

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

Central Academy Families,

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Molly Boda set the school record on the women's side with a time of 21:18. Volleyball beat Forest Hills and last Friday night Varsity Football defeated South Stanly 38-0. We hope that you will come join the fun and show school spirit. Our Varsity Football team is away at Piedmont this Friday. The students have called for a WHITE-out—Let's fill the school in WHITE-out fashion to cheer the team on Friday.

Parents, please remember that you must apply for free and reduced lunch every year. The free and reduced lunch status from last year will expire next Friday, so please come into the main office or call the school to request another application tomorrow. Applications were also handed out the first week of school to all students—students may have it in their backpack.

There is important information about upcoming testing, including the PLAN, PSAT, and ACT. All 10th graders will take the PLAN, which is a pre-ACT assessment on Wednesday 10/1. This will provide a good assessment of how students will do on the ACT in their junior year. Juniors will take the PSAT for free on October 15th at CATA. 9th and 10th graders can sign up to also take the PSAT on that date, but there will be a \$17 fee. The last day to sign up is TOMORROW, Friday, 9/26 in Guidance. Juniors will take the ACT in March. The ACT is a great opportunity as a high score can aid students in college entrance and scholarships. All CATA Juniors are working on improving their ACT scores during Cougar Time. This is a great opportunity. It is recommended that students consider purchasing the ACT Preparation books they are using in Cougar Time so that they can write in them—the cost is \$20, what you would pay in the store. If students choose not to purchase them, they can use the books in Cougar Time and need to have paper with them to work out problems and take notes.

Lord of the Flies, our Fall Theatre Production, will be performed in early October. This will be a great show and we hope you all take time to come to one of the performances Thursday 10/2—Sunday 10/5. Congratulations to our men's chorus members that represented CATA at Wingate University's Real Men Sing program earlier in September.

Parents, all Technology fees are due by September 30th, please take care of this quickly. We will be sending invoices out early next week. The Cougar Chronicle contains important information from our PTSO as well and we hope you will take the time to read that over and join the PTSO.

Please take time to read over this newsletter or see back editions 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

Attention ALL Sophomores!!! On Tuesday, October 1st the PLAN will be administered to each sophomore at CATA. PLAN is a practice test for the ACT - American College Testing. The ACT is an entrance exam for all colleges and universities. The practice test will include an English, Math, Reading, and Science section. The results of PLAN will be returned to students by the end of November and can be used to better prepare for the ACT. The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina. Students should bring their own CALCULATOR if they want to use one.



PSAT - Wednesday, October 15th, 2014

The PSAT will be given to all JUNIORS this year free of charge! The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and juniors can earn National Merit Scholarship opportunities based on the earned score. 9th and 10th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT too. The fee is \$17. Sign ups will begin on Monday, September 8th and will end on Friday, September 26th. Please come to the guidance office and see Ms. Lawson to sign up! If you have specifically questions see your assigned counselor. For tips on taking the PSAT—[click here!](#)



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

<http://continuinged.uncc.edu/examprep/hs/>.

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



The Governor's School of North Carolina is a five-week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not involve credit, tests, or grades. The Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The program, which is open to rising seniors only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in selected performing/visual arts areas, is located on two campuses of up to 305 students each: Governor's School West at [Salem College](#) in Winston-Salem (begun in 1963), and Governor's School East at [Meredith College](#) in Raleigh (begun in 1978). The program is administered by the Public Schools of North Carolina, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Public Instruction through the Exceptional Children Division. A Board of Governors, appointed by the State Board of Education, acts as an advisory body. Applications are available in the guidance office. The completed application is due to Ms. Lawson on Friday, October 17th at 3:30 pm. Please see Ms. Lawson with any questions.

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.

MAKE IT in UNION COUNTY – “MANUFACTURING AWARENESS WEEK”

MAKE IT in Union County is hosting its annual Manufacturing Awareness Week Tuesday, September 30th – Thursday, October 2nd. Stop by Ms. Webb's office or send her an email to find out how you can tour a few of the local manufacturing companies right here in Union County. Parents and community members you are also invited to check out this great event, please e-mail Ms. Webb for more details @ sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

SPCC Apprenticeship & Advanced Manufacturing

How many companies will pay for you to attend college and guarantee when you graduate in four years that you will have a job? Union County Manufacturers are partnering with South Piedmont Community College to make this happen and with Advanced Manufacturing Week coming up, Tuesday, September 30th through Thursday, October 2nd, SPCC wants to come to CATA to speak to 10th-12th graders about the Apprenticeship program they offer. SPCC will be here on Monday, September 29th @ 11:00 a.m. so stop by the Guidance office today and reserve your spot to attend this presentation. Space is limited so don't delay.

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

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet deadlines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

Duke University will be hosting two Open Houses on September 27, 2014:

Pratt School of Engineering Open House – This is great for students interested in robotics, energy conservation devices, signal processing, designing the next generation of skyscrapers, or integrating biology and engineering to treat human disease. This event will help you learn more about the unique engineering education that Duke University can provide you. During this open house event you can meet with faculty from the four engineering departments, tour the campus and engineering facilities, interact with current students, and learn more about admissions and financial aid. For more information, and to register, please visit: <http://admissions.duke.edu/prattopenhouse>.

Arts & Humanities Open House - Do you love thinking, creating, and writing? Do subjects like English, history, foreign language, and the arts capture your imagination? Are you curious to know where a liberal arts degree can take you? Then you'll want to visit Duke University to learn about their arts and humanities programs during their Open House. During this open house event you can meet with faculty tour the campus and studios/workshops, interact with current students, and learn more about admissions and financial aid. For more information, and to register, please visit: <http://admissions.duke.edu/aandhopenhouse>.

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

The **Teaching Scholars Scholarship Program at Lenoir-Rhyne University** was developed to provide financial aid and ongoing enrichment activities for students who wish to pursue teaching as a career. Scholars receive an award of \$5500 a year in addition to all other aid for which they qualify. A Scholar typically receives close to \$20,000 annually to support their education at Lenoir-Rhyne. For more information, please visit their [website](#). If you are interested, please see Mrs. Cameron. **Deadline: September 29, 2014.**

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 1, 2014** - Johnson & Wales University will be here at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 13, 2014** - Queens University will be here at 10:20 a.m.
- **October 13, 2014** - Greensboro College will be here at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 14, 2014** - University of Alabama will be here at 11:00 a.m.
- **October 14, 2014** - Campbell University will be here at 2:00 p.m.
- **October 17, 2014** - East Carolina University will be here at 10:30 am.
- **October 20, 2014** - Ohio University will be here at 10:30 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Greensboro will be here at 10:20 a.m.
- **November 6, 2014** - UNC Asheville will be here at 2:00 p.m.

Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarships are a great option for funding your college education. Below you will find a list of scholarships with upcoming deadlines in parenthesis. For more complete information, please visit our [scholarship webpage](#). Zinch's New School Year's Resolution Scholarship (9/30), Levine Scholars Program (10/3); AES Engineering Scholarship (10/6); The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship (10/15); NFAA's Young Arts Program (10/17); Horatio Alger Association Scholarships (10/25); Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship (10/31).

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

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

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.**

Parking Passes for all Football Games (both JV and V) at Cougar Stadium at Walter Bickett are on sale now. Passes are limited and will cost \$50 each. Passes are for parking ONLY and money for game tickets will be collected at the gate for each person in the vehicle. The pass gate is located across from the field house. Handicapped parking is available. You can purchase your passes in the main office OR online. Online purchases—go to the CATA website, under Parents and Community, then [online payments](#).

Varsity Results:

Cross Country: Union County Meet: Men 3rd, Women 6th

-Elijah Inuwa won the county meet for the 2nd year in a row and set a school record with a time of 15:52

-Molly Boda set the school record on the women's side with a time of 21:18

Football: CATA 38 – South Stanly 0

Soccer: CATA 0 – Charlotte Catholic 5, CATA 3 – Monroe 5, CATA 5 – West Stanly 0

Women's Tennis: CATA 3 – Parkwood 6,

Women's Golf: No Matches due to Rain

Volleyball: CATA 3 – Forest Hills 2, CATA 1 – Parkwood 3

Upcoming Events:

Friday 9/26:

-AWAY Football @ Piedmont 7:30 pm

-AWAY Cross Country @ UNCC Invitational 3:30 Start Time

Monday 9/29:

-HOME Tennis vs. Monroe @ Monroe 4:00 pm

-HOME Golf vs. Charlotte Latin @ Monroe CC 3:30 pm

-AWAY Soccer @ Mt. Pleasant 6:00 pm

Tuesday 9/30:

-HOME Tennis vs. Mt. Pleasant 4:00 pm

-AWAY Cross Country @ Wingate University 4:30 pm

-AWAY Volleyball @ West Stanly 5:00/6:30 pm

Wednesday 10/1:

-HOME Soccer vs. Forest Hills 5:00/6:30 pm

Thursday 10/2:

-HOME Golf @ Monroe Country Club 3:30 pm

-HOME Tennis vs. Forest Hills @ Monroe High School 4:00 pm

-HOME Volleyball vs. Mt. Pleasant 5:00/6:30 pm

-HOME Soccer vs. Union Academy 6:00 pm

Saturday 10/4:

-HOME Cross Country CATA Course 9:00 am

Other News:

- Winter Sports Workouts have started. Please contact your sports coach for more information about workouts.
- Any athlete attending workouts **MUST** have a current physical on file with Coach Niessner prior to attending workouts.
- Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night will be held on **Monday October 27th, 2014** @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.
- All athletic paperwork can be found on the CATA website under athletics and general information.



⇒ Men's Basketball – Greg Wenger

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⇒ Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran [kev-](mailto:kev-in.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)

in.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us

⇒ Swimming – Kelly Lepsig

Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

⇒ Indoor Track – Field Miller field.miller@aol.com

⇒ Wrestling – Mike Jacobus

mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.



Traditional Visit by John Ahrens

John Ahrens, as tradition, visited CATA freshman on Wednesday, September 24. Earth/Environmental students are currently studying meteorology, and CATA always enjoys hosting local meteorologist John Ahrens. John presented the students with a fresh and exciting view on weather. Topics included chasing tornadoes and hurricanes, the current El Nino and life as a meteorologist. He physically involved the freshman by doing interactive front simulations and showing characteristics of high and low air masses.

The students that were involved in these activities included Kahlil Cabble, Olivia Burrell, Kevin Maxwell, and Kaitlyn Tran. "I felt like I was really a wind, and I fully understood what he was trying to portray," says Olivia Burrell.

Students in attendance received an enjoyable and informational view upon certain subjects within their meteorology unit. Freshman Parker Miller stated, "I thought the presentation today really put meteorology in an aspect we as students can understand easier. John Ahrens is a very fun individual and made us truly laugh with his lively personality while also educating us as the same time." Having a hands on and an invigorating activity is a great learning opportunity that was offered to these students.



Students also received a small notebook from WSOC's Severe Weather Center. Tim Bausinger commented, "I've studied the weather before and I knew a lot of things he spoke about, but I still learned new things from him. I may want to be a meteorologist one day."

John also spoke on the increasing use of technology in the field of meteorology. With the use of smart phones and social media, current weather conditions can be found at the touch of your fingertips. Why wait to view a local forecast at 5pm? John invited all the students to follow him on Twitter: @JohnAhrens9. John Ahrens is an AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) and works at WSOC-TV Channel 9. Check him out on the local news, Twitter or Facebook!



WHITE-OUT this Friday for Football @ Piedmont - don't forget TO BLANKET CATA in White on Friday during school!!!!

**Got Spirit?
YES WE
DO!!!**



The Blue Crew needs to show up **in force** for the V Football game at PHS on Friday.



The Theatre Academy will bring to life William Golding's classic story, ***Lord of the Flies*** on the Central Academy stage. The show will be performed Thursday, Oct. 2, Friday, Oct. 3, and Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7:00 pm. There will also be a matinee at 2:30 pm on Sunday, Oct.



5. Tickets are \$7 and will be available at the door. This is a very intense show and is not recommended for young children. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Robinson via email or by calling the school and leaving him a voicemail.

Cougar Pride

- Congratulations to Ms. Watwood and our CATA Men for their participation in Wingate University's "Real Men Sing" program. Male Chorus students from across Union County are invited to this prestigious event.
 - Congratulations to **Allison Schneider, Jeremy Fehlman, and Alisha Hansen** on being nominated by the scholarship committee to represent CATA for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill.
 - Congratulations to **Will Hulme and Haley Sutton** on being nominated by the scholarship committee to represent CATA for the Park Scholarship at NC State University.
 - Congratulations to the following Seniors for being **selected for the Superintendent Student Advisory Council** - **Elijah Inuwa Jasmine Lesane Sarah LoPresto Alexia Rose Joseph Rubin**
- These four students will represent CATA by attending four meetings throughout the year with other selected seniors from the other high schools. The selected students will meet with Dr. Mary Ellis and share their experiences and provide feedback regarding their experience with Union County Public Schools.
- Congratulations to Medical Science Academy teacher, **Mr. Kevin Allran**, for being appointed to serve on the **North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners** to complete an unexpired term. This is an honor that recognizes Mr. Allran's excellence in the field of Athletic Training.



Way to go Cougars!!!!

Sir Gawain and The Green Knight Inspire Royal Feast at CATA

Students in Mrs. Henry's AP Literature class celebrated the conclusion of their reading of the medieval Arthurian legend Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. They held a "royal feast" which featured green snacks, each introduced by an original composition written in the style of the romantic poem. Students waxed poetic, creatively extolling the several virtues of guacamole, chocolate mint brownies, spinach dip and Mountain Dew.



Pictured from left to right: Anna Kaplan, Haley Sutton, Lauren Echols, Matt Howie, Jasmine Lesane, Hannah Echols, Tia Randolph, Cheyenne Grondin, Patrick Herring, Layne Johnston, Michael Bovi, Carlos Andino, Ali Carson, Tiffani Acrey, (kneeling) Mrs. Henry and Kyle Johnson

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).

Any students interested in signing up for yearbook class, please see Ms. Eaton for more details.

American College Testing - THE ACT

The ACT will be given to all juniors **FREE** on **March 3rd, 2015!** Preparing 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.

Important Info for all JUNIORS and Parents!!!!

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

CATA's Band of Blue participated in the 8th annual Union County Marching Band Premier on September 13, 2014. The Union County Marching Band Premier is an opportunity to see the live performances for each of the Union County High School marching bands. Nine of our 10 area schools were scheduled to present the show that they will be performing in local, regional and, in some cases, national competitions. There were judges on hand to watch and critique each show and provide feedback to each school without the pressure of a true competition. It was a great opportunity to support Union County High Schools, to promote the arts in our community, and to see some great marching band entertainment. CATA Band of Blue was able to perform their entire show before the torrential rains began and they did a GREAT job!!! To see the band in action [click here](#).



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](#).

Band Candle Fundraiser (through 9/26)

Monday, 9/29 am—

Tuesday, 9/30 Technology User Fee Due Today; am—Cougar Time; pm—3:45 Student Council Officer Meeting (rm 111); Home Tennis

Wednesday, 10/1 am—8:00 YCI Planning Meeting (209); PLAN Assessment ALL 10th graders; pm—3:30 Speech&Debate (209), Travel Club (102); 3:40 General Student Council Meeting (media ctr); 3:45 GSA Meeting (610); HOME Soccer

Thursday, 10/2 am—8:15 Student Life Organization Meeting (401); Cougar Time; pm—3:40 Student Life Organization Meeting (401); Home Vball, Home Tennis, Home Soccer, Home Golf; 7:00 Theatre—Lord of the Flies

Friday, 10/3 am—8:15 YCI meeting (715); Theatre—MS Performance of Lord of the Flies at CATA; pm—7:00 Theatre—Lord of the Flies

Saturday 10/4—Debate Team to N.Mecklenburg Viking Classic; pm—7:00 Theatre—Lord of the Flies

Sunday 10/5—2:30 pm Theatre—Lord of the Flies

Upcoming Dates:

Theatre performance—Pantomime—9th grade Academy—date tba

10/2—10/5—Theatre Performance—Lord of the Flies

10/6—End of grading period

10/6—10/17—Homecoming BBQ Ticket Sales

10/10—Optional Teacher Workday

10/11—Band of Blue performs at Wingate Football Game

10/13—Underclassmen Makeup Pictures

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

10/13—Benchmarks begin

10/15—PSAT— all 11th graders plus any students that signed up by 9/26

10/15—Report Cards Distributed

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

10/16—NHS Inductions

10/17—Homecoming Football Game

10/18—Homecoming Dance

10/21—11/7—Band Fruit Sale

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

10/24-25—Theatre Performance NCTC Show

10/28—Mix it Up Day during lunches

Semester 1 Exams—Monday 1/12—Friday 1/16

New semester begins Thursday, January 22

CATA Diversity and Globalization Committee would like to announce: September 15th marks the beginning of **Hispanic Heritage Month**. The Diversity and Globalization Committee will be working on things throughout the month to help celebrate and are encouraging individual teachers to connect Hispanic Heritage with their course content!

Heritage Fact: Since 1822, when Delegate Joseph Marion Hernández of Florida became the first Hispanic American to serve in Congress, a total of 102 Hispanic Americans have served as U.S. Representatives, Delegates, Resident Commissioners, or Senators. For more interesting facts, [click here](#).

Student Life Council

We are having a required meeting of all advisors and student organization presidents next Thursday, October 2nd in Room 401. There are two options:



1. Attend in the morning at 8:15 am
2. Attend in the afternoon at 3:30 pm

All advisors from each organization should go to one of the meetings and the president of the organization is in one of the meetings.

Agenda items:

1. Student Organization Permission Forms
2. A special event for all organizations to participate in together that is not a fundraiser
3. Advertising suggestions and Ideas for events
4. Google form to collect information
5. Introduction to the student organization suggested guidelines

Questions??? Email Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us



Grade Level Administrators—

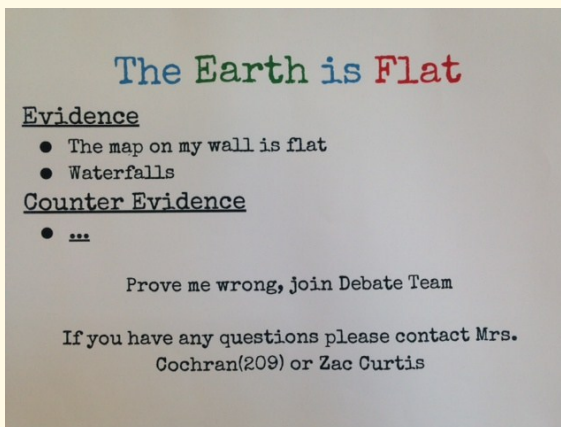
9th grade (A-L) & all 10th grade—

[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.

Air Force JROTC Announcement

From FORREST W. JACKSON, MAJ, USAF (Ret)

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

AFJROTC / NC-931

Monroe High School & Central Academy of Technology and Arts

One of the first opportunities any Air Force JROTC Cadet has is to earn their first promotion. They do so by first understanding what it means to become a cadet. Then, by signing a contract, they agree to uphold the Air Force Core Values of Integrity, Service and Excellence, as well as upholding the standards we set before them in academics, uniform wear, attitude, and most importantly, Character Development. The final step to earn their first stripe is to recite the NC-931 Cadet Creed. By accepting this challenge, we know that they understand and have committed themselves to a higher standard and begin the Character Development process through leadership opportunities.

I am very proud to announce that our third period students are the first class to successfully complete the Cadet Creed and earn their



From Lt to Rt:
Mikkayla Hailey
Lawson Laney
Logan Turner
Andrew McDow
Connor Hollenbeck

Parker Miller
Catalina Portillo
Leanna Jones
Gabriel Sosa
Brandon Melvin

I am an Air Force Jr ROTC Cadet of NC-931.

I have potential and will always strive to do my best in everything I do and pledge to perform in a manner fitting an Air Force BLUE Cadet.

I am a partner in my own education and take responsibility for my own actions.

I will graduate from high school in order to be successful in college or my career.

I will be a productive citizen in our global society as a person of integrity, service, and excellence.

I will be BRAVE and accept challenges...

I will learn to be a LEADER...

I will be UNIFIED with my fellow Cadets...

I will demand EXCELLENCE of myself and my wingmen.

I am an Air Force BLUE Cadet.



first stripe as an entire class!

Cadet Mikkayla Hailey (far left) has been with us for three semesters and earned Honor Graduate distinction at Cadet Leadership School this past summer. Cadet Brandon Melvin (far right) is also in his third semester and is the class Flight Sergeant.

Paper Towns

Students that read Paper Towns created a 3-D model of a Paper Town using paper and quotes from their Summer Read book.

Way to go Cougars!!



How to Get Involved as Parents:

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

PTSO News

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

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

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