

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

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. Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, October 26. Please be sure to ask your child to see their report card.

Kudos to our Theatre Program on their first performance of the Diviners. It was an excellent performance and we wish them the best as they continue to refine their entries for the North Carolina Theatre Conference competition. Audience members were treated to a wonderful performance by our band programs—marching band, symphonic band, ensemble, and jazz band this week. What a talented group of musicians we have! Our Senior Dance Academy students were chosen to perform two dances in the Charlotte Ballet Middle and High School Symposium last weekend. Excellent job by all and we are proud of the many scholarship opportunities you earned!



Congratulations to our Women's Tennis Team who won the first round of dual team Playoffs! Way to go. Please come out and watch our team as they enter the second round of NCHSAA playoffs next week. Congratulations to our Men's and Women's Cross Country Team who both WON the Conference Championship this week!!! Our Women's Golf Team had three players qualify for State competition—Way to go Team!

We hope you check out our Information Systems Academy activities in the chronicle. Students and parents - Please support the Band Fruit Sale going on now.

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

**HOME FOOTBALL
GAME Friday 10/23!!!**

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>

CATA Science Olympiad Needs Your Help. Please see our list of needs below and send items into Ms. Cross, or the main office. Please email [Ms. Cross](mailto:Ms.Cross) with questions. Thank you all!!

New Items:

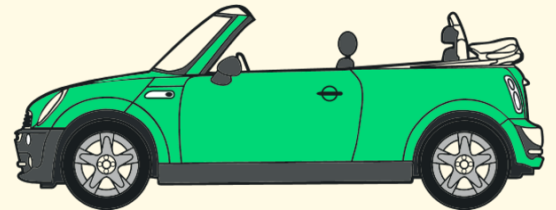
Super glue
Super glue accelerator
Tissue paper
Goggles
Freezer bags (pint and gallon sized)

NEW or USED items

Tennis/ping-pong/racquet/foam or plastic practice golf ball
Dry cleaner plastic bags (for parachutes)
Carbonated two liter soda bottles with labels attached
Plywood and other scrap wood

CD's and/or DVD's for construction
Used toy car parts frame, body, and or tires (larger sizes, not hot wheels)
Wood scraps (light weight)
Large screws, nuts, and bolts (all kinds)
Voltmeter
Batteries (AA, 9 volt, or a single battery pack labeled 7.2 volts or less)
Thin yarn
Empty thread spools
9 volt or less conductivity tester
Small plastic fan or propeller blades (no metal)
Styrofoam
Containers with lids
Broken simple machinery or devices for kids to practice taking apart and putting back together.

UCSP High Schools will be offering 2 more face to face **Driver's Ed classes** this semester. 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.



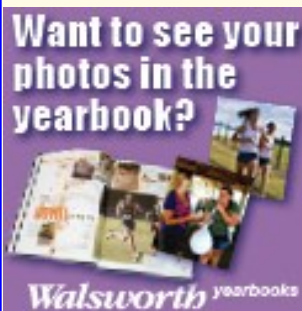
CATA recognized for 100% Graduation Rate in the 2014-2015 school year. This was the highest graduation rate in NC for schools with 200-299 students in their graduation cohort. Way to go Cougars!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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

Cougar Pride

- ⇒ Congratulations to Ms. Cross on winning a LIFT grant from the Union County Education Foundation for her project involving Science Olympiad!!! Way to go!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Coach Jay Niessner who won his 100th match this past week in soccer! Thanks Coach for all you do!!!!
- ⇒ Congratulations to Dr. Tarlton on winning a LIFT grant from the Union County Education Foundation for his project involving the Holocaust Project. Way to go!!
- ⇒ 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.



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](#)

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.

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.

Dance Academy Seniors

The CATA dance academy participated in the First Charlotte Ballet Middle and High School dance festival. Students could pick from various classes ranging from Ballet to African. After a full day of classes, students were then invited to watch a concert that had surrounding High school and middle school students performing. Our senior class dancers were picked to perform Serum and The Wind Knocked Out in the performance, after the dances were adjudicated earlier this year. In addition our students were able to audition for colleges and summer programs. All of our dancers who auditioned got offers from schools. Sawyer Newsome was offered a full ride to University of South Carolina, \$10,000 to UNC School of the Arts, and \$2,500 to attend Charlotte Ballet summer program. Mackenzie Simons was offered \$5,000 for Winthrop University, and Nicole Palmer was



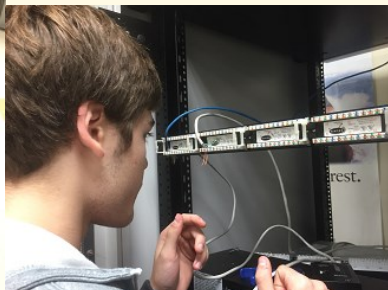
offered \$40,000 to La Roche with a potential of even more.



Information Systems—Computer Networking Students Wire the Lab!!



Network I students got busy wiring the lab this semester. Completing this project means that classes will not have to have network equipment sitting on tables. All will be rack mounted and the students will access it from PCs. This design is much more flexible, the equipment is always available and safe.



Information System Academies News

Mrs. Bounds' Foundation of Information classes visited UCPS Technology Services to culminate their learning of networks. Students have learned the physical devices that make up a network, the different types of networks, and how media is transmitted across a network.

Their visit began with a welcome and introduction from Mr. Preston McConnell, IT Services Manager, followed by a description of a job responsibility and how it relates to the students from Steve Dugan, Lead Network Engineer; Josh Walker, Lead Enterprise Systems Engineer; Emil Iglesias, Lead Desktop Support; Deago Meadows, LMS Coordinator; and Casey Rimmer, Lead Instructional Technology Facilitator. Spencer Jarvis commented, "I enjoyed hearing the speakers talk about their jobs. Seeing people who actually do these things really gave a better perspective on careers."

Mr. Iglesias then guided the students through the server room pointing out different devices and explaining how it all worked together for UCPS. Students got a close up look at the racks, cabling and servers. Student, Justin Leiner commented, "What I enjoyed most was I got to see things we talked about in class in real life." "It was interesting to see how much goes into keeping our network running," said Abrey Austin. Jack Wild stated, "I enjoyed seeing what we learned about in class actually being used. I liked to see the servers that all of the schools are connected to."

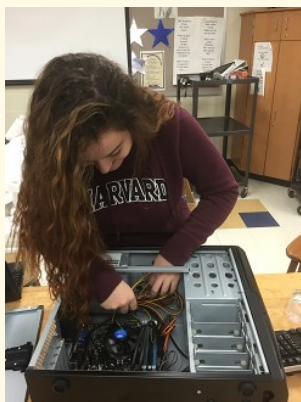
Mr. Walker conducted a tour of the UCPS Depot, where all Chromebooks are repaired or retired. Students saw the spare parts area, the repair area, shipping and receiving and the graveyard (for parts no longer useable). Isabella Walle commented, "I really enjoyed touring the Depot, and seeing where the engineers worked. It gave me a whole new appreciation for everyone who helps our computers operate as well as they do."



Information Systems—Computer Engineering Students Build a PC

Computer Engineering I students built their 1st PC earlier this month. The class started the year diagnosing problems with previously used PCs. Over the last few weeks, 20 students starting building 10 new PCs from parts. Twelve of the students had never

built a PC or worked on one until this class. All PCs are running a burn in test.



CATA PTSO NEWS

We continue to be grateful for all our members! Special thanks to all of the Performing families who have joined our rank and file! Over 50 percent of our membership represents the Performing Arts Academies! It is not too late to join in the fun and opportunity to support the school - Bring it on Pre Engineering, Information Systems, , Medical Sciences, Transportation Systems, Teacher Prep! Props to the Performing Arts Academies.....including the student representatives!



New Members - 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. Please RSVP to kathieptsocata@gmail.com.

Pizza Party for the 3rd block class with the most PTSO members will be this Friday....and the winner is.....announcement will be Thursday!!!

Attention all event planners/fund raisers - if you enjoy planning events and helping to raise money for a great cause - CATA.....we are looking for you!!! We need some stars and supporting actors to help with fund raising and special events for the PTSO - give it a think and call Kathie McKain or Liz Branca for more information!

Invest In Excellence. This is our one time fund raiser...a flyer will go home Monday, October 26 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 .

All Senior Tee and Senior Sign were delivered this week! Thanks to all the seniors and a special thanks to guidance student intern, Jake Douglas for hand delivering to the students!

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!

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
Thank you to the following parents and students that are supporting the Performing Arts:

Performing Arts Committee Heads:

Todd Hedgepeth and Liz Branca - co chairs
Bev Finnerty - Hospitality
Felicia Howie - Volunteer Coordinator
Set Coordinator—Wally Mann
Publicity—Robin Mann
Fundraising - Laura Fensterstock, _____??
Costume Coordinator - _____?
Events Chair - _____?

Student Liaisons:

Meg Gwyn
Taylor Dillon
Ashley Hedgepeth
Kerrigan Laney
Hannah Register
Emma Finnerty
Kaitlyn Speiser
Clayton Musselwhite

See **INVEST IN EXCELLENCE FUNDRAISER FLYER AT THE END OF THIS CHRONICLE.**

We are seeking additional parents from Dance and Music Pathways to work as a committee head. Please join us!!

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.

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 25: Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Monday, October 26: Debate Club, 3:45 PM (Rm. 209); Debate Team Practice, 4:30 PM (Rm. 209)

Tuesday, October 27: Winter Sports Parents Night, 7 PM (Auditorium); Student Council Officer meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208); Gamers Unite, 3:30 pm (Rm. 217)

Wednesday, October 28: Site-based Team Meeting, 3:45 (Media Conference Room); Beta Club Meeting, 8:20 AM and 3:45 (Media Center; Student Council Senior Class Meeting, 3:30 (Ms. Royster's Room);

Friday, October 30: Annual Trunk or Treat, 4:15 to 5:45 (Student Parking Lot)

Upcoming Dates:

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

11/19—End of Second Grading Period

11/23—Jostens Senior Make-up Day

11/23—Poetry Out Loud

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

12/2—Report Cards

12/14—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 (Auditorium)

12/16—Progress Reports

12/6 to 12/18—Benchmark Testing

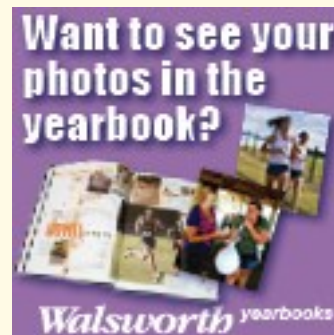
12/21 to 1/1—NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

1/11-1/15—Final Exam and Review Days

1/18—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Holiday

1/19/1/20—NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Days

1/21—First Day of the Second Semester



See page 13 in the chronicle.

Speech and Debate

Please consider seeing Ms. Cochran and helping build our speech and debate program!

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.

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.

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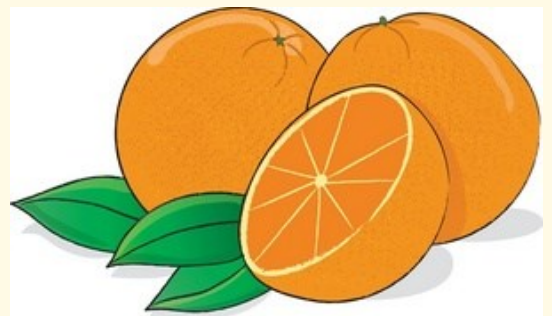
Guitar Club meets every Thursday this semester—open to all—Room 529 after school until 4:30.

Support the fight against Breast Cancer and purchase a PINK item during lunches—sponsored by Hands Helping Others—remember to PINK out for the football game on Friday too!

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

The CATA Band Program is holding its annual Citrus/Fruit Fundraising starting 10/20 and ending 11/3/15. All band students are participating and any students not enrolled in band need to see Mr. Retzlaff in the band room to receive their packets. All band students have a goal of selling a minimum of 10 orders and proceeds go to band program. Thanks for your support!



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 13 – West Stanly 14

Men's Soccer: CATA 7 – West Stanly 0

Volleyball: CATA 1 – Parkwood 3, CATA 3 – Monroe 0, CATA 0 – Mt. Pleasant 3

Tennis: CATA 5 – East Burke 2, Kaley Williford & Kendall Yelverton Qualified for Regionals on Friday in Salisbury

Cross Country: Men & Women won the Rocky River Conference!

Women's Golf: 4th @ Regionals

Upcoming Events:

October 23rd HOME Football vs. Mt. Pleasant 7:30 pm
Gates open @ 6:00 pm

October 26th AWAY Soccer Forest Hills 6:00 pm

October 27th HOME Tennis vs. Surry Central – 2nd Round NCHSAA Dual Team Tournament – Time – TBA
Winter Sports Mandatory Parent Night – 7:00 pm - Auditorium

October 28th – No Events

October 29th HOME Soccer vs. Parkwood 5:00/6:30 pm

October 30th HOME Football vs. Forest Hills 7:30 pm
Gates Open @ 6:00 pm

Senior Night – Football, Cheerleading, Band, Women's Golf, Women's Tennis, Cross Country

October 31st AWAY – Men's & Women's Cross Country – NCHSAA 2A Midwest Regionals – Ivey Redmon Park, Kernersville, NC – ALL Day event

News & Information:

- Congratulations to the Women's Cross Country team on winning their first Rocky River Conference Championship.
- Congratulations to the Men's Cross Country Team for winning their third straight Rocky River Conference Championship
- Congratulations to Megan Gioffre, Olivia Pepin, and Bethany Snodgrass for qualifying for the NCHSAA 1A/2A State Championship Golf Tournament Monday & Tuesday in Pinehurst, NC – Good Luck Ladies
- 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

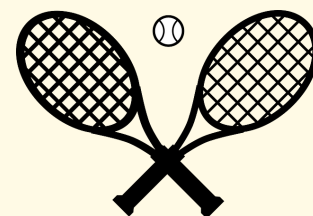
Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

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.day, 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.

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 22, 2015 - University of Alabama @ 11 a.m.
- October 26, 2015 - Johnson & Wales University @ 11:00 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.

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 SENDedu, your transcript can be sent electronically by your counselor. For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

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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

Seniors – **College Application Week** is November 2-6, 2015! This week will provide all high school seniors the opportunity to apply to colleges online using CFNC.org. During this week *certain schools will waive their application fee entirely*, allowing you to apply for free! You will also have the opportunity get help with college applications you are currently working on. Guidance will be visiting senior level English classes to assist students during this week. If you DO NOT have English this semester, you can sign up in Guidance for a session in the Media Center on November 4th. For a list of schools waiving their application fee, please visit: <https://app.box.com/s/eog9npstrtjy44qu9y99>.

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

Scholarship Spotlight: John Montgomery Belk Scholarship at Davidson College:

This scholarship can provide comprehensive funding (tuition, fees, room and board) plus study stipends. Belk Scholars exhibit intellectual depth and academic achievement; strength of character and integrity; global awareness; commitment to service; leadership ability; and potential for continuing impact. They are energetic, adventurous, studious, artistic, athletic, creative, collaborative, engaged, and compassionate. CATA can only nominate one or two students. If you are interested in being considered, please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an interest form. Also, please ensure that a letter of recommendation is emailed to Mrs. Cameron by the deadline. Please return the interest form, your resume, and letter of recommendation (via email) to Mrs. Cameron. For more information, please visit: <http://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/john-belk-scholarship>. **Deadline: October 30, 2015.**

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.

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

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>.

CATA Student Council Keeps a Monroe Creek Clean

CATA Student Council members hauled out five tires, two shopping carts and 10 bags full of other trash and debris from Bearskin Creek in downtown Monroe on Saturday, October 17th. Many of the students chose to adorn waders and walk through the creek to pick up trash. Others remained on the banks assisting and cleaning the grounds around the creek. They were dirty and muddy toward the end, but Mitchel Palmer commented, "All the mud was worth it to get the trash out of the creek." This is the second year in a row Student Council members have partnered with storm water engineers of the City of Monroe to clean out a portion of Bearskin Creek in Belk Tonawanda Park.

Everyone contributes to storm water pollution. Here are a few things we all can do to prevent storm water pollution. Wash your car over your yard or gravel or take it to a commercial car wash where wastewater is recycled or treated. Fix any leaks in your car so oil and other chemicals don't runoff into our creeks and streams. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and avoid application before a storm. Clean up pet waste to prevent harmful bacteria from washing into our local waterways.



INVEST IN EXCELLENCE

You are invited to participate in the PTSO at CATA annual Invest In Excellence campaign! It is a simple way for individuals, businesses and corporations to invest in CATA. 100% Tax Deductible! 100% of the money invested in CATA!

CATA Departmental Wish List for PTSO Invest Dollars

- Music Production and Recording Arts – Equipment and Software
- Theatre Arts – Storage Building for Stage flats/platforms
- English Department – How to read literature like a professor set, Book sets
- Pre-engineering – Balsa wood for building and bridge models
- Science Olympiad – Balsa wood, goggles
- Science Dept. – Test tubes, beakers, Bunsen burners, dissection kits
- Information Systems – USB microphones, wireless keyboard/mouse
- Math Department – Sturdy compasses, Airliners to work with Smart board
- Technology – Smart board replacement

- _____ \$100 donation
- _____ \$75 donation
- _____ \$50 donation
- _____ \$25 donation
- _____ \$_Other

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Ask your employer about a matching gift program for charitable giving.

Please make checks payable to CATA PTSO and mail form to CATA at 600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112 or your student can bring to school!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Email Address (_____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade:— _____

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**Every Dollar touches Every Student, Department and CATA
Invest In Excellence Donations +CATA PTSO = Wishes Come True**