. This will be locked by 8:40, so be sure to get there early. No one will be permitted in during the day.
- There is not a supply list. Supplies needed are on a class by class basis and each teacher will communicate this on the first day of school.
- Attendance is taken during each class, and it is vital that you are present at school every day. If you must make doctor appointments during the school day, be sure to do so at different times of the day so you don't miss too many days in one class.
- If you should be late to class over 15 minutes, you will be counted absent for the class, even though you may be there the rest of the period.
- Attendance matters for participation in extracurricular activities, and affects eligibility for sports. Students too sick to come to school should not be on school grounds for extracurricular events that day.
- Every teacher will have a Moodle page for students and parents to access with course information.
- Students will all receive an email account that they can use for their googlechrome books. It will be able to email other people in the UCPS network only.

OFFICE HOURS

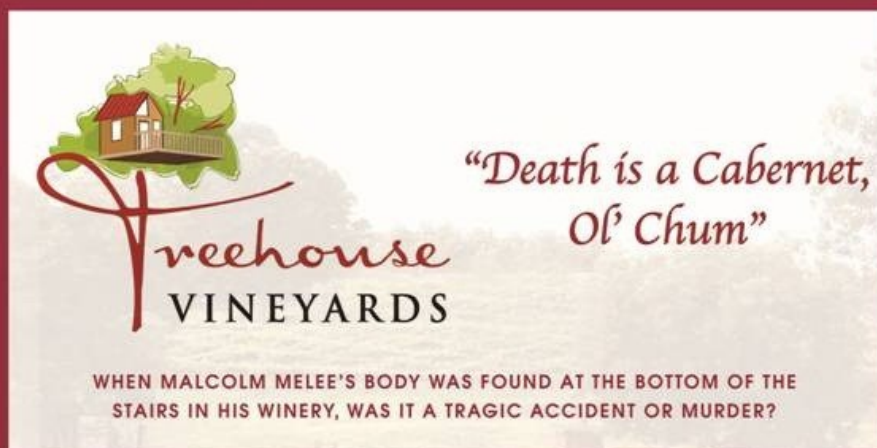
Central Academy of Technology and Arts Office Hours are Monday through Friday; 7:30—5:00 pm. Please call or visit during these hours.

The **Union County Arts Council** (UCAC) is a major proponent of the arts in Union County and supports arts education in Union County Public Schools each year. Please see the ad below for an upcoming event sponsored by UCAC and directed by our very own Larry Robinson!! We hope that some families from Central Academy are able to attend this great event.

UNION COUNTY PLAYMAKERS

Premiere Event for Union County Community Theatre Project

DIRECTED BY LARRY ROBINSON



Friday, October 4 & Friday, October 11

TREEHOUSE VINEYARDS 301 BAY STREET • MONROE, NC

7:00 CASH WINE BAR | 7:30 DINNER | 8:15 SHOWTIME | **\$60.00/PERSON**

TICKET INFORMATION (704) 283-2784 OR WWW.UNIONARTS.ORG

It was an evening of wine and cheese at the Melee Vineyards in the Nippy Valley, celebrating the winery's tenth anniversary. Owner Melee took great pride in pouring his world-famous Melee Cabernet, the wine that tickles the palates of wine connoisseurs around the globe.

As the gathering broke up about midnight, Melee bade "farewell" to everyone and said he would stay around to turn out the lights. But this morning, it became deadly obvious that someone had planned lights out for Malcolm Melee, for his body was found at the bottom of the staircase.

Enjoy an evening that includes dinner, cash wine bar from Union County's Treehouse Vineyards and help solve the mystery of who pulled the cork on Malcolm Melee.

Union County Arts Council to fund a special lighting project at Central Academy!!! CATA proposed a project called **"Lighting the Way"** in order to bring the lighting control system in the CATA auditorium up to date, and the UCAC approved this initiative! Thank you to Mr. Jeff Weis for creating the proposal, to Mr. Larry Robinson and to UCAC Board member, and PTSO president, Mrs. Laura Minsk, for supporting the initiative. A very special thank you to Ms. Barbara Faulk for seeing the value for all Union County schools in this project, due to the Union County Performance Ensemble.

We are excited to begin the project.