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Central Academy Families

Exams continue this week. 2nd period on Monday, June 9, and 1st period on Tuesday, June 10th. Make-up exams will be on Wednesday June 11th in the morning only. Please note that students making up their exam on Wednesday may have an Incomplete on their report card. English II students may also have an Incomplete on their report card depending on when the grades are received for that exam. We will be mailing report cards home to all 9th—11th graders early in the week of June 16th. Students not taking a final exam will result in a zero for that exam score.

Rising seniors should order their senior t-shirt now—order form is in the Chronicle. The cost is only \$10 now. The price will go up next fall, so order now and have it ready for you at school on your first day back. Summer Read results were emailed to students on Friday. Students should be sure to check their email so they read the right book. We worked really hard to try to get as many first choice picks as possible. Thank you to our teachers for their flexibility! We are looking forward to sharing our reading experience between students and faculty.

A note about student fees. Families must make payment for fees due as quickly as possible. This includes cafeteria, media center, \$25 Technology fee, and any text-book damage/loss fees that may be incurred. Please note that while we do not hold transcripts and report cards from students, students will not be permitted to buy a parking pass in the fall if they have not paid fees that are due. Seniors must have all fees paid by Graduation Practice on Wednesday June 11 in order to be allowed to participate in Graduation Exercises. Families can pay the technology fee online under Parents tab, then choose Online School Payments option and go to Central Academy. Families can also pay in cash or by check. Please try to take care of this on Monday so that we do not have to delay starting graduation practice. ALL students must return their chromebook to their teacher on the day of their last exam. This includes the chromebook AND the charger. Approximate replacement charges are listed in the Chronicle.

Thank you parents for your support of CATA this year. From PTSO, to site base meetings, to helping out at Athletics and Performing Arts—you are the best!!! This year has been an excellent year full of learning and school spirit. We will be sad to say good-bye to our students this year, but know that we will all enjoy a great summer break. We will say good-bye to our seniors and to a few teachers that are relocating to a different state, school, or school district. We wish them all the best and thank both the seniors and the teachers for all they have done for Central Academy. We hope that our parents will continue to support the teaching profession here in North Carolina and in Union County. Our teachers work hard for your children both in and out of the classroom. We hope that you will reach out to your state and local elected officials about supporting public education.

The Cougar Chronicle, our Facebook page, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future! Go

Cougars! - Mrs. Kim Fisenne, Principal

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Look for text that is [blue and underlined](#). This text is hyperlinked to the corresponding information available on the web. Click on the text to be taken to the corresponding webpage.

~Class of 2014~

Seniors

Graduation Day: Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Winthrop

University Coliseum in Rock Hill, South Carolina 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.](#)

Remember that all past due fees must be paid before students are able to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes cafeteria, computer, textbook, transcript, media center. Please begin paying any past due fees now. Parents—this includes the \$25 technology fee. You can pay [online here](#), by check or cash.



GUIDANCE INFORMATION—Juniors

Senior portraits will be held at CATA, Tuesday, June 17th through Thursday, June 19th from 9:00 am -2:40 pm. If you did not sign up, an appointment card has been sent to you by Metro Portraits. Please try to make this appt.

There will be makeup pictures “in school” in September.

Great response on t-shirts for Rising Seniors. We will continue to accept orders this week. See page 6 for the order form, or pick one up at the front office today!! Order now so that your shirt is here in August for the start of school!

Students it is important to turn in your **chromebook** on time (during your LAST EXAM) and in good shape. Here are the (approx.) costs of REPLACEMENT: Chromebook - \$350, Charger - \$40, Battery - \$58, Screen - \$284, Keyboard - \$118.

Parents, Please make sure you pay the **Annual Technology Fee** this year. This fee will occur each year and will accumulate if unpaid. You can pay online by [clicking here](#), or you may send a check or cash into the office.

Students that owe money, such as cafeteria, media center, textbooks, or technology fees, will not be able to purchase a parking pass until the fines are paid.

Around Campus...

Monday, 6/9 2nd period exam; see testing calendar, page 7

Tuesday, 6/10 1st period exam

Wednesday, 6/11 Makeup exams in am; 1:30 mandatory Graduation Practice for all seniors

Thursday, 6/12 3:00 Graduation at Winthrop University Coliseum. Students must arrive by 2:00.

see testing calendar, page 15



Students MUST stay for full exam period (8:50—12:50), lunch, and Exam Review until 3:30.

Students will NOT be called out prior to 12:50 as that would disrupt the testing environment for other students. Students must submit a WRITTEN PARENT NOTE in the morning. Students will be given a pass at that time. Parents, please help us ensure the safety of all of our students and provide your child with a signed note in the morning. Students with notes should get there early to get a pass as we will not delay exam start times.

Students MAY bring a book to read after state exams.

Summer School June 16—July 23; Monday through Thursday from 8:00 –12:30.

- Students that are taking courses to accelerate may do the majority of work from home, however, if students grades fall or students are not meeting course deadlines, students will be required to attend summer school each day.
- **Students that are placed in Credit Recovery courses are REQUIRED to attend summer school every day for the full time.**
- **Students that fail a class that are eligible for credit recovery will work with Ms. White to set this up.**

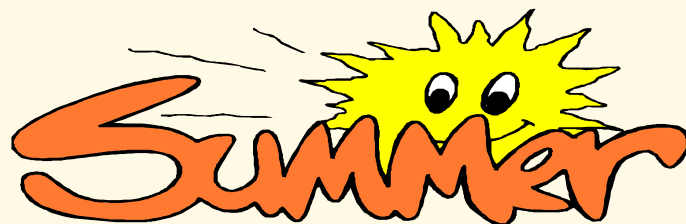
Central Academy of Technology and Arts Summer Schedule 2014

We will be open four day work weeks from June 16 - August 14.

Schools will be open to the public as follows:

Monday&Tuesday - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday&Thursday - 7:30 am - 11:30 am



The week of June 30 - **July 4th**

Monday&Tuesday - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 7:30 am - 11:30 am; closed Thurs.

Fall 2014 Marching Dates are Set!

Dates for summer marching camp have 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

CATA Seniors 2015—Pre-Order T-Shirt Form

“Designed by Us as part of Our Legacy”



- ♦ Pre-orders should be placed by **June 11th deadline**
- ♦ Orders must be accompanied with payment via cash or check
- ♦ Checks made payable to CATA PTSO - \$10.00 per T-Shirt
- ♦ Tear off bottom portion - return to CATA Front Office with payment
- ♦ T-Shirts will be available upon arrival back to school in August 2014

CATA 2015 Seniors T-Shirt Order Form

Student Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate number of T-Shirts and Sizes below:

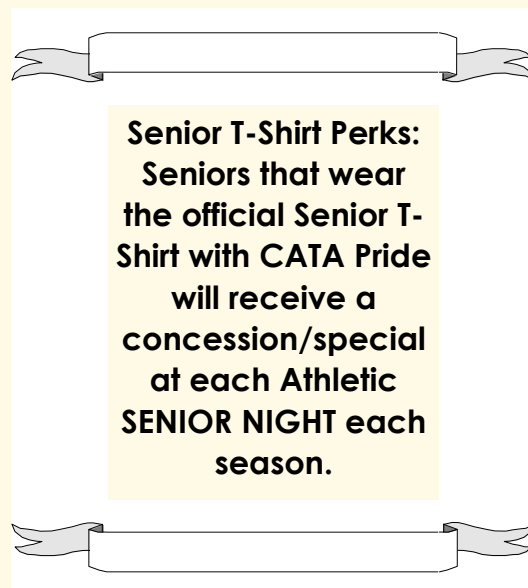
All T-Shirts: \$10.00 (Adult Size) - Total Paid: _____

_____ SMALL _____ MEDIUM

_____ LARGE _____ XL _____ XXL

Thank you for supporting your students and the PTSO! A portion of the sales will be contributed to the PTSO to support programs in our upcoming year

— A special thanks to Mr. C. Martinez from “CKG Graphics” for his support on this project!



Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to Logan Young and Michael Moore, members of the Union County East High School hockey team this season. They were the only two CATA students participating in the High School hockey league at the Xtreme Ice Center in Indian Trail this season. Logan scored nine goals this season, to include a goal in each game in the playoffs and Michael was the starting goalie for the undefeated UC East team. They won the championship tonight by defeating the Union County North team 8-5.
- Congratulations to Liat Bell, from CATA's Shooting Sports Team, for qualifying in Rifle for the JUNIOR OLYMPICS this summer!! Way to go to our Junior Olympian!!!
- Congratulations to our New Century Scholars—Jose Cruz and Michelle Dearmore!!!
- Congratulations to all of our Seniors for a great Senior Year! Finish Strong!!
- Congratulations to all of our newly elected Student Council Officers for 2014-2015:



Sophomores

President- Taylor MacLellan
 Vice-President- Nazirah Ahmad
 Secretary/Treasurer- Shane Isaacson & Caitlyn George

Juniors

President- Olivia McKain
 Vice-President- Halen Mattison
 Secretary/Treasurer- Sarah DeCouto

Seniors

President- Michael Bovi
 Vice-President- Vanessa Patch
 Secretary/Treasurer- Sam Webster

Student Body

President- Alexia Rose
 Vice-President- Walter Wright
 Secretary/Treasurer- Elizabeth Anglis
 Spirit Leaders- Alexis Deese & Langston Smith
 Adviser Assistant- Ali Carson

COUGAR ATHLETICS

- from Athletic Director Niessner

- **Congratulations to Central Academy for winning the Conference Wells Fargo Cup for overall Excellence in Athletics. This is a first for CATA. Go Cougars!!**
- **FALL SPORTS start on Friday, August 1st, 2014 for all teams.**
- The mandatory fall sports parent meeting will be held in the CATA auditorium on **Monday, July 28th** at 6:00 pm. All fall student athletes and parents need to be in attendance that night.
- Thank you to the parents that came out for our Parent Athletic Support meeting. We have some great ideas for parents of athletes to get involved in our Athletic Program. We will share more as we approach the Fall Season.
- **Anyone who missed the Cross Country meeting please contact Coach Miller for information @ field.miller@aol.com**
- **Anyone who missed the Women's Golf meeting please contact Coach Niessner for information @ jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us**
- **ALL student athletes must have a current physical and insurance waiver on file with Coach Niessner to be able to participate in off season and summer workouts.**

Insurance Waivers from the 2013-2014 school year are good until June 30th, 2014. If you have any questions please contact Coach Niessner at jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us or 704-296-3088 ext. 7158.



Attention all Performing Arts Academy Families!
ANNOUNCING:
Cougar Arts Booster Club Meeting
Thursday, June 26th, 7 pm
CATA Cafeteria

We are very excited to announce the formation of a Booster Club for the performing arts academies, including theatre, dance, and chorus. The purpose of this organization is to support the Performing Arts financially and also offer assistance with productions and performances.

Now is your time to take the spotlight and submit your name to be included on the slate of officers that will be voted on at the meeting. Please send a brief bio and your office of interest to laura.minsk@ucps.k12.nc.us. We need a President, Vice President, Treasurer for Theatre, Treasurer for Dance, and a Secretary.

There are many other opportunities for every family to serve in the Booster Club. Proposed committees include Fundraising, Publicity, Communication, Set Construction, By-laws, Hospitality, Ticket Sales, and Concessions.

Our Performing Arts Academy is very successful, with accomplishments like the Theatre Department winning the Southeastern Theatre Conference Honors with The Parchman Hour this past spring. They need our support to continue to succeed and provide the opportunities our arts students need. Contact Laura if you have interest but are unable to make this very important meeting.

Final Exam Updates

Based on a waiver applied for by UCPS and a district-wide teacher vote, the following is a summary of changes in final exams for the school year 2013-2014.

EOC exams have not changed. Student in Math 1, English 2, and Biology will take an End of Course exam (online). Passing the EOC exam is a graduation requirement.

IMS Exams for Career and Technical Education courses have not changed. This includes courses in Business, Computers, Family and Consumer Sciences, Marketing, and Medical Science.

The following courses will NOT administer a NC Final Exam, but WILL administer teacher made exams:

World History, Civics and Economics, American History 1 (US History)
English 1 and English 4

The following courses will continue to administer a NC Final Exam this year:

Earth/Environmental Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics
English 3
Geometry, Math 2, Algebra 2, Math 3, AFM, Discrete, Pre-Calculus

If you or your child have any questions about what types of exams your students will take, please contact your child's teacher directly. As always, final exams account for 25% of the total, final grade for the course. Remember that EVERY Class has a final summative assessment on exam day.

Student Testing Calendar June 2014

EOC, IMS, NC Final, and Teacher Made Exams

Thursday June 5, 2014	Friday June 6, 2014	Monday June 9, 2014	Tuesday June 10, 2014	Wednesday June 11, 2014
8:50 – 12:50 All 4th period exams	8:50 – 12:50 All 3rd period exams	8:50 – 12:50 All 2nd period exams	8:50 – 12:50 All 1st period exams	8:50 – 12:50 All make-up exams
12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	12:55 – 1:40 Lunch	8:50 – 3:30 All students will follow a regular schedule, unless making up an exam.
1:45 – 3:30 3rd period re-view	1:45 – 3:30 2nd period re-view	1:45 – 3:30 1st period re-view	1:45 – 3:30 Community Building	1:30 Senior Graduation Practice—MANDATORY

June 5-10, 2014: All students must attend review sessions, exams, and regular school day. Failure to attend will be counted as additional absences. Trips will not be considered excused absences and the student will not be given a makeup exam. Only exams that are missed due to documented illness or court will be excused.

EVERY class will be given a comprehensive final exam that will count for 25% of the student's final grade. Students can significantly increase or decrease their semester average with their final exam. Students should utilize notes, study guides provided by the teacher, and other resources to prepare for the final exam. Teachers will provide review sessions as listed above. The review session for the 4th period exam will occur on Wednesday, June 4th during the last block of the day.

Central Academy expects students to display their learning with academic integrity. Per student code of conduct, any student that is "cheating" will earn a ZERO for that final exam. As final exams account for 25% of the cumulative grade, we are reminding students that cheating on a final exam will have serious ramifications to their grade.

ALL Cell phones will be collected from students prior to final exams each day. Students should turn phones off prior to collection. Phones will be returned to students at the end of the testing window (12:50). NO exceptions. If a student does not turn in their cell phone and is found with it during the test, it will be considered cheating.

There will be NO extra-curricular events after school during exam week.

CHROMEBOOK RETURN—ALL students must return their chromebook to their teacher on the day of their last exam. This includes the chromebook AND the charger.