

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle



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Central Academy Families,

We have had a good week back to school this week. Although our community is saddened by our loss, our students and teachers are working together to support each other. Thank you to all of our parents for the support this week. Students received their report cards yesterday in Advisory. 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**. In **advisory** this week freshman learned a note taking strategy, sophomores practiced formal self reflection about their report card grades, juniors started their college/career resume using a template created for them, and seniors evaluated the 21st century tools that they have accumulated. The Performing Arts Classes have put together their Annual Winter Collaborative—this year themed—**"Winter Under the Lights"**. Come out on Friday December 12th and Saturday December 13th at 7:00 to see this great production. Tickets are \$7. You can buy tickets in advance during lunches next week and at the door.

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 National Honor Society is collecting for children in need this holiday season through December 15th. **Donate new pajamas, a new book**, or money to this great cause and make someone's holiday brighter. Send in donations to either drive with your student or bring them with you to the Winter Collaborative.

Athletics -Basketball is in full swing. The women lost to Union Academy this week by just 7 points and the men defeated UA in a very exciting game. Wrestling is doing well in their tournaments and we look forward to their next home match. Football will be having an End of Football Season Party for players and parents on Monday 12/8. Please see the chronicle for details and how to RSVP. We hope to see the whole team and families there.

A message from CATA's Parent, Teacher, Student Organization—**INVEST IN EXCELLENCE AT CATA** - It is never too late to invest in the excellence at CATA through the PTSO!!! Your donation is 100% tax free and 100% goes to support CATA! We will be having another drawing on Wednesday, December 18 in gratitude of all those who support the campaign at \$50.00 or more!

We are still looking for more **MEMBERS for the CATA PTSO**! We have reached 100, but are challenging our students and families to double and triple that!!! Membership and involvement is key to the success of the PTSO and contributes to the success of CATA! Engagement in school and community activities through the PTSO forms a wonderful partnership! Consider joining the PTSO today!

The **Monroe Christmas Parade** will be this Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Monroe. We have many groups participating and we hope to see you there. Congratulations to our **CATA Poetry Out Loud** competition winners, 1st place Zealy Helms, 2nd place Noah Minsk, 3rd place Hannah Register. These three winners will now compete in the District Competition in January. Way to go!!! A shout out to our CATA Speech and Debate Team for their great performance at the Asheville Tournament. Congratulations to Zac Curtis, Paula Das, Kamaria Browne, and AJ Blomberg. Way to go!!!

Students—save the date of December 18th for **CATA's first Movie Night** this year. Join us for a holiday theme movie—ELF— and enjoy a classic with friends.

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 Going Strong

The WorkKeys that was originally scheduled for Monday 12/1 has been **rescheduled to Tuesday 12/9**. Students will be given a pass to go to the media center during their first block class. Any questions, please see Ms. Webb in the guidance office.



Do these essay topics interested you? Participate in the Union County NAACP Essay Contest...

ESSAY CONTEST TOPICS

Why do You Think Kids Feel the Need to Bully

Is the Media Changing the Lives of Young Children

UNC- Chapel Hill and Phony Classes and Academic Abuse Controversy????

ESSAY DEADLINE All essays must be received by January 31, 2015. Please [click here](#) to see rules and application.



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

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

Seniors – Did you receive the next **scholarship newsletter**?!!? Copies in the guidance office!

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. Students are limited in how many sessions they may attend and may only attend sessions that they are truly interested in attending.

December 10, 2014 - Catawba College at 9:00 a.m.

December 18, 2014 - Pfeiffer University at 10:50 a.m.

The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** will be administered at **CATA on December 16th**. The ASVAB is the vocational assessment used by the United States military for job placement and is an excellent tool to assist any student in identifying career interests and aptitudes. The test may be taken by any CATA 10th-12th student and does not obligate the student to the military in any way. Students may sign up to take the test at Mrs. Tweed's desk in the guidance office.

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](#). 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); National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships (12/31); Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) Essay Contest (1/1/15); William Poteat Scholarships at Wake Forest University (1/1/15); JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest (1/5/15); GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program (1/8/15); Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (1/9/15); Carolina Covenant Scholars Program (1/10/15); Gates Millennium Scholars Program; National Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship (1/15/15); and North Carolina Hispanic College Fund (1/15/15)

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

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

Khan Academy has a new resource for helping students and parents navigate the **college admissions process**. It includes video interviews and conversations with successful students from all walks of life and admissions officers and counselors at some of the nation's top schools. Check it out at: www.khanacademy.org/college-admissions

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 December 15th Financial Aid Meeting 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:

Men's Basketball: CATA 48 – Porter Ridge 87, CATA 51 – Cuthbertson 78, CATA 64 – Sun Valley 68, CATA 47 – Union Academy 39

Women's Basketball: CATA 30 – Porter Ridge 58, CATA 41 – Union Academy 48

Wrestling: CATA @ Mallard Creek Quad – Wins vs. Concord & North Mecklenburg, Losses vs. Mallard Creek & Central Cabarrus. CATA @ Metrolina Tri – Win vs. Metrolina, Loss vs. Marvin Ridge

Indoor Track: Elijah Inuwa, Alec Merrill & Josh Weirich all qualified for the 2A indoor state meet with their times from the Olympic High School Meet.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 12/6:

Wrestling @ West Montgomery 9:00 am

Tuesday 12/9:

AWAY Basketball @ Anson 4:30 JV Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys to follow (NO JV Girls Game)

AWAY Swimming @ Pfeiffer 6:00 pm start

HOME Wrestling vs. Independence 6:30 pm

Thursday 12/11:

HOME Basketball vs. Marvin Ridge 6:00 & 7:30 pm (Varsity Only)

Friday 12/12:

HOME Basketball vs. Weddington 4:00 JV Girls Start, JV Boys, Varsity Girls & Boys to follow

Saturday 12/13:

AWAY Swim Union County Meet @ MAC 1:30 pm



Winter Head Coaches Contact Information:

Athletic Director – Jay Niessner jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

END of Season FOOTBALL PARTY

WHEN: Monday, December 8th
@ 6:45

WHERE: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church 2528 Stack Rd. Monroe.

****we will eat dinner , you can bring something but not required**

RSVP raganheda@yahoo.com

****Let's celebrate a great season!**

Central Academy - Cougar Spirit

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

Tees - \$15

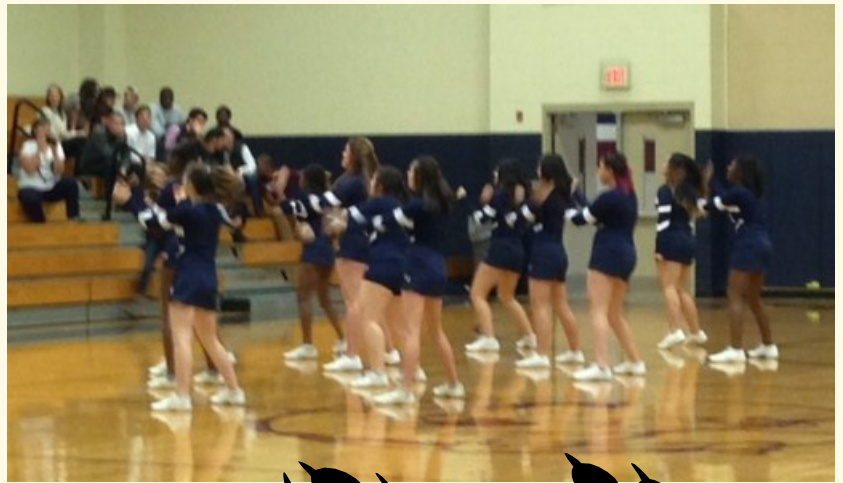
Hoodies - \$25

Ball Caps - \$20



Got Spirit??

Yes, we do!!



Help us Make a Difference!

Pajama Program, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, provides new, warm pajamas and new books to children in need in the United States, and around the world, many who are waiting and hoping to be adopted. These are youngsters who may not know the comforts of a mother or father to tuck them into a cozy bed and read them a bedtime story. Too many have been abandoned, most deprived of any love at all.

NHS PAJAMA DRIVE

December 1st- 15th

Bring to your 4th Block
teacher

Winners get Ice Cream
or
Holiday Cookies & Milk
Party



help us deliver



1 Million Good Nights
Pajama Program
www.pajamaprogram.org

It's so easy to help!

- ★ **donate new pajamas**
all sizes are acceptable
- ★ **donate new books**
- ★ **make a financial donation**
every \$10 helps us get pjs and a book to a child in need

The Pajama Program depends on the generous support of volunteers, supporters, event hosts, pajama drive sponsors, and of course, donations of cozy new pajamas and new children's books.

Student Life Notes

Please support the **Pajama and Book Drive** sponsored by the NHS. Donate new pajamas (Any size), new books, or \$10.00 through fourth block classes!

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: 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, December 5: YCI Meeting, 8:15 am (Mr. Robinson's Room)

Sunday, December 7: Union County Christmas Parade, 2 pm (Participants be there at 1 pm)

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

Tuesday, December 9: 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); Student Council Officer Mtg., 3:45 pm (Rm. 111); PTO Meeting, 7 pm (Media Center)

Wednesday, December 10: Math Tutoring, 8 am (Rm. 527 & 529); Social Studies Tutoring 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 608 & 609); YCI Planning, 8 am; Speech and Debate Mtg., 3:30, (Rm. 209); GSA Mtg., 3:45 (Rm. 610)

Thursday, December 11: HOSA meeting, 8:10 am & 3:30 pm (Rm. 515); Social Studies Tutoring 8:15 am & 3:45 pm (Rm. 610); Math Tutoring, 3:30 pm (Rm. 210 & 521); Robotics Club, 3:45 (Mr. Hardy's Rm.)

Friday, December 12: YCI Mtg., 8:15 am (Mr. Robinson's Room); Performing Arts Collaborative Performance, 7 pm (Auditorium);

Saturday, December 13: Performing Arts Collaborative Performance, 7 pm (Auditorium);

Upcoming Dates:

12/1—Benchmarks Began

12/3—Report Cards went home on this day

12/5—Tree Lighting in Stallings, 6:30 pm

12/7—Union County Christmas Parade, 2, pm

12/9—WorkKeys Testing

12/9—PTSO Meeting, 7 pm Media Center

12/12 & 12/13—Performing Arts Collaborative Performance, 7 pm, Auditorium

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

**12/18—Movie Night—
Holiday theme—ELF
Sponsored by STUCO**

Poetry Out Loud School-Wide Competition

Sixteen students who excelled in their classroom competitions met on the auditorium stage on Monday, Nov. 24 to compete for the chance to represent CATA at the Union County competition. After two rounds of beautiful and sometimes intense recitations, three students were selected by the judges to represent CATA. The first place winner is Zealy Helms, a Sophomore from Ms. Foreman's class; the second place winner is Noah Minsk, a Sophomore who has English second semester this year; and the third place winner is Hannah Register, a Junior from Dr. Tarlton's class.

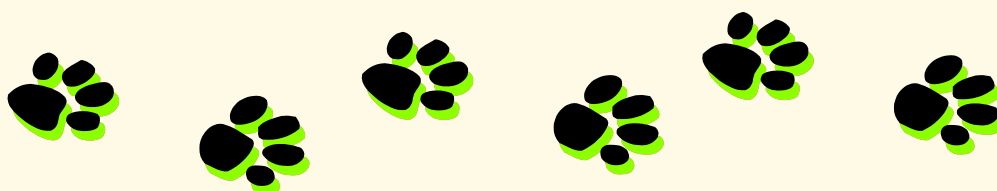
CATA's judges for the event were Deb Christensen, Jeff Weiss and Cheryl Nelson, Union County's curriculum coordinator for English. Dr. Tarlton served as the accuracy judge and Ms. Hibberd tallied the scores for the judges. The Union County schools' competition will be on Thursday, January 22 at 4pm, and all are invited to attend for the county-wide contest.



Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to our Speech and Debate Team for their excellent performance at the recent Asheville Tournament. **Zac Curtis, Paula Das, Kamaria Brown, and AJ Blomberg** all turned in great performances. Way to go!!
- Congratulations to CATA Poetry Out Loud Winners—1st place **Zealy Helms**, 2nd place **Noah Minsk**, and 3rd place **Hannah Register**! Best of luck in January's District Competition!
- 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**

Way to go
Cougars!!!!



Central Academy of Technology & Arts Student Council will be hosting a monthly movie night.

The movie for this month will be about an **Elf**, (with actor, Will Ferrell).

Please plan to join us on **December 18, 2014 at 6:30**
in the CATA Auditorium.

Tickets will be \$2 each.

Concessions will be on sale throughout the evening.
NO outside food or drink may be brought into the auditorium.



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).

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.

Speech and Debate Successes

On Saturday, November 22, four students and Mrs. Summerville participated in the Asheville Speech and Debate Tournament. Mrs. Summerville, who helps with the team during our weekly meetings, also was a public forum judge at the debate. Zac Curtis (our fearless and dedicated student leader) and Paula Das participated in Varsity Public Forum and Kamaria Browne and A.J. Blomberg participated in their second ever Junior Varsity Public Forum. The topic was "On balance the benefits of genetically modified food outweigh the harms."



The Debate team wants to thank Mrs. Suresh and Ms. Tesar for taking their time after school to provide background information for this debate. Our varsity team participated with 21 other teams and came in 14th—a very respectable finish. We are up against a lot of teams who have speech and debate classes, many members, and who compete frequently. The comments of the judges suggest that they are progressing towards becoming contenders for awards and showed they have improved in every way—both preparation of evidence and speech delivery. Our Junior Varsity team participated with 42 other teams and came in 21st place, losing one debate to the team who came in 3rd place. Most of the teams they debated against have participated in 4 or more debates this year.

We would love to have more students involved, not just in debate, but also in speech. Our next meetings are Thursday Dec 4, Thursday Dec 11 and Wednesday Dec 17. We will be preparing for our tournament in January.

Speech and Debate Team is an excellent way to sharpen your debate and communication skills. Material mastered in speech and debate has long term benefits for our students. Consider joining today!!! Many thanks to Ms. Deb Cochran, our Debate Team Advisor for all of her hard work!!

"Winter Under the Lights" **CATA Performing Arts Annual Collaborative Production** **Friday, December 12 & Saturday, December 13** **7:00 pm in CATA Auditorium** **Tickets \$7**

Tickets will be on sale during lunch the week of December 8 and at the door on both nights of the performance.

The community is invited to bring donations to support our PJ/book drive (sponsored by NHS) or our Toys for Tots drive (sponsored by JROTC) to the collaborative. We will have collection bins there.



PTSO Information

The PTSO extends sympathy, prayers and peace to the O'Neill family. We were grateful for the opportunities to share in Jake's smile and laughter and life as well as the moments to honor his life at the Memorial Service and Funeral. We encourage the CATA family to honor his life in the days to come by bringing light and goodness into the school and community and by being strong and courageous.

Thanks to all parents who donated food, desserts, beverages, time and money to the Thanksgiving Luncheon held at CATA on November 21. It was a huge success! All staff at CATA enjoyed a banquet! There were gifts raffled in appreciation of our great staff! A huge shout out to Alyson Flood and Lisa Holliday, PTSO Hospitality Committee Chairs for an outstanding luncheon with all the fixins! Thanks for the decorations and thankfulness tree and all the behind the scene planning and organization!

Thanks to all who donated to our first annual Invest in Excellence at CATA campaign! Thanks to our community retailers who donated gift items to the raffle. Thanks to Deago Meadows who made our flyer and to the staff for their support. The first raffle was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014! All who made a donation of \$50.00 or more, by the end of November were entered in the drawing!

The winners were -

Sandy Brunt, Alice Jule's gift bag

Arleen Hrenyo, Shell Gas Gift Card

Vickie Schneider, 3 day passes to Monroe Aquatic Center

Tony Tempriple, Applebee's Gift Card

Wendy Duemmler, Renn's Next Gift Bag

Dale Ann Plyler, 3 day passes to Monroe Aquatic Center

Susie Verrill, 1 month Monroe Aquatic Center pass

- We are excited to share that we have received more donations that will allow us to hold another raffle on Wednesday, December 18th that will include prizes to M-Bellish, Sweet Frog, Sun Valley movie theater, Inner Peaks Climbing Center as well as CATA sports and performance passes.
- Please consider supporting the PTSO Invest In Excellence campaign in whatever way you are able. Donors at the \$25.00 level receive a CATA Lanyard. Donations are 100% charitable and go 100% back to programs at CATA!!!
- The PTSO will be selling Lanyards at home winter sporting events. They are also available in the front office as well as senior signs. Please support the PTSO by purchasing a sign or a lanyard! Lanyards are one for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00! Show your spirit and carry a CATA lanyard!
- There is a PTSO meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. All are welcome. We will have it streamed on Google for any who are unable to attend!
- Welcome to the CATA Theater and Performing Arts committee of the PTSO. Please join the PTSO and plan to attend our meetings and help to enliven the PTSO!
- Any student who is interested in applying for one of several PTSO college scholarships must be a member of the PTSO by December 31, 2014. Membership in the PTSO is a requirement to apply.

Thanks again for all of your support of the PTSO! Have a great week and start to the new 6 weeks and Holiday season!

Sincerely,
Kathie McKain

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 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.

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.*

Invest in Excellence at CATA

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Council PTSO needs your help! The mission of Central Academy of Technology & Arts is to prepare students for informed decision-making, effective citizenship, personal achievement, higher education, and rewarding careers.

We are kicking off the inaugural Invest in Excellence at CATA campaign. It is a simple, one time, straightforward way for individuals, businesses and corporations to invest in the excellence of CATA. Please consider a tax-deductible investment! 100% of the money donated is reinvested in CATA.

PTSO Sponsored Events

Invest in a Student
Senior Scholarships
Staff Appreciation
Parent Information
Student Achievement Award
Senior Shirts and Signs



Anyone who donates \$25.00 will receive a CATA Lanyard.

CATA Dept. Wish List

Examples of how we can help
CATA Departments

Science: Kit for Forensics,
Magnetic Stirrers and Stir Bars,
Quiet Air Source

English: Turn it in Software
Plagiarism Checker

Social Studies: Current USA/
World Pull Down Maps

PE: Class set of Pedometers
and Software

Arts: Theater Production
Consumables, Sound/lighting
consumables, slab roller

Anyone who donates \$50.00 or more will be entered in a raffle for the chance to win one of the following prizes.

On December 18th the PTSO will host another raffle that will include prizes to M-Bellish, Sweet Frog, Sun Valley movie theater, Inner Peaks Climbing Center as well as CATA sports and performance passes!!! Don't miss out!!

This is not a complete list, only a sample of the incentives to give at the \$50.00 level! Donations are accepted throughout the year! To be eligible for the raffle, donations must be in by December 18th.

Invest in Excellence

\$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____
\$75.00 _____ \$100.00 _____
Other _____

Make Checks Payable to CATAPTSO

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Student Name: _____ Grade: _____