

# Central Academy of Technology and Arts

## Cougar Chronicle

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**U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School**



Dear CATA Family,

Due to the expected severe weather this Friday night into Saturday ALL Friday after school events, including athletics, clubs, and our play, are cancelled. ALL events for the weekend are cancelled as well. This includes events at our school and events that our students would have been traveling to. In this edition please look at the pictures from our Annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Student Council, our annual Winter Collaborative which is a performance combined with the band, dance, theater, and chorus, and pictures of some of our students from the Holiday spirit week. We hope that everyone had a restful break. Remember that final exams start in less than two weeks. Fall Final Exams start on January 18th. See the chronicle for the schedule. Teachers are providing study guides for exams—many will likely be posted on the teacher's Canvas account for the class. Progress reports were sent home on January 4th, but please make sure you and your child are frequently checking the Parent Portal for grades. If you have questions about grades, please communicate with your child's teacher. Information on exams and exam tips are posted in this edition.

A second round of Attendance Waiver letters went home with students this week and must be completed and returned to the front office. Letters are due back by Monday, January 9. This is one part of our continuing push for good school attendance. The policy is in the Chronicle. In addition, if your child owes recovery time, then this must be completed by the end of the semester. Students will be notified about recovery time this week.

The National Honor Society is still collecting new and gently used books for area children. Students should bring these in to Ms. Christensen in the media center. Information for seniors is attached in the Fall Senior Letter in this edition. Please check this week's letter for updates. This edition contains information about the dinner and performance of BOAL on February 12. Please see details inside. Congratulations to Guidance Secretary, Ms. Tammy Tweed for her nomination as classified employee of the month for UCPS from CATA. Congratulations to School Resource Officer Evatt for being nominated for School Resource Officer of the Year!! Way to go!! Please take time to read over this newsletter. The Cougar Chronicles are also available on the website. The Cougar Chronicle, in addition to our website, will be the main form of communication from school to home. At CATA we will continue to work toward Leading the Way so that your child can lead the way in the future!

Go Cougars!  
Dr. Fisenne

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

# Fall Semester Exam Dates 2016-17

## Exam Study Tips:

Be on time! Students should be in their testing locations before 8:50 a.m. They will not be admitted to exams once testing has begun. Students are encouraged to sleep well each night (8 hours), and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

- Create a study calendar and stick to it
- Ask your teacher for a study guide and USE IT!!
- Use your notebook to guide you through a review of the course
- Attend all review sessions offered
- Go to tutoring for extra support
- Make a study group, assign each person a topic to re-teach, and discuss each topic
- Have your parents ask you questions
- Use diagrams, graphs, pictures, and drawings in your textbook to serve as a
- talking point for you to review
- Make flashcards on your computer or phone to practice important vocabulary words
- Look at your scores from the semester and identify topics you struggled in – ask
- your teacher or a friend for help
- Stay after school to study – let an administrator know which days your study
- group needs to stay and study and we will arrange for you to stay to study
- Rewrite important points, the act of writing or typing helps some people remember specific information
- Create an acronym, or a funny saying, or song to remember specific information
- Draw a quick sketch to help with definitions or concepts
- Practice math problems

## **Wednesday, January 18**

8:50 – 12:50 1<sup>st</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2<sup>nd</sup> period review

## **Thursday, January 19**

8:50 – 12:50 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3<sup>rd</sup> period review

## **Friday, January 20**

8:50 – 12:50 3<sup>rd</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4<sup>th</sup> period review

## **Monday, January 23**

8:50 – 12:50 4<sup>th</sup> period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 community building activity for those students that remain at school

**Tuesday, January 24** is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

**Type of Exams:** We have four types of exams at the end of each semester – EOC, NC Finals, CTE State Assessment, and Teacher-Made. Teachers will address which type of exam their students will take.

**Attendance:** Attendance during exam days is required for all students, for both exam sessions and review sessions. Our normal school hours apply, but the schedule and lunch times are adjusted. **January 24** is an important day for any students who have missed an exam earlier in the week due to illness. We regret that family vacation plans are not excused, and students cannot take exams early. We apologize that any requests for exceptions cannot be honored.

**Testing Window:** All exam testing must be completed between January 18 and January 24. This is true for ALL types of exams: EOC, NC Final Exams, CTE State Assessments, and Teacher-Made. Students may not test early, and if absent on an exam day, they must make arrangements to be at school on the make-up day in order to meet the approved testing window time-frame.

**Score Results:** All high school exams count 25% of a student's grade for the semester. Please emphasize this point to students so that they study.

**Exam review:** All teachers are expected to help students with review during class time and to distribute a review guide to students prior to testing. Many teachers may have distributed these prior to the holiday break, and students should begin organizing and reviewing material.

**Academic Integrity:** Please remind students of the need to prepare well for the exams and to make sure that they make ethical decisions when taking exams. The penalty for cheating of any kind is a "0" on a final exam.

**Students will be required to turn in cell phones during testing sessions.** If they do not want to do this, they should not bring their cell phone into the school.

Click on the flyer  
for advanced  
tickets

# BOAL



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## DINNER THEATER



**February 12 & 16**

*A performance will also be held at Lake Norman Charter February 16*

For advance tickets go to <http://cataseatyourself.biz/>. For more information call (704) 296-3088.

### Small Plate Street Food from the US, Brazil & the Middle East

#### Augusto's Favorites

- Caledo de Fajada com arroz de Brasileiro, Farafa, couve & laranjas
- Black bean pork loin stew served on Brazilian rice, seasoned madioc and blanched thinly sliced collards garnished with fresh orange slices (Vegetarian option available)
- Pao de queijo (cheese rolls)
- Galada de Palmito
- Hearts of palm, cherry tomatoes, purple onions in lime vinaigrette

#### Ania and Amir's Favorites

- Ghish tawook w/ polow (Falafel vegetarian option)
- Chicken Ghish Kaabab with saffron rice pilaf
- Flat bread w/ feta, cucumber yogurt sauce
- abouli Salad

#### American

- BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders
- Slaw, onions and Pickles
- Mac and cheese

**Sunday February 12**  
**Dinner 5:30 pm - Show 7:00 pm**  
**VIP seating for Dinner guests ONLY!**



**RSVP Required by 2/8**

<http://cataseatyourself.biz/>  
or call (704) 296-3088



*This show contains inflammatory language as well as material that some may find disturbing.  
"I'll fight for you" written by the 2015 CMU Pre-College Boal Company. Used with permission*



## Schedule Changes

The Guidance Office will begin taking 2nd Semester Schedule Changes on Tuesday, January 3rd. The forms are located on the School Counseling Website under the Registration Tab or in the Guidance Office Lobby. Schedule Changes will end on Wednesday, February 1st. Changes are limited to necessary changes where courses are available.



## Cougar Athletics

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

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### Last Week's Results:

**Wrestling** – finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 71 teams in the Holy Angles Tournament

**Men's Basketball** – Lost vs. Porter Ridge

**Women's Basketball** – Lost vs Porter Ridge

**Swimming** – No Events

**Indoor Track** – No Events

### Upcoming Events:

#### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:

AWAY – Swimming @ Wingate University – 7:00 pm

AWAY – Basketball @ Monroe High School – 4:30 pm – JV Boys Start

#### Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:

HOME – Wrestling – CATA Duals – 9:00 am - \$7.00 Admission

AWAY – Swimming – Union County Meet – MAC – Uptown 12:30 pm

#### Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:

AWAY – Basketball – West Stanly – 4:30 pm – JV Boys Start

AWAY – Swimming – Kannapolis YMCA – 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>:

HOME – Basketball – Pageland Central – 6:00 & 7:30 pm – Varsity Only

AWAY – Indoor Track – Weddington – 3:45 pm

#### Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:

HOME – Wrestling – West Stanly – 6:30 pm

#### Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:

AWAY – Basketball – Mt. Pleasant – 4:30 pm – JV Boys Start

#### Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:

AWAY – Wrestling – West Meck Duals – All Day Event

AWAY – Indoor Track – Qualifiers – JDL Fastrack - TBA



- Workouts for spring sports have started, and will continue through December & January, please contact your spring sport coach for more information. Head coaches contact information is below.
- Spring Sports Mandatory Parent night will be **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the CATA Auditorium.
- Spring sports start on **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. All paperwork must be turned into Coach Niessner prior to trying out for a spring sport. If you have already played a sport this year, you should check with Coach Niessner to make sure that your physical does not expire.

# Cougar Athletics

## Other News:

### **NOVANT Survey:**

NOVANT Health the provider of UCPS athletic trainers has sent out its annual survey. Parents and Student athletes who participated in a **Fall** or **Winter** Sport are encouraged to complete the survey and provide feedback for NOVANT Health.

Parent Survey: <https://www.research.net/r/NHsmpa>

Athlete Survey: <https://www.research.net/r/NHmsa>

### **Winter Head Coach Contact Information:**

Athletic Director: Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Cheerleading- Ashley Lawson – [Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Women's Basketball – Tony Byrum – [tb93bball@yahoo.com](mailto:tb93bball@yahoo.com)

Men's Basketball – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – [kim.inuwa@gmail.com](mailto:kim.inuwa@gmail.com)

Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – [Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us)



### **Spring Head Coach Contact Information:**

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer: Jay Niessner – [jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Track & Field – David Daniels – [david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – [kim.inuwa@gmail.com](mailto:kim.inuwa@gmail.com)

Softball – Doug Mayhew – [doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Baseball – Aaron Hammers – [aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – [mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – [keneese@gmail.com](mailto: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, Transportation & Guidance Department Chairperson

[Ashley Cole](#): Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance)

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

## Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ♦ Congratulations to Guidance Secretary, Ms. Tammy Tweed for her nomination as classified employee of the month for UCPS from CATA.
- ♦ Congratulations to School Resource Officer Evatt for being nominated for School Resource Officer of the Year!! Way to go!!



**World Language  
Club students at  
their last meeting!**



**Mr. Hardy's  
classes are flying  
planes!**

THERE IS NO GREATER AGONY THAN  
BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU.

Melissa Angelou

Join us in the

### WRITING LAB



CAN'T GET STARTED WRITING?  
NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?  
NEED A SUBJECT?  
UNSURE OF YOUR GRAMMAR SKILLS?  
WORRIED YOU WILL PLAGIARIZE?  
CONCERNED ABOUT CITING YOUR  
SOURCES?

**NO WORRIES!**



**Tuesdays**  
*Ms. Foreman*  
Room 208  
3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Wednesdays**  
*Ms. Barron*  
Room 110  
3:30pm – 4:30pm



Support the Wolfe School, a school for students with very special needs, by bringing in the following items for Box tops for Education: Bring items to the guidance suite. Please click on the link to see what items to bring.

## Get Your Yearbooks!

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

Buy your 2017 yearbook today!

Order online at

[www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com), and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.



THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN  
MATHEMATICS IS TO DO MATHEMATICS.

Paul Halmos

# Math Lab

Trouble with MATH?

**Bring your math problems!**

Improve your math skills with

**NHS Peer Tutors**

Every  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
8:15am – 8:40am  
Media Center

**Mr. Broome**

Every Monday and Wednesday  
3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Room 519



# Around CATA

**Friday, January 6**— Science Olympiad, 3:30 PM ; YCI, 8:00 AM (Rm. 525); Theatre III show--The History of Tom Jones-, 7 PM

**Saturday, January 7**—Theatre III show--The History of Tom Jones, 7 PM

**Sunday, January 8**—Theatre III show--The History of Tom Jones, 2:30 PM ;Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports);

**Monday, January 9**—Robotics, 3:30; Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:40; PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 PM (Media Center)

**Tuesday, January 10**— Beta Club Meeting, 8:25 AM and 3:35 (Media Center); Fashion Club, 3:40 PM (Ms. Casey's Room)

**Wednesday, January 11**—Student Life Organization Monthly Meeting, 8:20 AM (Rm. 401); FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM, (Mr. Lindley's Rm);

**Thursday, January 12**— FCA Meeting, 8:00 AM (Gym); Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Band Booster Club Meeting, 6:30 PM (Band Room)

**Friday, January 13**— YCI, 8:00 AM (Rm. 525); Student Council Retreat, 4:00 PM (On Campus)

**Sunday, January 15**—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports)

**Monday, January 16**—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

## Upcoming Events

1/6 to 1/8—Theatre III show--The History of Tom Jones

118 to 1/24— EXAMS

1/9—PTSO Executive Board Meeting

1/11—Superintendent's Advisory Council

1/11—Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:15 AM (Rm. 401)

1/12—CATA Band Booster, 6:30 PM (Band Rm.)

**1/16—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**1/18— FIRST PERIOD EXAM DAY, SECOND PERIOD REVIEW**

**1/19— SECOND PERIOD EXAM DAY, THIRD PERIOD REVIEW**

**1/20—THIRD PERIOD EXAM DAY, FOURTH PERIOD REVIEW**

**1/23—FOURTH PERIOD EXAM DAY, COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**1/24—MAKE UP EXAM DAY, SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**

**1/25—NO SCHOOL, TEACHER WORK DAY**

1/25, Site-based Team Meeting, 3:40 PM (Media Center Conference Rm.)

**1/26—FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND SEMESTER**

1/30—Spring Sports Parent Team Night, 7:00 (Auditorium)

1/31—Poetry Out Loud Countywide Competition, 3:30 PM (Auditorium)

2/1 to 2/8—Black History Month

2/1—Last Day for Schedule Change Requests

2/2—Report Cards Distributed

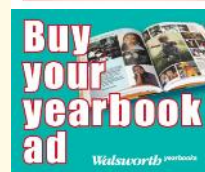
## Student Life Notes

- The **NHS** is collecting new and gently used books for a local elementary school. Please bring books suitable for k-5 students to your second block classes. The class with the most books (in acceptable condition) by January 13th will win a prize. We've extended the drive so bring in your books today!
- The **Fashion Design Club** will begin meeting on Tuesdays. Please join us in Ms. Casey's room (room 616) Tuesdays at 3:40 pm.
- Interested in the world around you? Want to get together and learn more? Great! Come be a part of the **World Language Club!** See Ms. McAbee or Ms. Mancilla for more information.
- **YCI Bible Studies.** Is there something you have always wanted to ask or learn about from Scripture? We are coming together one day a week digging into Scripture seeking answers and making friendships. All are welcome, so come out Friday mornings to room 525 at 8:00.
- **Travel Club** Are you interested in spending two weeks traveling through Spain and Portugal next year? If so, see Ms. Foreman if you have any questions.

# Guidance News

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

**SENIORS – did you miss Financial Aid night??** Check out CFNC's presentation [here!](#) The link will be at the top of the page. You can learn about the FAFSA, financial aid basics, and more! **See Your Counselor about Federal Financial Aid. Create an Account, have your parents fill out the information, and see if you qualify for MONEY**



**See the Fall Senior Letter in this Edition**

## College and Scholarship Spotlight

### Elon University Teaching Fellows Program:

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

### Carolina Covenant Scholars Program and UNC-Chapel Hill

Students must apply to UNC Chapel Hill and apply for financial aid; students must be enrolled as a full-time student and pursuing a first undergraduate degree; and parent's adjusted gross income does not exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines. <http://carolinacovenant.unc.edu/>. **Deadline: Jan. 15, 2017**

### Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships

Four scholarships are available, and each have specific criteria; however, students must meet the following criteria: be a high school senior under 21 years old; be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school with a full course of study; live in a participating RMHC Chapter's geographic area; and be a legal U.S. resident. <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>. **Deadline: Jan. 18, 2017**

### College Presentations: Juniors or Seniors

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

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

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

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



## Class Information and College and Career Corner

### "2017-2018 CTE Internship"

**Attention Rising 12<sup>th</sup> graders**, if you have taken at least two Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application from Mrs. Webb.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at [sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us).

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

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

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

**Attention SOPHOMORES - NC School of Science and Math (NCSSM)** is a public high school where talented students find their niche and realize their potential. Their mission is to educate academically talented students to become state, national, and global leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; advance public education in North Carolina; and inspire innovation for the betterment of humankind, through challenging residential, online, summer, and virtual learning driven by instructional excellence and the excitement of discovery. Sophomores that are interested in this opportunity are encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ncssm.edu/>. **Deadline to apply: January 15, 2017.**

**Perry Outreach Program** - The Perry Initiative has partnered with medical centers, universities, and high schools to offer the Perry Outreach Program for *high school females*. During these day-long programs, students are able to perform mock orthopedic surgeries and conduct biomechanical engineering experiments, while also hearing from prominent women engineers and surgeons in the field. This **FREE** program will be offered in Winston-Salem on **February 18th** at Wake Forest University from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To be eligible, students must be high school girls in grades 10 and up with an expressed interest in engineering, orthopedic surgery and/or medicine. For more information, and to apply, please visit: <http://perryinitiative.org/curriculum/pop/>. **Approximate deadline: January 17, 2016.**

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

CLASS OF  
**2018**

CLASS  
OF 2019

Class of  
**2020**

# Parent Involvement

**PTSO** – To get involved, please send an email to [thecougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:thecougarcouncil@gmail.com) or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO.

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

February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm

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

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

**Band Booster Club** - Contact Band Booster president Aimi Gundersen to volunteer at [catabandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:catabandpresident@gmail.com)

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

## Connecting Families

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

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

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**<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614>**

**Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO has linked up  
with Amazon Smiles.**

**This is a simple and easy way to raise money for our school!**

***AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support CATA every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price to CATA.***

Use your existing account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

## Attendance Letters and Recovery

- Attendance at school is a priority. It is so important to be present in order to learn and to gain opportunities for mastering coursework. This is also a very important life lesson for our children to learn—in life we have expectations of going to work and working to the best of our ability, and this good life habit starts with attendance at school.
- To ensure maximum student attendance we will be contacting students and parents when students reach 3, 6, and 8 absences.
- According to UCPS attendance policy students should not miss more than 7 classes in each class. The goal is to not miss ANY school, but if a student has a valid reason, such as an illness or other excused absence, they can have up to 7 absences and still pass the class.
- It is important that excuse notes be written and turned into the office within 3 days after an absence. After the three days, then the absences are recorded as unexcused permanently.
- At each absence threshold (3,6,8) CATA staff will make the determination if the student needs to begin the recovery process to make up absences and notify parents and students on how to make up time missed from school. Recovery should be done during the semester and in the two week time span given or the student will not be allowed to recover the absences at a later date.
- There are UCPS limits on how many classes can be recovered. Recovery will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school with Ms. Riley, or with the student's individual teacher. Students are expected to work on content during recovery time. This plan is in place so that your student makes up content close to the date it was delivered in class.



CATA Performing Arts shared their post.

January 3 at 10:07pm · 🌐

Placing an order this Friday so get your checks in to the front office with style and sizes you need!!!!



CATA Performing Arts added 2 new photos.

December 9, 2016 at 1:22pm · 🌐

Taking pre-orders for Boal wear!!!  
 Hooded sweatshirt - \$30.00  
 Crew neck sweatshirt - \$25.00  
 Long sleeved t-shirt - \$20.00  
 Short sleeved t-shirt - \$15.00

**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!!**



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



**No additional charge other than parts**

## CATA Computer Repair

we can:

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





## Fall Senior Letter

Dear Class of 2017,

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

**Graduation: The ceremony is on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Winthrop**

**Coliseum (1162 Eden Terrace, Rock Hill, SC 29733).** Please arrive no later than 6:30 to line up. Please be aware of traffic and plan accordingly to arrive on time. A map and directions will be provided for you on a later date. If you have any questions or need directions, then please visit the website ([www.winthrop.edu](http://www.winthrop.edu)). We will send more specific information about graduation day in the Spring Senior Class of 2017 Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Kim Fisenne, Principal,

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



## Cougars during Holiday Spirit Week: The Annual Basketball Tournament, and The Winter Collaborative with the Band, Chorus, Theater Performers, Dancers and the Jazz Band!

