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Dear CATA Family,

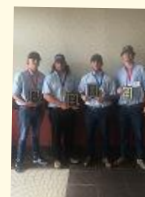
We would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers for their dedication and hard work. We had a wonderful teacher appreciation week with plenty of food, gifts, and gratitude.

JUNIOR NIGHT is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 6:30 pm. This vital presentation will help juniors learn what they should be working on now and over the summer to prepare for their senior year. This event is geared towards current juniors, but all 9th and 10th graders and parents are invited to attend!!! Thank you to the PTSO for having The Kindness Diaries speaker, Leon Logothetis come speak to our students about creating a Culture of Respect and kindness at CATA and in their daily lives. Congratulations to the Men's Track 4 x 800 relay team and the Women's 4 x 800 Relay team for finishing first place in the Rocky River 2A Conference Championships. Men's Golf had Matt Song qualify for the NCHSSA state tournament. Our sophomore theater students did a wonderful job with their selected short plays this past weekend. The Union County Relay for Life is Friday, May 5 at Sun Valley High. Please come out and support the CATA Life Savers. Graduation tickets are on sale 5/8 to 5/26 in the main office before or after school or online. The Link will go live on 5/8. Students receive 4 free tickets and pay \$7 for additional tickets.

We thank HOSA for hosting a wonderful fundraiser earning \$1600 to fight Cystic Fibrosis Research for Emily's Team. The top classes were Rowell/Hammers health class \$227.70, Ms. Suresh \$200, Ms. Horne \$129.22, Mr. Anderson \$129.00, and Ms. Jones \$119.58. This past week our Transportation Academy Students competed in the North Carolina Skills USA Competition. Joshua Luke Raye finished 2nd Place in Collision Repair Technology, Jacob Hartis finished 1st Place in Automotive Refinishing Technology, Brandon Melchor finished 1st Place in Collision Repair Technology, and Nathan Burnett finished 2nd Place in Automotive Refinishing Technology.

Join the Dance Academy May 12th and 13th for our spring concert "Juxtaposition". Tickets are \$5.00 at the door and the show starts promptly at 7:00 pm. The CATA Band Program is having Sweet Frog Nights at the Monroe location this coming Friday, May 5th and Friday, May 19th. Come out and support our amazing student musicians and say CATA Band at the register. We are having a contest to design our student section shirts for the "Blue Crew," for the upcoming year. Submissions are due by 5/19 to [Jaclyn Foreman](#) and must be completed on the [Custom Ink website](#). Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that we are hosting our **annual Car Show on May 13, 2017**. This car show is an exciting family fun event that will feature all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and more! See the announcements on our website for more information on how you can support the show and register. Click on the following links for more information on how you can support the show and register. [Car Show Letter](#), [Contract](#), and [Car Show Registration](#). **To stay up to date with CATA be sure to follow us on Twitter and Facebook.**

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



Around CATA

Friday, May 5— AP US. History Exam, 8:00 AM; AP Art Due by 8:00 PM; Relay for Life, Sun Valley High School (after school)

Monday, May 8—Junior Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium); AP Biology Exam, 8:00 AM; Graduation Speech Auditions, 3:30 PM (Media Conference); Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Student Council Officer Meeting, 3:30 (Media Center); Fashion Club, 3 PM (Rm. 616); Society of Women Engineers, 3:45 (Rm. 525);

Tuesday, May 9— AP Calculus AB/BC Exam, 8:00 AM; Graduation Speech Auditions, 3:30 PM (Media Conference); Volunteer Appreciation, 6:30 PM (Media Center); Jazz Band, 4 PM (Band Rm.); Beta Club 8:25 AM and 3:25 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, May 10— AP English Language and Composition, 8:00 AM; Report Cards; FCA Leadership, 8:00 AM; Rm.); Voter Registration Drive (Lunches); Josten's Ring Delivery Pick-up (Lunches)

Thursday, May 11— FCA Meeting 8:00 AM, ; Robotics Club, 3:30 (Rm. 118); Jazz Band Rehearsal, 4 PM (Band Rm.); CATA Band Boosters (Band Rm.)

Friday, May 12—Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Saturday, May 13—Dance Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium); Annual CATA Car Show, 9:00 AM to 1

Upcoming Events

5/1 to 5/12— AP Exam Window

5/1 to 5/12—Benchmark Exam Window

5/1 to 5/6— Teacher Appreciation Week

5/8 to 5/26—Graduation Ticket Sales

5/16—Progress Reports

5/16—Pre Engineering Academic Signing

5/16—Transportation Academy Academic Signing

5/16—Medical Sciences Academic Signing

5/17—Performing Arts Academic Signing

5/17—Information Systems Academic Signing,

5/18—Theater IV Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/19—Student Council Inductions, 12 PM (Media Center)

5/19—Theater IV Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/20—Theater IV Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/21—Blumey Awards, 7 PM (Belk Theater)

5/22 to 5/26— Senior Week

5/22—Spring Sports Awards, Night, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/24—Underclassmen Bars and Letter's Breakfast, 9:30 AM (Cafeteria)

5/24—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Rm.)

5/25—Spring Band Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/26—Senior Awards Ceremony—9 AM (Auditorium)

5/26—Chorus Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/26—Yearbook Signing Party, Distribution (Media Center)

5/27—Chorus Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium)

5/29—NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day

5/31—PTSO Star Breakfast, 8 AM (Gym)

5/31—Performing Arts Banquet, 6 PM Banquet, 7 PM Awards (Café/ Auditorium)

6/1—Band Banquet, 7 PM (Media Center and Auditorium)

6/1—Junior Marshall Practice, 3:35 PM (Rm. 108)

6/5—First Period Exams, 2nd period review

6/6—Second Period Exams, 3rd period review

6/6—CATA Band Boosters, 6:30 PM (Band Rm.)

6/7—Third Period Exams, 4th period review

6/8—Fourth Period Exams

6/9—Make up Exam Day

6/9—Graduation Practice, 2 PM , GYM

6/10—Graduation at Winthrop University Coliseum, 7:30 PM

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](mailto:jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us). Make sure to follow all of CATA's athletic teams on Twitter: [@CATA_Athletics](https://twitter.com/CATA_Athletics)

Last Week's Results

Men's Tennis – Season Complete.

Baseball – Win vs. Forest Hills, Loss vs. Forest Hills, Loss vs. Forest Hills

Softball – Losses vs. Forest Hills.

Women's Soccer – Win vs. CIS, Win vs. West Stanly, Win vs. Mt. Pleasant

Men's Golf – Team finished 5th @ NCHSAA Midwest Regionals. Matt Song has qualified for the NCHSAA State meet next week.

Track & Field – 4 x 800 women conference champs, 4 x 800 men conference champs, Gabby Hoff 3rd in 100 m hurdles, Josh Weirich 2nd and Evan Wunder 3rd in the 1600 m, Jake McCollum 3rd in discus at the Rocky River II A Conference Meet.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 5th

AWAY – Soccer @ Carolina International - 5:00 PM

AWAY – Tennis Singles/Doubles Regionals – Salisbury, NC - Good Luck to Senior Thomas McCorkle at Regionals!

Monday, May 8th

AWAY – Golf @ NCHSAA State Tournament

Wednesday, May 10th

1st Round of NCHSAA State Tournaments – Baseball & Soccer

Friday, May 12th

AWAY – Track & Field @ NCHSAA 2A Midwest Regionals – Monroe High School – 10:00 am start time

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](#)



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

Guidance News



Seniors Information and Scholarships

Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2017, 7:30 PM at Winthrop Coliseum—Tickets on sale 5/8 to 5/26 before and after school in the main office or online. Students receive four free tickets and purchase additional for \$7.

- **Graduation Speech Auditions 5/8 and 5/9, 3:30 Media Center**
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SENIORS – did you miss Financial Aid night last Fall?? 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**

Important Senior Information is here, including the Spring Senior Newsletter: [CLICK HERE FOR ALL IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION](#)

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

—Cougar Council PTSO Senior Scholarship— [Click Here for Details](#) and scroll down to the information. Deadline: April 28, 2017. Recipients will be notified on May 19, 2017.

—State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) People Helping People Scholarship— [Click Here for Details](#) and scroll down to the information. Deadline: May 1, 2017 and need to be turned in to Ms. Cole by the end of the day.

Class Information and College and Career Corner

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The PTSO and the Student Council invites you to participate in the Senior T-Shirt design contest! Help us recognize the efforts and spirit of the Class of 2018! The winner will receive a free senior tee and senior sign, compliments of the PTSO! Follow the directions sent to you in your student email acct. The submission deadline is Friday, 5/5! Mail submissions to [Ms. Christensen](#).



Career and Camps:

Appalachian State Forensic Science Camps: Information may also be found at <http://conferences-camps.appstate.edu/youth-camps>. This is an academic camp that requires a science background. A letter of recommendation from a science teacher or guidance counselor is required with each application. **2017 Forensic Science Brochure (PDF) found here: <https://goo.gl/nQikTs>**

"2017-2018 CTE Internship" Attention Rising 12th graders, if you have taken at least 2 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses, one being a level 2, and are interested in participating in a CTE Internship next school year, stop by the guidance office and pick up an application. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Webb at sarah.webb@ucps.k12.nc.us.

"Health Careers Summer Camp" June 26-28 from 9:00 – 3:00 at Piedmont High School, Union County Public Schools will be hosting a Health Careers Summer Camp for all Rising 10th, 11th, & 12th graders. The cost of the camp is \$40. For more information and the application, please visit www.ucps.k12.nc.us/cte or see Mrs. Webb in guidance.

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, Auto Tech, Collision, Cyber-Security, and Software and Game Design

[Ashley Cole](#): Pre-Engineering, Dance, Theatre, MPRA, Computer Engineering

Student Life Notes

Student Council invites you to participate in the Blue Crew shirt design contest. The winner will receive a free Blue Crew shirt of their design, compliments of STUCO! Follow the directions below to submit your design. The submission deadline is **Friday, May 19.**

Instructions for Blue Crew T-Shirt Design

T-Shirt designs must adhere to CATA Code of Conduct.

Any shirts deemed not to meet this criterion will be disqualified.

Please make sure that if you have any questions, you ask them before you submit

Please make sure that you choose the following items:

T-Shirt Color (If left white, white will be the color used)

Text (Size and fonts that you want)

Other colors (please make sure you specify; otherwise, black will be used)

All designs must be completed using Custom Ink.

No designs will be accepted through any other medium.

Once your design is completed, please share the design with Ms. Foreman.

Click the "save/send" button at the bottom of the design lab.

- ♦ The **Beta Club** is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Please pick up an application from Mrs. Henry in Room 108 and return it with two letters of recommendation from current teachers by May 8.
- ♦ Anyone wanting to join the **Speech and Debate Team** next year, there will be an interest meeting Tuesday May 9th after school in Mr. McDowell's room, 111 at 3:45
- ♦ **The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Union County needs more volunteers** for their event on Friday, **May 5th at Sun Valley High School**. Volunteers are needed from 2 pm-1 am and duty assignments will be in 1-2 hour slots. Please contact RFLUnionCounty@gmail.com to volunteer.
- ♦ **Join the CATA Life Savers Relay for Life Team at the following link:** <https://goo.gl/rtJyjb>
- ♦ **Get Your Yearbooks!** Yearbooks are now on sale for \$85! Buy your 2017 yearbook today! Order online at www.yearbookforever.com. and search for CATA or bring a check (made out to Central Academy) or cash to Ms. Christensen.
- ♦ **Here's the link to the photobooth pix from the prom.** All students need is an email address to access it. <https://ifitsdigital.shootproof.com/gallery/4312852/>

Central Academy



Class Ring Delivery!
Wednesday, May 10th
 During ALL Lunches

Jostens
 You Create It. We Make It.
 Design Your Custom Class Jewelry at jostens.com

Parent Involvement

May 1-5 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The CATA PTSO has planned a Continental breakfast to show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff. The breakfast will be on Friday, May 5, 2017 in the main teacher workroom. We need your help to make this a success. Please take a look at the list of requests to help support this event. Please deliver all items to the main office by 7 am on Friday, May 5, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to call Kim McNair 704-560-3154. Thank you so much for your support!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4babaa2aa31-teacher2>

The exciting time of electing **PTSO officers for the 2017-2018** school year is upon us, and the PTSO needs your help with nominations. If you know someone who adores CATA and leadership (and we know you do!), please consider nominating that fabulous person for an office or position in the PTSO. It's a great way to contribute to so many areas and facets of an amazing school. If you think you'd be a perfect fit for the CATA PTSO yourself, let us know that, too, because we're sure we'd love to have you. Click here, fill in the requested information, and submit if interested.

PTSO – To get involved, please send an email to thecougarcouncil@gmail.com or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO.

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. 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 car-pool with or just to network with other parents in your student's academy.
<https://goo.gl/forms/MNtCilKqJRia6pNP2>

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 Athletics @CATA_Athletics
 Football @CATA_cougarfb
 Band @catabanddirect
 Student Council @StucoCata
 UCPS @UCPS_MonroeNC

The graphic features the Amazon Smile logo at the top left. To its right, a black box contains the text "CATA's Link" and the URL "https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1542614". Below the logo, the text reads "You shop. Amazon gives." followed by "Central Academy of Technology & Arts PTSO has linked up with Amazon Smiles." and "This is a simple and easy way to raise money for our school!". A central text box states: "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." To the right of this box, another text block says: "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."

Thank the CATA Community for Investing in Excellence through annual giving to the PTSO.

The PTSO Invest in Excellence Program was able to fund a Ballet Barre, DVD, and Program, Class novel sets of Frankenstein, Pre-Engineering supplies for projects, Science Arsenic Test Kits for the Lab, Math learning supplies, Media Center seating, whiteboard, and easel. tickets

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE! INVEST IN CATA!

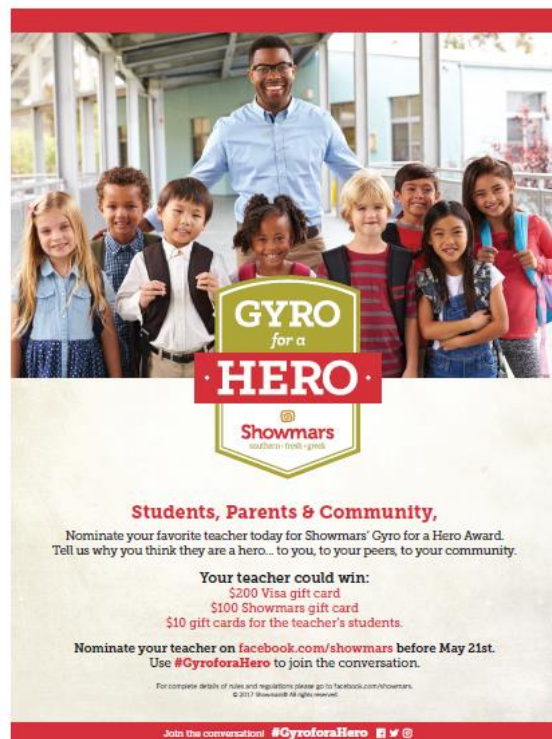
Administrative Information

Attendance Letters and Recovery : The latest round of attendance letters have been sent home with students and parents were notified by Connect Ed. If your child has 7 or more unexcused absences in a class then he or she must complete recovery. This round of recovery is to be completed by May 19. Please contact [Karen Riley](#) for information about recovery and click [here](#) for information about attendance and recovery.

There are no more parking spaces available for sale. Students may come to the office to get on a waiting list if they wish to possibly purchase a parking pass for this school year. Parking passes are not guaranteed as bus service is provided to the school and we have a limited supply of parking for the school.

Opportunity for students to serve on the Site Based Team

Students who are interested may apply to be on CATA's Site Based Team for 2017-2018. In order to qualify, the student must be in officer position on the student council. Commitment is meeting with staff and parents once per month after school. Please email or see Dr. Wall for details.






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Nominate your teacher on [facebook.com/showmars](https://www.facebook.com/showmars) before May 21st.
Use **#GyroforaHero** to join the conversation.

For complete details of rules and regulations please go to [facebook.com/showmars](https://www.facebook.com/showmars).
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Join the conversation! **#GyroforaHero**   



Annual Car Show

Saturday, May 13, 2017

9am - 1pm



Sponsored by **Handrick**
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Central Academy of Technology & Arts
600 Brewer Drive
Monroe, NC 28112

704-254-6502

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**FREE
ADMISSION!**

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Car clubs and car enthusiasts - this is your opportunity to showcase your cars and show your support for your local school. There are several different ways that you can participate in this great event. Whether you would like to register to display your car or have it judged, be a sponsor for the event, a vendor displaying your services and products, or would be willing to make a monetary donation or items for the raffle - we have an opportunity for you to participate! Please make plans now to attend this great event!

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!!

**VENDORS WILL BE SERVING FOOD STARTING AT 9AM WITH
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT 10:30!**

RAFFLE DRAWINGS THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

Some raffle items are -

Tickets to Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway

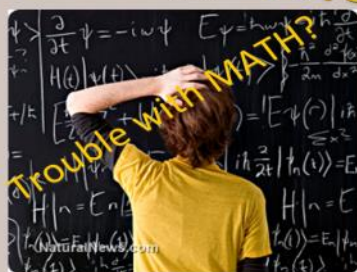
Sheet Metal from Nascar Race Car

Gift Bag from Auto Zone

and much more!

THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN
MATHEMATICS IS TO DO MATHEMATICS.
Paul Halmos

Math Lab



Mr. Broome

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

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Improve your math
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Monday, Tuesday
and Thursday
8:15am - 8:40am
Media Center



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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

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BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU.
Mark Twain

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.



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