

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

This week we lost a true Central Academy family member with the passing of our dear secretary, Ms. Terri Rape. Ms. Rape was CATA's most tenured employee working at the school all the way back to the Career Center days. We will deeply miss Ms. Rape but know that her work has made CATA a great place to be.

Please join us for the Holiday Collaborative Concert at 7 pm this Friday and Saturday in the auditorium. This is a collaborative holiday performance with the CATA Band, theater, chorus, and dance classes.

Attendance letters were distributed this Thursday and Failure letters will go home in the following days. Please be sure to return the attendance letters signed to the front office, and understand some students will have to recover class time if they have missed more than 8 days of class. Students will be notified of their recovery time the week before winter break.

Report cards were distributed last week, along with official School Report Cards for the 2014-2015 school year, PLAN results for Sophomores, and WorkKeys results for Seniors that took the exam prior to Thanksgiving. Students have approximately three weeks of instruction and review left this semester. Final exams start on Monday, January 11th and students should begin reviewing for exams prior to the winter holiday. Students will have one week of classes to review once we return from break, so students will need to reserve time over the holiday break to study for finals.

The student council is sponsoring the annual CATA basketball tournament on December 18. Please encourage your child to participate in one of the many community outreaches we have this December. These are highlighted in the Chronicle and we see them as important ways to support our school effort to create a Culture of Respect at CATA. Great job to our Guidance Department and our Student Council for leading this effort to make a Culture of Respect a daily discussion!!

Auditions for the spring musical, Ragtime, will be held Monday after school in the performing arts wing. The audition is open to any student in the school who is interested. Please prepare a Broadway song and come dressed to move for the choreography portion of the audition. Details are posted outside Mr. Robinson's room. See Mr. Robinson, Ms. Cyphers, or Ms. Gregory for further information.

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



Holiday Drive

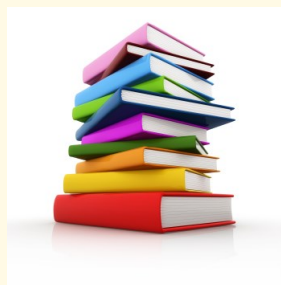
National Honor Society

Please bring NEW

Pajamas and Books for Kids

4th period competition

One Million Good Nights Pajama Program



CATA PTSO NEWS

It is not too late to join in the fun and opportunity to support the school - JOIN THE PTSO TODAY!!

Kathie McKain

kathieptsocata@gmail.com

301-514-1890, cell



- Continued thanks to all at CATA who have supported the activities and events at CATA since the start of the school year! Participation and engagement is high! We continue to be thankful!
- Invest In Excellence - To date we over 3,000.00 has been donated through our Invest In Excellence Campaign! Donations and matching gifts continue to come into the school! The PTSO Executive Committee will work with Dr. Fisenne in early January to designate the monies throughout the school departments based on the submitted wish lists! We will be publishing the names of those who donated later this month!
- Next up will be our Student Achievement Recognition early in January. A sign up genius went out to our members! Students will be nominated by their teachers and recognized at a breakfast in January. Please take a moment to go to the sign up genius (see next page) and help us to recognize and applaud the excellent efforts of our CATA students

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.

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.



WE'RE PLAYING BASKETBALL

Student Council's Presents

The Annual

CATA Basketball Tournament

Sign UP TODAY

Friday December 18th during fourth block.

Each team is to consist of 6 members

Registration is \$20 per team with Dr. Tarlton
(Rm. 111)

If your team has a faculty member on it, it will
cost only \$15

Only one basketball player allowed per team

All teams must be registered by

Thursday, December 17th.

Tickets: \$5 and are on sale during December at LUNCH.



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
-this list represents some of the instructional needs listed by teachers

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:— _____

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

Academic Recognition Breakfast

first semester

To honor CATA's Academic All-Stars, the PTSO will host the first semester Student Academic Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 in the Gym at the beginning of the day.

A list of non-perishable items needed can be seen by clicking on this link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-academic1>

If you can donate anything, please send the item in any time between now (before the holiday break) and 4 pm on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 so we have them in time for an early set up on Wednesday morning. If you are sending in a warm quiche, that can be brought in on Wednesday morning, the 6th.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

If you have any questions, please call:

Alyson Flood 704-604-5427 (cell) or 704-234-2554 (home) or Sarah May 704-780-1576



The Performing Arts Department
Cordially Invites You to Our

10 Years of CATA Winter Collaborative

December 11th and 12th 2015
7:00 p.m.

\$ 7.00 at the door

Please consider donating to our toy /clothing
drive at the performance

Holiday Spirit Week

Dec 14—Dec 18

Monday: Polar Express PJ Day

Tuesday: Tacky Sweater Day

Wednesday: Holiday Character Day

Thursday: Holiday Gear Day

Friday: Color Wars Day
-by Academy

Teacher Prep: Black

Medical: Red

IT: White

Engineering: Yellow

Performing Arts: Blue

Auto Tech: Green



Around Campus... *(for all home and away sports times, see Athletics section)*

The CATA website Calendar is a great resource—please see that on the [main CATA page](#).

Friday, December 11 Holiday Collaborative Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Saturday, December 12: Holiday Collaborative Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Sunday, December 13: Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Monday, December 14: Polar Express PJ Day Yearbook Ad Workshop, 5:30 PM (Media Conference and Art Room); CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium); Debate Club, 3:45 PM (Rm. 209); Debate Team Practice, 4:30 PM (Rm. 209); ASVAB Career Interest Survey ; Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Ms. Cross); Biology Club, 3:30 (Ms. Suresh)

Tuesday, December 15: Tacky Sweater Day Student Council Officer meeting, 3:30 (Rm. 208); German Club Meeting, 3:40 (Rm. 527); Holiday Collaborative In School, 10:50-12:00 (Auditorium); Parent Theater Meeting for SETC, see page 9

Wednesday, December 16: Holiday Character Day; General Student Council Meeting, 3:30, Media Center; FCA Leadership, 8 am (Mr. Lindley's Room); Beta Club Meeting, 8:15 AM and 3:30 (Cafeteria); Band Concert, 7 pm (Auditorium)

Thursday, December 17: Holiday Gear Day; FCA Meeting, 8 am (Gym)

Friday, December 18: Color Wars Day; Student Council Annual Basketball Tournament

Upcoming Dates:

12/1-12/18—NHS Sponsored New book and pajama drive

12/1-12/18—NHS Sponsored Angel Tree drive

12/14- 2/18— Holiday Spirit Week

12/8—PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

12/11 to 12/12—Holiday Collaborative, 7 PM (Auditorium)

12/14—Yearbook AD Workshop, 5:30 (Media Conference and Art Room)

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

12/14—ASVAB Career Interest Survey

12/15—In School Holiday Collaborative (10:50 to 12:00)

12/16—Progress Reports

12/18—Stuco Sponsored Basketball Tournament

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

1/12—PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

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

1/27—Report Cards

EXAM SCHEDULE

**Monday 1/11: 1st period Exam,
2nd period Review**

**Tuesday 1/12: 2nd period Exam,
3rd period Review**

**Wed 1/13: 3rd period Exam,
4th period Review**

Thurs 1/14: 4th period Exam

**ALL students must take the ex-
ams on the scheduled days.**

Student Life Notes

CATA is celebrating its ten year anniversary this school year. The CATA Band Program will be sponsoring a 10 Year Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest and your design could be on the commemorative t-shirt for years to come!

*** 2 color t-shirt design, front only**

*** Designs can be drawn by hand but must be able to be converted into an electronic file**

*** Submitted to Mr. Retzlaff by December 18th**

*** Five finalists to be selected by the Band Boosters and then voted on by students**

*** Winner receives t-shirt and Spirit Wear goodie pack: hoodie, hat and towel**

Science Olympiad is meeting Monday, December 14th immediately after school in Mrs. Cross's room. Please see Mrs. Cross before you leave for Winter break if you are unable to attend the meeting.

The Biology Club will meet on Monday, Dec 14th after school in Ms. Suresh's Classroom, Room 221. This week we learn to use microscopes. We will enroll in the Biology Olympiad. Please join us from 3:30 to 4:00 pm.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in the gym Thursday mornings every week in the gym from 8:00 am until 8:40. Join FCA for a good snack and good news!

Student Council's annual basketball tournament will be held on Friday December 18th during fourth block. Each team is to consist of 6 members from the SAME academy. To register your team, please bring \$20 into Dr. Tarlton's room (111). If your team has a faculty member on it, it will cost only \$15. Please keep in mind that there is only one basketball player allowed per team. All teams must be registered by December 11th. If you are interested in attending the tournament, tickets are \$5 and will be on sale from December 1st to the 18th.

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.

Attention CATA writers, have you been looking for a place to workshop your skills, critique your work, or just have time to write? Those interested in a Creative Writing Club see Ms. Tesar in room 610.

BE a LEADER JOIN a STUDENT LIFE ORGANIZATION TODAY

Varsity Results:

Men's Basketball: Loss vs. Union Academy, Loss vs. North Stanly

Women's Basketball: Win vs. Union Academy, Loss vs. North Stanly

Wrestling: Victories over Union Academy and Rocky River last Friday night. Team improves to 7-1 in dual team competition.

Upcoming Events:

12/10 –

HOME Basketball vs. 1st Assembly 6:00/7:30 pm

AWAY Wrestling @ Cuthbertson vs. Cuthbertson & Porter Ridge 6:30 pm

12/12 –

AWAY Wrestling @ Bishop McGuiness High School – All Day Event

12/15 –

AWAY Basketball @ Cuthbertson – 4:30 JV Boys, 6:00/7:30 pm Varsity

No JV Girls Game

12/17 –

HOME Basketball vs. Piedmont – 4:00 Start – All Four Teams in Action

AWAY Wrestling @ Forest Hills – 6:30 pm

12/19 –

AWAY Wrestling @ Statesville Tournament – All Day Event

12/28 & 12/29 –

AWAY Varsity Basketball @ Gaston Christian Holiday Tournament

1/1 & 1/2 –

AWAY Wrestling @ Holy Angles Holiday Tournament – Bojangles Coliseum

News & Information:

There are NO home events over the winter break, but Cougar Wrestling and Basketball will be in action!

Spring sports **mandatory** parent night is **Monday – February 1st, 2016** @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium

Winter Sports Awards Night is **Monday – March 7th** @ 7:00 pm in the auditorium

As we near the start of spring sports – February 15th – please make sure that your student athlete has an up to date physical and up to date paperwork on file with the Athletic Director – PLEASE don't wait until the last minute, we want everyone to be able to go on the first day of spring sports!

Women's soccer workouts have begun, please see Coach Niessner if you need any information.

Spring sports workouts are underway – no sport will be holding workouts over the Holiday Break – please see your sport's coach for more information.

HELP WANTED

Parents—anyone interested in running the clock at the basketball games? Perfect candidate knows the game of basketball and wants a great seat for the game!!!

Contact Mr. Niessner TODAY to help the Cougars out!!

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

Seniors it's time to turn in your Senior Quotes. A form was emailed to you. Please follow all the instructions and complete the form by Monday, 12/14 at 3:30 pm. See Ms. Eaton with any questions.

CATA Athletics Continued....

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

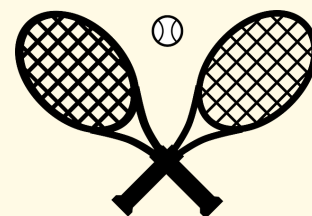
Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum

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



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, 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.

Cougar Pride

- ⇒ **Congratulations to Brice M. Martin and Joseph C. Schneider for being selected to move on to the next round of Governor's School. These two students will perform in February before a committee in Raleigh and will find out in late March if they will be a member of the 2016 North Carolina Governor's School.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to the following students who participated in CATA's Poetry Out Loud school-wide competition: Kayli Tolleson placed third, Katie Lamar placed second and Hannah Register placed first. These three students will advance to the Union County competition in January.**
- ⇒ **Congratulations to Luke Edwards for being selected as CATA's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar participant. He will attend the State Leadership Seminar in June and participate in leadership activities, meet state leaders, and explore his own leadership skills. Congratulations are also in order for Noah Makley who was selected as an alternate.**

The Theatre Department at **Central Academy of Technology & Arts**

has much to celebrate, as they bring home honors from the 2015 NCTC High School STATE Competition held at Greensboro College on November 21, 2015. The theatre program, led by Mr. Larry Robinson, made the school and community proud with their presentation of *The Diviners*.

The Group will now represent North Carolina at the Southeast Regional Theatre Competition.

The Theater Department is having a parent meeting for parents of all students who were involved in our production of *The Diviners* at NCTC State Festival who plan to attend SETC. This is also for parents of any juniors who also wish to attend SETC to audition for colleges—about 120 major college and university programs from across the country will be present at these auditions. The parent meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm in the auditorium (or cafeteria). We must have information from parents regarding students' participation in SETC before we leave for holiday break if we are to register for SETC at the lowest price.

Auditions for the spring musical, *Ragtime*, will be held Monday after school in the performing arts wing. The audition is open to any student in the school who is interested. Please prepare a Broadway song and come dressed to move for the choreography portion of the audition. Details are posted outside Mr. Robinson's room. See Mr. Robinson, Ms. Cyphers, or Ms. Gregory for further information.

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!!



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

Help a Family

BETA Club

The Beta Club in coordination with the CATA Student Life Committee is encouraging and sponsoring a holiday gift drive that runs from December 1 to 18. All gift donations are for the [Union County Department of Social Services Christmas Bureau](#). In addition, we will accept monetary donations in support of the Christmas Bureau. Classes, academies, and student life organizations have the option to stuff a stocking, sponsor a gift tree, or sponsor a family. We strongly encourage everyone to participate. For guidance, please contact Mr. Wall at josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us. We look forward to making a difference in our community and we cannot wait to see CATA Leading the Way to help those in need during the holiday season.

Please visit the following website to see how your class, academy, or student life organization wants to help.

<http://www.co.union.nc.us/Divisions/SocialServices/VolunteerServices/ChristmasBureau.aspx>.

Opportunities and sign up to volunteer by clicking this link:

<https://unioncountydss.volunteerconnect.com/>

General Gift Ideas/Suggestions – BRING ITEMS TO THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Teens:

Adult art supplies
Adult backpacks
Electronic games
Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs and bat
Board games
Skateboards
Bicycles
Jewelry
Needlepoint
Hair accessories
Make-Up
Skates
Hair Dryers, Straighteners

Toys:

Bicycles – all sizes
New Board Games
Electronic Games

Clothing:

Hats, Gloves, Coats, Scarves, Shirts, Jeans, Skirts – girls and boys – all sizes





Seniors *Graduation—Friday, 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.

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>

The new Scholarship Newsletter has been emailed to ALL current seniors directly and is also available on the CATA Guidance Webpage at <http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4530>

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

CIAA Tournament TRIP—Seniors and Juniors ONLY (see page 13!!!)

Scholarship Spotlight:

Burger King Scholars Program:

Awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Applicants must: 1). Be living in the United States, 2). Be a graduating high school senior; 3). Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale; and 4). Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2016-17 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>.

Deadline: December 15, 2015.

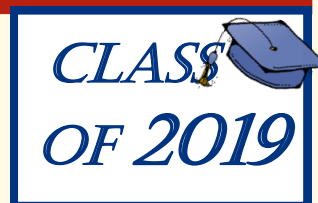
Wake Forest University Summer Immersion Program - Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will have the opportunity to explore a particular field of study in-depth at Wake Forest University's Charlotte Center (located at 200 North College St., Charlotte, NC 28202) or in Winston-Salem (as a residential program). Six institutes will be offered in total: Business and Entrepreneurship, Medicine, Leadership, Sports Marketing, Law, and Technology. Two of these institutes, Medicine and Business & Entrepreneurship will also be offered at the Winston-Salem campus.

Each institute lasts for one week and is non-residential. Tuition for the each institute is \$1,450, except for the Medicine Institute which is \$1,600. Tuition covers lunch, books and supplies, all institute-sponsored field trips and activities, as well as transportation to those activities. Tuition scholarships are available; contact summerimmersion@wfu.edu for more information. For more information, and for a detailed list of activities and events for each institute, please visit: <http://charlotte.wfu.edu/summer-immersion-program/>. Admissions to the program will be ongoing.

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

News from Guidance:

- The ACT is taken by all Juniors in North Carolina on Tuesday, March 1st.
- **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.

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics (SVSM) provides an opportunity for current 10th and 11th grade students to foster identified interests in science and mathematics with its enriched program in a university research setting. SVSM is competitive entry by application only. Selected students participate in a rigorous, four-week academic program intended to reward and stimulate students who have already demonstrated their commitment to academic growth and development in science and mathematics. Students should be aware that the admissions committee evaluates both their academic record and their motivation to pursue science and mathematics activities beyond the classroom. SVSM is a state-supported initiative and there are NO program costs for participants.

Applications are to be completed online and can be accessed at www.summerventures.org. SVSM Admissions Policy requires that the student portion of the application must be completed on or before January 31st in the application year.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORES.....

Applications are open for the **North Carolina School of Science and Math**. NCSSM is the nation's first public residential high school focused on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Students can attend their residential program on their campus in Durham, NC or participate in their online program from home. Their goal is to educate academically talented students to be leaders and to inspire innovation for the betterment of all. Since this is a public high school, there are no fees for applications, room/board, or to attend. Sophomores looking for a greater academic challenge are encouraged to apply. To be eligible, students must be in the 10th grade and be a legal resident of North Carolina. Students should also have above-average grades, be enrolled in accelerated/challenging courses, demonstrate leadership, and display an interest in STEM topics (as evidenced by activities, strong evaluations, and SAT and math test scores). To apply, students should log in to CFNC.org to begin their application and sign up to take the SAT no later than January 23, 2016. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ncssm.edu/2015website/why-ncssm>. **Deadline: January 15, 2016.**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Programs for current 10th and 11th Grade Students

PROJECT UPLIFT: Project Uplift is a unique opportunity that enables **high-achieving rising seniors** to experience college life on the Carolina campus. Students spend two days attending academic classes, meeting with faculty and staff, interacting with Carolina students, and participating in cultural and social activities. Students can select one of the following four dates to attend Project Uplift: May 19-21, May 26-28, June 2-4, and June 9-11. There is a non-refundable \$35 registration fee; beyond that, Project Uplift is an all-expense paid program, including meals, room, and program materials (excluding travel costs).

Who is eligible for nomination?

Project Uplift is designed for students from diverse backgrounds, including those from historically underrepresented populations (African American, American Indian, Latina/o, Asian American, first-generation college, rural areas and/or disadvantaged backgrounds). Students should be academically motivated, and be enrolled in the most rigorous academic curriculum that may include AP, IB, and/or dual enrollment courses. **Please know we will send additional information about the nomination process in November; however, if you have questions now, please email project_uplift@unc.edu.**

SEE MORE NEXT PAGE!!!.....

SENIORS AND JUNIORS ONLY....

CIAA Education Day for High School Students (Juniors and Seniors only)...will be on **Wednesday, February 24th, 2016** at the **Charlotte Convention Center from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**. Students will begin with an opening session and then rotate between the recruiting fair and vendors. The students will also have the opportunity to watch a game that afternoon/evening. The fee for the event is \$20 and students will also need to bring money for lunch. A sign up sheet is in the Guidance Office. The deadline to sign up will be Friday, December 11th. The maximum number of students that are able to attend is 40 so please be sure to sign up soon!!! If you have any questions please see Ms. Lawson.

ASVAB will be given on December 14th. This is a widely used multiple aptitude test battery which assesses a student's ability to learn new skills and is a predictor of success in training and education programs. It is offered to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who want to learn about their academic strengths and weaknesses. You will receive scores that will help students research careers and give them a good sense of their verbal, math, science and technical skills. Your scores do not affect your school grades. If you are interested in this free test, please sign up in the guidance office by Tuesday, December 8th. This three hour test will take place in the media center at 9 a.m. on the 14th. Please contact Mrs. D'Rozario in guidance if you have any questions.

This month CATA has been celebrating a Culture of Respect. This week the focus has been on Bullying Awareness. We are asking for ALL faculty and students to please wear BLUE on

Friday, December 11th to support Bully Awareness.

Pre-engineering Department builds, programs, and launches student made drones on campus...

Students built the pieces,
assembled, programmed





MEDIA MATTERS

New Media Center Website - <https://goo.gl/ia8V5v>.

December is "Read a New Book Month!" Books make great gifts for any occasion!

Here are some book recommendations from the Nyack, NY Library: (there's something here for every age level!)

Adult Fiction Recommendations

The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

Adult Non-fiction Recommendations

Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl by Carrie Brownstein

The Witches: Salem, 1692 by Stacy Schiff

M Train by Patti Smith

The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History by Thor Henson

The Fish Ladder: A Journey Upstream by Katharine Norbury

Teen Fiction Recommendations

These Shallow Graves by Jennifer Donnelly

Illuminae by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff

MARTians by Blythe Woolston

Teen Non-fiction Recommendations

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans (a graphic novel) by Don Brown (CATA owns)

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin (CATA owns)

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad by Matthew Tobin Anderson (CATA owns)

Children's Fiction Recommendations

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

The Marvels by Brian Selznick

Children's Picture Books

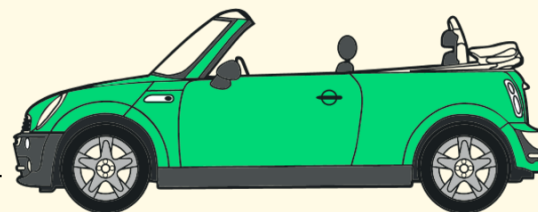
Waiting by Kevin Henkes

The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Dewart

What Pet Should I Get? by Dr. Seuss

Little Elliot, Big Family by Mike Curato

UCPS 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.



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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"

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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.

The NEW SAT

First Administration MARCH 2016

The NEW SAT will have 154 questions and will last 3 hours

The NEW SAT will have **Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing**. NEW SAT will measure skills and knowledge students need to be ready for college and beyond. NEW SAT will better reflect what students learn in class and focus on math that research shows is used most in college and career. NEW SAT questions in the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section are passage-based, students are asked to support answers with evidence from a passage. The Essay Writing will be optional.



The NEW SAT scoring will range from 400 – 1600. **NO PENALTY** for guessing.



To find out more about the changes to the SAT please contact your student's school counselor or visit sat.org/new. #NewSAT

Monroe Annual Christmas Parade 2015



Theater program guest speaker: Joe Callahan- actor from National Tour of Ragtime--last week and our students



UCPS Robotics Competition



CATA brings home an award for robotics design and finishes strong in the competition!!!

