

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

**Last Cougar Chronicle of the 2014-2015 School Year. Congrats to our Graduates!! Class of 2015!!**

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Central Academy Families,

We hope you join us for our big Theatre Finale—the Senior Show—Dearly Departed. We will have a show on Friday night at 7:00 and a matinee on Sunday at 2:00. All Performing Arts Academy students have the End of Year Banquet on Sunday night at 5:00. A special thank you to our parents that served or helped with PTSO or our site base team this year. You are awesome!!!

Final exams begin next week, please see the final exam schedule in the chronicle. All CTE 3rd and 4th period classes will take one part of their final exam on Wednesday June 3rd. We will have an altered schedule on that day that will affect ALL students—students are expected to familiarize themselves with the schedule. There is important information about final exam week expectations in the chronicle. Last chance for yearbook—if we can get up to an additional 25 orders we can order one more round of yearbooks. If you would like to get one, email Ms. Lisa Eaton or bring your \$80 in to the office tomorrow. Last chance.

End of the Year reminders are in the chronicle as well. Chromebooks are needed for exam days and students should plan on charging them overnight to be ready. ALL students must return their chromebook AND charger on the day of their last exam to avoid being charged. Attendance Waivers are past due—please get them in tomorrow at the latest. There are recovery options available each day and we have many students fixing their attendance, however, some students are not making up their days. Please remember that students can fail a course due to attendance. Report Cards will be available IN the CATA main office starting on Friday June 12th. Please remember that you can also see final grades through your parent portal. All student medications should be picked up in the nurse's office by Friday June 12th. We are not permitted to retain these at school and they will be discarded if not picked up.

ALL calculators that have been borrowed from the CATA media center are DUE back Monday June 1st to your math teacher or directly to the media center. NO exceptions. ALL calculators will be used for testing in math. Students using their own calculators in math and science will be required to turn them in to their math/science teacher during their review period. Teachers will CLEAR all calculators, this includes programs and apps on them. It is the student's responsibility to back this information up in advance as it is a state requirement to clear the memory, formulas, etc...

Seniors we need your pictures. Yearbook is creating a senior slide show for graduation. Parents and students may email their pictures to CATASENIORS@gmail.com by Tuesday afternoon 6/2.

Graduation tickets will be on sale on MondayTuesday. After this they will need to be purchased at the door. Juniors—the order form for YOUR senior sign and shirt will be emailed to you by early next week. Get it ordered now so you have it for the start of the school year. Additional copies will be in the office. All 9-11th graders were able to select a book to read this summer. Students were given first choice wherever possible. Emails were sent to students with their required read for the summer. AP Summer Review Work for next year will be posted on the CATA website under the scrolling announcements in June.

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

**Summer Office Hours: We will operate on a 4 day work week beginning June 15th. The office will be closed on all Fridays through 8/14, as well as 7/2&7/3. Monday&Tuesday 8:00—5:00 Wednesday&Thursday 8:00—12:00**

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

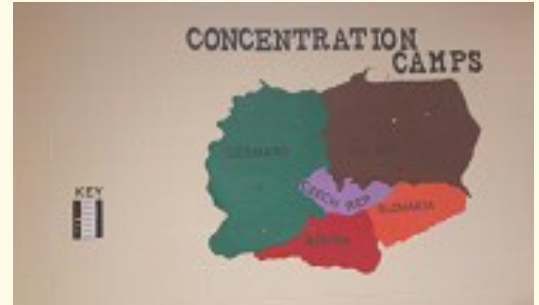
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# Remembering the Holocaust

By: Dr. Adam Tarlton

As years pass, the Holocaust seems to become a harder subject to teach. Why? Students are as familiar with it as past generations, and as with any historical event, the further removed we are from it, the less we remember. That is why I have made it my mission and goal to teach the Holocaust and keep the memories alive. Over 70 years have passed since the beginning of the tragic events of the world's most horrendous genocide. While teaching the novel *Night* it becomes more apparent every time that these students have a valued interest in this subject. The novel encompasses one man's story of survival through the depiction of suffering, starvation, and eventual death, and yet it is a story of triumph and hope. Paired with Ms. Barron, Ms.

Janicki, and Ms. Foreman, we took our students to the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte (JCC). Students had the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of survival, participate in various workshops, and communicate their feelings about hatred and bullying in their lives today. When we returned, I knew I wanted to do this project again. Every semester, I just do not think that the students are going to surpass what has been done before them, and every time I am amazed at the amount of work and consideration that has been put into this project. As we are wrapping up this project, we are inviting you, the CATA community to come view this project. If you are interested in doing this, please email Adam Tarlton at [ad-am.tarlton@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:am.tarlton@ucps.k12.nc.us).



## Performing Arts Academy News:

### Upcoming Events for Theater and Performing Arts

Friday May 29th 7pm Senior Theatre show \$5 at door

Sunday May 31st 2pm Senior Theatre show \$5 at door

Sunday May 31st 5pm Performing Arts Banquet -info below

Hello Performing Arts Families!

It seems like just yesterday that we kicked off the year with Lord of the Flies and now we're at the finale. That means it is time for our annual Performing Arts Awards & Banquet.

Please join us on Sunday May 31st at 5 pm for the award ceremony and a pot luck supper banquet in the cafeteria. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share and they've been assigned by grade level.

Seniors please bring a dessert (theatre seniors please bring before senior show)

Juniors please bring beverages (2 - 2 liters soda, gallon iced tea, or case water)

Sophomores please bring a main dish to share

Freshman please bring a side dish/salad

RSVP's are not required, but we would like to have an idea of how many will be attending. Please reply to [cataptsoperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto:cataptsoperformingarts@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating the achievements of all the students in our Performing Arts family.

Michelle McGuire & Liz Branca  
CATA PTSO Performing Arts

# PTSO information and update:

Congratulations to the new executive board of the Cougar Council PTSO for 2015 - 2016

President - Kathie McKain

Vice President - Nicole D'Amico

Secretary - DaleAnn Plyer

Treasurer - Ann Helms

- Thanks to all of the individuals who volunteered to proctor throughout exams weeks. You will receive a reminder through sign up genius. Please report to Guidance on the day and time you have signed up.
- Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful senior breakfast last week which started off an awesome Senior Week and celebration of the accomplishments of the senior class!
- Rising Seniors - Please see the attached flyer to place your order for a senior T-shirt and senior sign. We are also offering a cost savings to those who buy 1 senior T and 1 senior sign! There will be volunteers in the cafeteria Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2 during all lunches.

Thanks again for everything!

Special thanks to all of the members of the PTSO and the Executive Board for all of the work you have done throughout the year to support the staff, administration, students and families. Our goal next year is to double our membership and therefore double our ability to support and grow the services of the PTSO!

Thanks to the Student Government for your ongoing support as well as to all the staff representatives that attended our meetings throughout the year! Thanks to the Executive Board! Congratulations to all of the parents of Seniors.

Sincerely,

Kathie McKain

**PTSO**

## 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.

## Guidance Info

Students – are you interested in **SAT or ACT test prep**?  
For test prep resources, please visit our [webpage](#).

**For Juniors—** Career and College Promise through South Piedmont Community College, College Visits, ACT & SAT, Resume, Recommendations, Scholarship Process, Application Process, and Essays. Please review the handout at the top of the Junior Class Guidance page ([click here](#)) and contact your assigned School Counselor if you have questions!

### Yearbooks—Last chance to order....

Due to high demand we are able to make one more printing of yearbooks IF we reach 25 more books. We are part way there. Email Ms. Eaton or bring your money in tomorrow to the Main Office. The cost will be \$80. This is the absolute last chance. Books will take 4-6 weeks to arrive and we will notify you when you can pick them up.



## END OF YEAR INFORMATION:

**Report Cards—**Official report cards will be available for PICK-UP in the CATA main office starting on Friday June 12th. Grades are also available through the Parent Portal. Students also can access this.

**Final Exam Schedule and Information starts on Page 8.**

**Attendance—**Attendance Waiver Request forms have been distributed to all students over the past two weeks. While the majority of students have returned these, some have not. Parents must request that absences be waived (excused absences only). ALL other absences must be made up or recovered. Recovery opportunities are ongoing after school every day in the main office. Students should NOT add absences as there are limits to how many days students may recover. Attendance must be in line with UCPS BOE policy in order to pass the course. Questions? Call your grade level administrator.

**Chromebook Return—**ALL students must return chromebooks to their class teacher on the day of their last final exam. NO exceptions. This includes chromebook AND charger.

**Fees—**Parents are reminded to pay all outstanding fees before the end of the year.

**AP Summer Review Work—**Will be posted on the CATA website under the scrolling announcements in June.

### 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](#)

# Seniors

**Graduation Day—Thursday June 11, 2015**  
**3:00 pm Winthrop University Coliseum,**  
**Rock Hill, SC**



**Need tickets for Graduation? Last chance** to pre-purchase, \$5 per ticket, Ms. Nahum's room Monday and Tuesday 6/1&2.

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Seniors and Senior parents – Need more information about **financial aid**?? Check out our [Financial Aid website](#) for helpful articles and useful websites.

Seniors – Please let Mrs. Cameron know about any and all **scholarship offers** you have received, even if you do not plan to accept them! Drop a copy of your scholarship letter off in guidance. We use this information to recognize students at Awards Day AND we will also use it to track what types of scholarship programs our students are successful in. Your information can help our future CATA seniors... Thank you for sharing.

**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](#). Betsy Y. Justus NCTA Founders Scholarship (5/31); "Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship (6/1); "Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship Program (6/1); and Abott & Fenner Scholarship Program (6/15); Fallen Linemen Foundation Scholarship (5/31); BigSun Scholarship (6/19); CFNC.org's Financial Literacy 101 Scholarship (6/30); and American Youth Performing Arts Scholarship (7/1) .

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

**\*\*Senior Letter—is available on the CATA website.**

**Tickets for graduation— Each graduate can request up to 4 free tickets and additional tickets cost \$5 each. Students will receive tickets AFTER the official graduation practice on Wednesday June 10th. Students must have settled all outstanding debts to the school before receiving any tickets or honor cords. Students may not participate in the graduation ceremony if all debts have not been paid and any loaned equipment has not been returned.**



Seniors—updated bills are being distributed to you this week. Please get payments in now. Parents, you are also welcome to call Ms. Poindexter, our bookkeeper to check to see if your child has any outstanding debt that will prevent them from participating in graduation.

## CATA Guidance Department

**Available to support students on social, academic, and personal needs.**

Guidance Department Chairperson—  
[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science and Teacher Prep  
[Kendall Cameron](#) : Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)  
[Scott Norris](#): IT and Transportation



**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](mailto:Mr. Jay Niessner).

**Important Information for anyone playing a fall sport:**

**FALL SPORTS START – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

A current **physical** MUST be on file to participate in offseason summer workouts for ANY sport.

All forms can be found on the CATA website under Athletics and General Information. Some forms are being edited by UCPS and may not immediately be available. All Forms must be dated after July 1, 2015 except the physical.

<http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/AthleticsInformation.php>

Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** @ 7:00 pm in the CATA Auditorium.

Mandatory parent/student athlete fall sports meeting will be held on **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA auditorium.

All paperwork must be turned into Coach Niessner before anyone can try out for a team this upcoming fall.

Once all paperwork is turned in student athletes can pick up their tryout ticket for the fall, no student may attend a tryout without a tryout ticket.

Tryout tickets will be given out the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>.

All athletic paperwork besides the physical must be dated after **July 1, 2015 for next school year**

There are seven pieces of paperwork in total and all can be found on the CATA Athletics website under General information

Physical – Good for One Calendar Year  
Insurance Waiver – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
GW Concussion Form – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
UCPS Eligibility Form – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
UCPS Release Form – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
CATA Rules & Guidelines for Athletics – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
NCHSAA Consent for participation form – Dated After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

<http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/php/AthleticsInformation.php>

Athletic Dead Periods this summer: **NO Workouts** can occur during these time frames:

5:00 pm – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to 7:00 am - Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm – Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to 7:00 am - Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:**

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Football – Scott Smith – [phillips.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:phillips.smith@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – [doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Golf – Kevin Allran – [kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:kevin.allran@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – [nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cross Country – Field Miller – [field.miller@aol.com](mailto:field.miller@aol.com)

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – [sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us)

**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, May 29: Senior Theater Show, 7:00 pm (Auditorium);**

**Saturday, May 30: Student Council Inductions, 3:00 pm (Monroe Library)**

**Sunday, May 31: Senior Theater Show, 2:00 (Auditorium); Performing Arts Banquet, 5 pm (Café and Auditorium)**

**Monday, June 1: Spring Sports Awards Night, 7 pm, Auditorium;**

**Upcoming Dates:**

5/28—Band Banquet, 6-9 (Café and Auditorium)

5/29—Senior Theater Show, 7 pm (Auditorium)

5/30—Student Council Inductions, 3 pm, Monroe Library

5/31—Senior Theater Show, 2:00 (Auditorium)

5/31—Performing Arts Banquet, 5 (Café and Auditorium)

6/1—Spring Sports Award Night, 7 pm Auditorium

6/3 to 6/10—Exam Dates

6/10 —Graduation Practice, CATA Gym 2 pm

6/11—CATA Graduation, 3 pm, Winthrop University

**Cougar Pride**

Congratulations to our NC All girls chess champion, Kydriana Carter. Kydriana was the 1st place winner and we are so proud! Way to go!!

Congratulations to the CATA Environmental Club for Cleaning Up our Environment! Way to go!!



**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.

**NEW EDITION**

## Final Exam Information

**Final Exams are to be given on the dates listed on the schedule.** NO final exams may be taken early. If a student is absent due to illness they may make up the exam on Wednesday 6/10 at 8:40 am. This is our make up day. Parents should contact the guidance office to make arrangements. Vacations and college visits are not a reason to miss an exam. The final exam will be scored as a zero. If you have questions, call your counselor or grade level administrator.

**Review Sessions**—ALL students are expected to attend the review session for their exam.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students and help them to recognize the opportunity of a positive outcome and the consequence of a negative one.

**Exam Review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review /study guide to students prior to testing. If your child has not received one, please check with your child's teacher.

**Academic Integrity:** The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Cell Phones and Technology:** Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions, and it is our strong recommendation that they are not brought to school on these days. Students should bring their chromebooks to school each day as many tests are given on the chromebooks AND many teachers will be using the chromebooks for activities after the exam.

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## Exam Dates

**\*\*There has been a slight shift in dates for 3rd and 4th period CTE exams so that we can be sure to have grades back in by the end of school. Please see below for schedule for the last 6 days of school this year.**

**Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period CTE courses will take Part A of their final exam during the school day. See revised schedule below:

8:50 – 11:00 4<sup>th</sup> period (Part A of final exam in 4<sup>th</sup> period CTE classes; regular instructional period in all other classes)

11:05 – 1:15 3<sup>rd</sup> period (Part A of final exam in 3<sup>rd</sup> period CTE classes; regular instructional period in all other classes)

1:20 – 3:30 1<sup>st</sup> period (regular instructional period in all classes)

1<sup>st</sup> lunch 1:20 – 1:40 500, 600, 800 wings

2<sup>nd</sup> lunch 1:45 – 2:05 100, 200, 700 wings

**Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – both Part A and Part B of exams)

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

**Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – both Part A and Part B of exams)

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

**Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:50 – 12:50 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – Part B of exams)

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review

**Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes (CTE courses – Part B of exams)

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

**Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

CTE courses include: all computer, family and consumer sciences (including teacher prep courses), health sciences, pre-engineering, and transportation courses. The teachers of these courses are: Summerville, Bryan, Austin, Lingle, Meadows, Hardy, Recher, Shear, Lindley, Mayhew, Pressley, Allran, Turner, Gastreich