

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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Central Academy Families,

Congratulations to our Men's Soccer Team on a great season. Congratulations to our Men's Cross Country team for coming in 2nd place in the State. Please come cheer on our Varsity Football Team as they play their last season home game against Parkwood on Friday at 7:30. This will also be our Senior Night for Football, Cheer, Cross Country, Tennis, and Golf BEFORE the game, and Band during halftime. Seniors wearing their OFFICIAL Senior CATA t-shirt get a coupon for a free popcorn.

Congratulations to the Hands Helping Others Student Organization that led the CATA community in collecting 1,900 cans for Loaves and Fishes. Way to go! Best of luck to our Theatre Group as they compete this weekend in NCTC. A fabulous job on last week's Trunk or Treat, where we estimate we had 200 families come and trunk or treat with our 40 decorated cars and student groups! Way to go!! 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.

Students received progress reports this past Wednesday. If you did not see them, please ask your student or communicate with their teacher. Guidance will be visiting with students that have a low average in their classes. Advisors met by Academy a few weeks ago to go over course and career options. This week Advisors met with grade level advisories. Freshman evaluated how they are performing as a student and set goals for themselves. Sophomores reviewed their PLAN results. Juniors conducted a transcript review to make sure that they were on track for graduation. Seniors reviewed what important things should be going on now to prepare for graduation and life after high school. All 9th through 11th graders received information on Credit by Demonstrated Mastery. This information is also in the chronicle and we ask that you discuss this with your child's guidance counselor if they are interested. Next week is college application week and there is information in the chronicle and in the guidance office about the many colleges offering a free application. All students are invited to join staff in wearing their favorite college gear on Monday to start off the week!!

We are sad to say the Mr. and Ms. CATA Cougar of the Year had very limited interest and we have had to cancel the event. We do hope that families will make plans to attend the Union County Christmas Parade on November 23rd. CATA will have multiple groups participating in this annual event!! We had a very successful safety drill as we practiced how to respond to an intruder in the school. Students and staff did a great job and we will continue to practice safety drills, including lockdown, fire, and tornado drills.

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

The PLAN Results are IN!!! All 10th Grade students received their PLAN results during Advisory on Wednesday. Please ask your 10th to see their score!

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.**

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. 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/1yTGjmqrhNr9SyT0nwyUHvNA51OVzcGoNkI-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.

WorkKeys Testing to Begin

Attention seniors, if you have or are in the process of completing four Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster, you will be taking the WorkKeys assessment from ACT. The WorkKeys assessment is given to help ensure that students have the skills they need to be college and career ready. If you have met the above requirements, you will be receiving a letter from Ms. Webb explaining the assessment a little more as well as the date you are scheduled to take it. 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

See Pg 13 for info on COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK!!!

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.

- **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](#). 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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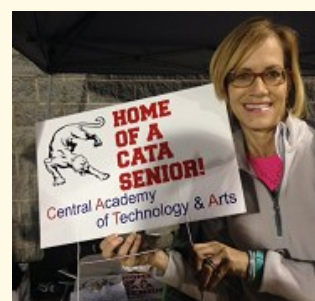
Celebrating HBCU's - November 9, 2014:

Come meet with college admission representatives, current students, and alumni about their experiences at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)! Representatives from Spelman, Morehouse, Howard, and NC A&T, for example, plan to be in attendance. This event will take place at Providence Day School (in the Community Room) from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Providence Day School is located at 5800 Sardis Road in Charlotte. If you are thinking about attending an HBCU, be sure to check out their website too: <http://hbcuconnect.com/colleges/>

UTI Scholarship Testing Competition:

Tests for this scholarship are given to high school seniors in the fall and spring for attendance following high school graduation. More than 380 students will receive up to \$2,500 each for achieving the highest scores on the test. To be eligible, students must be high school seniors who have already enrolled at Universal Technical Institute. The competition will take place at the NAS-CAR Technical Institute UTI-Mooresville location on November 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Testing will only occur from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please visit: <http://www.uti.edu/student-services/scholarships/uti-national-testing-scholarship-competition>. **Deadline: November 15, 2014.**

Senior Signs - The new design of the CATA Senior Sign is available for sale for \$20.00! PTO will be at the November 7 football game selling the signs! They can be purchased in the office as well. Please share your pride at being a CATA senior by displaying your CATA senior sign in your yard!



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:

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Mr. Jay Niessner](#).

Varsity Results:

Cross Country: 2A NCHSAA State Runner Up. Congrats to the men's team on a great record setting season!

Football: CATA 28 – Forest Hills 42

Soccer: CATA 3 – Shelby 1 2nd Round NCHSAA Playoffs, CATA 0 – Newton Conover 3 3rd Round NCHSAA Playoffs



Upcoming Events:

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 BEFORE the game!!

BAND senior night during halftime.

Thursday 11/13:

-AWAY Men's & Women's Basketball @ Charlotte Latin 5:00 pm start time, Scrimmage

Other News:

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

Cheerleading tryouts will take place November 12th-14th. All athletic paperwork must be handed in before a student may tryout.

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 11/7—Kickoff 7:30
CATA vs Parkwood HS
@ CATA

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.



Great Job to the Men's Varsity Soccer Team on a GRRRRreat Season!!

Thanks for the exciting games!!



Rethink School Lunch.....Why?

- CATA students are offered a wide variety of healthy choices including many fresh fruits and vegetables.
- We have a traditional line where students can choose an entrée and up to 4 sides plus low fat milk for \$2.30.
- We also have a combo line where students can choose a hot sandwich, deli sandwich, or fresh salad along with baked French fries, vegetables or fresh fruit. This lunch selection can also include low fat milk for \$2.75.
- Each day CATA serves a selection of at least 7 entrees and at least 8 fruits and vegetables. Many of our entrees are made from scratch-yes that's right. We make our lasagna, spaghetti, the cheese sauce for the macaroni and cheese, we roast the pork and pull it for our barbecue and countless other options are made in house. We have a fantastic Mean Green Salad that features kale, romaine and spinach-great tasting and good for you. There are many options for vegetarians.
- Our menus are located on the Child Nutrition Web site.

Please come dine with us.

Anna Hurst, CATA Café. Manager



Mr. and Ms. CATA

Cougar of the Year

Thank you to all that signed up, however we have to cancel due to lack of participation.



Bully Awareness Week is **November 10th - 14th.**

Please join the guidance department and the entire school to

"TAKE A STAND, LEND A HAND, STOP BULLYING."



On **Thursday, November 13th** please wear blue to show your support against bullying.

During lunch on **Thursday, November 13th** all students will have the opportunity to sign a paper cut out hand and place it on the **"TAKE A STAND, LEND A HAND, STOP BULLYING"** board.

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

CATA Community Cares

We collected over 1900 cans that were donated to Loaves and Fishes of Union County! The winning class was Dr. Tarlton's with 559 cans! The following first block classrooms collected over 100 cans:



2nd Place - Loor: 283 cans
3rd Place - Navey: 210 cans
4th Place - Tesar: 124 cans
5th place - Allran: 103 cans

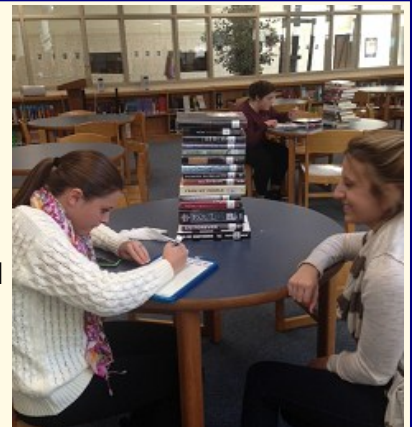
The Hands Helping Others Club would like to thank all the teachers that participated! CATA would like to thank Hands Helping Others for leading the way to supporting our community!!

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: Huge Success



Student Life Notes

Parents be sure to sign a **student organization permission form** for each organization in which your child participates. These forms were due to student Organization advisers October 31st. Please make sure you sign the forms. Student organization advisers will have a copy of the form.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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

November 4th was Election Day

Way to go to all of our First Time Voters!! We are proud of you for taking part in this important part of our country!



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).

Students – You are all encouraged to wear your favorite college attire on Monday, November 10th!

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, November 7: YCI meeting, 8:15 am (Room 715)

Saturday, November 8: Possible 4th Round Soccer Playoffs TBD,

Monday, November 10: Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rooms 527&529), Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 am and 3:45 pm (Room 615),

Tuesday, November 11: No School (Holiday),

Wednesday, November 12: Red Cross Blood Drive (ALL DAY); Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rooms 527&529); YCI Planning, 8 am; Social Studies tutoring, 8:15 am and 3:45 pm (Rooms 608 & 609); Speech and Debate, 3:30 (Room 209); GSA, 3:45 (Room 610)

Thursday, November 13: HOSA meeting, 8:10 am and 3:30 pm (Room 515); Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 am and 3:45 pm (Room 610); Math Tutoring, 3:30 (Room 210&521); Robotics Club, 3:45 (Mr. Hardy's Room)

Friday, November 14: Student Council Fall Retreat 3:45 pm; YCI meeting, 8:15 am (Room 715)

Saturday, November 15: NCASC Western District Conference at Marvin Ridge High, 7 am

Upcoming Dates:

11/6-11/7—Band Fruit Sale
 11/7-11/8—NCTC Theatre Performance
 11/14—Student Organization Participation forms due
 11/10-11/14—Bullying Awareness Week
 11/3-11/10—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—PTSO Meeting, 7 PM Media Center
 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
 11/19—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—Union County 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
 12/15—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
 12/16—ASVAB, 8 am (Media Center)
 12/17—Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:45
 12/19: Winter Basketball Tournament (Stuco)
 12/22 to 1/2/2015; Winter Break, School starts back 1/5

Semester 1 Final Exams

Monday 1/12—1st period

Tuesday 1/13—2nd period

Wednesday 1/14—3rd period

Thursday 1/15—4th period

2nd Semester Classes Start on Thursday 1/22

*We want your Blood.
 Sign-up 11/6-10 AS
 LUNCHE or with Mr.
 Allran—room 602.*

*Give: November 12 during
 the school day!*

GIVE BLOOD

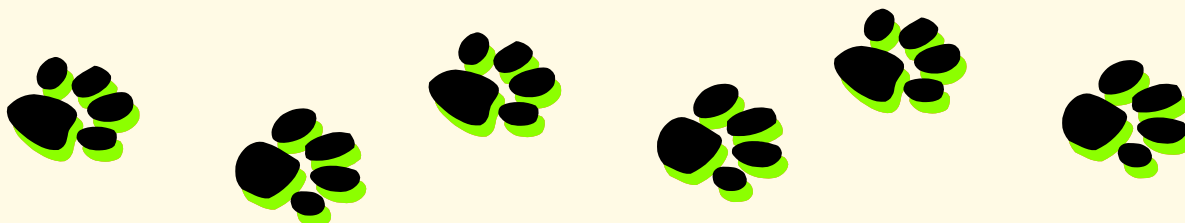


SAVE LIFE

Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to **Denise Cochran** for being named a school winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Program!
- Congratulations to the **Hands Helping Others Student Organization** for leading a school-wide can collection to help those less fortunate in our community!
- Congratulations to **ALL Student Life Organizations and Faculty** that participated in a very successful Trunk or Treat!!
- 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 **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 Participates in College Application Week

Next week, November 10-14, is College Application Week. Students will get to see where staff went to college by reading their "I graduated from..." signs that will be posted on their doors. On Monday, many staff will also be wearing some of their college attire to send the message that all of our students are ready for college if they choose to go. During this week, students can speak with their counselors and take advantage of the many free college applications available from certain schools. Students can also apply for scholarships at some of these institutions.

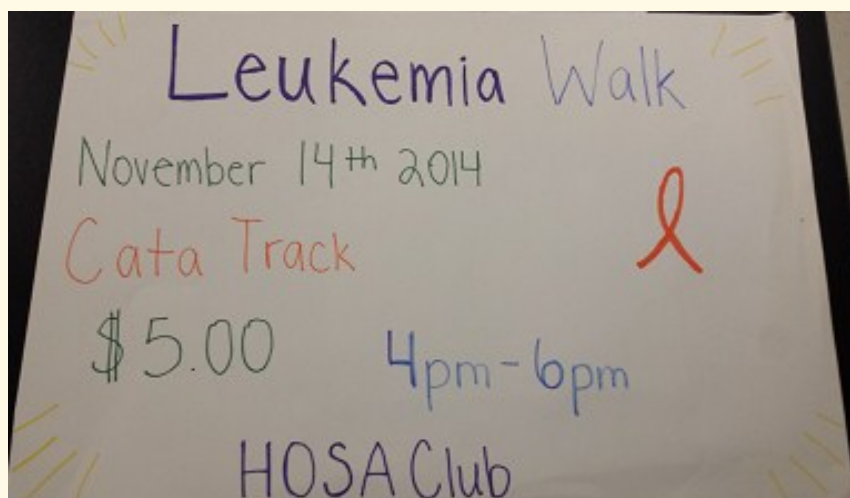
North Carolina FREE College Application Week is scheduled for November 10th – November 14th. The following schools will waive their application fee during this week:

Barton College	Belmont Abbey College
Bennett College	Brevard College
Davidson College	
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	
Campbell University	Catawba College
Fayetteville State University	Gardner-Webb University
Johnston C. Smith	Lees-McRae College
Livingstone College	Louisburg College
Mars Hill University	Methodist College
North Carolina Central University	
Pfeiffer University	Queens University
Saint Augustine's University	Shaw University
University of Mount Olive	Warren Wilson College
Wingate University	Winston-Salem State University



Chowan University
 Guildford College
 Lenior-Rhyne University
 Meredith College
 Montreat College
 North Carolina Wesleyan College
 Salem College
 St. Andrews University
 William Peace University

For more information, visit https://www1.cfnc.org/College_Application_Week/CAW_Seniors.aspx. If you are interested in applying to any of these schools and are NOT currently in English this semester, please sign up in the Guidance Office to apply to these colleges and Universities on Friday, November 14th during 2nd period.



DAY OF THE DEAD

By: Catherine Marion
October 2014

On Friday October 24, 2014 the students in the Central Academy Spanish Club decorated the front of the maze with a beautiful arrangement for the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead. The Spanish club wanted to get across the message of The Day of the Dead, that it is a happy day and not a sad or scary like Halloween is in the United States. The Mexican holiday is a combination of All Hallows' Eve, Halloween, and All



Souls' Days and lasts from October 31- November 2. This holiday is a immense celebration of the people in their families that have passed away. The holiday is not sad at all and is a celebration of everyone's lost relatives. When the holiday first originated the purpose was to welcome the spirits of those who had passed away back and they would be able to feast with the living. In today's Hispanic culture the holiday is used to celebrate those that have passed with large altars, called ofrendas, to remember the person. The altars are normally decorated with bright colors and flowers. They also make papel picado for the celebration and have large parades. The families also fix a big meal of the departed's favorite foods and drinks and bring them to their graves in remembrance of the person. Overall this celebration is a very happy event, and is completely different than Halloween. Ms. Mónica's class and the Spanish Club wanted to bring awareness, and color, to Central Academy about the differences in the two holidays.

PTSO Information

- **PTSO will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.**
- **Friday, November 7 is Senior Night at the CATA Football game. The PTSO will be at the game selling Senior Signs and CATA Magnets and CATA Lanyards! In addition, we will be asking you to join the PTSO to help support this wonderful organization!**
- **Please sign up via the sign up genius to provide food to the wonderful CATA Staff and Administration for their Thanksgiving Banquet!**
- **Keep you eyes wide open for our first annual Invest in Excellence at CATA campaign! Those who participate in this event will be eligible to win one of a list of wonderful prizes, gift cards and shopping sprees!**
- **Thanks as always for your support of the CATA PTSO!** 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.



UCPS—Safety Net MORE INFORMATION ON KEEP-
ING YOUR TEENS AND CHILDREN SAFE—[READ THE WHOLE
SAFETY NET NEWSLETTER](#)— **NEW SEPTEMBER EDITION**—GREAT
ARTICLES FOR HS!!!!!!
[BACK EDITIONS](#) ARE AVAILABLE ON THE UCPS WEBSITE.

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery

During Advisory on Wednesday, November 5th each 9th, 10th, and 11th grade student received a UCPS Parent's Guide to Credit by Demonstrated Mastery and an application. The application for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery is due on **Friday, December 12th** to your student's assigned school counselor. Both forms are also located on the CATA website at <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/links/guidance.php>

Course for Credit, Credit by Demonstrated Mastery, specifically offers North Carolina students the opportunity to personalize and accelerate their learning by earning course credit through a demonstrated of mastery of course material. This means students may "test out" or bypass a course if they have already mastered the content.

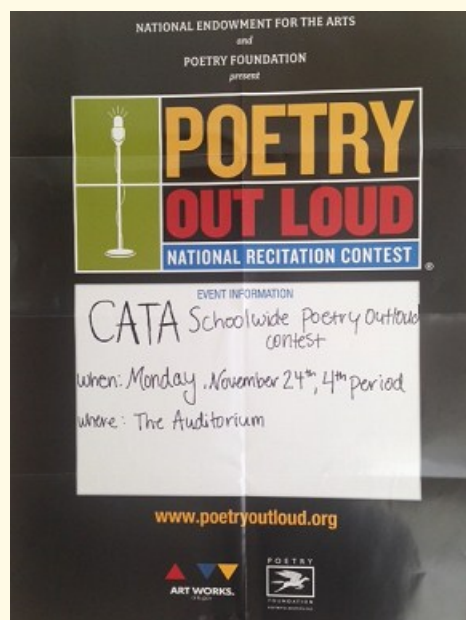
According to the Implementation Guide for Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM), any high school student who is "able to demonstrate a deep understanding of the knowledge and skills required of a particular course will earn credit for that courses so that he/she may spend their time more effectively in another course where they will learn and experience new content and material.


Advanced Placement, Healthful Living, and some Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses are not eligible. Student may not apply to bypass a course that is not offered in the student's assigned school.

Phase I is the student examination. Students must take the exam in a testing window pre-determined by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in a secure environment. The UCPS testing window will be February 16th - 27th, 2015. If a student is not successful with Phase I, the process ends. Individual student score reports will not be available. The testing roster will only state Met or Not Met. If a student is successful with Phase I, he/she may proceed to Phase II. Phase II is an artifact development process that will establish a student's ability to apply knowledge in a meaningful context to establish clearly that he/she should be awarded course credit.

After successful completion of both Phases I & II, the student will be awarded credit for the course. Students will not receive a letter grade for the course. Students who successfully complete the process will receive a "pass" result on their transcripts for the course at the college preparatory level, and will be eligible to enroll in the next level course in that subject area. Students who do not earn the course credit will not be penalized. Results of the assessment process will not be reflected in the student's grades or school transcript. Students may make one attempt to earn credit per course. Retests are not offered.

If you have questions regarding Credit by Demonstrated Mastery please contact your student's assigned school counselor.





UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT

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 RECEIVE

\$5

**FROM EVERY TICKET
THROUGH THIS PROMOTION!**

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

BUY NOW

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 dajohnson@horns.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.