

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School

Dear CATA Family,

This Wednesday every student and staff member at CATA participated in the National Hour of Code by coding in Minecraft. The majority of students and staff completed all of the coding activities and will be getting their Hour of Code certificate. Some Information Systems students led the Hour of Code in each of the classrooms throughout the building and did a great job leading and assisting both students and staff. Great job to all! Our Foods Classes brought home awards from the Monroe Holiday Bake-off with delicious cookies and we have provided the winning recipes to you in this edition. Way to go!!



Students received their report cards today in Advisory and each grade level covered different topics in this period. Ninth Graders learned about study skills, including Cornell notes, Tenth Graders received their Pre-ACT results back and started a Career Assessment that they will complete this school year. Eleventh Graders worked on brainstorming for their Personal Essay that they may use in college admissions next year, and can also serve as a framework when they go on a job interview. Seniors received their Senior letter with information about Graduation, voted on Senior Superlatives for the Yearbook, were shown the link to provide their Senior Quote for the yearbook, and on top of that – learned a little about Financial Health – a topic we will come back to. The Senior letter is also in this edition of the Chronicle.

Attendance waiver letters will go home with students prior to the Holiday Break and must be completed and returned to Administration. This is one part of our continuing push for good school attendance. The policy is in the Chronicle. With report cards today, students also received a Parent Information Change form. Please complete this so that we have accurate contact information.

We have some exciting things coming up prior to the Holiday Break. Our Student Council is collecting money to send a child to Camp Victory Junction. Students can also sign up to have a team in the Annual Basketball Tournament, which is a fun time for all of us. The National Honor Society is collecting new and gently used books. Students should bring these in to Ms. Christensen in the media center. Students that were nominated by a teacher for the STAR Breakfast (on 12/13), sponsored by our fabulous PTSO, are listed in the Cougar Chronicle and also received an email. The PTSO is asking for parent volunteers to bring in items for the STAR Breakfast – the link is in the Chronicle. A Holiday Spirit Week happens next week. Students should listen to announcements, see the posters, and watch the @StucoCata Twitter for the list of days!

Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicles are also 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!

Dr. Fisenne

Holiday Spirit Week

Dec 12-16

Mon—Polar Express Day
(i.e. Pajamas)

Tues—Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

Wed—Holiday Song Day

Thurs—Land of Misfit Toys Day

Fri—Whoville Day

Cougar Athletics

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, [Coach Jay Niessner](#). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Last Week's Results:

Wrestling – Lost to Charlotte Latin School

Men's Basketball – Lost vs. Union Academy, Win vs. Covenant Classical, Loss vs. Anson

Women's Basketball – Lost vs Union Academy, Loss vs. Covenant Classical, Loss vs. Anson

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 9th

AWAY Basketball – Cuthbertson – 4:30 start JV Boys – Admission \$6.00

AWAY Swimming – Wingate University – TBA

Saturday, December 10th

AWAY Wrestling – Bishop McGuiness Tournament – All Day Event

Monday, December 12th

AWAY Basketball – Covenant Classical 6:00 & 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 13th

AWAY Swimming @ Kannapolis YMCA – TBA

Wednesday, December 14th

HOME Basketball vs. Marvin Ridge – JV Boys start at 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 15th

HOME Wrestling vs. Forest Hills – 6:00 pm

AWAY Indoor Track @ Porter Ridge – 3:45 pm

Friday, December 16th

HOME Basketball vs. Union Academy – JV Boys start at 4:30 pm

Other News:

Workouts for spring sports have started, and will continue through December & January, please contact your spring sport coach for more information. Head coaches contact information is below.

Spring Sports Mandatory Parent night will be **Monday, January 30th @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.

Spring sports start on **Monday, February 13th**. All paperwork must be turned into Coach Niessner prior to trying out for a spring sport. If you have already played a sport this year, you should check with Coach Niessner to make sure that your physical does not expire.

Cougar Athletics

Winter Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Cheerleading- Ashley Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum – tb93bball@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

Softball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com

AFJROTC Completes the Walter Bickett Stadium Cleanup

NC-931 AFJROTC volunteered to clean up the football field at Walter Bickett this past Saturday (3 Dec 16). Precious Akers, Nate Chang, Mr. & Mrs. Chang,



and Mrs. Nikki Jackson

collected 11 trash bags of trash in order to keep CATA's home football field and the Walter Bickett area beautiful.



Guidance News

Seniors....Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2017 7:30 PM at Winthrop Coliseum

SENIORS – did you miss Financial Aid night?? Check out CFNC's presentation [here!](#)

The link will be at the top of the page. You can learn about the FAFSA, financial aid basics, and more!

See the Fall Senior Letter in this Edition

Parents of seniors – Senior ads are on sale now! First come first served—a limited number of spaces remain. Order online or at CATA. Contact Ms. Christensen for more information.

See Your Counselor about Federal Financial Aid. Create an Account, have your parents fill out the information, and see if you qualify for MONEY



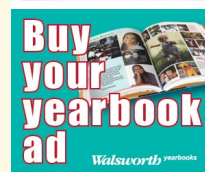
Need assistance with the FAFSA? SECU can help!

Raleigh, N.C. – If you missed out on getting assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on October 29th – FAFSA Day, additional help is on the way. State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) will be offering its support to college-bound students and families the week of December 5th – 9th during normal business hours in all 257 offices statewide. Branch personnel will be available throughout the week to answer questions and help with the completion and electronic filing of the FAFSA for the 2017-2018 college academic year.

The annual FAFSA event is a program offered by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA) and State Employees' Credit Union. SECU's seven-year partnership with CFNC and NCASFAA to offer free volunteer assistance continues to be successful in raising community awareness, providing access and the opportunity for student families to complete the FAFSA, a required document to be considered for all federal and most state financial aid for college, career school or graduate school.

"The Credit Union's participation in the FAFSA event will help CFNC and NCASFAA serve even more North Carolina students and families," says Krista Loew, SECU Vice President of IRA Services. "SECU is committed to using its resources to help applicants better understand the process of planning for college and applying for financial aid. The Credit Union's joint collaboration with CFNC and NCASFAA is a worthy investment toward the educational and financial future of North Carolina students and we look forward to helping them complete the FAFSA."

About SECU: A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 79 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education planning, tax preparation, insurance, trust and estate planning services, and investments through its partners and affiliated entities. SECU serves over 2 million members through 257 branch offices, nearly 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Member Services via phone and a website, www.ncsecu.org.



Class Information and College and Career Corner

JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the **ACT**, a college entrance exam, in early March. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

The **ASVAB Career Interest Inventory** will be given to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students on **Wednesday, December 14th** during 1st and 2nd block. The ASVAB is for students who are unsure of what career path they would like to follow after high school. Please sign up in the Guidance Office by Friday, December 9th. If you have any questions please see your assigned School Counselor. Thank you!

Are you interested in taking **World Drumming** next semester? Or **Statistical Methods (STATS)** through South Piedmont Community College? If so please see Ms. Lawson ASAP to sign up!!!

Attention Sophomores & Juniors - We are once again teaming up with Future Prep to offer a **6 week SAT prep course**! Students will learn global and section-specific strategies while reviewing all three areas of the NEW SAT, with a special focus on the essay. There will be a full-length practice test and students will use the Official SAT Study Guide published by CollegeBoard. This course will prepare students for the March 11th SAT and will begin on **Thursday, January 26, 2017** and will run each Thursday **until March 2, 2017**. Students will meet from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on those days. The practice test will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2017. This course is being offered for \$199. Please visit: <http://www.futureprep.com/satregister.php?class=Jan%2026%204pm%20Central%20Academy> or call (704)307-8975 to register!

**CLASS OF
2018**

**CLASS
OF 2019**

**Class of
2020**

CATA Guidance Department

A high school guidance department can help your student with a LOT during high school—counseling during a problem/or stress, college planning, career/college questions, interview skills, problem solving with classes/teachers, friendship/social issues. Counselors also help with scheduling and what courses to take. Counselors are available to answer parent questions as well.

Please see the list of counselors by academy:

[Ashley Lawson](#): Medical Science, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Kendall Cameron](#): Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

[Melody Carr](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

A letter was sent home with Seniors in Pre-engineering, Theatre, and Dance today letting them know that Ms. Cameron's last day will be 12/15 as she is taking a job closer to home. We are currently in the hiring process for a new counselor. Any recommendation request for Ms. Cameron will only be accepted through 12/8. In order to best meet the needs of all students we are asking that you address any general needs after December 15th to the following counselors:

Pre-Engineering Academy Students, Scholarships, AP Testing – Ms. Ashley Lawson
(ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Dance and Theatre Performing Arts Academy Students – Ms. Melody Carr
(melody.carr@ucps.k12.nc.us)

College and Scholarship Spotlight

UNC Greensboro Teacher Education Fellows Scholarship:

This program awards a \$20,000.00 scholarship distributed incrementally over four years of study at UNCG. In addition to scholarships, the UNCG Teacher Education Fellows Program includes a variety of other benefits, including integrated seminars, early internships, networking events, community engagement opportunities, and leadership development. Fellows also live in relative proximity to one another as part of the Residential Colleges or Lloyd International Honors College. Additionally, Fellows study abroad during their sophomore year as part of the global focus of the program. To learn more, please visit: <http://utlc.uncg.edu/teacher-education-fellows>. **Deadline: January 1, 2017.**

Elon University Teaching Fellows Program:

This is a four year program designed to prepare future teachers who think critically and embrace diversity, who are leaders within and beyond the classroom, and who will participate meaningfully in a global society. This program carries a \$5,500 scholarship that is renewable annually. Students can also retain the Presidential (\$6000) or Elon Engagement Scholarship (\$3500) if previously awarded. In addition, program related costs for study abroad airfare are covered, along with two required winter term courses (American History Study Tour and The Washington Center Academic Seminars). For more information, please visit: http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/education/teaching_fellows/default.xhtml. After applying to Elon University, students can then apply for the Teaching Fellows Program. **Deadline: January 10, 2017.**

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program:

The GE-Reagan Foundation would like to reward college-bound seniors who embody the characteristics of former president Ronald Reagan at school, in the community, in the workplace, and at home. Recipients of this scholarship will receive a \$10,000 scholarship that will be renewable for up to three additional years (for a total of \$40,000). Students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are encouraged to apply. To be eligible, applicants must: 1). Demonstrate the previously listed characteristics at school, in the workplace, and in the community; 2). Have a minimum 3.0 GPA; 3). Be a U.S. citizen; 4). Be a current high school senior; and 5). Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited four-year or university to pursue a Bachelor's degree in the upcoming school year. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx>. **Deadline: January 5, 2017.**

College Presentations: Juniors or Seniors

The following colleges plan to visit at the dates and times listed. If you are interested in attending one of these information sessions, please sign up in the Guidance Office.

- **Global Gap Year at UNC Chapel Hill** - January 12, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.*
- **Campbell University** - February 13, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.

**Only for seniors that applied early action and juniors that are interested*

Seniors – Your NEW Scholarship Newsletter is available! Find a copy [here!](#)

Summer Opportunities for all Students

Students - Does this cold weather have you thinking about the summer?? If so, you should check out our [Summer Opportunities](#) page to check out summer camps and programs that will be offered this upcoming summer. Registration deadlines will be here before you know it, and some camps fill up on a first come, first served basis, so check out these opportunities today!

Parent Involvement

PTSO – To get involved, please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO.

PTSO MEETING DATES (all will be in the media center)

February 6th at 6:30 pm, April 3rd at 6:30 pm

Help our PTSO raise funds to support instruction and academics throughout CATA!

Shop at Harris Teeter. Simply link your HT card to CATA. You do need to re-link after August 1st each year. **CATA school # is 3612.**

Band Booster Club - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at catabandpresident@gmail.com

- **Cougar Athletics** – contact Jay Niessner at mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
- **Performing Arts Committee** – contact the PTSO (see above) for information about how to help out

Connecting Families

The Cougar Council is trying to make it easier for families to connect with each other based on their student's academies, geographic location, sports played, clubs involved with, etc. We realize that since our school covers the entire county it can sometimes be hard to make connections with other families. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form using the link below. Please know that your information will only be shared with other CATA families who are in the directory. This is a great place to go for contacts if you need to find someone to carpool with or just to network with other parents in your student's academy.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MNtCiIKqJRia6pNP2>

Parent Sign Up for STAR Recognition Breakfast

<http://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-academic2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-academic2) – **Click the Link**

Academic Recognition Breakfast- Dec 13th 2016

Hello CATA families!

To honor CATA's Academic All-Stars, the PTSO will host the first semester Student Academic Recognition Breakfast on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 in the Gym at the beginning of the day. Gift cards for Bojangles breakfast biscuits can be turned into the CATA Main Office labeled for PTSO Academic Breakfast by December 9th. Non-perishable breakfast items are listed in the sign-up link. If you can donate anything, please send the item in any time between now and 4 PM Monday December 12th, 2016 so we have them in time for an early set up on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

If you have any questions, please call:

Kim M. 704-560-3154

Sarah May 704-780-1576

Student Life Notes

- **Student Council's annual basketball tournament** will be held on Friday, December 16th during fourth block. Each team is to consist of 5 members. To register your team, please bring \$20 to Ms. Foreman. If your team has a faculty member on it, it will cost only \$15. Keep in mind that each team is only allowed one current/past CATA basketball player. Start registering your teams today! There are only 6 spots, so register fast! Tickets to get into the game will cost \$3 and will be on sale during all lunches starting next week.
- The NHS is hosting a book drive for new and gently used children's books for East Elementary School.
- The **Fashion Design Club** will begin meeting on Tuesdays. Please join us in Ms. Casey's room (room 616) Tuesdays at 3:40 pm.
- Interested in the world around you? Want to get together and learn more? Great! Come be a part of the **World Language Club!** See Ms. McAbee or Ms. Mancilla for more information.
- A new club is starting up at CATA, called **YCI Bible Studies**. Is there something you have always wanted to ask or learn about from Scripture? We are coming together one day a week digging into Scripture seeking answers and making friendships. All are welcome, so come out Friday mornings to room 525 at 8:00.
- **Travel Club** Are you interested in spending two weeks traveling through Spain and Portugal next year? If so, see Ms. Foreman if you have any questions.



BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR TEAM UP FOR THE ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: INFORMATION ABOVE AND BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS TO GET OUT OF CLASS AT LUNCH FOR \$3!

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to Austin Blevins, Alexander Lay-Calvert, and Keylee Ray for being selected by the Union County Public Schools local committee to move to the 2nd Round of North Carolina Governor's School!!
- ◆ Congratulations to the Senior Theater Program for being recognized by the school system's school board for their NCTC win with the performance of BOAL.



Around CATA

Friday, December 9—Dance Field Trip; WorkKeys Testing; Science Olympiad (3:30); Student Council Retreat 4:00; **Chorus concert (7:00)**

Saturday, December 10—Chorus Concert, 5 PM (Monroe Mall)

Sunday, December 11—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports);

Monday, December 12—Robotics Club (3:30); Student Council Officer (3:40)

Tuesday, December 13—**Band Winter Concert, 7 PM; PTSO STAR Recognition Breakfast, 8:30 AM (GYM)**; Beta Club Meeting, 8:25 AM & 3:35 PM

Wednesday, December 14—FCA Leadership (8:00); ASVAB Testing

Thursday, December 15—FCA meeting (8:00); Robotics (3:30); HOSA Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM

Friday, December 16—Annual Basketball Tournament, (4th Period)

Monday, December 19—**Winter Collaborative Concert, 7 PM**; Robotics, 3:30; Society of Women Engineers, 3:45; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:40

Upcoming Events

12/5 to 12/16—Student Council Victory Junction Drive

12/5 to 12/20— Benchmark II Window

12/8— Report Cards

12/9—Chorus Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/9— Student Council Retreat, 4-8 PM

12/10—Chorus Concert, 7PM (Auditorium)

12/13- STAR Recognition Breakfast, 8:30 AM (Gym)

12/13— Band Concert, 7PM (Auditorium)

12/14— ASVAB Administration

12/15— Fall Dance Show, 7 PM, Auditorium

12/16—Annual Student Basketball Tournament-Tentative

12/16— Yearbook Ad Night, 5 PM (Media Center)

12/16— Fall Dance Show, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/19—Winter Collaborative, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/21 to 1/2— NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

1/8 to 1/24— EXAMS

Penny War Update

Here is an update of the current score:

—In fourth place are the seniors with -323 points

—in third place are the sophomores with -252 points

—In second place are the freshmen with 31 points

—In first place are the juniors with 358 points

A Penny WAR for Victory Junction Camp

- * December 5th to December 16th. Change will be collected by grade levels during lunch.
- * Each dollar you donate is 50 points.
- * Each penny you donate is worth ONE point
- * Silver change deducts points.
- * If you want to sabotage another grade level, put your silver coins in their jar.
- * Each nickel is minus 5 points.
- * Each dime is minus 10,
- * Each quarter is minus 25 points.
- * The money that we collect will be donated to Victory Junction, a camp for children with health care needs.
- * The winning grade level will win a special prize!



Attendance Letters and Recovery

-Attendance at school is a priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.

- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences.

-According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. The goal is to not miss ANY school, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.

-It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.

- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date.

-There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class.

CATA Spirit Wear available online. Support the Band and CATA and get your spirit on.



[To see all available spirit wear for CATA click here](#)

Support our athletics and our Band of Blue at once by showing school spirit!!



Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information. **We are sending a parent contact UPDATE Sheet with report cards on 12/8.** Please complete it. After that you can Email [Mr. William Smith](#) with any changes.

Support the **Wolfe School**, a school for students with very special needs, by bringing in the following items for Box tops for Education: Bring items to the guidance suite.





Spotlight on Instruction and Academic Opportunities

CATA Rat Rod Harper Corp of America R.A.T. Rod Round-up Challenge - \$5,000 Grant. Currently students from Transportation, Information Systems, Family and Consumer Sciences, Engineering, and Art are involved in the creation of this build. This project will create a bond between academies as they strive to a common goal. The Rat Rod vehicle will consist of a minimum of 10 different parts from 10 different vehicles, and will be road legal and drivable.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RATROD WEBSITE](#)



CATA Computer Repair

Bring your computer to room 216
We will give you suggestions and an estimate on cost



No additional charge other than parts

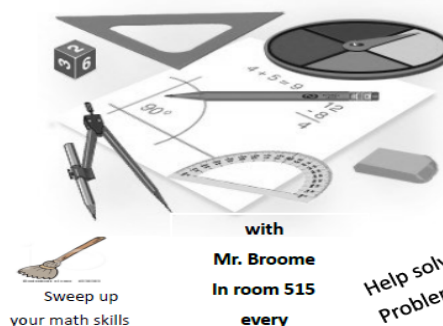
we can:

- get rid of viruses, malware, adware
- optimize your computer
- install upgrades
- install hardware



Math Lab

Bring me your math problems



Sweep up your math skills

with
Mr. Broome
In room 515
every

Help solve Problems!

Monday

3:30-4:30

Wednesday

&

3:30-4:30



LABS FOR MATH AND WRITING

This is in addition to the existing Math Lab and individual teacher tutoring...

Math is on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 8:15 to 8:40 AM
(NHS Peer Tutors) In the Media Center

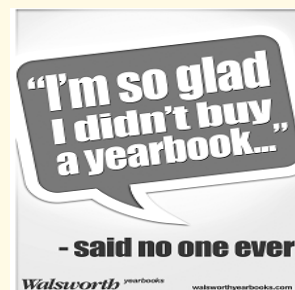
Writing is on Tuesdays (Ms. Foreman Rm. 208) and
Wednesdays (Ms. Barron Rm. 110)) from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM



Get Your Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$75 (Price is good through January 27)!

Buy your 2017 yearbook today! Order online at www.yearbookforever.com. and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.



STAR Breakfast Names – Fall 2016



Catherine Alamos
 Aryanna Allen
 Anna Barber
 Tim Basinger
 Steven Bausinger
 Brandon Blakeborough
 Kaitlyn Brantley
 Kaitlyn Brantley
Mattias Bunn
 Lauren Burk
 Sabrina Carmichael
 Taylor Carmichael
Chethana Chennuri
 Riley Chickoree
 William Crooke
Aamar Culbreth
 PJ D'Amico
 Gianna D'Auria
 Emily Dohrman
 Allison Dortilus
 Belle Downing
 Payton Farley
 Emma Finnerty
Diara Frazier
 Caitlyn George
 Deanna Gillespie
 Sara Goldfarb
 Tim Green
 Shawn Grimm
 Jackson Hase
 Michael Haskins
 Samantha Hector
Hender Hernandez
 Harrison Hockenberry
 Jackson Holliday

Maggie Horne
 Lisa Ince
 Emma Italiano
 Spencer Jarvis
 Daniel Juarez
 Jacob Keasley
 Joy Kelly
 Dianna LaTerra
 Kelsey Lawing
 Shannon Lawler
 Alexander Lay-Calavert
 Peter LeGrand
 James Lewis
 Joshua Likes
 Carson Long
 Katherine Lyons
 Ross Macaulay
 Ethan Martin
 Emma Marvel
 Austin Maske
 Jessica Medina
Brynna Miller
 Noah Minsk
 Jacob Morin
 Amber Mossembekker
 Kayla Myers
 Victoria Neff
 Abigail Nelson
 James (JD) Nesselrotte
 Hayden Newsome
 Jamie Nikonowicz
 Alex O'Connor
 Savannah Owens
Nima Patel
 Olivia Pepin

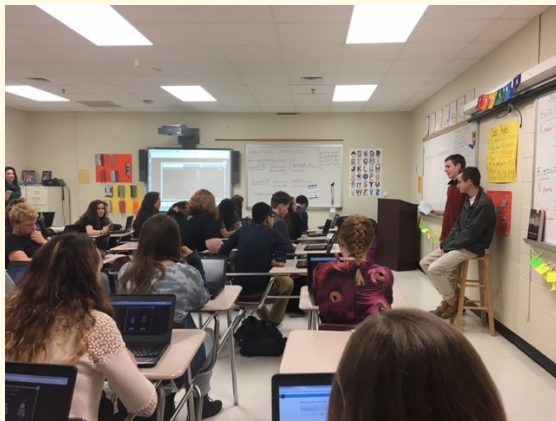
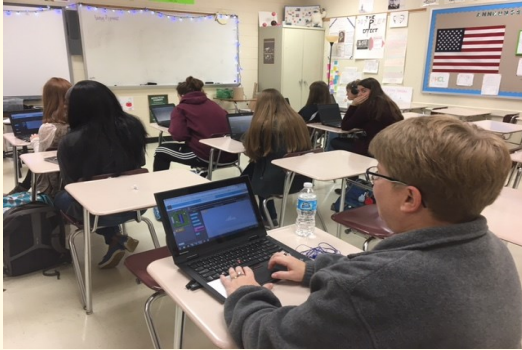
William Potts
 Kersten Prince
 Taylor Raine
 Jose Rangel Tellez
 Zaria Reep
 Bryce Roberson
 Parker Robinson
 Blake Rorie
 Elizabeth Rowell
Akua Sackey
 Sydnie Sells
 Alyssa Sherrin
 Joel Simpson
 Jack Sloan
 Ethan Smith
 Renee St. Gelais
 Aiden St. Hilaire
 Destiny Starling
 Lexi Starnes
 Madelyn Starr
 Chandler Steele
Nikol Stoycheva
Corrina Sutton
Noe Teran-Chavez
 Matthew Thompson
 Kevin Vandermolen
 Courtney Walker
 Alisa Wall
 Josh Weirich
 Grace Wiggs
Ajahni Wilkinson
 Kaley Williford
 Cayden Wilson



The Student Academic Recognition (STAR) Breakfast is sponsored by the PTSO. Teachers, are asked to nominate students for recognition who demonstrate academic growth, academic achievement, or are have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their classes. The breakfast is for students only in the gym on Tuesday December 13 during first period from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

Hour of Code

This past Wednesday all students, faculty, and staff participated in an hour of learning about computer coding using a simulation from Minecraft. This was a shared technology experience! Students from our Information Technology Academy assisted in all classes.



Ms. Gastreich's Classes Learning Vocabulary in a Unique Way

Everyday students are given 5 words from either ACT or SAT to broaden their vocabulary. Students write the word, define it, then write a sentence for each. Following are quotes from students who have walked by the "Twitter," board or shared what they think of learning them.



"I actually was reading a book and one of our words came up and I knew what it meant." Sabrina
 "I have found numerous words we have learned in our reading material from English. Lexi
 I love doing these words, its broaden my vocabulary. I find a lot of these words reading different books." Zac
 "As I was walking by this bulletin board I didn't know the meanings of some of these words. It was kind of cool looking at them." Trace

Ms. Casey's Foods Classes Win Monroe Competition

RECIPES

Cinnamon Roll Sugar Cookies

2 Cups sugar
 1 Cup butter, softened
 3 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 Cup sour cream
 6 Cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 12 tablespoons softened butter, (slice 2 Tablespoons 6 times totaling 12 tablespoons)
 1 1/2 Cups packed light brown sugar, divided into 1/4 Cups
 1 1/2 Tablespoons ground cinnamon, divided

Frosting

8 oz softened cream cheese
 1/2 Cup powdered sugar
 2-4 Tablespoons milk, to thin icing

1. In an electric or stand mixer, cream the sugar and butter. Add eggs, vanilla and sour cream until well combined. Slowly add in the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt until well combined.
2. In 2 batches, place in plastic wrap in a disc shape and chill for at least 2 hours for best results.
3. Once chilled, cut each disc into thirds and roll into a 1/8 inch thick oval, about 12 inches X 5 inches. Spread each rolled pieces of dough with 2 Tablespoons softened butter, 1/4 Cup packed brown sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Start rolling from the long end closest to you, rolling into a log shape. Using a sharp knife, cut 1/2 inch pieces of dough then placing onto a silpat or parchment lined baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes. Remove and let cool for 5 minutes before removing from baking sheet.
4. To prepare frosting, beat the cream cheese until softened and smooth, slowly add powdered sugar and milk until desired consistency. Frost cookies then place in refrigerator until ready to serve. These are 100 times better chilled, trust me!!

Makes about 6 dozen

CATA won 1st place for our Cinnamon Roll Sugar Cookies, 2nd place for our Melted Snowman Sugar cookies and 2nd place for our table decorations at the Holiday Bake Shop Fundraiser held at the City of Monroe's Tree Lighting this weekend. I couldn't be prouder of all the hard work my students put into this event!



Sugar Cookie Recipe

1 c. butter
 1 ½ c. white sugar
 3 eggs
 1 t. vanilla
 3 ½ c. flour
 2 t. cream of tartar
 1 t. baking soda
 ½ t. salt

Cream the butter and sugar. (Do not move to the next step until butter and sugar have the consistency of whipped frosting, Trust me it's worth it!)

Add eggs one at a time. (Mix well after adding each egg)

Stir in the vanilla

Add flour, cream of tartar, baking soda & salt gradually to the creamed mixture. Stir by hand for this step

Cover and chill overnight (or for a minimum of 2 hours)

Roll out dough or use for drop cookies

Bake for 8-11 minutes @ 325 degrees



Melted snowman variation:

Bake cookies as per directions above and allow them to cool

While cookies are cooling, make royal icing (mix powdered sugar with water or milk). The consistency should be thick enough so it stays on cookie but not too runny so that it slides right off. Experiment!

Either spoon frosting over cookie or dip cookie into frosting face down.

Allow frosting to slightly set. (It will drip down the sides but this is what you want! It will look like melted snow!)

While the frosting is setting, spread butter on a microwave safe plate and then place marshmallows on the plate (but do not let them touch or you will have a big mess!). Melt them in the microwave for about 10 seconds so they have the appearance they are "melting".

Place marshmallows on the edge of sugar cookie into the almost set frosting. If it won't stick, dip it into the frosting (this will act like glue).

Allow marshmallow to dry onto cookie

Using decorating frosting, draw face, arms and scarves on snowman.

Be creative!



Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2017,

Congratulations on making it to this point in your academic career. We are proud of you and encourage you to finish your journey strong. We would like to provide you some preliminary information this fall for your senior year.

Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Winthrop Coliseum (701 Oakland Avenue Rock Hill, SC 29730). Please arrive no later than 6:30 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu). We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2017 Letter.

Graduation Practice: Practice is on Friday, June 9, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the gym. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM. Be mindful that we must begin at 2:00. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. Failure to do so will result in not walking at graduation. It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions and work schedules around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself. You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice. If you are speaking at graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times. You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified

ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

Ladies: Ladies will need to wear an appropriate dress (or dark slacks) that is no longer than their gown. There should be no collar showing with the gown. Shoes should be brown, tan, black, or navy since the robes are navy. Flip-flops and tennis shoes are not appropriate, however, dressy sandals are appropriate.

Gentlemen: dark pants, a white shirt, black or dark tie or bowtie, and dark shoes (brown, tan, black or navy). No tennis shoes or flip-flops will be allowed.

If you have any questions about your attire, then please ask administration.

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: The above described dress code is what you are expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 25 in the gym. This occurs during second block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:00 am if you flex first period).

Senior Week is May 22-26: We will be sending more information about Senior Week in the coming months.

Senior Awards Ceremony: The ceremony is on Friday, May 26 at 9:00 AM in the auditorium. All seniors are expected to attend.

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Graduation Speeches: Each academy has one senior give a speech at graduation. A committee of the faculty and staff of Central Academy choose the individuals for graduation speeches. Students may audition for consideration to this committee in May in the media center conference room. Please pay attention for the audition date in the announcements.

Past due fees: Past due fees must be paid before students may participate in Prom or Graduation. Please make online technology payments through the Central Academy Website, and make all other payments at the school with the bookkeeper. Mr. Wall and other staff will be calling about past due fees in an attempt to settle all fees by the end of January.

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 8– May 26 before/after school in the main office, and will also be available to be purchased online: Each senior will receive four (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$7.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on “online school payments” on the right tab starting May 8).

Tickets will also be sold at the door before the graduation ceremony.

Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.

Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.

Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see below).

Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.

Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online as shown above.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma. Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) cafeteria, media center, textbook, athletic, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday, June 7 to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. We are contacting parents and want to try to resolve fee issues as quickly as possible.

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal,