

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



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Central Academy Families,

Students and teachers are working hard as we close out the end of the second grading period. Seniors—remember that we will host a **CFNC Financial Aid Night** with Timeka Ruffin on **Monday, December 15th at 6:30 pm** in the **CATA Auditorium**. Please come out and learn how to apply and receive monies for college! Read the Cougar Chronicle to see how the Freshman Student Council is getting involved in the Monroe Environment by helping to clean up Bearskin Creek. Way to go!

The JROTC at both CATA and Monroe HS are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots drive. Please send toys in soon and put in the collection box near guidance. The PTSO will be hosting a Teacher Thanks Luncheon tomorrow, Friday. The staff are excited and the PTSO appreciates all families that have been able to donate or volunteer. On this past Tuesday our school welcomed local business leaders into the classrooms to speak to some of our classes in pre-engineering, medical science, performing arts, and computers. Thank you to the Union County Ed Foundation for bringing this experience, called BizEd, to CATA. The business leaders were very impressed with our students and school, and our students and teachers learned so much from our local business representatives.

Our English students have created a Holocaust Museum at the school based on their readings in English Classes. The administration, parents, staff and students had a great opportunity to learn about the Holocaust and the incredible learning that took place.

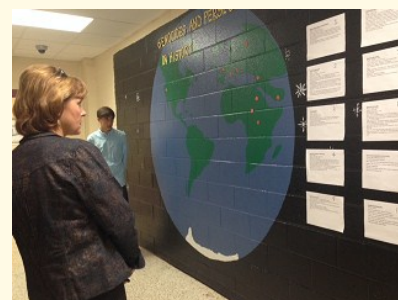
Due to predicted rainy weather conditions for Sunday, the Monroe Christmas Parade had been postponed until Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. We have many groups participating and we hope to see you there.

School is in session through next Tuesday, November 25th. We will resume class on Monday December 1st after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Thank you to each of you for all of your support of the students, staff, and community at Central Academy. We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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](#).

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**.

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Thanks for giving 84 pints Central Academy!



Seniors

CFNC Financial Aid Night with Timeka Ruffin is scheduled for **Monday, December 15th at 6:30 pm** in the **CATA Auditorium**. Please come out and learn how to apply and receive monies for college! This is a VERY important meeting to attend.

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?!? Be on the lookout for a new Scholarship Newsletter next week!

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 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](#). UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Scholarship Program (12/1); Appalachian State University Scholarships (12/1); Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship (12/1); NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Youth Essay Contest (12/1); Boston University's Trustee Scholarship (12/1); Boston University's Presidential Scholarship (12/1); Elks National Foundation 'Most Valuable Student' Scholarship Competition (12/5); Merit-Based Scholarships at the University of Alabama (12/15); AXA Achievement Scholarship (12/15); The Carson Scholars Fund (12/15); Burger King Scholars Program (12/15); RebatesZone.com Scholarship (12/15); NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards (12/18); Rubincam Youth Award (12/31); and Top 10 List Scholarship (12/31)

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

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

UNC Greensboro has a newly created Teacher Education Fellows Scholarship Program. This program awards a \$20,000.00 scholarship distributed incrementally over four years of study at UNCG. In addition to scholarships, the UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Program includes a variety of other benefits, including integrated seminars, networking events, community engagement opportunities, and leadership development. Fellows also study abroad during their sophomore year as part of the global focus of the program. Learn more [here](#). **Deadline to apply: December 1, 2014.**

Step-by-Step Guide to Completing the FAFSA - December 9, 2014 - The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process may seem daunting to students and parents. This **webinar** will include an overview of the FAFSA process including how to request a PIN, how to determine a student's dependency status, and more. Send in your questions prior to the webinar and then join Deborah Tollefson, Director of Financial Aid at UNC-Greensboro, as she provides simple, step-by-step instructions for completing and submitting the FAFSA. The webinar will take place 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Register online [here](#).

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.**

Fall sports awards night will be held on
Monday, November 24th @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

Varsity Results:

Wrestling CATA 36– South Stanly 39

Upcoming Events:

Friday – 11/21:

AWAY Women's Varsity Basketball @ Mt. Island Charter School 6:00 pm

AWAY Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge Tournament 5:00 pm

AWAY Swim @ Stanly County YMCA 6:00 pm

Saturday – 11/22:

AWAY Wrestling @ Marvin Ridge Tournament – All Day Event

Tuesday—11/25:

AWAY Wrestling @ Mallard Creek 6:00 pm

HOME Basketball vs. Porter Ridge (Varsity only—6:00)

Friday—11/29:

Men's V Basketball @ Sun Valley vs Cuthbertson 5:00 pm

Saturday—12/1:

Men's V Basketball @ Sun Valley 8:00 pm

Other News:

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

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



Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

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

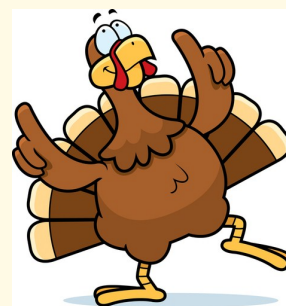
Tees - \$15

Hoodies - \$25

Ball Caps - \$20



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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 Holliday 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

- ⇒ **"Ruthless! The Musical" – Rating: Superior**
- ⇒ **"Fire in the Hold" – Rating: Superior**
- ⇒ **Excellence in Fight Choreography – "Fire in the Hole"**
- ⇒ **Barbizon Lighting Award for Excellence in Student Design and Production – Jasmine Lesane, Light Design, "Ruthless! The Musical" and "Fire in the Hole"**
- ⇒ **Barbizon Lighting Award for Outstanding Achievement in Student Design and Production – Jason McGuire, Sound Design, "Ruthless! The Musical" and "Fire in the Hole"**
- ⇒ **Excellence in Acting – Megan Morris, "Fire in the Hole"**
- ⇒ **Excellence in Acting – Morgan Miller, "Ruthless! The Musical"**
- ⇒ **Excellence in Acting – Matt Howie, "Ruthless! The Musical"**
- ⇒ **Excellence in Directing – Larry Robinson, "Ruthless! The Musical"**
- ⇒ **Honorable Mention Distinguished Play – "Ruthless! The Musical"**

**NCTC
Awards &
Recognitions
Fall 2014**

Student Life Notes

****Due to predicted rainy weather conditions for Sunday, the Monroe Christmas Parade had been postponed until Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. ****

****All student life organizations: We will meet the week after Thanksgiving before and after school on, **Thursday December 4th in room 401**. Please have your plans for fundraisers and drives during the holiday season.**

****All student life organizations: Please consider having your organization bring in toys for the **Toys for Tots** bin outside of the guidance office. All toys must be in original and unopened packaging.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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



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.

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 21: YCI Meeting, 8:15 am (Room 715); Debate Team to Asheville Tournament

Saturday, November 22: Speech and Debate (Asheville Tournament)

Monday, November 24: Poetry Out Loud, 2 pm (Auditorium); Student Council Junior Class Mtg., 3:30 (Media Center; WorkKeys Testing; Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rm. 527 & 529); Social Studies Tutoring 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 615); Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 pm (Auditorium)

Tuesday, November 25: WorkKeys Testing; Social Studies Tutoring, 8:30 am and 3:45 pm (Rm. 604); Math Tutoring, 3:30 pm (Rm. 209, 521, and 210 by apt. for Calculus); Robotics Club Mtg., 3:45 pm (Mr. Hardy's Room); Student Council Officer Mtg., 3:45 pm (Rm. 111)

Wednesday, November 26: Teacher workday, NO SCHOOL. SCHOOL is Closed to Public.

Thursday, November 27: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NO SCHOOL, See you Monday, December 1st

Monday, December 1: Benchmark Testing Begins; WorkKeys Testing, Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rm. 527 & 529); Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 615)

Tuesday, December 2: WorkKeys Testing, Social Studies Tutoring, 8:30 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 604); Math Tutoring, 3:30 pm (Rm. 209, 521, and 210 by apt. for Calculus); NHS Meetings, 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Media Center); Student Council Officer Mtg., 3:45 pm (Rm. 111);

Wednesday, December 3: Report cards go home; YCI Planning, 8 am; Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rm. 527 & 529); Social Studies Tutoring, 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 608 & 609); General Student Council meeting, 3:45 (Media Center); Speech and Debate 3:30, (Rm. 209); Travel Club Mtg., 3:45, (Rm. 102)

Thursday, December 4: Student Life Organization meetings, 8:30 am 3:40 pm (Room 401); Social Studies tutoring 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 610); Math Tutoring, 3:30 (Rm. 210 & 521); Art Club Mtg., 3:45 (Art Room)

Upcoming Dates:

11/20—End of Grading Period
 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
 12/4—Student Life organization meetings (before and after school)
 12/5—Tree Lighting in Stallings, 6:30 pm
 12/7—Union County Christmas Parade 2:00 pm Monroe
 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

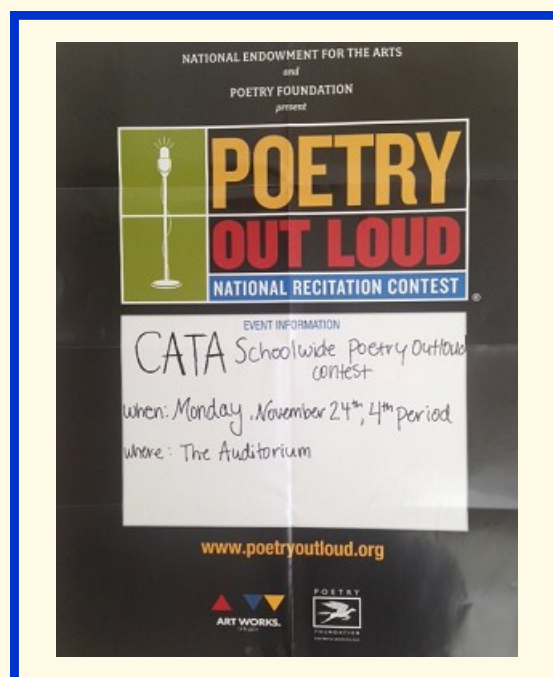
Monday 1/12—1st period

Tuesday 1/13—2nd period

Wednesday 1/14—3rd period

Thursday 1/15—4th period

2nd Semester Classes Start on Thursday 1/22

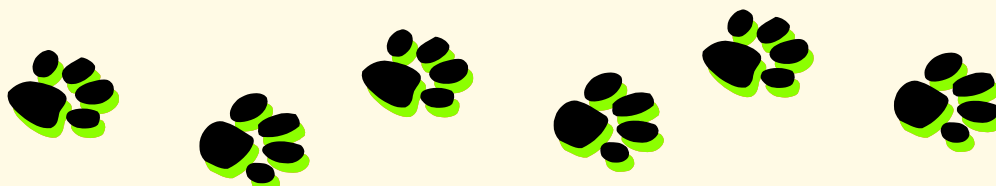


Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the 2nd round of North Carolina Governor's School Competition - **Madison Carpenter, Raygan Hansley, Brice Martin, Whitney Morgan, Christopher Verrill**
- Congratulations to our **HOSA Students, staff and CATA friends** for coming out to walk in the first Leukemia Walk. While we had limited turnout—it was a great first event and we are looking to more people next year!! Great job HOSA!!
- Congratulations to our **Health Science II** students for facilitating a great Red Cross Blood Drive—over 80 pints collected! Way to go!!
- Congratulations to **Allison Carson** for being nominated by the Scholarship Committee for the Belk Scholarship at Davidson College!!
- Congratulations to **Denise Cochran** for being named a school winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Program!
- Congratulations to our own **Ms. Leslie Craven** for being awarded the Cato Excellence in Teaching Award. Ms. Craven was recognized by the UCPS BOE for this great accomplishment!!



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.

STUCO Cleans Up Bearskin Creek in Monroe

Freshman student council members braved the cold on Saturday, Nov. 15th to clean up Bearskin Creek in downtown Monroe. Student council members are required to complete one service project per year. Approximately half the freshman chose to support stream clean-up efforts with the city. They were treated with hot coco and donuts to get them started. Many students adorned waders and walked through the water picking up trash and debris. "The weirdest things we took out of the water", Trace Martin commented, "were a bicycle, tires, and an old radio."



After the students climbed the creek banks, and waded through the water collecting trash, they were given the opportunity to test the water quality. They tested temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity. Students will be analyzing the data and recording it on the World Water Monitoring educational site. The City of Monroe awarded these students a Certificate of Participation for demonstration of responsible stewardship of water resources.



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).

PTSO Information

- PTSO will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in the Media Center. Please plan on attending. If you are unable to be there, click on the google hangout and watch it from home.
- PTSO is hosting a Thanksgiving Teacher Luncheon for our great staff on Friday, November 21. Luncheon will be held i Guidance during all 3 lunches. If you have any questions call Alyson Flood at 704-604-5427 or Lisa Holliday at 704-219-9506. You can also go to the SignUpGenius link provided below. Thanks to all who have already signed up. There are still a few items we could use help with to make this a successful luncheon! Thanks so much!
- www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E4BABAA2AA31-thanksgiving1/4676386
- Membership applications are still being accepted. Please join the PTSO today!
- PTSO is selling senior signs and CATA magnets! Please stop by the office to purchase one today!
- PTSO will be starting their first annual Invest In Excellence Campaign to raise funds to support the school. Watch for information and a donation flyer to come home with your son or daughter. There will be prizes for those who donate \$25.00 or more and anyone donating \$50.00 or more will be entered into a raffle to receive one of many wonderful prizes, gift certificates or gift baskets!
- Welcome to the new committee of the CATA PTSO - The Performing Arts Committee! Please come to the meeting and look for an invitation to join the PTSO! This committee will work to support the outstanding performing arts at CATA through marketing, communications and fundraising! They will extend the work of the PTSO! Thanks to Liz Branca and Michelle Fehlman for chairing this committee.
- For additional information, please go to the CATA website. Thanks so much for everything!

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 free. All colleges and universities throughout the country will accept an (previously some colleges and universities only would accept the SAT but 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.

Preparation for Juniors at CATA—All Juniors at CATA are participating in guided ACT preparation during Cougar Time.

Important Info for all JUNIORS and Parents!!!!

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ACT score

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UCPS—Safety Net MORE INFORMATION ON KEEPING YOUR TEENS AND CHILDREN SAFE—
READ THE WHOLE SAFETY NET NEWSLETTER— GREAT ARTICLES FOR HS!!!!!!
BACK EDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE UCPS WEBSITE.