

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

Cougar Chronicle

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CATA families,

The Senior Graduation Newsletter is in the Chronicle. Any senior parent that has purchased a senior ad should submit photos as soon as possible. Please email photos to Ms. Eaton as a .jpg along with what you would like to say to your child. This is the last week to get a recognition ad for your senior. Space is very limited, so don't delay. Contact Ms. Eaton by phone at the school or via email. Friday, March 4th will be the last day. Students 18 and older will have the chance to register to vote during lunches on Monday 3/14. Take advantage of this important right!

Parents—remember- Monday, February 29th, come out and hear Ms. Susan Sutton speak about Keeping our Children and our School Cyber Safe. This is an important awareness topic. She will be speaking with our students during the school day as well. Thank you to our PTSO for organizing this important Parent Teacher Student Event!!

All Juniors will take the ACT this Tuesday, March 1st. This is a very important assessment—our Juniors have had the opportunity to prepare all year—we know they will do great!! All Juniors need to make sure they are at school on time with their ID (license or permit) and a calculator.

Last Chance to see The Diviners on February 28th at 7:00. Seven dollars a ticket. Details and information are in the Chronicle and on the Facebook page. Come out on Friday or Saturday for our Student-choreographed Dance Show—admission is free. We hope all CATA families will consider running for our teachers and our students by signing up to Run for U—the Union County Education Foundation on April 9th right here at CATA. Information in the Chronicle.

ALL students are welcome to the CATA Math Lab for help on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Last call to sign up for an SAT tutoring opportunity that will be based here at CATA—details in the Chronicle—you need to sign up this week. Tickets for prom are now on sale. Be sure to get your tickets early as ticket sales will end on March 23rd. See the Chronicle for important dates.

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

Run for Teachers...Run for Kids...RUN FOR U! April 9th, 8 am
Registration is now open for the 4th Annual Run for U. Come out and "Support Students and Encourage Educators" on our NEW course at Central Academy of Technology and Arts.

The first 50 people to register will be placed in a drawing to receive a one month membership at the Monroe Aquatics Center OR a one month membership at the Wesley Chapel YMCA! Click the logo below to register or for more information.



Central Academy of Technology and Arts
presents

**Sunday,
February 28th
Dinner: 6PM
Showtime: 7PM**

**CATA Auditorium
600 Brewer Dr.
Monroe, NC 28112**

THE DIVINERS

DINE-AWAY DINER A special evening of dining and entertainment!

*Limited Dinner Seating
Please RSVP*

Menu
Dinner Includes:

- Pan Fried Butterflied Chicken with Herb Cream Gravy
- Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans
- Rolls with Honey Butter & Jam
- Assorted Desserts
- Tea & Assorted Drinks

Dinner & Show \$25 per person
PRE SOLD TICKETS ONLY. TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR

Show Only: \$7
Tickets Available at The Door

For Reservations and Tickets Go To : <http://goo.gl/5U4fXW>

Attendance Information for Parents and Students

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.

THE AMG STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES
PRESENTS THE LEGENDARY
DEE DEE SHARP

Additional Performances By CATA
Under the Direction of Marty Gregory

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH
MONROE CROSSING MALL CENTER COURT 6:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

AMG
STEINWAY
PIANO GALLERY
CITY OF MONROE
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**Come see the AMG Concert Series
this Saturday 2/27
Monroe Crossing Mall, Center
Court 6:00 pm free admission
See CATA students
under the direction of CATA Choral
Director Marty Gregory:
Justin Rivers
Halle Dunn
Kamaria Brown**



Seniors *Senior Parents*—see the Senior Letter at the end of the chronicle—this was given to all Seniors on Wednesday

Graduation—Friday, June 10, 2016 6:00 PM at Winthrop Coliseum
April 18—Caps and Gowns distributed

Tuesday 4/26—Senior Class of 2016 Picture

Graduation Practice (REQUIRED to participate) Thursday 6/9 at 2:00

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.**

Need a transcript?? For more information, please visit: <http://cata.ucps.k12.nc.us/guidance/TranscriptRequests.php>

The Scholarship Newsletter is produced every two months and is 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 MARCH/APRIL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER IS OUT - CHECK IT OUT !!!**

Scholarship Spotlight:

Mary and Millard Kiker Scholarship Fund:

The purpose of the Kiker Scholarship Fund is to offer college scholarships based upon merit, character, and financial need to students who are residents of Anson and Union Counties. The amount of scholarships will be up to \$1,000 annually for four years. To be eligible, students must reside in Anson or Union County, demonstrate substantial financial need, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5, and be nominated by the superintendent of schools. Students may complete the application by visiting: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>. A central committee will select three nominees who meet the criteria and eligibility requirements. **Deadline: March 4, 2016.**

Union County Education Foundation Scholarship:

Several Union County students will be awarded a \$1,000 - \$2,000 scholarship. In addition to the application, students must submit: 1). A 500 word maximum written "Teacher Tribute" to a UCPS teacher; 2). SAT or ACT scores; 3). A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or coach; and 4). A transcript. A resume and statement of why you should receive this scholarship are optional (but highly encouraged). Students must also agree to attend the May 5, 2016 "Sweet Salute" by initialing their application. If you are one of the 12 students selected for the scholarship you will be asked to create a 2 minute Teacher Tribute video. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. **Deadline: February 26, 2016.**

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!!



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.](#)



Juniors - Are you interested in receiving full tuition, a book stipend, educational fees, and other financial benefits at many of the country's leading colleges and universities? If so, you may want to learn more about the **Army ROTC Scholarship program**. A representative will be at CATA on Wednesday, March 9th to discuss the benefits and process of applying for an Army ROTC Scholarship. Sign up in Guidance if you are interested.



Volunteer Opportunity

The UC Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are hosting the Union County Heritage Festival on April 9th and 10th, 2016. They are seeking students of all ages to help with anything from helping vendors set up to handing out programs. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) for the youth volunteer application. If you have questions, please email Barbara Apelian at bdeluca@carolina.rr.com.



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.

College Visits: A representative from the colleges 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 a *sophomore or junior* interested in attending any of these sessions.

Updated College visit list:

- **UNC Charlotte** - February 26, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **East Carolina University** - March 3, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Career and College Promise Interest Meeting** - March 4, 2016 @ 9:15 a.m.
- **Virginia Commonwealth University** - March 8, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Air Force ROTC Scholarship Information** - March 9, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)** - March 18, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **UNC Asheville** - March 21, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Meredith College** - April 14, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Elon University** - April 21, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.

Career and College Promise

On Friday, March 4th at 9:15 am a representative from South Piedmont Community College will be at CATA to share information about Career and College Promise courses. All interested rising juniors and seniors should sign up in the guidance office to hear this detailed presentation. Please see Ms. Lawson with any questions.

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



CENTRAL ACADEMY
of TECHNOLOGY and ARTS

SAT Review/College Prep Class

Why Invest in a SAT Review/College Prep Class?

The SAT can be just as important to Admissions Officers as your overall GPA.

The SAT can help to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Due to ease of online application, more students are applying to more colleges than ever before, making the process more competitive.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Central Academy of Technology and Arts
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28112

<u>Lesson #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lesson 1	Wed, 3/16	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Lesson 2	Wed, 3/23	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Lesson 3	Wed, 4/6	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Lesson 4	Wed, 4/13	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Practice Test	Sat, 4/16	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Lesson 5	Wed, 4/20	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Lesson 6	Wed, 4/27	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- Content Review focusing on all three areas of the **NEW SAT**
- Special focus on the SAT Essay
- Full Length Practice Test proctored like the Real Thing!
- Course uses the Official SAT Study Guide published by CollegeBoard (the company that makes the SAT)
- Students will learn global and section-specific strategies that will help maximize test day performance

**Last
chance to
sign
up.....**

All This for ONLY \$179*!

(C.A.T.A. Students Receive a 10% Discount off of the Regular Tuition of \$199)

For Questions, or to Enroll, call 704-307-8975

or visit www.futureprep.com

Like Us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/futureprep>

CATA PTSO NEWS

Thanks to all students and staff who purchased Valentines Bears. They will be delivered during 4th block classes on Friday, Feb 13.

Kathie McKain
kathieptsocata@gmail.com
 301-514-1890, cell



The PTSO is hosting an educational seminar on Monday, Feb 29th. There will be 2 sessions during the day for the students and one at 7:00 pm for parents and the community. Please mark your calendars and bring a friend or neighbor. We will meet in the Auditorium. Please come at 6:45 for a brief PTSO meeting followed at 7:00 pm sharp by Susan Sutton who will speak to us about steps to making a school cyber safe.

Invest in Excellence:

Ongoing thanks to all who have donated to the Invest in Excellence. The executive board of the PTSO just met to allocate monies to the departments and your donations will touch and positively impact every student and staff person at CATA.

- ◆ SmartMusic Software for Music Production and Recording Arts as well as Band classes!!
- ◆ Ragtime Musical script rental for the Performing Arts Academy spring musical production!!
- ◆ New textbook set for Advanced Inquiry in English along with teacher resources for English Teachers!!
- ◆ Balsa wood for building and bridge models for Pre-engineering Academy!!
- ◆ Balsa wood, goggles and assorted items needed for Science Olympiad!!
- ◆ Lab equipment, lung function model kit, and dissection materials for Science Department and Medical Prep Academy!!
- ◆ Microphones, USB drives, xbox controller, new wireless keyboard/mouse for Information Systems Academy!!
- ◆ Compass and instructional angle sets for Math classes!!!

Thanks to all those who have linked their Harris Teeter and Target Cards to CATA. It is supporting the education of students at CATA as well.

Parents of seniors, be on the lookout for information regarding the PTSO Scholarship application. Applications will soon become available in the Guidance Office.

We are proud to let you know that we have purchased the Deb Watwood Memorial Piano and it is at the school ready to go! This is a great tribute to all of the work and talent of the late Ms. Watwood who dedicated her life to young people and music! We will be having a dedication soon.

Upcoming Events - PIE Day

Student STAR AWARDS
 Junior Class Design the Senior T Shirt Contest
 Teacher Appreciation Week

Performing Arts Committee will be hosting a dinner theater on Sunday, February 28th at 6:00 pm followed by the play The Diviners - Dine Away Diner...A special evening of dining and entertainment. Tickets and reservations can be purchased online. The students are busy fundraising and practicing for the SETC competition held in March as well as preparing for their spring play Ragtime. All the students in the performing arts academy are busy with their music, dance, performing and production.

The PTSO is looking for officers and committee chairs for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Please contact Kathie McKain if you are interested in getting more involved.



Thanks to one and all for all of your wonderful support of the PTSO!

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.



Student Life Notes

During lunch, the **Student Council** is raising money to donate to Victory Junction, which is a camp for children with chronic conditions and special needs. Donate any change in order to earn points for your grade. A penny equals 1 point, a dollar equals 50 points, and any silver change is minus 5 points, so put your silver change in another grade's jar to lessen their chances of winning the prize.

The next **Travel Club** meeting will be Wednesday, March 2nd after school in Ms. Pentecost's room. This is a mandatory meeting.

CATA's Junior Student Council presents your 2016 Prom. The theme is "Vintage Hollywood" and pays homage to all the glitz and glam from that era. Tickets go on sale from Monday, February 22nd to March 4th and are \$55 per person.

Prices go up March 7th to \$60, and we will stop selling on Wednesday March 16th. Be sure to buy your ticket, and we hope to see you there!!

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!

The **Guitar Club** will meet each Wednesday in Room 612 immediately after school at 3:30. The Guitar Club is open to experienced as well as novice players. The Club is open to those who do not know how to play a guitar but would like to learn. Please plan to attend.

Attention ALL **Robotics Club** Members - meetings are held each Tuesday and Thursday in Room 118 from 3:30 to 5:30. See you there!

Does your car need to be washed? The **CATA Band Program** is selling car washes from Autobell now thru March 24th. For only \$15.99, you will receive a Full Service car wash which includes an exterior cleaning including wheels, vacuum of seats and carpet, interior window cleaning, wipe down of dash and console, and a hand-dry. Half of the proceeds go to the CATA Band and wash never expires! Please see Mr. Retzlaff or a CATA Band student for more details.

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

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

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, February 26: Student Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium); Spring Sports Pictures, 3:30 (Out on Fields); MPA Retreat, 3:45 (Band Rm.)

Saturday, February 27: MPA Retreat, 9:30 AM (Band Rm/ Auditorium); Student Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Sunday, February 28: Dinner Theater, Diviners, 7 PM; Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Monday, February 29: **PTSO sponsored Social Media Sessions for parents, 7 PM (Auditorium)**

Tuesday, March 1: **ACT Test for ALL 11th Graders;** Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 PM (Rm. 208); National Honor Society Meeting, 8:15 am and 3:40 PM (Media Center); MPA Woodwind Sectionals 3:45 (Band Room); Fishing Club Meeting, 4:45 PM (Rm. 621)

Wednesday, March 2: FCA Leadership Meeting, 8:00 AM (Mr. Lindley's Room)

Thursday, March 3: **Josten's Ring Order Makeup Day-Sophomores, during lunch (Cafeteria)**

FCA Weekly Meeting, 8:00 AM (Gym); MPA Brass/Percussion Sectionals. 3:45 (Band Room);

Friday, March 4: SADD Meeting, 8:15 AM (Rm. 604); Travel Club Meeting, 3:30 (Pentecost's Rm.)

Sunday, March 6: Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Training)

Upcoming Dates:

2/26—Spring Sports Pictures, 3:30 PM

2/26 to 27— Student Choreography Dance Concert, 7 pm (Auditorium)

2/28—Diviners– Dinner Theater, 7 PM

2/29—PTSO Sponsored Social Media Presentation for Parents, 7 PM (Auditorium)

3/1— ACT Test for all 11th graders

3/3— End of Grading Period

3/2 to 3/6—Southeastern Theater Conference, Greensboro

3/8— PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

3/14 to 3/24— Benchmark I Testing

3/14—PTSO PI Day

3/15 and 3/17— CATA Crawl, 6:30 PM (Begin in Auditorium)

3/10 to 3/12—Theater II Show

3/16— Report Cards

3/23— Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

3/25 to 4/1—NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

4/4 to 4/8—Parent Surveys

4/5— VIP Program

4/6—Progress Reports

4/14 to 4/16—Spring Musical

4/18— Junior Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

4/19— Red Cross Blood Drive during the school day

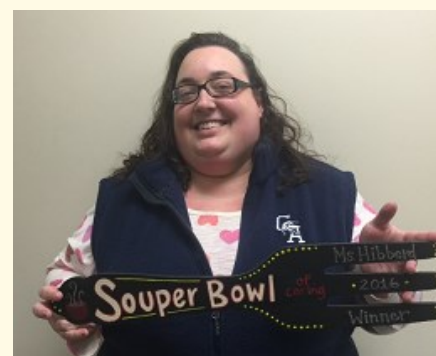
4/21 to 4/24—Spring Musical Weekend II

4/27—Site Based Management Team Meeting, 3:40 (Media Center Conference)

4/29— Relay for Life (Sun Valley High School)

4/30— PROM– Rolling Hills Country Club

Ms. Hibberd
Souper Bowl
of Caring Chili/Soup
Cook-Off Winner
2016





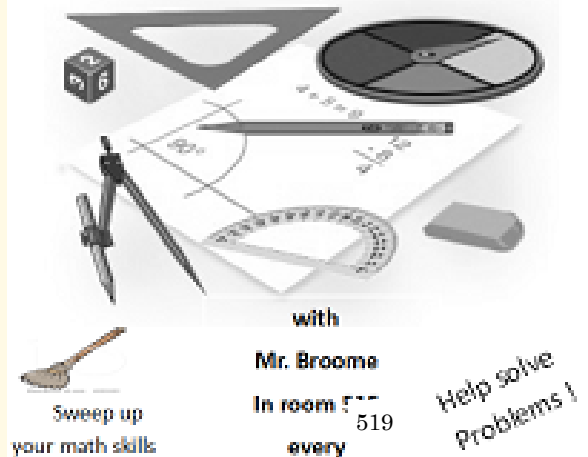
REGISTER TO VOTE!



Attention Seniors and/or anyone that will be 18 years of age - Voter Registration will be available on Monday March 14th during all lunches. Bring your license or state ID card to sign up to vote. This is one of your most important rights - so start off right and Vote this year!!

Math Lab

Bring me your math problems



Wednesday

3:30-4:30

&

Thursday

3:30-4:30

ALL students are welcome to the CATA Math Lab. Bring your math problems and sweep up your math skills! See flyer to the right for more information. Of course, tutoring with your math teacher is still available!!

CATA's Junior Student Council presents your 2016 Prom.



The theme is "Vintage Hollywood" and pays homage to all the glitz and glam from that era. BEFORE YOU CAN BUY TICKETS YOU MUST PAY ALL FEES OWED TO THE SCHOOL. To see if you owe money please check during lunch. It will be the same place where prom tickets are sold. Tickets went on sale today Monday February 22nd, to March 4th and are \$55 per person. Prices go up March 7th to \$60 and we will stop selling on Wednesday March 23rd. Be sure to buy your ticket and we hope to see you there!!"

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:

Men's & Women's Basketball & Swimming: Season Complete

Wrestling: Alex Miles finished 4th in the 182 weight class @ 2A NCHSAA State Tournament

Upcoming Events:

Monday Feb 29th: HOME Tennis vs. Porter Ridge 3:30 pm – Dickerson Park

Tuesday March 1st: HOME Soccer vs. Sun Valley 4:00 pm – CATA Field
AWAY Softball vs. Anson 4:30 pm

Wednesday March 2nd: HOME Baseball vs. Union Academy 4:00 pm – Walter Bickett
HOME Softball vs. Union Academy 4:00 pm – CATA Field
HOME Soccer vs. Community School of Davidson 4:00 pm – CATA Field
HOME Tennis vs. Union Academy 4:00—Dickerson Park

Thursday March 3rd: HOME Softball vs. Lake Norman Charter School – 4:00 pm – CATA Field
HOME Baseball – JV vs. Cuth. 4:00 pm @ W. Bickett, Varsity vs. Car. Royals 6:00 pm @ Walter Bickett

Friday March 4th: HOME Soccer vs. Cuthbertson 4:00 pm – CATA Field
AWAY Tennis vs. Lincoln Charter School 3:00 pm

News & Information:

- Winter Sports Awards Night is **Monday – March 7th @ 7:00 pm** in the auditorium
- Please make sure to follow CATA athletics on Twitter and CATA on Facebook for any updates due to the weather this spring.



CATA @ States

(L) Coach Morin, Jake Morin, Alex Miles, Cade Haines, Dylan Vanderschel, Coach Jacobus

(R) Alex Miles State Placer

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 – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.com

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

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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 – tb93bball@yahoo.com

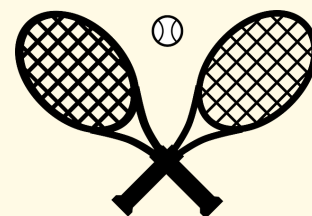
Men's Basketball – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us

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

Men's & Women's Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.com

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

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



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 – Kim Inuwa – iam4kim@yahoo.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.

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.

Parent link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_hktag0h2SDX01iSIZZTmJ5d2s/view?usp=sharing

Student link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_hktag0h2SDejlZZkt3dDRhMHM/view?usp=sharing

PENNY WARS

Sponsored by the student council

GIVE AT LUNCH

Raise Money for Victory Junction
(Camp for kids with special needs and chronic illnesses)

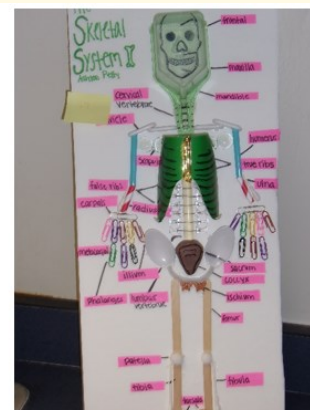
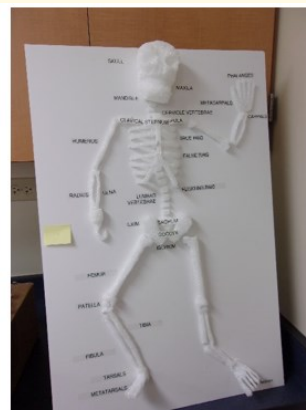
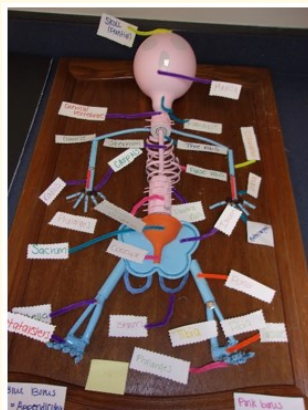
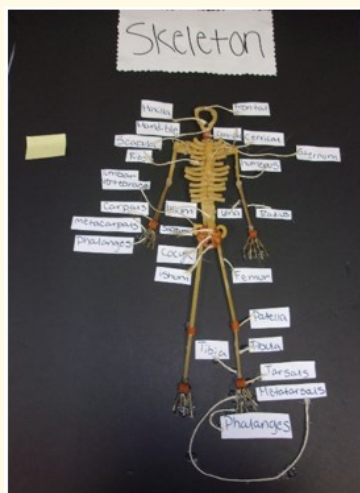


- Donate any change in order to earn points for your grade
- A penny equals 1 point,
- A dollar equals 50 points
- Any silver change is minus 5 points
- so put your silver change in another grade's jar to lessen their chances of winning the prize.

Medical Sciences

Academy News

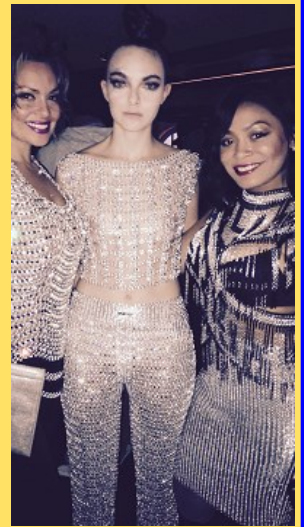
Ms. Terry's Health Science I students were to create a Human Skeletal System using objects that you find around your house, garage, yard etc. Each bone was to be represented by some everyday object laying around their house and the items could not be purchased.



Cougar Pride



⇒ Congratulations to Zander Sidney who traveled to New York City on February 14 to participate in New York Fashion Week. On February 16th Zander walked for the designer Walter Mendez in the Art Hearts Fashion show at the Angel Orensanz Center wearing a gold and black lace dress with a black lace mask. On February 18th Zander closed out fashion week on the last night by walking for Lia Mira at the 40/40 Club. Lia Mira specializes in a chainmail armor lux style. The outfit that Zander wore for her was made with over 1,000 Swarovski crystals and 20,000 rings placed together to create the outfit. Way to go Zander!!



Cougar Pride

⇒ Congratulations to Liat Bell who received an appointment from Senator Hudson to the US Air Force Academy, the US Merchant Marine Academy, and the US Military Academy. Liat is a member of the Air Force JROTC program and has been recognized numerous times over her years in the JROTC program through CATA and MHS. Liat also recently received the Patriot Award!! Congratulations to Liat—we are so proud of your accomplishments and your dedication to your community and country!!



Contributed photo

Sabrina Liat Bell, daughter of Greg and Shirlene Bell, was one of 17 students to receive an appointment from U.S. Richard Hudson to a service academy. She is a student at Central Academy of Technology & Arts. She is part of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. In addition to her academic excellence, Liat is part of the Charlotte Rifle and Pistol Club as well as the CATA Shooting Sports Club. She has shown tremendous leadership through the Matthews Police Explorer Program and has even competed at the Junior Olympics. She has participated in numerous community service activities such as Junior Civitan International, Adopt-A-Highway and Operation Christmas Child. She is receiving nominations to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Military Academy.

Cougar Pride

⇒ Fishing Club



**Shawn Grimm
Eric Bevelhymer
Noah Makley
Blake Rorie
Austin Bernard
Luke Adams**



Third in the Union County Scholastic Angler's Association Standings as of February 22nd

Noah Makley is leading in the standings

Keep up the Great Work!

Students in Ms. Summerville's Foods I class are learning to cook breakfast. They cooked French toast, hash browns, and sausage.

Every Friday, the students are in the kitchen cooking something.



**Central Academy of Technology and Arts
Graduation Information
Class of 2016**

Dear Class of 2016,

We are so very proud of each and every one of you. This spring semester we hope that you will enjoy your time with your friends and teachers while maintaining your school work. In just a short time you will no longer be a "high school student" and will be looked at as an adult. You have worked hard, we have worked hard, and your parents have worked hard to prepare you for this challenge. You are each a reflection of your family and your school and, more importantly, you are a reflection of your core values. We hope that you will have fond memories of CATA and of the people here. We certainly have wonderful memories of each one of you.

The rest of this letter contains important information you need to know in a very factual format. We ask that you review the entire letter with your family. We are excited about the remainder of your Senior Year and want to be sure you know the expectations that are set. Feel free to come and ask any questions you may have.

Congratulations Class of 2016!

Date and Time: Graduation will be held at Winthrop University (701 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730) on Friday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.

Students will need to arrive at the university by 5:00 at the latest.

A map and directions will be provided for you at a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website (www.winthrop.edu)

Attire: Students are expected to dress appropriately and professionally since this is a dignified ceremony. Students at CATA are only permitted to wear CATA issued cords, medallions, and cap and gown. No graduation regalia may be altered in any way.

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

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

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

Senior Cap and Gown Picture: **Above is the same attire you will be expected to wear at the senior cap and gown picture on Tuesday, April 26th in the gym.** (Ladies, you do not need to run out and buy your graduation dress now, something that you have that fits this general dress code is fine). This occurs during 2nd block and you must be present and in appropriate attire to be included in the picture (be here by 10:00 am if you flex first period).

Tickets: Tickets will be on sale beginning May 9th – May 13th before/after school in the main office, and will also be available to be purchased online:

- Each senior will receive **four** (4) free tickets with the opportunity to buy extra tickets at \$5.00 a ticket. Students can pre-purchase as many tickets as they need (go to the CATA website, click on "online school payments" on the right tab starting May 4th).
- Tickets will also be sold at the door before the Graduation ceremony.
- Everyone (including children) must have a ticket to enter the arena.
- Students will not receive their tickets until the end of Graduation practice.
- Students owing fees will not receive tickets until fees are paid (see below).
- Please keep your receipt for the tickets in case there are any questions.
- Students can pay cash/check to pay for the tickets, or order online as shown above.

Graduation Practice: Graduation practice will be held on Thursday, June 9th in the school gym from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Please make sure to make plans to attend the entire practice. **Failure to do so will result in not walking at Graduation.** It is your responsibility to schedule any college functions around final exams, graduation practice, and graduation itself.

You do not have to wear your cap and gown to practice.

If you are speaking at Graduation, then you should bring a copy of your speech so you can practice it a couple of times.

You will not receive your tickets until the end of practice so make arrangements beforehand.

Graduating from high school is dependent upon earning the number and type of credits needed to earn a diploma.

Participating in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, one that your family will truly value as they have spent a lot of time supporting you in your academic studies. Please take time to ensure that you are eligible to graduate by earning the credits needed. Please take time to ensure that you are able to participate in the graduation ceremony by making good choices for the remainder of your senior year, and by making sure that you have taken care of all financial responsibilities. Specifically, students must pay all fees owed to the school in order to be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. This includes fees such as (but not limited to) - cafeteria, media center, textbook, transcript, technology, property fees. Any unpaid fee owed to the school or school system must be paid by Wednesday June 8th to be allowed to participate in a graduation ceremony. Multiple invoices have been sent this year. If you have an outstanding balance we strongly urge you to meet with your grade level administrator now to set up a payment plan.

Senior Week: Senior Week is May 23rd -27th.

Extra Information about graduation day:

- Graduates must park at the back of the coliseum – this will be designated on the directions you receive and signs will be up at the coliseum. Guests must park at the front of the coliseum. If any of your guests are handicapped, there is a handicap accessible entrance at the front of the coliseum – cars can drive up to this entrance to drop their guest off and CATA staff will assist them in getting into the coliseum while the driver parks the car.
- Winthrop Coliseum will have police officers and security at the graduation event. Please remind your guests that no noisemakers are permitted in the coliseum. The officers represent Winthrop and will enforce the Winthrop rules. Guests to the ceremony should plan on arriving 30 minutes to an hour in advance to allow for traffic. Winthrop will close the doors to the coliseum once the graduation ceremony begins, so all guests need to be in place prior to the 6:00 start time.
- Students should not bring any valuables with them, including phones, into the coliseum as there will be no place for them to store valuables. Please leave them with your parents.
- Pictures of the graduates receiving their diploma will be taken by a professional photographer. Students will receive information on how to order the pictures in their Senior Envelope that they get after the ceremony. Only graduates and staff are permitted on the arena floor.
- At the end of the graduation ceremony all seniors will proceed out of the coliseum and will use the coliseum tunnel to exit at the back of the coliseum, where they will receive their actual diploma, final transcript, picture information, and other important items. An official transcript in a sealed envelope will be in the packet. It is YOUR responsibility to mail it to your college. It is REQUIRED by your college for admission. **Please make plans to meet your families by walking around the outside of the coliseum toward the front. There are plenty of places to take pictures outside. Since the University will have to reset after our graduation for the next events, guests and graduates will not be able to stay inside the coliseum for pictures.**