

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Dear CATA Family,

Please see the spotlight on the Performing Arts Academy and Band in this edition. We will have spotlights on the Transportation, Medical Science, Information Systems, and Pre-Engineering Academies in the upcoming editions. Congratulations to the Theater III students for their performance of the History of Tom Jones this past weekend. Congratulations to the wrestling team for winning in the first round of the state play-offs, though they did not prevail in the second round, we salute them for a great season. We do have wrestlers in the individual regional tournament. Swimming will be at regionals this coming week. Information about the UCPS ACT Blitz to help students practice for the ACT is in this edition. Information about students applying for a scholarship from Union County Education Foundation is posted in this edition.

The PTSO sponsoring the Invest in Excellence Program, so please see information in this edition on how you can specifically help our school. Join us on February 6th at 6:30 for a PTSO meeting and to hear about what students in the Pre-engineering, Dance, and Medical Sciences Academies do and learn here at CATA! The PTSO is selling carnations and teddy bears for Valentine's Day, so see details in this edition. Please see information about parking spaces availability the rest of the school year for students in this edition.

Please remember that attendance is important. Parents, please ask your child to be on time to first period each day, and students it is an expectation to be on time to school. Students may not miss more than seven days in a class period, or may not receive a credit for the class. Attendance procedures are in this edition. If a student goes to the doctor, then please bring a note the next day. If a student is sick and does not go to the doctor, please send a parent note within three days and the absence may be excused.

This edition contains information about the dinner and performance of BOAL on February 12. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance, so please click the ad in this edition to purchase tickets.

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



Spotlight on the Performing Arts Academy:

THEATRE ARTS

It is a goal of the Theatre Academy to prepare students for a career in as well as an on-going appreciation for the performing arts. While many of our students may not follow that career path, their study of the performing arts is intended to provide them with skills that will allow them to be successful in a variety of disciplines.

The Theatre Academy has established a legacy of excellence for future classes to follow. In this the 11th year of CATA, the Theatre Academy has become one of the most recognized programs in the state and beyond. CATA has become a recognized name in various festivals and in collegiate programs in NC and throughout the country.

Each year, the Theatre Academy participates in the annual North Carolina Theatre Conference Play Festival which incorporates many of the goals and areas of study in which students learn at CATA. The first year that CATA opened, the then sophomore class participated in this festival, earning a superior award at the festival. Since that time, the Academy has earned a superior rating in every outing except one. CATA has advanced to state finals from the regional festival in eight out of those eleven years. CATA has won the state finals four times in the last six years, and this year, we are back to back state champs.

Participation in NCTC has earned our program numerous awards including a number of Best Actor and Actress awards, Ensemble awards, Directing awards, acting awards, and numerous technical awards. Our students have also been granted a number of scholarships through their participation in NCTC.

Each year that our program has won the state, it has gone on to represent NC at the Southeastern Theatre Conference, a ten state festival. In the first year that CATA competed at SETC, we came back with Best Ensemble and Best Actress with the show, **For Colored Girls....** Our second trip to SETC, we won the festival with our show, **The Parchman Hour**, which earned CATA nine awards including Best Ensemble, Best Director, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Actor. Last year, our production of **The Diviners** was named runner up show at SETC and earned the Best Acting award for the entire ensemble as well as Best Actor. This year, our student written and student directed production of **Boal** hopes to have similar success at SETC in March '17.

CATA's Performing Arts program has also been a participant in the Blumeys, a program sponsored by the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, which recognizes excellence in high school musical theatre. This year marks our 6th year of participation in the program. In our second year, our production of **Young Frankenstein** was nominated in every category, earning awards in Directing, Best Supporting Actor, costumes and makeup. Since then we have been nominated in several categories each year, including a nominee for either Best Actor or Best Actress every year since that second year. Last year, our production of **Ragtime**, again nominated in every category, won the Best Musical Award for programs over \$10,000 and we earned awards for Directing, Best Actor, and Best Actress. Our Best Actor and Actress earned the right to represent the Blumenthal at the Jimmys, the National High School Musical Theatre Awards in New York City. Our Best Actress nominee, Amina Faye, won the coveted Best Actress in that national competition.

Students from our program have earned spots in a number of prestigious college and university programs. We have students studying (or have studied) at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, the University of Michigan (top rated U.S. musical theatre program), Penn State, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Circle in the Square Conservatory in NYC, as well as numerous other highly rated in-state and out of state programs.

We have students going into various performing arts areas and performing arts related areas. Currently, former students have worked several national tours, one has already been on Broadway, one is a TV news anchor, numerous others are working in various theatres and in film in NYC and LA.

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It is our goal at CATA to maintain this level of success with our program and continue to seek to raise the bar even further. Many of our students may not choose to pursue study and work in theatre, but our goal for them is to prepare them to become as successful in their endeavors as those who want to work in the profession. More than that, we hope to prepare them to become well rounded individuals who maintain a lifelong love for the arts. Students who study in the Theatre Academy will become capable of working in many areas for they will find themselves quite capable at creativity and self-expression, interpersonal skills, and as strong communicators.

Performances the remainder of this year include:

Feb. 12/16—performance of Boal in preparation for SETC

March 24-26, 30-31, Apr. 1-2—Sweeney Todd (spring musical)

Apr. 27-29—Sophomore class show

May 18-21—Senior class show

Quotes from Former students:

"At CATA I was always involved in creative projects. It gave me the space to explore and strengthen myself as an artist in all pillars of the industry - dance, music, acting, directing, choreographing, technical. The possibilities were endless. They say to be a great creator you should be as fluent as you can in all departments of theatre. You will make stronger connections with your fellow artists who may be the ones you collaborate with to create the next big thing!"

from Tyler McKenzie, class of '09, Western Carolina graduate, national tour of *Mamma Mia*, Broadway production of *Mamma Mia*, and currently on national tour of *Matilda*

"To study under (Mr. Robinson) was to do. We weren't reading or watching—we were actively in productions and I believe that's how an actor prepares. We dabbled in all sorts of genres and truly got a feel for the world of theatre. But the most important was (his) ability to find someone's niche and cater to it so they could strengthen that skill...I would know I didn't just leave with acting knowledge, I left with an acting resume."

From Connor Newsome, class of '10, currently working in NYC

"Studying at CATA was an enriching experience that not only provided me with knowledge of the professional world but also inspired me to push myself towards my dreams."

From Tyler Whitley, class of '14 currently studying theatre education at ECU

"The training I received at CATA and under Mr. Robinson challenged me in ways I didn't expect or want to be challenged. Once I did accept the challenges I was taught the outcome was surely worth the challenge, and that is how I grew tremendously as an artist. Through my four years I was taught how to tackle my fear, to give the most honest, touching, and powerful performance to my fullest potential."

From Shidarius Barrett, class of '16 currently working in LA

"I couldn't have asked for a better stepping stone to further my career and studies as an actor. Once I got out to Los Angeles and got into the thick of it all, I realized how much I already knew and already learned at CATA. It gave me the tools to not only believe in myself, but to believe in the craft. It helped shape my passion for story telling and created an unrelenting work ethic."

From Luke Porter '14. And recent graduate of American Academy of Dramatic Art in Los Angeles.

"The day I decided to audition for CATA I never thought that by the end of the four years I would have found my purpose. I can honestly say that without CATA and Mr. Robinson I would not be pursuing my passion. Mr. Robinson was more than a teacher to me and he was always made himself available to me. I am forever grateful for him and Ms. Watwood for pointing me in the right direction."

From Amina Faye. '16. At Penn State and National High School Musical Theatre Awards best actress

Spotlight on the Performing Arts Academy: DANCE

The dance department is now home to 70 high school dancers. The goals of the department is to provide dancers with a solid technical base while nurturing their creativity and their understanding of dance as an art form. We have various field trips planned for all of our classes to enhance dance instruction and offer opportunities for our students to showcase their talent in various dance shows on campus each year. This year our senior dancers received recognition for best student choreography for "Accumulation" during the Charlotte Ballet Middle and High School Dance Festival. During the festival students auditioned for scholarships at various colleges and summer programs; which several of our students received. In March, we will be off to the Regional High School Dance Festival. **We have our student choreography concert on March 3rd & 4th at 7:00 pm ,and our May concert " Juxtaposition" on May 12th and 13th at 7:00 pm. There is a five dollar admission charge for our concerts. Our Sweet frog nights are February 24th, March 22nd, and April 28th. Just say CATA Dance at the register. Follow us on Instagram : C.A.T.A_DANCE for weekly updates on what is going on in the department.**

Dance in Action:



Spotlight on the Performing Arts Academy: Music

Production Recording Arts (MPRA)

With the establishment of the MPRA Academy at CATA in 2015, the opportunity exists for students to be able to produce music and build the foundations needed to be successful in the recording industry and higher level of institution. Exciting course offerings such as Recording Arts I and II will be offered starting in the 2017-2018 school year. Students will have the opportunity to work in the new recording studio and computer lab on top of the line technology and software. These new Mac computers will utilize Pro-tools and other recording software. In addition, a full-time Recording Arts teacher will be announced in the near future. A new teacher will provide more detailed curriculum and vision for the young academy.

Currently, our MPRA students are taking prerequisite courses such as Music Theory and Piano classes. Ensemble requirements allow for students in the academies to participate in both Chorus and Band as well as Jazz Class. The piano class performed on the Winter Collaborative in December under the direction of Ms. Gregory and the Jazz Class performed at the same event in addition to the Band Winter Concert under the direction of Mr. Jay Bolder. Look for more exciting information shortly! Take a look at the pictures of our new equipment in our soon to be recording studio.



Our New **MPRA Lab** Equipment. We are excited to create our new lab and are in the process of hiring qualified individuals to build a new and innovative program.

Spotlight on CATA Bands

The CATA Band Program is proud to offer students a traditional band experience within the academy setting complete with concert, marching and jazz ensembles that perform on a regular basis. The next school year, Mr. Jim Hill took over responsibility of the band. He taught half a day at Monroe High School and the other half at CATA. Mr. Hill inherited 12 students his first year and seventeen the next. The band was slowly growing and eventually went to MPA receiving the first of many superiors. During his time at CATA, Mr. Hill also started a pep band that marched the first halftime show. Band traditions are Parent Marching Preview and the Band Banquet to celebrate the end of another great year. After three years,

In 2015, Mr. Craig Retzlaff became the director after transferring from Monroe Middle School. Mr. Retzlaff wants to continue many of the traditions and continue building on the successes of the band program. The program now offers two jazz bands, jazz combo, brass chamber music, woodwind chamber music, and a color guard. A strong emphasis on solo repertoire and chamber music has allowed for class recitals and several students making honor band clinics. He strives to foster independent, disciplined band members in an environment that is both enjoyable and educationally sound. He feels that the program should be designed to help students gain a feeling of accomplishment through personal effort, experience a spirit of cooperation through group participation, and provide an outlet for emotional release and creative expression all while mastering technical execution on their given instrument.

The CATA Band Program has received several awards over the years. The Symphonic Band has received Superior ratings at the SCDBA MPA the past four years. This past year, the CATA Band of Blue received the only standing ovation at the 2016 Union County Preview and performed in exhibition at the Pirate Cove Classic at Porter Ridge High School.

The band will be performing several times throughout the Spring Semester. The first will be at MPA which stands for Music Performance Adjudication on March 23 with a time TBA at Hickory Ridge High School. That same week, several band students will be performing in the Pit for the Spring Musical *Sweeney Todd*. Shows will run March 23-25 as well as March 30-31, and April 1-12. All shows start at 7:30 PM with the exception of the Sunday matinee. The last big event of the semester will be the Spring Concert on May 25th at 7:30 PM in the CATA Auditorium. In addition to events at school, several students will be performing in District, County and potentially All-State Band clinics throughout the region.



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**

Last Week's Results:

Wrestling – Win vs. Madison 1st Rd NCHSAA, Loss vs. West Wilkes 2nd Rd NCHSAA

Men's Basketball – Lost vs. Monroe, Loss vs. West Stanly

Women's Basketball – Lost vs Monroe, Loss vs. West Stanly

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, February 2nd

AWAY Basketball – Pageland Central – 6:00 Varsity Girls Start

Friday, February 3rd

HOME Basketball – Mt. Pleasant – 4:30 JV Boys Start

Saturday February 4th

AWAY Swim @ NCHSAA Regionals – Mecklenburg County Aquatics Center – Facility Opens @ 3:00 pm, Swimming starts around 4:15 pm,

AWAY Indoor Track @ Olympic High School

Monday, February 6th

No Events

Tuesday, February 7th

HOME Basketball vs. Forest Hills – 4:30 JV Boys Start

Wednesday, February 8th

No Events

Thursday, February 9th

HOME Basketball vs. Piedmont Charter – 6:00 & 7:30 pm – Senior Night

AWAY Swim @ NCHSAA 1A/2A State Championship Meet – 8:00 am start

Friday, February 10th

AWAY Basketball vs. Parkwood – 4:30 JV Boys Start

AWAY Indoor Track – JDL Fasttrack – Winston Salem – NCHSAA 2A State Meet – 2:30 pm Facility Opens – 4:00 pm Running Starts

AWAY Wrestling @ 2A Midwest Individual Regional Tournament – West Wilkes High School – All Day Event

Saturday, February 11th

AWAY Wrestling @ 2A Midwest Individual Regional Tournament – West Wilkes High School – All Day Event

Monday, February 13th

Start of Spring Sports – After School

Rocky River Conference Basketball Tournament – Parkwood – Time & Opponent TBA

Cougar Athletics

Other News:

Spring sports start on **Monday, February 13th**. 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.

Spring Sports Tryout Ticket Pick Up

During all lunches - February 6th – 10th & February 13th
YOU MUST have in all paperwork to get a tryout ticket.

Winter 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
Indoor Track – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com
Wrestling – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us
Swimming – Kelly Lepsig – Kelly.lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us

Spring Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Women's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Track & Field – David Daniels – david.daniels@ucps.k12.nc.us
Track & Field – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com
Softball – Doug Mayhew – doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us
Baseball – Aaron Hammers – aaron.hammers@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us
Men's Tennis – Ken Neese – keneese@gmail.com

**Join the CATA Life Savers Relay for Life
Team at the following link:**

<https://goo.gl/rtJyjb>

Register TODAY!

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



Henry S. and Carolyn Adams Scholarship: Foundation For The Carolinas is awarding a \$4,000 scholarship to high school seniors in Union County. To be eligible the student must be a legal resident of Union County, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and demonstrate a substantial need for financial assistance. This student must be nominated by their principal. For more information please visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com> **Deadline: March 3, 2017.**

Medical and Nursing Scholarships through the DAR: The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are offering several scholarships (ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000) to students interested in studying nursing or other medical fields. Each scholarship has its own criteria; however, all applicants must be citizens of the United States and must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. DAR chapter sponsorship is not required. For more information, please visit: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/nursing-medical-scholarships>. Applications are available here: http://members.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/SCH-1001.pdf?ver=071714_38843. **Deadline: February 10, 2017.**

The Jackie Robinson Foundation: The Jackie Robinson Foundation provides resources and scholarships for under-served minority high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited four-year institution. The amount is \$28,000 for four years. For more information visit: <http://www.jackierobinson.org/> **Deadline: February 15, 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.

- **Campbell University** - *February 13, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.*

Union County Education Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any UCPS high school senior and the recipient will be awarded between \$1000-\$2000. One of the requirements is a 500 word maximum written "Teacher Tribute" to a UCPS teacher outlining what this teacher has meant to you personally and to your education. For more information, please **Click [HERE](#) to apply. Deadline Friday, February**



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

Class Information and College and Career Corner

“2017-2018 CTE Internship”

Attention Rising 12th 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.

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!



JUNIORS—All juniors will be taking the **ACT**, a college entrance exam, on February 28, 2017. In order to best prepare all juniors will work on ACT preparation during Cougar Time two times per week.

Below is the link to a **FREE online tutorial for the SAT** that ALL of our HS students should be taking advantage of! Get College Ready by preparing for the SAT—an important college entrance exam. Need help paying for the SAT? You may qualify for a fee waiver—contact your counselor.. <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

“Empowering Males of Color to Meet High Standards of Achievement”: My Brother’s Keeper Leadership Summit for Males of Color and Educators

9th grade males of color are encouraged to attend Day One of this three-day conference in Charlotte. Students will attend a two and a half hour session. This session will take place at 8 a.m. at Friendship MBC Conference Center, located at 3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 22816. Students need to provide their own transportation, it would be a "school event" and approved students attending will be counted present. **student entry is \$10 before February 5, and \$15 after February 5. To pick up a registration form, please see Ms. Cole in the guidance office.**

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.

Invest in Excellence at CATA

CAMPAIGN RE-STARTS FEBRUARY 1ST AND ENDS FEBRUARY 28TH

Central Academy of Technology & Arts Cougar Council PTSO needs your help! The mission of Central Academy of Technology & Arts is to prepare students for informed decision-making, effective citizenship, personal achievement, higher education, and rewarding careers.

We are kicking off the annual Invest in Excellence at CATA campaign.

It is a simple, one-time, straightforward way for individuals, businesses, and corporations to invest in the excellence of CATA. Please consider a tax-deductible investment! 100% of the money donated is reinvested in CATA.

CATA Department Wish List

Examples of How We Can Help CATA Departments

SCIENCE: Arsenic Test Kits, Sidewalk Chalk,
Scientific Calculators

MATH: Flexible Rulers, Ribbon, Paint

ENGLISH: Two or More Sets of Books for Classroom

PRE-ENGINEERING: Balsa/Bass Wood, Templates,
Crab Crawler Mini Robot, New Head for 3D Printer

WORLD LANGUAGE: Class Set of Leveled Readers from
TPRS Publishing Company and the Teacher's Guide.

DANCE: Yoga Balls, Exercise Ball w/Pump, Ballet Barres,
Muscle Rollers, DVD, Therabands

MEDIA: Comfortable Furniture

PTSO Sponsored Events

*Invest in a Student
Senior Scholarships
Staff Appreciation
Parent Information
Student Achievement Award
Senior Shirts & Signs*

Invest in Excellence

- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50
☐ \$75 ☐ \$100
☐ Other

Make Checks Payable to CATA PTSO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Involvement

Please Notice the Invest in Excellence Form in this edition and consider helping

PTSO – To get involved, please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO. Please see the Carnations and Teddy Bear Fundraiser in this edition.

PTSO MEETING DATES (the media center) February 6th at 6:30 pm, April 3rd at 6:30 pm
JOIN US ON 2/6 TO HEAR ABOUT ACADEMY LEARNING IN MEDICAL SCIENCE, DANCE, AND PRE-ENGINEERING!! This is an opportunity to hear about what your students learn and do in their academy. Don't miss out!! (4/3 will feature Transportation and Information Systems)
 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
- **Cougar Athletics** – contact Jay Niessner at mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us
- **Performing Arts Committee** – contact the PTSO (see above) for information on how to help

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/MNtCilKqJRia6pNP2>

CARNATIONS & TEDDY BEAR FUNDRAISER

Order your Valentine's Carnations during your lunch block on Feb 8th, 9th & 10th

Pre-order your carnations for your friends & teachers to be distributed on Valentine's Day!

Cost is \$1 per Carnation and \$2 per bear and includes a note card for you to write a special message.



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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.

ACT BLITZ

In partnership with Huntington Learning Center-Weddington and UCPS

Are you looking to raise your ACT Scores?

Come and learn tips and tricks from Huntington Learning Center's Proven ACT Curriculum!

Pick from one of two free sessions:
2/11 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at PRHS
2/18 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at CHS

Click on this Ad to go to the sign up site.

Sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CqBbBm30y-A1XsU0G6P1KcQs_C8BnSID4Hc9oc25e2e/edit?usp=sharing



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](#)



STUDENT PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE

LIMITED SPOTS LEFT: ONCE GONE, THEN WE HAVE NO MORE PARKING AVAILABLE . PLEASE OBTAIN FORMS AND PAY FEES IN THE FRONT OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL.



CATA Computer Repair



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

we can:

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



No additional charge other than parts

Central Academy of Technology & Arts

Presents

BOAL

Click on the flyer
for advanced
tickets



February 12 & 16



600 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28112

A performance will also be held at Lake Norman Charter February 9.

Lake Norman Charter will be performing with us @ CATA Feb 16.

The Cast and Crew of Boal are Headed to SETC!

ALL Proceeds will help to keep the costs down for each student traveling to Kentucky!
For advance tickets go to: <http://cata.seatyourself.biz/>. For more information call: (704) 296-3088.

Dinner Theatre Sunday, February 12 (at CATA)

Auguste's Favorites

- Feijenda Black bean pork loin stew served on Brazilian rice, and blanched thinly sliced collards garnished with fresh orange slices (Vegetarian option available)
- Hearts of palm, cherry tomatoes, purple onions in lime vinaigrette

Ania and Amir's favorites

- Chicken Shish Kabab with saffron rice pilaf (falafel vegetarian option)
- Flat bread with cucumber yogurt sauce
- Tomato, feta and cucumber salad with organic lemon vinaigrette

Jason's Backyard BBQ

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

Assorted Beverages and Desserts

Thur, 2/9 - Show only - at Lake Norman Charter

Sun, 2/12 - Dinner Theatre - at CATA
Lake Norman Charter performs with us.

Thur, 2/16 - Show only - at CATA.



Get your dinner
theatre ticket early
as seating is limited!

RSVP Required by 2/8

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

Dinner 5:30 - Show 7:00 pm Dinner and Show = \$30.00 - Just show = \$10.00 VIP seating for Dinner guests ONLY!



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

BOAL

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!!



Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!!

- ◆ Congratulations to the winner of the CATA Shakespeare Recitation Completion: Thomas McCorkle. James Brown was the runner up, Stewart Harrison and Carl Sampson were wonderful in their presentations.



Student Life Notes

- ◆ Are you interested in spending two weeks traveling through Spain and Portugal? If so, please grab a parent and attend the interest meeting on Thursday the 9th. The meeting will be held at 5:00 in Ms. Foreman's room. See Ms. Foreman if you have any questions.

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BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU.
Maya Angelou

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NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?
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WORRIED YOU WILL PLAGIARIZE?
CONCERNED ABOUT CITING YOUR
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| Ms. Foreman | Ms. Barron |
| Room 208 | Room 110 |
| 3:30pm – 4:30pm | 3:30pm – 4:30pm |



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Around CATA

Sunday, February 5—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports);

Monday, February 6—Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); Society of Women Engineers, 3:30 PM (Rm. 525); PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 (Media Conference Rm.); PTSO General Mtg. Focus on Medical Science , Dance, and Pre-Engineering 6:30 (Media Center)

Tuesday, February 7— NHS Mtg. 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, February 8— FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM;

Thursday, February 9— FCA Mtg. 8 AM (Gym); Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); CATA Band Boosters, 6:30 PM (Band Rm.) ; BOAL Performance Lake Norman Charter, 7 PM

Friday, February 10— WorkKeys Testing Day; Science Olympiad, 3:30 (Rm. 605)

Sunday, February 11—Shooting Sports Practice, 2 PM (Take Aim Sports); BOAL Dinner and Show, 5:30 PM (Café and Auditorium)

Upcoming Events

2/1 to 2/8—Black History Month

2/2—Report Cards Distributed

2/6— PTSO Executive Board Meeting

2/6—PTSO General Meeting, 6:30 (Medical Science and Pre Engineering)

2/9—Band Boosters, 6:30 PM (Band Rm.)

2/9— BOAL Performance, at Lake Norman Charter

2/12—BOAL Dinner and Show, 5:30 PM

2/15— Early Release Day, 12:30

2/15—Buffalo Wild Wing Night, 5:00 PM (Band)

2/16— BOAL Performance, 7:00 PM

2/20—Spring Sports Pictures (After School)

2/21 & 2/23—CATA Crawl, 6:30 PM

2/24— NHS Talent Show

2/27 & 2/28—Josten's Ring Orders for Sophomores

2/28—ACT Administration for all Juniors

2/28—Josten's Ring Order Parent Night, 3:30-6:00 PM

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.

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). 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, medalions,

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.

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.

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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,