

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

Central Academy Families,

Congratulations to CATA's Theatre Department on a fantastic opening production. Lord of the Flies had a talented cast and crew and brought the audience into the classic novel. Central Academy is proud to announce our 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. This teacher truly believes that all children can succeed and works diligently to help students build pride in themselves and their school. The Central Academy of Technology and Arts Teacher of the Year is Ms. Leslie Craven. Speaking of Ms. Craven, teacher of the year, and CATA Band of Blue Director—the marching band will be performing at Wingate University this Saturday for their football game. Kickoff is at 1:30 and we hope you will join us for some great music AND some college football!

Report cards will be distributed to students on Wednesday 10/15. Please be sure to ask your child for their report card next Wednesday. The PSAT will be given to all juniors on October 15th at CATA. Benchmark testing will begin on 10/13 and will continue over the next couple of weeks. Be sure to read the Cougar Chronicle's Around Campus section for dates for each subject. Students have also been told by their teachers in class.

Next week is Homecoming week. We start the week with Pajama Day on Monday, Twin Day on Tuesday, America Day on Wednesday, Sports Day on Thursday, and Color War day on Friday. Please encourage your students to participate as this is typically a week of great participation at CATA. We hope you will join us on Tuesday night to cheer on PowderPuff Football, and then attend a soccer game against Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday and Union Academy on Thursday. Our men's soccer team just defeated Monroe which moved us into 1st place in the conference. **On Friday we hope you will join us for our Homecoming Football Game. We invite you to join us early at the stadium for our Community BBQ.** Athletes have been selling BBQ plates for \$8 each—if you still need to buy your ticket, please stop in the main office on Monday and we will take care of you. This was a great event last year. Saturday is the Homecoming Dance for students—tickets are on sale now. This is going to be a great week!!!

Please take time to read over this newsletter. Back editions are avail-

able on the website. The Cougar Chronicle, 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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Guidance Info PSAT - Wednesday, October 15th, 2014

The PSAT will be **given to all JUNIORS this year free of charge!** The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and juniors can earn National Merit Scholarship opportunities based on the earned score. 9th and 10th grade students had the opportunity to take the PSAT too if they signed up by Friday, September 26th. If you have specifically questions see your assigned counselor. For tips on taking the PSAT—[click here!](#)

Students – are you interested in **SAT or ACT test prep**? UNC Charlotte, in partnership with The Princeton Review, offers the ACT and SAT exam prep courses at a discounted rate! Online and classroom formats are available that provide critical test-taking techniques, realistic testing practice with proctored exams, and drills/homework assignments to practice outside class. Students will get 18 hours of in-person or online instructor-led prep, four proctored tests, and access to additional video lessons and online practice drills. For more information, and to register, please visit <http://continuinged.uncc.edu/examprep/hs/>. For more test prep resources, please visit our [webpage](#).

The Governor's School of North Carolina is a five-week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not involve credit, tests, or grades.

Applications are available in the guidance office. **The completed application is due to Ms. Lawson on Friday, October 17th at 3:30 pm.** Please see Ms. Lawson with any questions.

Are you interested in **earning credit for college courses while in high school**? If so, you should attend a College & Career Promise information session on October 22nd or 23rd at 6pm at either the LL Polk SPCC Campus or the Old Charlotte Highway SPCC Campus. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions. CATA will also be hosting an information session on October 21st at 10:30 a.m. for students. Students can sign up in the Guidance Office if they would like to attend.

Career Development Corner—by Ms. Sarah Webb. Ms. Webb's office is located in the Guidance Office and she is available to see students by appointment. You can email Ms. Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us **CATA Career Development Center has a twitter account.** Start following @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina.



CATA H-O-M-E-C-O-M-I-N-G 2014 SPIRIT WEEK

Monday

Pajama Day (Wear pajamas to school)

Tuesday

**Twin Day (Dress alike with others)
Powder Puff Games/6:30 at Walter Bickett**

Wednesday

America Day (Wear Red, White, and Blue)

Thursday

**Team/Sports Day (Dress up as an athlete/sports gear/sports team)
Soccer vs Union Academy/ 7:30 at Walter Bickett**

Friday

Color Wars Day

Seniors: Black/Juniors: White/Sophomores: Navy/Freshmen: Gray

Home Football Game: Pink Out

Cancer Awareness Wall

Barbecue

Saturday

Homecoming Dance: 8-11 in the Gym: Tickets on sale at lunches and at the door.





Seniors

Senior Graduation Packages: Josten's supplies the CATA cap and gown, announcements, and class rings. Josten's will return on Tuesday 10/28 during lunches to take final orders. All seniors MUST have the correct cap and gown to participate in graduation exercises. You can reach Mr. Honrine by emailing at russell.honrine@jostens.com

College 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 – Did you receive your first scholarship newsletter?!? If not, please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up your copy. This newsletter will be distributed on a bi-monthly basis.

U. S. Senate Youth Scholarship - The United States Senate Youth Program is a scholarship program that provides an educational opportunity **for juniors and seniors** interested in pursuing careers in history, political science or public service. Two students will be selected as winning delegates for North Carolina and will spend a week in Washington, D.C., March 7-14, 2015, experiencing our national government in action. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$5,000 College Scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. You can learn more [here](#). **Deadline October 12th.**

A representative from the colleges below will be here at the times and dates listed to discuss the admissions process and to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by Guidance to sign up to attend any of these sessions.

- **October 13, 2014** - Queens University will be here at 10:20 a.m.
- **October 13, 2014** - Greensboro College will be here at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 14, 2014** - University of Alabama will be here at 11:00 a.m.
- **October 14, 2014** - Campbell University will be here at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 17, 2014** - East Carolina University will be here at 10:30 am.
- **October 20, 2014** - Ohio University will be here at 10:30 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Greensboro will be here at 10:20 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Asheville will be here at 2:00 p.m.

Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarships are a great option for funding your college education. Below you will find a list of scholarships with upcoming deadlines in parenthesis. For more complete information, please visit our [scholarship webpage](#). The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship (10/15); NFAA's Young Arts Program (10/17); Horatio Alger Association Scholarships (10/25); Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship (10/31).

Here is a list of [NC College/University Open House Schedules](#) with Admissions Deadlines.

Here is a review of our [transcript request process](#).

Seniors – The following colleges have application deadlines quickly approaching:

NC State (October 15th)
 UNC Chapel Hill (October 15th)
 Meredith College (October 30th)

CATA Guidance Department

Guidance Department Chairperson–

[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science and Teacher Prep

[Kendall Cameron](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Scott Norris](#): IT and Transportation

2014-2015 Yearbook

You may purchase at the school with cash or check or you may purchase online at www.yearbooksforever.com (there is a \$1 service fee for this option).

Yearbook Photos... All students that did not get photographed for the yearbook will have a second opportunity on Monday, October 13th. This will be the final chance to have your picture taken this year. Packages are available for purchase, and can be picked up in Ms. Eaton's room. This will also be the time for any retakes. You need to bring back your unwanted picture packages to the photographer in order to have a new picture taken.

COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Mr. Jay Niessner](#). ****Go to [Athletics link](#) on the left side of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the schedules. Coach contact info is there as well.**

Varsity Results:

Cross Country: CATA Meet: Men 2nd, Women 2nd

Football: No Game Last Week

Soccer: CATA 8 – Mt. Pleasant 1, CATA 9 – Parkwood 0, CATA 3 – Monroe 0

Women's Tennis: CATA 1 – Parkwood 8

Women's Golf: No Matches Last Week

Volleyball: CATA 0 – Mt. Pleasant 3, CATA 3 – Forest Hills 1

Upcoming Events:

Friday 10/10:

-AWAY Football @ Monroe 7:30 pm

Monday 10/13:

-AWAY Soccer @ West Stanly 6:00 pm

-HOME Volleyball – Rocky River Conference Tournament 1st Round 5:00 pm

Tuesday 10/14:

-HOME Cross Country – Rocky River Conference Meet 4:30 pm

-Possible: AWAY Volleyball – Rocky River Conference Tournament 2nd Round @ Parkwood TBA

Wednesday 10/8:

-HOME Soccer vs. Mt. Pleasant 6:00 pm

-Possible: AWAY Volleyball – Rocky River Conference Tournament Finals @ Parkwood TBA

Thursday 10/9:

-HOME Soccer vs. Union Academy 7:30 pm

Friday 10/10:

-HOME Football vs. West Stanly 7:30 pm – Homecoming – Gates Open @ 6:00 pm

Other News:

⇒ Winter Sports Workouts have started. Please contact your sports coach for more information about workouts.

⇒ Any athlete attending workouts **MUST** have a current physical on file with Coach Niessner prior to attending workouts.

⇒ Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night will be held on **Monday October 27th, 2014** @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.

⇒ All athletic paperwork can be found on the CATA website under athletics and general information.

Winter Coach Contact Info:

- Men's Basketball – Greg Wenger greg.wenger@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran kev-in.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Swimming – Kelly Lepsig Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Indoor Track – Field Miller field.miller@aol.com
- Wrestling – Mike Jacobus mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Wrestling & Swimming – Your team shops are open NOW! Team shop information can be found on the CATA website under each individual sport, flyers can be found outside Coach Niessner's office. Team shops are open until **October 12th**

Friday 10/10—Kickoff 7:30

CATA vs Monroe HS

At MHS

Join us in wearing "America Colors" to cheer our team on.

Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

2014-2015 Student Spirit Wear Get your SPIRIT ON!!!!!! Some prices:

Tees - \$15

Hoodies - \$25

Ball Caps - \$20

Spirit wear will be on sale at all home football games.



Powder Puff Football

\$5 Tickets

Tuesday, October 14th

at Walter Bickett Stadium 6:30 pm Kickoff

Players should arrive by 5:30
Concessions will be available

FRESHMEN VS SOPHOMORES

JUNIORS VS SENIORS

WINNER VS. WINNER



Need more Juniors—email [Mr. Wall](#) to play!!



Got Spirit?



Victory Flags



Victory Staff Cheers

YES WE DO!!!

Victory Smiles



Victory Clap



Victory Huddle



Men's Soccer Slides into First Place in Conference with Win Over Monroe



Women's Volleyball Celebrate Senior Night AND a Huge WIN over FHHS!!!!

Women's Volleyball has made tremendous improvements this year and has been competitive in every match that they have played. We have been treated to very exciting matches with our athletes giving their all. We thank

the senior Cougars and wish them the best as they finish out their senior year and begin their post-secondary life!

Our Senior Volleyball players are:

Alyssa Carbone
Rachel DeCouto
Carsyn Baucom
Vanessa Patch
Layne Johnston



Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that our 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year is:

Ms. Leslie Craven

Ms. Leslie Craven was chosen by her peers as the CATA Teacher of the Year because of her dedication to her students, her school, and her passion—music. Ms. Craven truly believes that all children can succeed and works diligently to build pride in themselves and their school.



A native of Charlotte, Ms. Craven received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana in 2000 where she studied clarinet with James Campbell. In 2005, she received a Master of Music degree from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina where she studied Instrumental Wind Conducting with Dr. Bill Malambri. Ms. Craven also successfully completed the National Board Certification process November 2009.

Throughout her teaching career, Ms. Craven has made performance a priority in her life outside of school. She has played clarinet over the years with the Wind Symphony of the Carolinas at Winthrop University, the Union Symphony Orchestra in Union County, NC, and the Matthews United Methodist Church orchestra. She is also a founding member of Quintessence, a woodwind quintet that performs in the greater Charlotte area.

Ms. Craven is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society, the National Association of Music Educators, the American School Band Directors' Association, the North Carolina Music Educators' Association, the South Central District Bandmasters Association, and the Union County Bandmasters Association where she serves as chair of the Union County Middle School Honor Band Clinic.

Please see Ms. Craven's responses to prompts we asked all Teacher Nominees to answer. We wish her the best as she represents CATA in the UCPS Teacher of the Year process.

As an educator I can be most effective with my students by: I am most effective with my students when I successfully nurture the development of a culture of synthesis in the classroom. Developing this culture takes time and careful attention to communication, establishing mutual respect, and setting clear, high expectations. When all of the stars align and students feel comfortable to take risks, try new things, and push themselves to new limits, I know that the stars are aligned and effective learning and music making are taking place. My students call it being "in the zone," and they will tell you that they can feel a difference in our classroom climate when we are in the zone and our combined efforts result in a product that is more valuable than the sum of the parts.

The greatest impact that I have on learning is when: I have the greatest impact on learning in the moments students realize that they are capable of achieving more than they believed they could. Student growth is so often measured in formative tests and those types of assessments exist in the music world too. They come in the form of playing tests, auditions, and performances. While these forms of assessment measure student mastery of technical and musical concepts, they do not measure the sense of pride and self-confidence that come along with mastering performance skills. I know I am having an impact when faces light up, confidence grows, and students grow to become musicians with an independent voice that they are eager to share.



Student Life Notes

1. Parents be sure to sign a **student organization permission form** for each organization in which you child participates. These forms should be returned by **October 31st**.
2. Students, CATA is allowed up to seven free entries into the **Union County Christmas Parade**. Advisers need to submit proposals to Mr. Wall by **Monday, November 3rd**. (Packets were handed out in the last student life organization meeting). See Mr. Wall for additional packets
3. During homecoming week we will have a **PINK OUT** for breast cancer awareness. Please keep up the **school spirit** and continue to cheer on our athletic teams.
4. Please consider joining the debate club/team. See Ms. Cochran for details. All are welcome!

First Ever Trunk or Treat:

All student life organizations, athletic teams, academies, and faculty and staff are invited to sign up for various cars in this first time event. We will invite local elementary schools to trick or treat out of the back of our themed cars. Themes must not be scary and costumes must be within the dress code. Student Life Organization advisers have sign up information.

Students groups sign up at the following link: <http://goo.gl/PsaJZa>



STUDENT LIFE



Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

HANDS HELPING OTHERS FIRST PERIOD COMPETITION

10/9 until 10/23

Bring canned food and non-perishables to class!



Pay it forward by
supporting our
community

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. Refunds are not permitted. The fee is \$55.00 for all classes. 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**. Upcoming classes: November 3- November 25; February 2- February 25; March 9- April 1; April 20- May 13



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 CATA page](#).

Thursday, October 9: Hands Helping Others Food Drive begins, Powder Puff Practice at the CATA Soccer Field, 5-6; HOSA, 3:30 (515), Art Club, 3:45 (Art Room); Robotics Club 3:45 (511), Freshmen student council elections: ONLINE

Friday, October 10: No school-Teacher Workday; Freshman student council elections: ONLINE

Saturday, October 11 The Band of Blue is performing at the Wingate football game, 1:30 PM

Monday, October 13: Benchmark Tests Begin; underclassmen makeup pictures; **PAJAMA SPIRIT DAY**

Tuesday, Tuesday, October 14: Student Council Officer meeting, 3:45 (111); **TWIN SPIRIT DAY**

Wednesday, October 15: PSAT during school, YCI, 8 am (109); BETA Club, 8:15 am and 3:30 pm (108); Speech and Debate, 3:30 (209); GSA, 3:45 (610); **AMERICA SPIRIT DAY**

Thursday, October 16: NHS Induction, 6:30 PM (Auditorium); Sophomore Class meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); **SPORT/TEAM SPIRIT DAY**

Friday, October 17: HOMECOMING GAME VS. WEST STANLY **PINK OUT, PEP Rally TODAY**, YCI, 8 am (715); **COLOR WAR SPIRIT DAY (SENIORS-BLACK, JUNIORS-WHITE, SOPHOMORES-NAVY, FRESHMEN-GRAY; FACULTY/STAF: PINK**

Saturday, October 18: Homecoming Dance 8-11 in the Gym

Upcoming Dates:

10/13—10/18—HOMECOMING WEEK

10/6—10/17—Homecoming BBQ Ticket Sales: **Yum, get some BAR-B-CUE!**

10/9—10/23—Hands Helping Others Food Drive (First Period Competition)

10/13—10/21—Carve it Up Pumpkin Contest Sign-ups

10/14—Powder Puff Football at Walter Bickett Stadium 6:30 pm (Fr. Vs. So, Jr. Vs. Sr. and winner v. winner)

10/15—Site Based Management Team meeting 3:40

10/21—11/7—Band Fruit Sale

10/21—Spooky Fall Band Concert and Carve it Up Pumpkin Contest

10/24-25—Theatre Performance NCTC Show

10/28—Mix it Up Day during lunches

10/31—First Trunk or Treat 4:15 to 5:45

Speech and Debate

This past Saturday Speech and Debate went to the North Mecklenburg Viking Classic. We had one entry in Public Forum at the Classic. Kamaria Browne and AJ Blomberg were 2-2 with their cumulative points beating 3 of the 4 teams they debated against. A good first event for them. We hope to have a strong showing at the Asheville Tournament in November. We are asking all students to consider Speech and Debate and to join in the fun and challenge!!

BENCHMARK TESTING

English II- 10/13

Foreman/ Dr. Tarlton

Biology - 10/16

Suresh/ Cross

Math I & II- 10/24

Lowder/ O'Connor

World Language-10/16

Roncaglio/ Spanish II

History- 10/20

Hibberd/World

Navey/World

Niessner/Civics

Tesar/Civics

Wenger/ Civics/American

CTE—all classes

10/13– 1st Period

10/14-2nd Period

10/16 -4th Period

10/17-3rd Period







All County Choral Festival

Six of the county's high school choral teachers recently brought 15-20 students each from their choral program to participate in the All-County Choral Festival at Wingate University. The festival was a two day event with high schools participating on Sept. 30 and middle schools participating on October 1st. This year's festival was under the direction of Marc Setzer, retired choral director from South Mecklenburg High School.

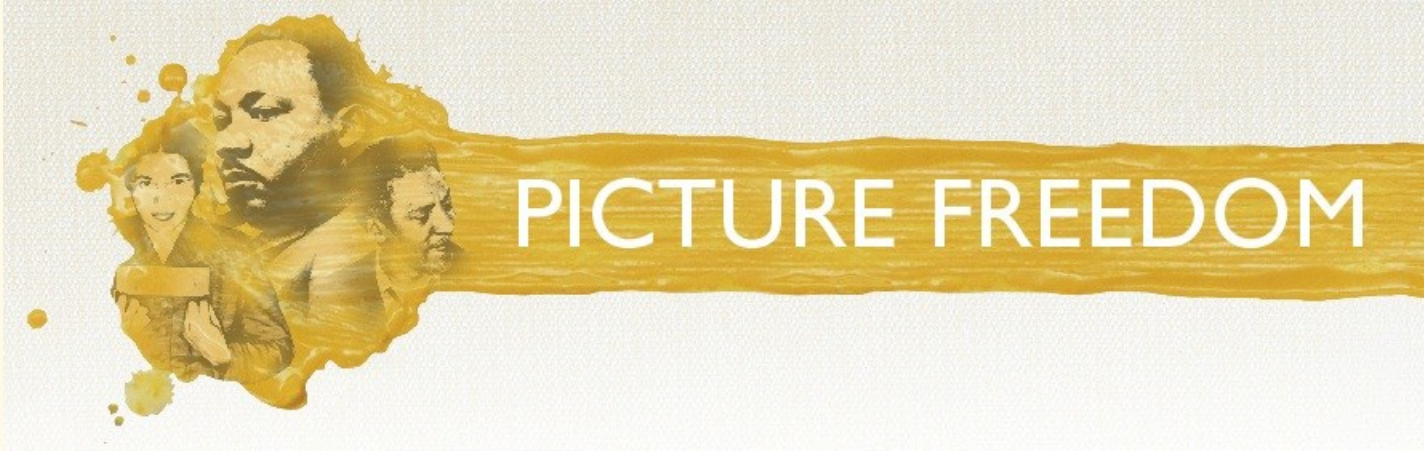
The festival concluded on Wednesday night with a combined concert of both middle and high school choruses performing the songs for parents, family and general public. CATA had 20 students to participate.



Cougar Pride

-  • Congratulations to **Ms. Leslie Craven**—CATA's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.
-  • Congratulations to **Jacob Henkle** for creating the winning flyer for Manufacturing Awareness Week! Way to go!!
-  • Congratulations to **our Choral members** for their participation in the All County Choral Festival!!
-  • Congratulations to our own **Mr. Kevin Allran**. We announced a few weeks ago that he had been named to the NC Board of Athletic Trainers. He has now been elected as Chairman of the Board. Congratulations!!
-  • Congratulations to **Alexia Rose** for being chosen as CATA's DAR Good Citizen by the faculty and her peers!
-  • Way to go Cougars!!!!





Go To www.freedomcenter.org for rules and forms

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, located on the banks of the Ohio River in Cincinnati, Ohio, along with sponsors proudly announce the 2014 Picture Freedom Art Competition. The Freedom Center's mission is to reveal stories about freedom's heroes from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps towards freedom today. As the nation celebrates to 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, we ask your students to create an artwork about what freedom means to them. We hope that by encouraging students to participate in this competition, they will become passionate advocates for freedom and equality today.

By drawing connections from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement, the Picture Freedom Art Completion offers a unique opportunity that challenges students to reflect upon the rich and historical heritage of the fight for freedom and human rights. We encourage students to create original works of art; drawings, paintings, or photographs that convey their own vision of freedom and equality today. While it is not required, works of art can be inspired by freedom fighters, events, or places that resonate with the student's vision.

Students that submit an entry are eligible to win these prizes. The top twelve (12) artists will have their work displayed in the upcoming Picture Freedom exhibition at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The top three (3) artists will receive airfare and accommodations to attend the exhibition's Grand Opening in February 2015. Additionally, the top three (3) artists will receive an award of \$1,000.00 for 3rd place, \$2,000.00 for 2nd place and \$3,500.00 for 1st place.

Grade Level Administrators—

9th grade (A-L) & all 10th grade—
[Mr. Josh Wall](#)

11th grade—[Mr. Jeff Pusser](#)
9th grade (M-Z) & all 12th grade—
[Ms. Deanna White](#)

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/>

CATA Career Development Center @CATACareerDev to keep up with career opportunities in and around North Carolina.

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.

Multimedia and Webpage Design Class Creates Flyers for Manufacturing Week

Congratulations Jacob Henkle!

Last week was Advanced Manufacturing Week in Union County. Make It in Union County hosted several contests to get teachers and students involved. One of the contests was for the students to create a flyer for a manufacturer located right here in Union County. Mr. Meadows, a new teacher to CATA, had his Multimedia and Webpage Design class pick a manufacturer and create a one-page flyer. The manufacturers voted last week on the ones that were submitted by all the schools and choose 12th grader, Jacob Henkle's flyer as the best flyer submitted. Congratulations Jacob and thank you again to everyone that came out to support this wonderful week.



American College Testing - THE ACT

The ACT will be given to all juniors **FREE** on **March 3rd, 2015!** Preparing and doing well on the ACT will have long term benefits. The most benefit is that your student has the opportunity to take a college free. All colleges and universities throughout the country will accept some colleges and universities only would accept the SAT but that is no longer the case). The second benefit is that students will be able to list four colleges or universities to send the score directly to - this is also FREE! The third and final benefit is that your student could potentially earn scholarships to college!!!! If they score within the high range (28 to 32) they could earn a full scholarship to many colleges and universities throughout the country. It is also possible to earn in-state tuition to surrounding state colleges or universities - for example The University of South Carolina and Clemson!!! **Please take time to communicate with your 11th grade student the importance of the ACT!!** Community Colleges also use the ACT score, as well as potential employers.

Important Info for all JUNIORS and Parents!!!!

Preparation for Juniors at CATA—All Juniors at CATA are participating in guided ACT preparation during Cougar Time. A short instructional video along with time for independent practice in the ACT Prep—Cracking the ACT book will be provided. The school has purchased the books to be used as texts, however, students wishing to write in the books should bring in \$20 on Tuesday so that they can write in the book. Students not buying the book should be sure to have a small notebook or paper to practice on.

How to Get Involved as Parents:

- Band Booster Club - [Jacquie Jeffries](#) via email to volunteer – OR 704.292.1950
- Cougar Athletic Parent Support (CAPS) – Jay Niessner at <mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us>
- Performing Arts Club – [Michelle McGuire](#) via email for information about how to help out.
- PTSO – please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO. Congratulations to our five elected parent representatives for the 2014-2015 Central Academy Site Base Team. Those parents are: [Ms. Kelly Thomas](#) and [Ms. Susan Duncan-Butler](#) representing the 9th grade, [Ms. Ann Helms](#) representing the 10th grade, [Ms. Kathie McKain](#) representing the 11th grade, and [Ms. Dale Ann Plyler](#) representing the 12th grade. Thank you for your willingness to serve on this committee. Parents in the community can contact their grade level site based team representative about concerns to be brought to the site based team by emailing the individuals above.

PTSO News

- Thanks to all who were able to attend the Open House on Tuesday, 9/9! We announced the 2014-15 PTSO membership GOAL - 300! Thanks to all who have joined to date! We will be challenging all students, faculty, and families to be represented on the PTSO this year as we seek ways to increase our support to all involved with donations, programs, scholarships and recognition/appreciation! You can go on line and join today! Download a form and send it into school with your CATA student.
- Senior Signs - All seniors and senior student families, be on the lookout for the newly designed Senior Cougar Sign which will be for sale throughout the month of September and November. More information to follow.
- Thanks for purchasing the senior tee shirts. They will be delivered to students at school as soon as they arrive.
- You will all be hearing more about the latest committee of the PTSO - Performing Arts Committee which will work to support the theater, chorus, dance and tech theater programs at CATA. Policy and procedures are under development and pending approval from the PTSO Executive Board, the committee will be come on line in October or November. Tune in for information on their events and how you can be involved as a member of the PTSO and serve on the Performing Arts Committee.

The hospitality/teacher appreciation committee is working to plan upcoming events for the fall and into the holiday season. If you are interested contact Alyson Flood at acflood@carolina.rr.com or Lisa Holliday at holliday-family@hotmail.com

Harris Teeter is offering a bonus contribution to schools for a limited time for shoppers that use their drive up shopping service "express lane." Shoppers have to be linked to a school. CATA's VIC number is 3612.

TIE Express Lane Promotion

- Use our Express Lane Online Shopping between 9/3/14 and 10/28/14
- We will donate 10% of your total Express Lane order to your TIE school!

This donation is in addition to the normal contribution received from the purchase of Harris Teeter brand products.

***Customers must be linked to a valid TIE school at the time of purchase.**

For more information about the PTSO, please [follow this link](#).

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