

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

Congratulations to our Women's Tennis Team who are Rocky River Conference Champions. Way to go. Please come out and watch our team as they enter the first round of NCHSAA dual team playoffs. Our theatre students will be presenting the NCTC Festival Preview Show on Monday, 10/19 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 and give you entry to both shows—The Diviners and Vietnam 101. Congratulations to our Central Academy Teacher of the Year—Dr. Adam Tarlton. Dr. Tarlton is an English Teacher at CATA and has been very involved in Student Council and working with Beginning Teachers here at CATA. Congratulations to Dr. Tarlton as he serves to represent CATA in the Teacher of the Year process.

Powder Puff will take place next Thursday, October 22nd at Walter Bickett Stadium.

Students and parents - you may now upload your photos to be used in the yearbook directly from the CATA website. A link is included in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle.

Information about Driver's Ed is included in this edition, as well as information on attendance and grading platforms.

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. Kim Fisenne, Principal

Trunk or Treat 2015:

We would like to announce our second annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 30 from 4:15 pm to 5:45 pm for area Elementary Schools.



Organizations, Academies, and classes may sign up more than one car. Please see Mr. Wall for the sign up link

<https://goo.gl/0EAsPT>

Homecoming Court 2015

On Friday October 9th, Student Council presented Central Academy's 2015 Homecoming Court. Students looked fabulous and did a great job representing their classes!!

Freshman class: Jordan Cannada, Mae Hinson, Akua Sackey, Kaitlyn Speiser, Gabe Hoff, Connor Jones, Clay Musselwhite.

Sophomore class: McCarty Beckerman, Lauryn Dickson, Nicole Nava, Jamie Nikonowicz, Garrison Batchelor, Kahlil Cabble, Luke Edwards, Brendan Moran.

Junior class: Madison Clevenger, Jordan Hoskins, Kayla Knox, Kaylee Price, Dakota Kiker, Jake Larres, William Nance.

Senior class: Abril Ruiz-Lopez, Katie Lowery, Hannah Register, Zander Sidney, Julian Coley, Brandon Hayes, Max Kiker, Chris Verrill.



Congratulations to our 2015 Homecoming Court !!

The freshman class Homecoming Prince and Princess are Akua Sackey and Connor Jones. The sophomore class Homecoming Prince and Princess are Jamie Nikonowicz and Kahlil Cabble.

The junior class Homecoming Prince and Princess are Kaylee Price and Dakota Kiker. The senior class Homecoming King and Queen are Abril Ruiz-Lopez and Max Kiker.

CATA recognized for 100% Graduation Rate in the 2014-2015 school year. This was the highest graduation rate in NC for schools with 200-299 students in their graduation cohort. Way to go Cougars!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Yearbook NEWS!!! Reserve your yearbook now to enjoy the great memories from this school year!!! Cost is \$85. Yearbooks were completely sold out last year, so don't get left out in the cold. Reserve your copy TODAY! www.yearbooksforever.com

THEATRE—

The NCTC Play Festival Preview Show is Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm. There are 2 shows and tickets are \$7.00 for both shows - The Diviners and Vietnam 101! There is a sign up genius for volunteer opportunities to help support this great evening! PTSO volunteers and CATA parents are an amazing resource! The performing arts committee of the PTSO invites you to attend the show or volunteer to help at the event. To volunteer click on this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45acac2ba20-nctc1>

Cougar Pride

- ⇒ **Congratulations to our Women's Tennis team on winning their conference this year!!**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Malasia McClendon for being nominated for the Morehead Cain Scholarship!**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Fallon Stegall for being selected as CATA's DAR Good Citizen for the 2015-2015 school year by the Scholarship Committee.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Hannah Register for being selected as CATA's Union County Parade Princess and Alex Kahle Scholarship nominee by the Scholarship Committee.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Kerrigan Laney for being nominated by the Scholarship Committee for the John H. Crowder Award.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to two students chosen by the Blumenthal to participate in the Broadway Experience on Oct. 23-25. They are Nicole Palmer and David Moberg, both seniors.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Dr. Adam Tarlton for being recognized as CATA's Teacher of the Year.**



Attendance Information for Parents and Students

Ninth grade parents, please note that High School Attendance is different than middle school. It is taken by class, not by day. Students with more than 7 absences in a course can fail the class due to Absences alone, regardless of their grade average in the class.

Attendance at school is 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. The numbers 3, 6, and 8 are for Total absences, both excused and unexcused.
- 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 feels this is most effective.

CATA PTSO NEWS

JOIN THE PTSO Thanks to all the who have joined the PTSO! You are all invited to a coffee to meet the Board and learn about our upcoming events and have some informal Q & A about CATA. Mark your calendar to attend on October 28 at 10:00 am or October 28 at 6:30 pm.



Upcoming events: Invest In Excellence. This is our one time fund raiser...a flyer will go home on October 21, 2015 with your student's report card.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 10 - 7:00 pm General Membership Meeting

February 29 General Membership Meeting - Speaker - Susan Sutton More information to follow! Save the Date as you won't want to miss this meeting. She will also be speaking to the students!

May 10, 2016 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm

Senior Tee and Senior Sign order has been placed and will arrive in the next 10 days. Students watch for an email that it is in. Pick up in the Media Center.

Teacher Appreciation Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving Luncheon for the teachers on Friday, November 20. You will be invited to support this event through the sign up genius!

Watch for information from the Performing Arts Committee on upcoming events and ways that you can support the NCTC Shows. The Performing Arts Committee will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, October 20. Watch their Facebook page for additional information on ways you can get involved.

We are getting close to being able to purchase the Debbie Watwood Memorial Piano! If you are interested in donating to make this goal a reality, contact Liz Branca at lmbranca@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Dr. Tarlton, CATA Teacher of the Year and CATA for being recognized for a 100% graduation rate! Thanks to all the staff who have supported the PTSO! Spirit and participation is high as the year begins at CATA!

Kathie McKain kathieptsocata@gmail.com

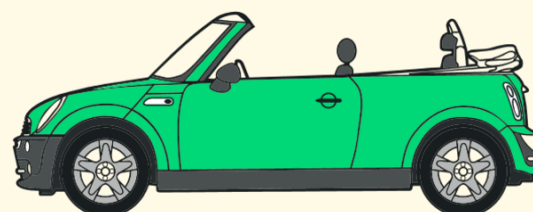
301-514-1890, cell

Simple ways to support CATA - you must re-link each year!! Thank you!!



Support CATA when you use your VIC card at Harris Teeter. Link your card to our school's account - # 3612.
Support CATA when you use your Target REDcard. Link your card to our school's account - # 81011.

UCSP High Schools will be offering 3 face to face **Driver's Ed classes** first semester only. Classes are available to students 14 1/2 years old and older. Classes will run Monday through Friday for the duration of the class, and the times are from 4-7pm. The fee for the class is \$65 in the form of cash or check. Please see Mrs. Tweed in the guidance office for class schedules or to sign up. OLDER students who register immediately will get preference over younger students currently.



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](#).

Sunday, October 18: Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Monday, October 19: Theater Performance for NCTC, 7:00 (Auditorium); Debate Club, 3:45 PM (Rm. 209); Debate Team Practice, 4:30 PM (Rm. 209); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525)

Tuesday, October 20: Underclassmen Make up Pictures (Rm. 501); Band Concert, 7:00 PM (Auditorium); Student Council Officer meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208); Gamers Unite, 3:30 pm (Rm. 217); German Club, 3:40 (Mr. Loor's Room);

Wednesday, October 21: General Student Council Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center);

Thursday, October 22: Powder Puff Games, Walter Bickett Stadium, 6:30 ; Student Council Junior Class Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center)

Friday, October 23: Shooting Sports Meeting, 3:40 (Rm. 102)

Upcoming Dates:

10/13 to 10/23—Benchmark Tests

10/20—Underclassmen Make up Pictures

10/22— Powder Puff, 6:30 Walter Bickett Stadium

10/27— Winter Sports Parent Night, 7 pm (Auditorium)

10/28—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Conference Room)

10/30—Trunk or Treat

11/2-11/6—Free College Application Week

11/4—Progress Reports

11/11—NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

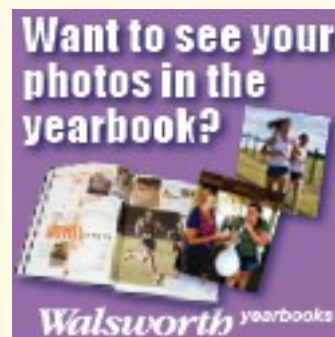
11/14—NCASC Western District Conference, All Day at CATA

11/23—Jostens Senior Make-up Day

11/23—Poetry Out Loud

1/25-11/27—NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

12/2—Report Cards



See page 13 in the chronicle.

Underclassmen retakes are Tuesday 10/20. Any student that is unhappy with their photo may come to retakes. Otherwise, the picture they see is what will be in the yearbook.

Speech and Debate

build our speech and debate program!

Please consider seeing Ms. Cochran and helping

In a competition this past weekend: Ceyda Guley, came in 9th place, with a first and second place in two rounds!! Thomas McCorkle in 15th place, with a second place in one round. This was the first time anyone from CATA participated in this event.

In Programmed Oral Interpretation, a brand new event, Freshman, Caitlyn Brown, had a great showing, and had placed first in a round.

In Public Forum, the Varsity team came in 31/38, winning one round.

The CATA Band Program is running its annual "Bank for Band" Fund-raiser Thursday, September 24th through Monday, October 12th. Please invest in our band by contributing \$5.00 each. If you want to contribute, please see Mr. Retzlaff in the band room, or parents, email him at Craig.retzlaff@ucps.k12.nc.us



Student Life Notes **Upcoming Events:**

Speech and Debate meets every Monday as a CLUB—from 3:45 – 4:30 and as a competitive TEAM—from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

The Women Engineers Club is holding an interest meeting on Monday, October 19th from 3:45 to 4:45 in Room 525. The club is for like minded females interested in exploring the engineering, science or technology career fields. Please see Mr. Recher with any questions.

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The CATA Band Program will be giving its annual Fall Concert entitled "Sounds of Darkness" on Tuesday, October 20th in the CATA Auditorium. Concert starts at 7:00 PM and admission is free. The voting for the Carve It Up pumpkin carving contest starts at 6:30 PM and all are welcome! See you there!

BE a LEADER JOIN a STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION TODAY

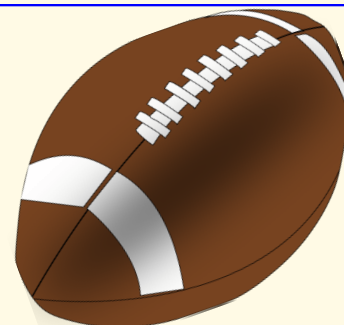
Questions??? OR an announcement needed, please e-mail Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

**COME OUT TO WATCH THE ANNUAL POWDER PUFF GAMES.
WALTER BICKETT STADIUM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:30 PM**

**FRESHMEN VS. SOPHOMORES JUNIORS VS SENIORS
WINNER VS WINNER**

ANY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS THAT WANT TO PLAY—SEE MS. EATON (COST IS \$10 (NO TSHIRT)) Practices for Powder Puff will be held Monday-Wednesday from 3:45-5pm 10/19-10/21. Players should meet by the gym before heading to the field.



**TICKETS ARE \$3 ON SALE AT LUNCH AND AT THE
A CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO THE HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME WITH PURCHASE**

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](#).

Varsity Results:

Football: CATA 0 – Monroe 44

Men's Soccer: CATA 2 – Parkwood 0, CATA 1 – Monroe 0

Volleyball: CATA 0 – Mt. Pleasant 3, CATA 3 – Forest Hills 0

Tennis: CATA 7 – Forest Hills 2, CATA 9 – Monroe 0

Cross Country: Women 12th – Men 16th @ Ivey Redmon Park, Women 1st – Men 1st – CATA Meet

Women's Golf: 2nd @ Green Oaks Country Club

Upcoming Events:

October 16th

AWAY Football vs. West Stanly 7:30 pm

October 19th AWAY Women's Golf – Mt. Airy – NCHSAA 1A/2A Central Regionals – All Day

HOME Volleyball vs. TBA – 1st Round RRC Tournament – Admission \$6.00

AWAY Soccer @ West Stanly – 6:00 pm

October 20th 2nd Rd RRC Volleyball Tournament @ West Stanly

AWAY Cross Country – Rocky River Conference Championship @ Forest Hills 4:30 pm

HOME Tennis vs. TBA – 1st Round NCHSAA Dual Team Playoffs – Time - TBA

October 21st HOME Soccer vs. Mt. Pleasant 6:00 pm – Senior Night

October 22nd AWAY Soccer vs. Salisbury 6:00 pm

October 23rd HOME Football vs. Mt. Pleasant 7:30 pm

Gates open @ 6:00 pm

October 24th AWAY Cross Country @ NCHSAA 2A Mid-west Regionals



News & Information:

- Congratulations to the Women's Tennis Team on winning their first Rocky River Conference Championship. The team finished 14-1 in conference and 16-2 for the regular season.
- Congratulations to Megan Gioffre, Kayli Tolleson, Olivia Pepin, Kiara Patterson, and Bethany Snodgrass for qualifying for the NCHSAA 1A/2A Central Regional Golf Tournament on Monday in Mt. Airy. Good Luck Ladies!
- Women's Basketball will have open gym on **Tuesday 10/20** and **Thursday 10/22** from 3:45-5:00 pm
- Winter & Spring Sports Workouts are underway – please contact your coach for more information.
- Anyone attending workouts MUST have a current physical on file with the athletic department
- Winter Sports Parent Night will be on **Tuesday October 27th @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium.
- Fall Sports Awards Night will be **Monday November 16th @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium.

CATA Athletics Continued....

Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner –

jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin – edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

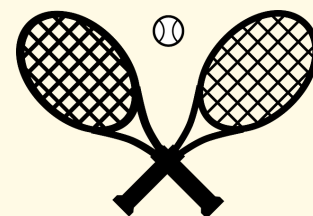
Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

Athletic Trainer – Sarak Hang – sarak.hang@ucps.k12.nc.us



Winter Sports 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

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

Men's & Women's Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

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

Spring Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

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

Baseball – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Track & Field – Field Miller – field.miller@aol.com

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

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



Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: **@CATA_Athletics**

Hello, Parents!

You have been invited by your CATA coaches to sign up for **"Cougar Concessions."** Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

[Cougar Concessions—Please Click Here to Sign Up!!](#)

We need your help in our concession stands! Please sign up for a game date that you are available. Please notice that some games are at CATA and some are at Walter Bickett Stadium. Thank you for your support. We could not do this without you!



Help support our neighbor—Wolfe School—by sending your **Box Tops and Labels for Education** into the CATA main office. Your support will help some of our most wonderful children in UCPS have a great school experience.

CATA Spirit Wear available online and at home Football Games. 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!!

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 acade-

my:

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

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

[Mini D'Rozario](#): Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

Viewing Student's Grades

- Parents can view student grades through the Parent Portal. Contact the school office if you have never obtained information on how to set up an account. If you had an account last year, the same account still works.
- Students can view their grades by using the my.ncedcloud.org on their chromebook (3rd icon—reads “HB-SIS Student-LEA-900”). The old Parent Portal is ONLY for parents, the student logins will no longer work on that link.
- A note about Canvas grades. Canvas is an instructional platform that is new this year. Teachers are using this to store resources, assignments, and at times—assessments. Teachers can score items on the Canvas platform and students can see grades for INDIVIDUAL assignments there. Students MUST remember that grades in Canvas only include Canvas-based assignments. Most teachers are grading more than what is in Canvas. The official grades are in accessed through the my.ncedcloud.org in that “HB-SIS Student-LEA-900” link. Averages of Canvas grades are NOT official grades. If students have questions they should ask their teacher or an administrator.



Seniors **Graduation—Fri., June 10, 2016 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum**

Senior Graduation Packages: You can contact Jostens by calling 1-800-582-6376 or email Mr. Honrine at Honrine@jostens.com. Please note that to participate in the graduation ceremony you must wear the correct cap and gown.

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.

More Senior Information: Guidance has begun scheduling college visits. A representative from the college(s) listed below will be here at the dates and times listed to discuss the admissions process and answer questions. Please sign up in Guidance if you are interested. Each session will be limited to 40 students. Students will be limited in the number of college visits they can attend. Students must get approval from their classroom teacher and guidance counselor:

- October 16, 2015 - *UNC Greensboro @ 10:45 a.m.*
- October 16, 2015 - *Greensboro College @ 2:30 p.m.*
- October 19, 2015 - *Virginia Commonwealth University @ 11:30 p.m.*
- October 19, 2015 - *Montreat College @ 2:30 p.m.*
- October 20, 2015 - *SPCC's Career & College Promise Information @ 11:00 a.m.*
- October 20, 2015 - *Columbia International University @ 2:30 p.m.*
- October 22, 2015 - *University of Alabama @ 11 a.m.*
- October 26, 2015 - *Johnson & Wales University @ 10:45 a.m.*
- October 26, 2015 - *Davidson College @ 2:15 p.m.*
- October 29, 2015 - *High Point University @ 2:15 p.m.*
- November 2, 2015 - *UNC Wilmington @ 2:15 p.m.*
- November 3, 2015 - *North Carolina Wesleyan College @ 11:00 a.m.*
- November 4, 2015 - *Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) @ 11:00 a.m.*

All seniors must log in to the Metro Portraits website by October 23rd and choose their yearbook pose. They should choose a photo with the gray background.

Need a transcript?? The first 3 paper transcripts you request are FREE; for each additional transcript you will pay \$2 OR you can pay a \$10 flat fee for an unlimited amount of transcripts. However, not all colleges need a paper transcript! If you use the Common Application or CollegeNet to apply, or if your college uses SENEdu, your transcript can be sent electronically by your counselor. For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

College Open House Information: Seniors - Check out the '[College Information and Events](#)' page!

Here is a list of N.C. College Open Houses with admissions deadlines: https://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/home/sc/pdf/admissions_deadlines.pdf

College Day - October 17, 2015:

The Union County Public Library will be hosting their first annual College Day is tentatively scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th, 2015. Representatives from North Carolina and South Carolina colleges will be in attendance. Students will be able to attend information sessions and panel discussions. Possible events include: *Acing the College Interview*, *Student Athletes: Balancing Class Work With Sports*, and *Preparing for College: What Should I Do Now?*

The [Scholarship Website](#) has the most up-to-date information on scholarships.

Scholarship Spotlight:

Approximately ten \$47,500 Centennial Scholarships will be awarded this year. Selection will be based upon demonstrated high academic achievement throughout high school with proven and potential leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and unique life experiences. Students must be nominated by his/her high school, or self-nominate between October 1st and the end of November.

News from Guidance:

- The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina on Tuesday, March 1st.
- **Health Careers Day on the Hill - October 23, 2015:** The NC Health Careers Access Program is sponsoring this one day conference at UNC Chapel Hill for student in grades 9-12 that are interested in pursuing a career in a health field. Students will hear presentations from UNC Admissions, UNC School of Medicine, UNC School of Dentistry, UNC School of Nursing, UNC School of Pharmacy, and UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences. Registration is \$15. The conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Koury Oral Building - UNC School of Dentistry. For more information, and to register, please visit: nchcap.unc.edu or call Mrs. Amber McGregor at 919-966-2264.
- **SAT.... ACT.... PSAT....**LOTS of Info on the SAT and ACT is located on our School Counseling Tab of the CATA website. [Click here to go to the page for registration dates, costs, AND information on SAT and ACT prep.](#)



Please note that ALL juniors will participate in ACT prep at CATA during Cougar Time.

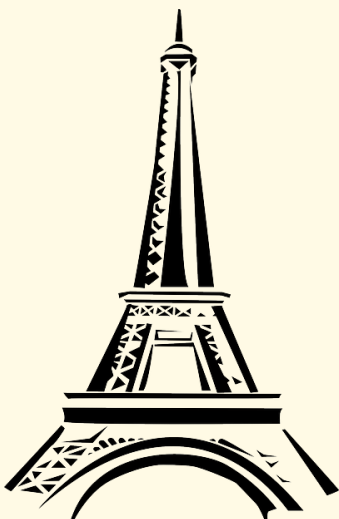
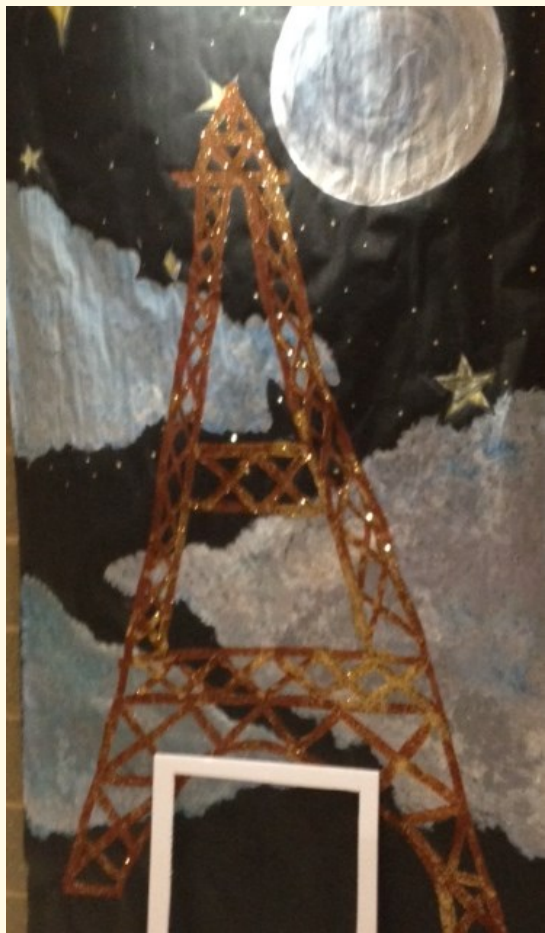
2016 Governor's School of North Carolina

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).

Link to the website with guidance information: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/guidance.php>

Applications are available at www.ncgovschool.org. All information will be available for downloading and printing; the forms will allow for electronic completion, saving and printing. **The completed application is due to Ms. Lawson on Friday, October 16th at 3:30 pm.** Please see Ms. Lawson if you are interested in applying or if you have questions.



Dance Academy Learns from the Masters.....

Lesli Todd came to CATA Wednesday to teach master classes to the dance academy. The sophomores and juniors a jazz class, while the seniors were taught a jazz war-up and contemporary combination. Lesli focused on proper alignment and technique, while giving the dance students time to show off their styles.



**Want to see your
photos in the
yearbook?**



Students and parents - you may now upload your photos to be used in the yearbook directly from the CATA website. A link is included in this edition of the Cougar Chronicle. Follow these steps to upload any pictures from fall sports, spirit week, Homecoming, and the homecoming dance:

Click on [this link to go to the CATA page on yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)

Click on "Community Upload"

Enter the code: cougars15

Upload the photos and fill out the correct information

Photos will be reviewed by the yearbook staff, and you just may see yourself in the 2016 Felidae.

What is WorkKeys?

The WorkKeys assessment is a multiple choice test that will be given online to seniors that have or are in the process of completing four Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses in a specific career cluster and consists of three sections (Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information). The assessments measure skills such as reading, math, listening, locating information, and teamwork.

Why is WorkKeys Important?

These are skills that employers feel are critical to job success and can help students understand how they can improve their skills for better paying jobs. Students who take the WorkKeys tests have a clear way to demonstrate their abilities to future employers. A large number of students are entering the workforce without adequate skills to qualify them for the jobs they want. By increasing their skill levels while they are still in school, students increase their opportunities for higher salaries in the future.

What do your WorkKeys Scores mean?

Students have the opportunity to earn an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate. A certificate is provided at the platinum, gold, silver, and bronze levels. Students can use their results to identify jobs for which they are qualified for and improve on areas where their skills are weak.

How can you Prepare for it?

To prepare for the WorkKeys assessments students can login to Keytrain at: <http://login.keytrain.com> and enter their username: u+ your student ID # (ex. U1234567) and password: 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY – March 3, 1997) (ex. 03031997).

For more information about the WorkKeys assessment and the Career Readiness Certificate, see your CDC (Mrs. Webb) or go to: <http://act.org/workkeys/careerseekers/scores.html>.

Dance students at Festival in the Park

Dance Academy students had two choreographed pieces selected for performance at the Festival in the Park.



SPIRIT WEEK PICS

