

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Central Academy Families,
Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 2nd. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 am. ("Fall Back")



Congratulations to our Men's Soccer Team on their first round playoff victory. The Men will continue their fight this Saturday at home at 6:00. Tickets are \$6. Congratulations to Kayli Tolleson in golf and Kaley Williford in tennis as they represented CATA in State competition last week. Congratulations to our Men's Cross Country team for winning regionals and advancing to states.

We are looking forward to our community outreach project—Trunk or Treat—where CATA Student Life Organizations and staff will team up to provide a safe environment for community elementary students to "trunk or treat" this Friday. CATA will dress up our cars and ourselves and welcome the students to our campus!! The PTSO will be hosting a Teacher Thanks Luncheon in a few weeks and need your help. Please check out the Cougar Chronicle to see how to sign up.

The school is gearing up for Poetry Out Loud, a Blood Drive, NCTC competition for Theatre, Band Fruit Sale, Mr. & Ms. CATA Cougar Competition, and so much more—see the chronicle for more details!! The Theatre Performance will be on Monday 11/3 and you will have the opportunity to see the NCTC shows! Please join us. Admission is \$5. Calling all Juniors and Seniors—compete for the honors of Mr. and Ms. CATA Cougar of the Year. This competition looks at spirit, community service, leadership, public speaking, and academics. The competition will include formal wear, spirit wear, and business attire. It will be a great evening—We must meet the minimum numbers of competitors to host the competition—so sign up by Monday 11/3. Costs to participate will be \$25.

Students have been on numerous field trips of late and we remind students and parents that it is the students responsibility to tell their teachers that they will be out PRIOR to the trip, to make up all work as agreed upon with the teacher, and to be ready for any assessments that have been scheduled as it is impossible to schedule all assessments around field trips. Car riders should work to get to school on time—please leave a few minutes earlier from home.

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

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! For more information, and to register, please visit <http://continuinged.uncc.edu/examprep/hs/>.

For more test prep resources, please visit our [webpage](#).

Attention Juniors and Seniors - If you plan to take **Career and College Promise courses** through South Piedmont Community College 2nd semester you need to sign up in the guidance office. South Piedmont Community College will be at CATA on Thursday, November 13th at 11:00 am. If you have questions please see your school counselor.

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM) provides an opportunity for students - rising 11th and 12th graders - to foster identified interests in science and mathematics with its enriched program in a university research setting. **SVSM is competitive entry by application only.** Selected students participate in a rigorous, four-week academic program intended to reward and stimulate students who have already demonstrated their commitment to academic growth and development in science and mathematics. SVSM is a state-supported initiative and there are **NO program costs for participation.**

Applications are to be completed solely online and can be accessed from the website <http://www.summerventures.org>. SVSM Admission Policy requires that the student portion of the application must be completed on or before **January 31st, 2015.**

Catalyst Conference

The Catalyst Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors to apply for a three day exploration of social justice issues affecting American youth. Catalyst creates an open environment for students from many different backgrounds to engage each other in challenging issues that affect the social fabric of our society. During the weekend, the 100 students selected to attend will engage with UNC-Chapel Hill student leaders who are working at the forefront of social issues in North Carolina. Students will participate in workshops related to Gender, Racial, and Socioeconomic Equality; Educational Disparity; Immigration status; Sexual Orientation; and other issues. These workshops will focus on the way these issues affect students in both urban and rural North Carolina, as well as the larger society.

The 2015 Conference will take place from **Friday, February 20th to Sunday, February 22nd.** To apply to the conference, students must apply using this link -<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yTGjmqrhNr9SyT0nwyUHvNA51OVzccGoNkI-CphEtBas/viewform?c=0&w=1> by **Saturday, November 15th, 2014 at 5:00 PM.**

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.

Spring Semester CTE Internships

If you have received a CTE Internship application packet from either Ms. Lawson or Ms. Webb, please make sure that you complete and turn them in as quick as possible. Ms. Hunt, the Internship Coordinator, is going to start looking for placement for students within the next couple of weeks. The application is not considered complete unless all of the paperwork is filled out and turned back in; including a current shot record. Any questions, please see Ms. Webb in the guidance office.



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



Seniors

Senior Graduation Packages: All seniors MUST have the correct cap and gown to participate in graduation exercises. You can reach Mr. Honrine at Josten's 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.

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 30, 2014** - East Carolina University at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 31, 2014** - Winthrop University at 10:20 a.m.
- **November 5, 2014** - Wesleyan College at 10:30 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Greensboro at 10:20 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Asheville at 2:00 p.m.
- **November 18, 2014** - Gardner-Webb University at 2:00 p.m.
- **November 19, 2014** - Virginia Commonwealth University at 2:00 p.m.
- **November 24, 2014** - UNC Wilmington at 2:00 p.m.*

*Seating is limited to 35 for this presentation. Students must include their major of interest when they sign up.

Parents & Students— please know that these presentations are for students that are seriously interested in or have applied to the universities. Teachers have the discretion to not allow students to miss class based on grades, learning needs, or attendance.

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](#). Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship (10/31); Centennial Scholarship at NC State University (10/27); Univision 40' Nuestra Juventud Scholarship Program (10/30); The General H. Hugh Shelton National Student Leadership Scholarship at NC State (11/1); VFW Voice of Democracy (11/1); NC State University Scholarship Awards Program (11/1); Ron Brown Scholar Program (11/1); NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing (11/2); John Montgomery Belk Scholarship at Davidson College (11/3); The Prudential Spirit of Community Award (11/4); Emory Scholars Program - Emory University (11/15); Scholarships for Nonresidents at the University of South Carolina (11/15); The Robertson Scholars Program at UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University (11/15); Mesothelioma Memorial Scholarship (11/15); Next Nursing Leaders Scholarship (11/17); and Health Care Professions Scholarship (11/17).

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

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

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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: 2A Midwest Regional Champions! Elijah Inuwa finished 1st, Josh Wierich 2nd, and Alec Merrill 5th to help lead the Cougars to their second straight Regional Title!

Football: CATA 28 – Mt. Pleasant 42

Soccer: CATA 8 – Hendersonville 2 1st Round NCHSAA Playoffs

Women's Tennis: Kaley Williford was eliminated in the 1st round of the NCHSAA state singles tournament. Congrats to Kaley on a great season!

Women's Golf: Kayli Tolleson shot a 122 & 120 in her first appearance in the NCHSAA state championship event. Congrats to Kayli on a great season!

Upcoming Events:

Friday 10/31:

-AWAY Football @ Forest Hills 7:30 pm

Saturday 11/1:

-AWAY Cross Country @ 2A NCHSAA State Championships Kernersville, NC – All Day Event

-HOME Men's Soccer, 2nd Round NCHSAA State Playoffs vs. Shelby 6:00 pm, \$6.00 admission, gates open @ 5:00 pm.

Monday 11/3 – Thursday 11/6:

-No Events Scheduled

Friday 11/7:

-HOME football vs. Parkwood, 7:30 pm, Gates open @ 6:00 pm

-Senior Night for: Football, Cheerleading, Women's Tennis, Women's Golf & Cross Country

Other News:

- ⇒ All athletic paperwork can be found on the CATA website under athletics and general information.
- ⇒ Men's & Women's Basketball and Wrestling got underway on Wednesday, October 29th.



Swimming will start on Monday November 3rd and Indoor Track will start on Monday November 17th.

⇒ Cheerleading tryouts will be Wed 11/12-Fri 11/14 from 4:00-6:00 pm each day at Walter Bickett Elementary School. See Ms. Lawson for more info.

We are still looking for anyone interested in playing women's basketball this upcoming season. If you are interested please contact: Coach Navey mark.navey@ucps.k12.nc.us or Coach Allran kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

- Men's Basketball – Greg Wenger greg.wenger@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran kevin.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
- Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

**Friday 10/24—Kickoff 7:30
CATA vs Forest Hills HS
@ Forest Hills HS**

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.



Play-offs.....Play-offs.....PLAY-OFFS

*The Second Round
CATA vs. Shelby*



Walter Bickett Stadium @ 6 pm

Come out and Cheer the Cougars to

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

Got Spirit?



YES WE
DO!!!



Huzzah! Field Trips!

Some of our Seniors enjoyed a day at the Carolina Renaissance Festival in Huntersville on October 16. Students were treated to costumed performers re-enacting a jousting competition, crafts, dancing, music, fire swallowing, falconry, and English comedy shows. The wooded village included plenty of opportunities to play games, eat whole



turkey legs, hear one's fortune told and shop for period souvenirs. A wonderful day was had by one and all!



THANKSGIVING TEACHER LUNCHEON

The PTSO is hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon for the staff on Friday, November 21st.

The luncheon will be served in Guidance during all three lunches. **Please bring your item(s) to CATA by 10:30 AM on Friday the 21st.**

If you are donating gift cards for supplies, please drop those off in the office as soon as possible so we can shop for supplies. The PTSO is contributing to the purchase of hams and turkey.

Please take a look at the list below and sign up to help, send in one of the food items, or even donate gift cards for door prizes for this event.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact either Alyson Flood at **704-604-5427** or Lisa Holiday at **704-219-9506**.

The PTSO thanks you for your participation and donations as we show our thanks to the wonderful community at CATA.

DATE: 11/21/2014 (Fri 12:00PM - 2:30PM)

LOCATION: CATA Guidance Office

You have been invited by Cougar Council to sign up for "Thanksgiving Teacher Luncheon." Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4BABAA2AA31-thanksgiving1/4676386

Play Me a Story

Musicians in the CATA Symphonic Band and theater students from CATA presented a cross curricular performance for third and fourth graders from Benton Heights on Thursday, October 24 in the CATA auditorium. The program, titled "Play Me A Story," shed light on how composers use music to portray literary elements such as theme, plot, characterization, mood, setting, conflict, and foreshadowing. The featured musical selections in "Play Me A Story" drew from mysterious, spooky, and magical literature across the following genres: poetry, short stories, folklore, and mythology.

Didactic in nature, student actors in the performance served as tour guides through the music, highlighting connections between the elements of music and literature for students in the audience. Theater students brought characters to life on stage so that Ichabod Crane, a family of whimsical ghosts, a cantankerous wizard, and Theseus of mythological fame could share their literary tale through music. A thoughtfully written script allowed for each character to prompt the musicians to play musical excerpts as examples of how music portrays character, plot, mood, and setting. Each miniature lesson was followed by a complete performance of the piece that portrayed the character's story.

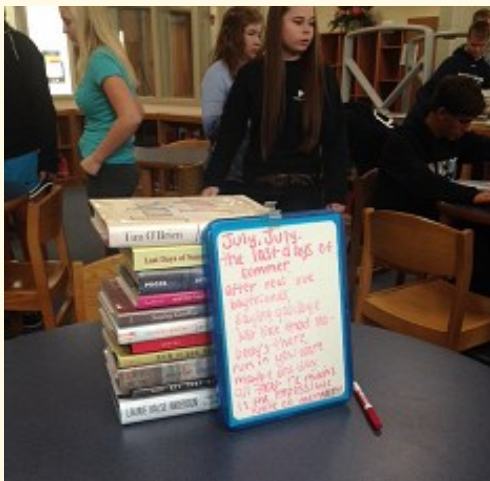
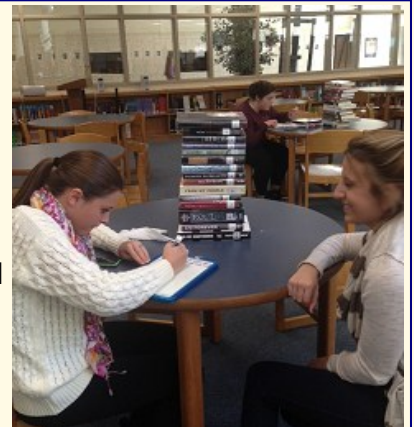
At the conclusion of the performance, musicians and actors joined students in the audience for a question and answer session about the performance. Participants, young and old, thoroughly enjoyed being part of this project and look forward to more collaborative curriculum based performances in the future.



Book Spine Poetry Shows Collaboration between English Classes and Media Center

Students in Ms. Foreman & Dr. Tarlton's English II Honors class have been studying poetry and poetry analysis in preparation for the North Carolina English II End of Course Test. In an effort to get students out of their seats to understand what poetry is all about. Along with the efforts of Ms. Christensen, students

were taught about Book Spine Poetry. This is where you take the titles of books and lay them to where when you read the spines it becomes a poem. Students were very creative and were challenged only to use specific sections of the Media Center to make their poems. After concluding the activity, the students discussed why this helped them become more acquainted with the thought process of poetry, and it was amazing to see that the students really went deep with their discussion and how it could help them understand the different types of questions that they may be asked to answer on the EOC. This was one of the most valuable learning experiences that has ever been witnessed.





JROTC of CATA and Monroe HS are sponsoring a TOYS FOR TOTS drive this year. If you would like to make the holidays more special for a child in need—please consider donating a

new toy to the TOYS FOR TOTS bin located outside of the guidance office.

We encourage our students and families to give back to our community as you are able.

***SUPPORT THE CATA
BAND PROGRAM
AND ENJOY DELICIOUS FRUIT!!***



It's that time again! Students from the CATA band program are selling fresh citrus fruit direct from Florida Indian River Groves now through November 7. Purchase delicious navel oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos from your favorite band student or order directly online at

www.floridaindianrivergroves.com

Simply enter our organization's ID code - 371922 - and proceed to place your order. If you wish for your purchase to be credited to a specific band student, be sure to choose their name from the drop-down menu provided during the check-out process.

Navel oranges, grapefruits, tangelos, and mixed boxes of all three fruits come in 10 and 20 pound boxes and price points range from \$22-\$40.

Fruit will be arrive at school in late November or early December and then be delivered to you by our band students.

Our Marching Band provides great music and marching talent for our school at games, parades, competitions, and pep rallies. Our Symphonic Band provides incredible music at concerts for the CATA Community and recently to local elementary students. Our Jazz Band shares music at the Jazz Café. Please support the Band Program by buying some delicious fruit.

Trunk or Treat: It's TIME!

Our First EVER Trunk or Treat is this Friday October 31st from 4:15 to 5:45. Participants please bring MORE Candy and begin setting up directly after school in the student parking lot (Back your cars up to the sidewalk spots).



Mr. and Ms. CATA

Cougar of the Year



An opportunity for our BOTH male and female Juniors and Seniors to show their COUGAR spirit, community service, leadership, public speaking, and academics.

The competition will include formal wear, spirit wear, and business attire. All Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to participate and showcase their creativity and talents with the Cougar Nation!

Students interested in participating in Mr. and Ms. CATA Cougar of the Year 2014 should sign up in guidance with Ms. Tweed no later than Monday, November 3rd at 3:30 (NO Exceptions). All entrants will receive competition guidelines and application on 11/3. We need a minimum of four male and four female students per grade level for the competition to occur. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lawson or Dr. Tarlton.

This competition is replacing the former Ms. CATA pageant and has been designed with parent, student, and staff input.

Competition will take place on Tuesday, November 18th

Only a few students have signed up—Please sign up ASAP so that we can host this great competition.

Student Life Notes

Parents be sure to sign a [student organization permission form](#) for each organization in which your child participates. These forms should be returned by **October 31st**.

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.

LET X= STUDENT ACTIVITIES BECOME INVOLVED TODAY!

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

November 4th is Election Day

Students who are 18 and registered to vote and all eligible voters, remember to exercise your right to vote!



Dia de los Muertos: Spanish Club Display:



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](#).

Friday, October 31: YCI meeting, 8:15 am, (Room 715)

Saturday, November 1: Soccer Playoffs Second Round, 6 pm (Walter Bickett Stadium), Cross Country at the State Championship meet in Kernersville.

Monday, November 3: Math Tutoring, 8 am (Room 527); Theatre Performance NCTC Show, 7 pm (Auditorium)

Tuesday, November 4: No School (Workday), Remember to VOTE!

Wednesday, November 5: Progress Reports, Math Tutoring, 8 am (Room 527 & 529); YCI Planning, 8 am, Travel Club monthly meeting, 3:30 (Room 102), Speech and Debate, 3:30 (Room 209), General Student Council meeting, 3:40 (Media Center),

Thursday, November 6: Math Tutoring, 3:30 (Room 210 & 521), Art Club Meeting, 3:40 (Art Room),

Upcoming Dates:

10/30-11/7—Band Fruit Sale

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

11/3—Theatre Performance NCTC Show, 7 pm (Auditorium)

11/3—Parade Applications due to Mr. Wall

11/5—Progress Reports

11/14—Student Organization Participation forms due

11/10-11/14—Bullying Awareness Week

11/11—PTSO Meeting, 7 PM Media Center

11/3-11/11—Red Cross Blood Drive Sign-ups (Allran)

11/2-11/25—Drivers Ed Session 2

11/10-11/15—NC FREE College Application Week

11/11—Veterans Day Holiday; NO SCHOOL

11/12—Red Cross Blood Drive, All DAY

11/15—NCASC Western District Conference (STUCO)

11/18—ACT Writing Test for all 11th Grade Students

11/18—CATA Cougar of the Year, 7-9 pm (Auditorium)

11/19—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40

11/20—End of Grading Period

11/20-11/23 NCTC State Theatre Festival (Greensboro)

11/22—Debate Competition: Asheville

11/23—Monroe Christmas Parade

11/24—Poetry Out Loud, 2 pm (Auditorium)

11/24-11/25—WorkKeys Testing

11/24—Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 pm (Auditorium)

11/26—Teacher Workday; NO SCHOOL

11/27-11-28—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

12/1—Benchmarks Begin

12/1-12/2—WorkKeys Testing

12/3—Report Cards

12/9—PTSO Meeting

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Fall Back ONE HOUR on
Sunday 11/2/14 at 2:00 am.

*We want your Blood.
Sign up with Mr. Allran
in Room 602 to give!*

Sign-up November 3-11

*Give: November 12 during
the school day!*

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

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).

Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to **Vanessa Patch** and **Patrick Sturm** for being nominated by the scholarship committee for NC State's Centennial Scholarship!
- Congratulations to **Kannon Baker** for placing 3rd in the High School State Bass Nation Competition!!!
- Congratulations to our **Homecoming Court** for 2014 : Freshman Prince: **Brendan Moran**, Freshman Princess: **Nicole Nava**; Sophomore Prince: **Daniel Morrison**, Sophomore Princess: **Jordan Hoskins**; Junior Prince: **Josiah Dayton**, Junior Princess: **Alexis Cherry**; Homecoming King Runner Up: **DeShawn Morrison**; Homecoming Queen Runner Up: **Allie Schneider**; 2014 Homecoming King: **Jeremy Fehlman**, 2014 Homecoming Queen: **Jordan Carelock**
- Congratulations to All students inducted into the **National Honor Society**!
- Congratulations to **Ms. Leslie Craven**—CATA's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.



Way to go Cougars!!!!



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.

CATA Symphonic Band Performs Annual Spooky Fall Concert

Students in the CATA Symphonic Band performed their annual spooky fall concert on Tuesday, October 21 in the CATA auditorium. This year's concert, titled *Diabolique*, featured dark, mysterious, and spooky music by composers such as Brian Balmages, David Holsinger, and Michael Sweeney. The concert program featured some of the most demanding technical literature the CATA musicians have performed in recent years, which is a testament to the growing ability level and increasing depth of the band program here at CATA.



Student musicians dedicated one of the pieces on the program to former band director Mr. Jim Hill who was in the audience on Tuesday night. The piece, titled *Prelude and Pursuit*, was commissioned by the Union County Bandmasters Association in 2012 and debuted by the Union County Honor Band that same year. Mr. Hill worked closely with Michael Sweeney, the composer of the work, and the piece is inspired by Mr. Hill's decorated career as a music educator in Union County.

Pumpkins from the third annual "Carve It Up" pumpkin carving contest adorned the front of the stage on the night of the concert. Over twenty five pumpkins were entered in either the painted or carved category and winners were announced and recognized during the concert. First, second and third place awards were given in both categories and the audience in attendance on the night of the concert voted on the "People's Choice Award," which went to freshman flute player Amy Kidder. Other winners included flute player Allison Schneider, trumpet player Kyle Johnson, and assistant principals Jeff Pusser and Deanna White.



Diabolique was performed for a nearly full house. Band students were pleased to see so many family, friends, teachers, and administrators in attendance. Be sure to catch the next band performance on December 12 or 13 when the symphonic band and jazz band perform as part of the performing arts department's annual "Winter Collaborative."



Cane Creek's Fall Festival Provides Nature's Playground for Environmental Club

Members of the Environmental Club participated in Cane Creek's Fall Festival this weekend. Students were given a guided nature tour of the park. They learned about the differing ecosystems within the park. Students also were given a brief lesson on poisonous spiders in the area. A booth was set up with preserved specimens on different spiders and other insects found in our area. Free boat rides were offered on the lake. Students also played games like corn hole. It was a gorgeous day to play outside.



PTSO Information Thanks to all who support CATA's PTSO! We are actively planning for student recognition, scholarships and appreciation. We continue to support the teachers and administration and staff at CATA. We have been a presence at CATA sports and activities! We need your support and help! The year is off to a great start. In short order, you will be hearing more about our new Performing Arts Committee which will enhance the membership of the PTSO and focus its efforts on the tremendous Performing Arts Academy at CATA. The efforts of the PTSO partners with CATA and enhances and supports all of its great accomplishments!

PTSO Membership Campaign - Please join the PTSO! At our October meeting, we had 80 parent/family members and 30 staff members! Thanks to all who have joined. Please help us to bridge the gap between the 110 members and the nearly 900 students and staff at CATA! Membership is \$10.00! Challenge to those who have not! CATA PTSO is seeking more members and it starts with you. Thanks!

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If you are interested in supporting any of the great work of the CATA PTSO, please contact Kathie McKain at kathieptsocata@gmail.com.

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.

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 important benefit is that your student has the opportunity to take a college entrance exam for colleges and universities throughout the country will accept an ACT score (previously 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.



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SAFETY NET NEWSLETTER](#)— **NEW SEPTEMBER EDITION**—GREAT
ARTICLES FOR HS!!!!!!
[BACK EDITIONS](#) ARE AVAILABLE ON THE UCPS WEBSITE.



Carve it up Pumpkin Contest

<http://carveitupcougars.blogspot.com/>



VS



FRI, NOV 21, 7 PM

Select students will be invited for a pregame experience on court, and the Cuthbertson High School Dance Team will perform! Postgame free throws for UCPS students!

SEATING OPTIONS

\$22.50 (200 level curve high)

\$28.50 (200 level sideline high)

Prices do not include applicable NC state taxes

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS RECEIVE

\$5

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THROUGH THIS PROMOTION!**

This special offer includes a discount for students, parents, faculty and staff.

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To order your tickets, please click the Buy Now button and enter promo code: UCPS

Can't make it on 11/21? Special offer is also available for Wednesday, 11/26 vs. Portland Trail Blazers. Group of 15 or more? Please call David Johnson 704.688.9044 or email djohnson@hornets.com. *IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION* Click on available seats (blue dots) to add to your cart, then log in or create a new account to proceed to checkout. To print your tickets, please visit myhornetsaccount.com and enter your login information within 14 days of the game.

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EVENT INFORMATION
CATA Schoolwide Poetry Out Loud contest
when: Monday, November 24th, 4th period
where: The Auditorium

www.poetryoutloud.org

