

Central Academy of Technology and Arts

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Dear CATA Family,

We wanted to take a moment to express our thanks to our CATA Parents. When your child made the decision to attend CATA you also made a commitment to supporting your child's studies, and extracurricular involvements. So from CATA to you—Thank you Parents for all you do!

Students and Parents, Final Exams start on Monday June 5th and students are required to take exams that week. [Please click here for the exam schedule and study tips.](#) Students in the 9th through 11th grades were recognized for receiving Academic Bars & Letters from the Fall of 2016 at a breakfast this week. Those students who were unable to attend may pick up their Bar or Letter in the guidance office. Seniors will be recognized for Bar and Letter honors during the senior awards ceremony on 5/26. Junior Marshals, new Student Council Officers, and Academic Excellence Recipients are posted in this issue. This coming week the PTSO is sponsoring the STAR breakfast for students who were nominated by their teachers for going above and beyond. The breakfast is on 5/31 at 8:45 AM in the media center. Students who were invited to attend are posted in this issue. Our Annual Senior Awards Day is this Friday 5/26 at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium. **Graduation tickets** are on sale until Thursday 6/1 in the main office before or after school and online. Students needing them received attendance waiver letters earlier in May and we sent home a second round this week. Please make sure the form is signed by a parent and returned to the main office. If your child has attendance recovery then he or she must make up their time by Friday, June 2. Students in grades 9 through 11 have the opportunity to attend the yearbook signing party on Friday 5/26 and may purchase tickets for \$2 at lunches until 5/26. Information about next year's PTSO officers is in this edition. Please contact the PTSO at thecougarcouncil@gmail.com if you are interested in serving.

CATA took two awards at the Blumeys on Sunday evening. Pit Orchestra musicians for Sweeney Todd took the best orchestra award and Justin Rivers was named best actor for his portrayal of Sweeney Todd. Justin now goes to NYC to compete for national honors in June. This year's Spring Chorus Concerts are on 5/26 and 5/27 at 7:30 PM. This year's Spring Band Concert is tonight Thursday 5/25 at 7 PM. The Senior Theater Students will perform on 6/2 and 6/3 at 7 PM.

Those interested in participating in Athletics next year—Free Sports physicals offered by NOVANT on Saturday 6/3 – registration closes on 5/28.

Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that we are hosting our **annual Car Show, which is Saturday, June 3**. 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



Guidance News



Seniors Information and Scholarships

Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2017, 7:30 PM at Winthrop

Coliseum—Tickets on sale 5/8 to 6/1 before and after school in the main office or online. Students receive four free tickets and can purchase additional for \$7.

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!](#)

—Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Zeta Chapter Scholarship

This organization will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior who is interested in entering the teaching profession. Deadline is May 31. [Click here for information.](#)

Class Information and College and Career Corner

“Rising 12th Graders - Earn College Credit Over the Summer”

SPCC is offering two Career & College Promise courses this summer; ISC112 – Industrial Safety and WBL110 – World of Work. If you take the ISC112 course, you can receive the 10-Hour OSHA Safety Certification. If you take the WBL110 course, you can learn skills that prepare you for the workplace. Please see Ms. Lawson for more information.

**CLASS OF
2018**

**CLASS
OF 2019**

**Class of
2020**

AP + PLTW Student Recognition Application Now Open

The application to receive AP + PLTW Student Recognition is now open. College Board and Project Lead the Way have teamed up to offer this recognition that will demonstrate to colleges and employers that the student is ready for advanced course work and interested in careers in this discipline. Students must submit their applications by June 30, 2017. Students that are eligible to receive AP + PLTW recognition, received a letter from Mrs. Webb on March 6, 2017.

https://www.apandpltw.org/?ep_mid=11372895&ep_rid=177459668

“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.

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



- ♦ Anna Barber recognized Mr. Hardy in the Union County Education Foundation "Sweet Salute," as the teacher who most influenced her academic career.
- ♦ **Get Your Yearbooks!** Yearbooks are now on sale for \$85! Buy your 2017 yearbook today! 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/>
- ♦ The CATA Band Program's Spring Show "Blue" will take place on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Admission is a donation at your own discretion. Most of the works on this concert are student arranged and led and truly is a collaboration of the CATA Performing Arts. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the 2017 CATA Academic Excellence Award Recipients -

Asare Browne & Nicholas Terwilliger - **9th Grade Academic Excellence**

Alex Pendergast & Aiden St Hilaire - **10th Grade Academic Excellence**

Ryan David & Samuel Knittel - **11th Grade Academic Excellence**

Molly Boda & Kaylianna Ritz - **12th Grade Academic Excellence**

Zachary Fox - **Yes I Can Award**

Kayla Knox - **Most Improved Award**

Elizabeth Helms - **Principal's Award**

Nazirah Ahmad - **Superintendent's Leadership Award**

Anna Drage - **Service Learning Award**

National Honors Society - **Service Learning Club Award**

Congratulations to the 2017 CATA Junior Marshals -

Haley Beard, Christina Bryan, Ryan David, Ceyda Guley, Benjamin Gundersen, Magdalene Horne, Sara Kalaf, Samuel Knittel, Jonathan Lorry, Shannon Lawler, Colin Stewart

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Student Council Officers

Kyndal Ivey	Student Body President
Nicole Nava	Student Body Vice President
Garrett Gilmer	Student Body Secretary/Treasurer
Taylor Barnes	Spirit Leader
Akua Sackey	Spirit Leader
Kiara Patterson	Adviser's Assistant
Kahlil Cabbie	Senior Class President
Allyson Vasquez	Senior Class Vice President
Bailey Boryczewski	Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer
Hunter Thomp-	Junior Class President
Mariam Ali	Junior Class Vice President
Ashton Petty	Junior Class Secretary/Treasurer
Iyanna Brooks	Sophomore Class President
Brooke Lester	Sophomore Class Vice President
Nikol Stoycheva	Sophomore Class Secretary/Treasurer



Around CATA

Friday, May 26—Senior Awards Ceremony—9 AM (Auditorium); (Senior Yearbooks and Ice Cream for Seniors afterward in the Café; Chorus Concert, 7 PM (Auditorium); Yearbook Signing Party, Distribution grades 9-11 (Media Center), 2:50 PM ;

Saturday, May 27—Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM (Auditorium)

Monday, May 29—**NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day**

Tuesday, May 30— Yearbook Pick up during lunches for those who did not attend the signing party;

Wednesday, May 31— PTO Star Breakfast, 8:45AM (Media Center); Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 PM (Media Conference Rm.); Performing Arts Banquet, 6 PM Banquet, 7 PM Awards (Café/ Auditorium)

Thursday, June 1— Band Banquet, 7 PM (Media Center and Auditorium); Junior Marshall Practice, 3:35 PM (Rm. 108)

Friday, June 2—Theater IV Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium)

Friday, June 3—Theater IV Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium); Annual CATA Car Show, 9:00 AM to 1

Upcoming Events

5/8 to 5/26—Graduation Ticket Sales

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

Senior Week Events

Friday: Senior Awards will be held during 1st and 2nd block. Following the awards there will be a Senior Ice Cream social and year book signing in the Cafeteria.



Annual Car Show

NEW DATE, Sat. JUNE 3rd

9am - 1pm



Sponsored by



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

704-254-6502

myrahledbetter@gmail.com

**FREE
ADMISSION!**

Central Academy of Technology & Arts is proud to announce that we are hosting our annual Car Show ~~on May 3rd~~. This car show is an exciting family fun event that will feature all classes of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors and more! Families will enjoy a fun and exciting event that will be a major fundraiser for the school.

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!

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**

Track & Field – Men's 4 x 800 Relay – Finished 4th @ States – Jesse Ballew, Evan Wunder, Josh Weirich, & Jackson Hase.

Upcoming Events:

Free Sports physicals offered by NOVANT on **Saturday June 3rd** – registration closes on May 28th

Summer workout schedules for Football, Volleyball, Women's Tennis & Soccer are posted on the CATA Website. [Click here.](#)

Fall 2017 schedules are posted on the CATA Website. [Click here.](#)

Fall paperwork will be revised and posted on the CATA website by the end of June. All paperwork – besides the physical must be dated 7/1/2017 or later. [Click here.](#)

Students MUST have a current physical to participate in summer workouts.

Fall Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer: Jay Niessner – jay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us

Football – Shane Griffin – Edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us

Volleyball – Stephanie Peacock – Stephanie.peacock@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cheerleading – Ashely Lawson – Ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us

Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – kim.inuwa@gmail.com

Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us

Women's Golf – Mike Jacobus – mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us



Parent Involvement

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end, we are also looking ahead to the next. Next year's Cougar Council (PTSO) was elected at our last meeting.

Your 2017-2018 Executive Officers are:

President - Teri Tucker

Vice President - Emily Watts

Secretary - Michelle Schrader

Treasurer - Ann Helms

Staff advisor/liaison - Deb Christensen

We have also begun recruiting volunteers to Chair and/or participate on the following committees:

Fundraising - Myra Ledbetter, Chair

Performing Arts - Janet Peirano, Chair

Hospitality -

Communication -

Membership -

If you, or someone you know, have an interest in serving CATA's students and staff in one of these areas, please complete this brief [form](#) or contact us at thecougarcouncil@gmail.com.

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

Cougar Council, CATA PTSO: Academic Recognition Breakfast:

ITEMS needed for donation- May 31st

Hello CATA families! To honor CATA's Academic All-Stars, the PTSO will host the second semester Student Academic Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, May 31 in the Gym at the beginning of the day. **Gift cards for Bojangles biscuits can be turned into the CATA Main Office labeled for PTSO Academic Breakfast by 12 pm on Friday, May 26th.**

We need Non-perishable breakfast items, which are listed in the sign up link below. If you can donate anything, please send the item in any time between now and 4 pm Tuesday May 30th, so we have them in time for an early set up the next day.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support!

Please click here to sign up to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kim M. 704-560-3154

Sarah May [704-780-1576](tel:704-780-1576)

Friday, June 21st period review 8:50 to 10:20**Monday, June 5**8:50 – 12:50 1st period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 2nd period review**Tuesday, June 6**8:50 – 12:50 2nd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 3rd period review**Wednesday, June 7**8:50 – 12:50 3rd period exams in all classes

12:50 – 1:30 lunch – in café and gym

1:35 – 3:30 4th period review**Thursday, June 8**8:50 – 12:50 4th 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

Friday, June 9 is a makeup exam day – students needing to make up an exam should report to school by 8:50 to start.

Click on any part of this **EXAM SCHEDULE** for more exam information and study tips.

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.

Be in the Know by following us on Twitter

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 @CATA_Counseling
 Dance @CATA_DANCE
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 Band @catabanddirect
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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.

Students Invited to the Spring 2017 PTSO Sponsored **STAR Breakfast** on Wednesday, May 31 at 8:45 AM in the Media Center. These students were nominated by their teachers for this special recognition.

SPRING 2107 STAR BREAKFAST STUDENTS

Catherin Alamos	Carissa Madouse
Alex Albrecht	Jazmin Manzo
Clark Appling	Ethan Martin
Abrey Austin	Jacob Martin
Katelyn Averill	Brandon Maske
Carrie Baumgardner	Hannah Massey
Caleb Beckstein	Sophia Maupin
Casey Bigham	Jesse McMillan
Kenneth (KJ) Braman	Jessica Medina
Andrew Branca	Alyssa Mikesal
Caitlyn Brown	Elijah Miles
Asare Browne	Noah Minsk
Olivia Bunnell	Brenda O'Campo
Michael Caputo	Megan O'Neill
Ryan Carpenter	Tyler Palmer
Chethana Chennuri	Karl Parlman
Riley Chickorse	Unique Perez
William Michael Cramer	Faviana Petru
Caitlin Crump	Ashton Petty
Lauryn Dickson	Kira Polchow
Madison Disotell	Claire Rains
Logan Edney	Christopher Ramirez
Qasim El-Amin	Nick Rangolan
Cora Elliott	William Recher
Isabella Fario	Joshua Reeder
Payton Farley	Alex Reilly
Noah Fatih	Sahara Roberts
Kathy Fiallo	Blake Rorie
Katrina Focht	Patrick Rose
Lauren Francis	Elizabeth Rowell
Caitlyn George	Maddy Sedberry
Deanna Gillespie	Gianna Sedotto
Megan Gioffre	Mikayla Shine
Miranda Goodwin	Stephanie Shue
Jade Graham	Jack Sloan
Chase Green	Destiny Starling
Ceyda Guley	Catherine (Lexi) Starnes
Christian Holmes	Madelyn Starr
Maggie Home	Colin Stewart
Sam Jackson	Paul Suggs
Gisselle Jarquin	Matthew Thompson
Conner Jones	Asahel (Ash) Tinoco-Becerra
Jake Karas	Bobbie (Matthew) Tucker
Zackary Kiker	Dayanara Villa
Kelsey Lawing	Alice Wall
Alyssa Levine	Karrington Wallace
Amaya Lewis	Grace Wiggs
Katie Lyons	Jack Wild