

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

Central Academy Families,

Our CATA Theatre Department starts the year with *Lord of the Flies*. The show premieres tonight, Thursday October 2nd at 7:00 pm. The performances continue this weekend—Friday and Saturday night at 7:00 and Sunday at 2:30 pm. Tickets are sold at the door for \$7. Don't miss this classic story. Congratulations and best wishes to the cast and crew!

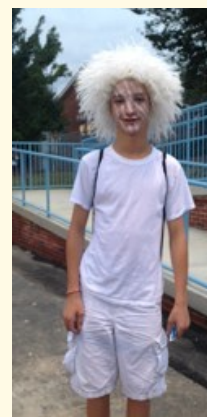
Best of luck to our CATA Cross Country Team that will be hosting their first invitational this Saturday! Women's Tennis, Volleyball, and Golf continue to play tough and improve with every game. They are a shining example of athletic ability and heart! Keep it up Cougars! Speaking of Women's Sports, the Lady Cougars in all grades are invited to sign up to compete in the 2014 POWDER PUFF competition!!! Sign ups are occurring now—information in the main office—don't get left behind—come out for Powder Puff!!!!

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.

Seniors should have received the new scholarship newsletter, produced by guidance, in their English classes—students not in English this semester should stop in at the guidance office to pick up their copy. Seniors in Cougar Time are finding a great resource for colleges in our own CATA guidance counselor that is with them to answer questions every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Many underclassmen signed up for College or Career Exploration during Cougar Time and are learning about future options. Sophomores took the PLAN this week which will help them see how they may do on the ACT, a college and career readiness assessment. Juniors will take the PSAT for free on October 15th at CATA. 9th and 10th graders were also able to sign up in September for a fee. All CATA Juniors are working on improving their ACT scores during Cougar Time. This is a great opportunity. It is strongly

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.

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

### 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 had the opportunity to take the PSAT too if they signed up by Friday, September 26th. 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](mailto: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.



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



## 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](mailto: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.

**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](#). **Deadline October 12th.**

**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 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](#). Levine Scholars Program (10/3); AES Engineering Scholarship (10/6); The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship (10/15); NCAA'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](#).

### 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

## 2014-2015 Yearbook

You may purchase at the school with cash or check or you may purchase online at [www.yearbooksforever.com](http://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.



## COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Mr. Jay Niessner](#). **\*\*Go to [Athletics link](#) on the left side of the CATA homepage and click on your sport to access all the schedules. Coach contact info is there as well.**

### Varsity Results:

**Cross Country:** UNCC Meet: Men 2<sup>nd</sup>, Women 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parkwood Meet: Men 1<sup>st</sup>, Women 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Football:** CATA 14 – Piedmont 23

**Soccer:** CATA 4 – Forest Hills 0

**Women's Tennis:** CATA 3 – Mt. Pleasant 6, CATA 6 – Mt. Pleasant 2, CATA 9 – Monroe 0

**Women's Golf:** CATA @ Raintree: Women finished second.

**Volleyball:** CATA 0 – West Stanly 3

### Upcoming Events:

#### Friday 10/3:

-No Events

#### Saturday 10/4:

-HOME CATA Cross Country Invitational 9:00 am start.

#### Monday 10/6:

-AWAY JV Soccer @ Richmond Senior 4:00 pm  
-HOME Soccer vs. Parkwood 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday 10/7:

-AWAY Tennis @ Parkwood 4:00 pm  
-HOME Volleyball vs. Forest Hills – Senior Night  
Varsity – 5:00 pm, Senior night activities after game  
JV – 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday 10/8:

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

#### Thursday 10/9:

-AWAY Tennis @ Monroe – RRC Tournament All Day Event  
-AWAY Volleyball @ Parkwood 5:00/6:30 pm  
-HOME JV Football vs. Monroe 6:30 pm

#### Friday 10/10:

-AWAY Football @ Monroe 7:30 pm

#### Other News:

⇒ Winter Sports Workouts have started. Please contact your sports coach for more information about workouts.

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⇒ 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.

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

### Winter Coach Contact Info:

- Men's Basketball – Greg Wenger  
[greg.wenger@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:greg.wenger@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Women's Basketball – Kevin Allran [kev-in.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kev-in.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Swimming – Kelly Lepsig  
[Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)
- Indoor Track – Field Miller [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.com)
- Wrestling – Mike Jacobus  
[mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**Wrestling & Swimming** – Your team shops are open NOW! Team shop information can be found on the CATA website under each individual sport, flyers can be found outside Coach Niessner's office. Team shops are open until **October 12<sup>th</sup>!**



## 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.



# Powder Puff Football

- **Sign-ups** are before and after school in room 107 and during lunch; students may pick up packets in the main office
- **Cost:** \$20 per player and \$10 per cheerleader
- **Practices:** Monday to Thursday: 10/6@ 5 pm, 10/7 @3:45 pm, 10/8@ 3:45 pm, &10/9 @5 pm. We will meet at the CATA baseball field on campus
- **Games are Thursday, October 14th** at Walter Bickett Stadium, 6:30 pm

**FRESHMEN VS SOPHOMORES**

**JUNIORS VS SENIORS**



**WINNER VS. WINNER**



## Got Spirit?



**YES  
WE  
DO!!!**





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 **Alexia Rose** for being chosen as CATA's DAR Good Citizen by the faculty and her peers!
  - Congratulations to **Jasmine Lesane** for being named a 2015 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant! The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 to honor academically promising Black American high school students.
  - 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 met with Dr. Mary Ellis and share their experiences and provide feedback regarding their experience with Union County Public Schools.



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



## “Giving Back”

By: Lexie Starnes, CATA sophomore



Giving back to your community is a very important thing for everyone to do; the young, the old and everyone in between! Volunteering is a great way to give back especially for us high school students, who usually don't have the means to give much financially.

I have found a local non-profit agency, HealthQuest of Union County, where I have been able to find multiple opportunities to do my part in my community. HealthQuest is a licensed non-profit pharmacy that provides free prescription medications to residents of Union, Anson, Stanly, Lancaster and Chesterfield counties who cannot afford prescriptions for their chronic medical conditions. HealthQuest helps those who do not have private insurance or qualify for government assistance. If it were not for

HealthQuest these individuals would simply have to do without their medications for conditions like: high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes, depression, and many others. Each month, just over 1,000 individuals receive their monthly medications at HealthQuest. Since opening in 1999, they have distributed over 550,000 prescriptions valued at \$67.8 million. Clients are asked, but not required, to pay a \$20 administrative fee once a month and receive on average 4-5 prescriptions with a value of \$745.

Volunteering to do clerical work at the once a week medication dispense has probably been the most touching volunteer experience I have ever had. Seeing first hand the clients and how grateful they are to be receiving their medication is quite an humbling experience. You realize quickly how your volunteerism is making a direct impact on someone's life...on their health and well being. It changes your perspective on yourself, as well as others. Faces become attached to the cause. Those faces and that cause then become engrained in your heart. In turn, you can't wait for the next opportunity you can be of help.

My next volunteer opportunity came in May of this year. Rachel Nance (a then CATA senior) and I volunteered at the "Clean Up for HealthQuest." This was no easy work! Our volunteer teams removed over 2 tons/ 4,000 lbs. of debris (trash & recyclables) from our county road sides. Through team sponsors and corporate donations this event alone raised \$10,422 for HealthQuest! This made all that hard work worthwhile. Not to mention how much this volunteer experience changed my perspective regarding littering and keeping our community clean.

On Sept. 6, CATA sophomore Hannah Hildreth and I volunteered with some other friends as workers at the "Amazing Charity Race for HealthQuest." This event, much like the television show, had teams of 4-5 people who competed against other teams in physical and mental challenges. At the end of the day, the winning team received \$2,000 for the charity of their choice. CATA's own Dr. Tarlton was a race participant. I've been told he had trouble getting out of bed the next morning!

Team entrance fees, corporate sponsors, a BBQ and silent auction all tallied up to HealthQuest raising close to \$60,000 for this event alone! \$60,000 to help HealthQuest clients get their medications. My helping to set up for this event, delivering water to race participants, distributing BBQ plates and silent auction items, helped to raise that money. I'm proud of that.

There are many worthy causes in our community that could use your help. I challenge you to find one and let it grow your heart for volunteering!

***HealthQuest is located just outside of Downtown Monroe at 415 E Franklin St.  
If you are interested in volunteering there please contact...  
Heather Horne, Executive Director, at 704-226-2050.***



## Student Life Notes

Our first student life organization council meeting was Thursday, October 2nd. We have an exciting year planned CATA!

1. Parents be sure to sign a **student organization permission form** for each organization in which you child participates.
2. Students, CATA is allowed up to seven free entries into the **Union County Christmas Parade**. Advisers need to submit proposals to Mr. Wall by **Monday, November 3rd**. (Packets were handed out in the last student life organization meeting). See Mr. Wall for additional packets
3. Thank you to the students who participated in the **"White Out,"** at the Piedmont game. Please keep up the **school spirit** and continue to cheer on our athletic teams.
4. Please consider joining the debate team. See Ms. Cochran for details. All are welcome!

### FIRST EVER TRUNK OR TREAT:

All student life organizations, athletic teams, academies, and faculty and staff are invited to sign up for various cars in this first time event. We will invite local elementary schools to trick or treat out of the back of our themed cars. Themes must not be scary and costumes must be within the dress code. Student Life Organization advisers have sign up information.



## STUDENT LIFE



Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at [josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us)

## HANDS HELPING OTHERS FIRST PERIOD COMPETITION

10/9 until 10/23

Bring canned food and non-perishables to class!



Pay it forward by  
supporting our  
community

## 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](#).

**Thursday, October 2:** Theater Performance Lord of the Flies, 7 pm

**Friday, October 3:** YCI Meeting, 8 am (Rm. 715); Theater Performance Lord of the Flies, 7 pm

**Saturday, October 4:** Debate Team at the North Mecklenburg Viking Classic (7 am to 6 pm); Theater Performance Lord of the Flies, 7 pm

**Sunday, October 5:** Theater Performance Lord of the Flies, 2 pm

**Monday, October 6:** General Student Council Meeting: Open Meeting for all Students (Media Center) 3:40 pm; Powder Puff Practice, 5-6 pm (CATA Baseball Field)

**Tuesday, Tuesday, October 7:** NHS meetings before and after school 8:15 am/3:45 pm (Media Center); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:45 (Rm. 111); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 pm (CATA Baseball Field)

**Wednesday, October 8:** YCI Planning meeting, 8 am (Rm. 615); Speech and Debate ,3:30 pm (Rm. 209); Powder Puff Practice, 3:45 pm (CATA Baseball Field)

**Thursday, October 9:** Art Club meeting, 3:45 (Rm. 102); Robotics Club Meeting, 3:45 (Rm. 511); Powder Puff Practice, 5-6 pm (CATA Baseball Field); Helping Hands Food Drive begins in first period classes; Freshman student council elections until 10/10

**Friday, October 10:** NO School for Students—Teacher Workday

### Upcoming Dates:

10/6—End of grading period

### 10/13—10/18—HOMECOMING WEEK

10/6—10/17—Homecoming BBQ Ticket Sales: **Yum, get some BAR-B-CUE!**

10/9—10/23—Hands Helping Others Food Drive (First Period Competition)

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

10/14—Powder Puff Football at Walter Bickett Stadium 6:30 pm (Fr. Vs. So, Jr. Vs. Sr. and winner v. winner)

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

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

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: **A**sksed to serve their country in time of war, Hispanic Americans displayed loyalty, bravery, and persistence in the face of adversity. Some, especially those of the World War II generation, were familiar with discrimination back home but saw their service as affirming the ideals of democracy. From Charles Rodriguez, who fought with Merrill's Marauders in WWII Burma, to Jose Mares, a teenager who survived incredible hardship as a POW during the Korean War, here are nine inspirational stories from the archives of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

To read about the Hispanic Americans described above, [click here](#).

## Robotics Organization Gears Up...

Principal Fisenne had a surprise visitor to her office this past week when a robot rolled in the room. The Administrative Team was able to try controlling the robot as they drove it around the main office. Pre-engineering students involved in the Robotics Organization with Mr. Hardy had to complete performance testing on carpeted surfaces and this allowed the Administration and Main Office staff to get a sneak peak at the robot. This particular robot will have the ability to shoot t-shirts into the air.

The Administrative Team congratulated the group on their hard work, and allowed the robot to leave the Principal's office with only a verbal warning. :)



## 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](https://twitter.com/cata_monroe)

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Athletic Twitter at: [https://twitter.com/CATA\\_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

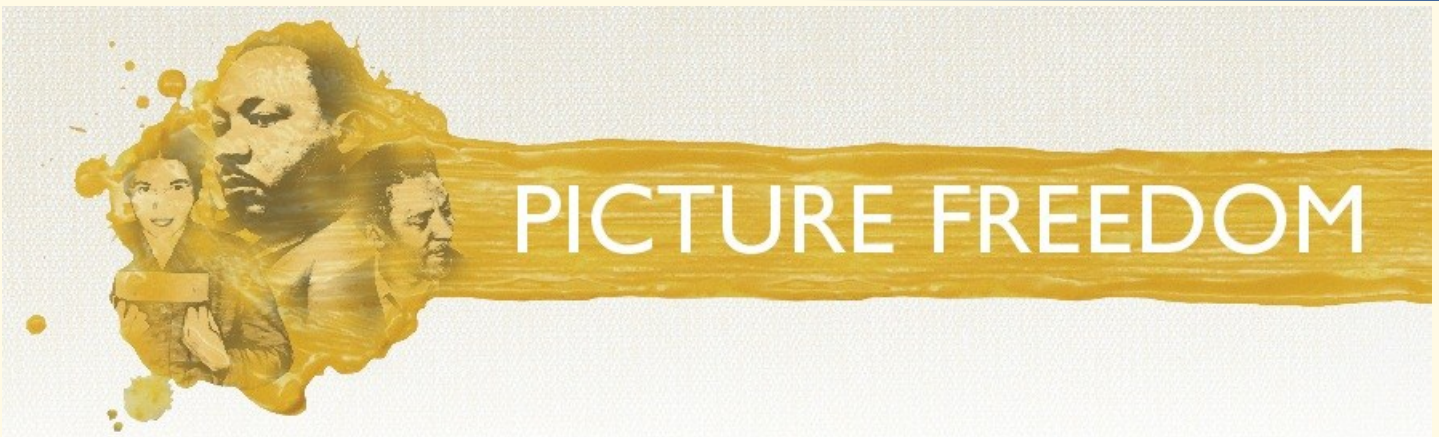
Central Academy of Technology and Arts Band page at: <http://cataband.blogspot.com/>

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.





Go To [www.freedomcenter.org](http://www.freedomcenter.org) for rules and forms

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, located on the banks of the Ohio River in Cincinnati, Ohio, along with sponsors proudly announce the 2014 Picture Freedom Art Competition. The Freedom Center's mission is to reveal stories about freedom's heroes from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps towards freedom today. As the nation celebrates to 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, we ask your students to create an artwork about what freedom means to them. We hope that by encouraging students to participate in this competition, they will become passionate advocates for freedom and equality today.

By drawing connections from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement, the Picture Freedom Art Completion offers a unique opportunity that challenges students to reflect upon the rich and historical heritage of the fight for freedom and human rights. We encourage students to create original works of art; drawings, paintings, or photographs that convey their own vision of freedom and equality today. While it is not required, works of art can be inspired by freedom fighters, events, or places that resonate with the student's vision.

Students that submit an entry are eligible to win these prizes. The top twelve (12) artists will have their work displayed in the upcoming Picture Freedom exhibition at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The top three (3) artists will receive airfare and accommodations to attend the exhibition's Grand Opening in February 2015. Additionally, the top three (3) artists will receive an award of \$1,000.00 for 3rd place, \$2,000.00 for 2nd place and \$3,500.00 for 1st place.

## Cadets from NC931, AFJROTC, Celebrate the Air Force's 67th Birthday

> Tradition holds that the youngest and oldest members cut the cake with an Air Force Sabre

Third period CATA

Old - Cadet Mikkayla Hailey (left)

Young - Cadet Connor Hollenbeck





## 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> grade, [Ms. Ann Helms](#) representing the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, [Ms. Kathie McKain](#) representing the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and [Ms. Dale Ann Plyler](#) representing the 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:acflood@carolina.rr.com) or Lisa Holliday at [holliday-family@hotmail.com](mailto:holliday-family@hotmail.com)

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