Central Academy of Technology and Arts Cougar Chronicle

Welcome Back

Dear CATA Family,

Old and New, we are so glad you are with us for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We have had a GREAT start!!! Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to our football team for their win this past Friday. We had a wonderful atmos-

phere with all the pageantry offered by the Band of Blue and our cheerleaders. In addition, we would like to congratulate our Volleyball team for a hard fought five game match win against Union Academy. Soccer, Tennis, Golf, and Cross Country have also started out their seasons strong!! Keep up the hard work.

- Seniors, An order form for your **Senior Class of 2017 shirt and sign** is in this edition of the Chronicle
- Tuesday, September 6th is **underclassmen photo day** for all Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior Students. Please check out the ad in this week's Chronicle
- Mark your calendars for our **Open House** on Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 8.
- We are having a **CATA PTSO membership drive contest**. Please see the chronicle for details. We welcome and encourage everyone to join the PTSO! It is a vital school organization.
- We are in need of volunteers for our **Cougar Concessions** throughout the year. Please contact assistant principal, Mr. Wall for details and check out the chronicle.
- You can now buy **Cougar Spirit Wear** online, see the chronicle or our website.
- We encourage all students to become a member of our **Blue Crew** student section. Shirts are \$10 and are on sale this coming week at lunch and online.
- Yearbooks are on sale for \$65 and the price will go up on September 10 to \$75.
- Please check out the attendance and recovery policy described in the chronicle.
- Parent email and phone contact information—it is vital that we have accurate information so that we can reach you concerning your students. Email <u>Mr. William Smith</u> with any changes.
- Chromebooks for ALL students at CATA—Parents—all students have been issued a chromebook. Way to go! The technology user fee (which carries INSURANCE again this year!!) for your student is due by September 5th—you can pay now ONLINE by going to our main CATA website. The fee is \$25.
- Students are expected to check their school email account daily as both teachers and administration use this to communicate with students.



• Need to see your child's teacher's Canvas page—ask your child to open the page for you so that you can view the syllabus and course materials.

Go Cougars! Dr. Fisenne



Student Parking Passes

STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL WILL NEED TO HAVE A HANG TAG TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE. The availability of reserved parking spots is not guaranteed as we have limited spaces. Spots are only available if spaces remain. Students obtaining their license during the school year are not guaranteed a spot, and may have to wait until the following year to drive. We will have a waitlist for those students bringing in all appropriate documentation.

Beta Club Induction

The Beta Club Induction Ceremony is September 8 at 7 pm in the auditorium. Parents of all existing and new Beta Club members are welcome to attend. and desserts will be served in the cafeteria afterwards. New members were sent a letter in their advisory class on



Tuesday, Aug. 30 announcing their acceptance into the club. Sarah Henry is the faculty advisor CATA's Beta Club.

Open House—Meet the Teachers; Monday September 12th: 6:30-8:00. We hope to see you there!!

CATA Community Read

Our faculty and staff are excited and ready to meet with our students to discuss summer read books. They have wonderful activities planned to share. Students should have received an email Tuesday, Aug 30th reminding them of the book they signed up for last year or the book they were assigned to read. Students will receive another email on Monday 9/5 identifying the location for their Summer Read session, next week.

New 9th and 10th arade students should read "All I Really Need to know I learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum.



CATA Spirit Wear available online and at home Football Games. Support the Band and CATA and get your spirit on.

To see all available spirt wear for CATA click here





Support our athletics and our Band of Blue at once by showing school spirit!!





College and Career Corner—Class Information SAT Prep Course with Future Prep @ CATA:

CATA will once again be offering an SAT prep course through Future Prep right here at CATA! Students will review content on all three areas of the NEW SAT with a special focus on the essay. Students will also learn specific strategies that will help maximize their test day performance. As part of this prep course, students will take a full-length practice test halfway through. In preparation for the *11/5 SAT*, this prep course will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. beginning 9/29 and ending 11/3. The practice test will be held on Saturday, 10/15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for the entire course is \$179. Please visit <u>http://www.futureprep.com/sat.php</u> or call (704)307-8975 to sign up. Please see Mrs. Cameron if you have any questions.

US Air Force JROTC—CATA and Monroe HS students join together each year in the Air Force JROTC program. For more information click here or go to the CATA website, to Academics, then to Course Curriculum to see the brochure. Don't delay! If you are interested, please contact your counselor today!

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.

"Career of the Week – Nurse Practitioners"

What is a nurse practitioner? Nurse practitioners, or Advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) are registered nurses (RN) with more education. Because an APRN receives more education, they can perform more duties than an RN. APRN's can take a patient's history, perform physical exams, have lab work ordered, read and analyze lab results, write prescriptions, inform and authorize treatments, as well as, educate patients and families on continued care. Some of the tasks APRNs perform are similar to those performed by a physician; however, their additional education is not the same. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Nurse practitioners as number 6 in their list of Best Jobs of 2016.

CHROMEBOOK ROLL OUT- 2016-2017 STUDENTS RECEIVED CHROMEBOOKS ON THE SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL!

The required technology user fee (\$25) for your student is due by September 5th. This fee includes an insurance policy that covers accidental damage. It is important to pay your fee so that if there is accidental damage to your child's computer that it is covered. You can pay this fee online.

CLASS OF

OF 201

Class of

2020

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 Kendall Cameron: Pre-Engineering and Performing Arts (theatre & dance) Melody Carr: Information Systems (CyberSecurity, Computer Engineering, Software & Game Design) and Music Production & Recording Arts.

AP Level Classes:

Students in AP level courses should expect to take a rigorous AP-level final exam with their AP teacher prior to taking the actual AP exam. This AP level exam will count for 25% of their final grade in the AP course. This will ensure that they are preparing well enough to pass these college-level courses and exams. Teachers will discuss this more with your student at the start of each course. It is important that you and your student remember that an AP course should be a college-level course, and as such, have college-level assess-

Schedule Changes: Friday, September 2 is the last day for a request

- ALL schedule requests will be submitted using the Schedule Change form available in guidance OR by emailing your counselor.
- So that counselors can have ample time to meet the needs of all students requesting changes, there will not be any meetings with counselors to discuss schedule changes. If there is a need for a discussion the counselor will contact you via email or phone. Please be sure to provide information on the online form where you can be reached.

Seniors....Graduation—Saturday, June 10, 2016 7:30 PM at Winthrop Coliseum

Senior Pictures: Students had the opportunity to have senior pictures taken over the summer. If you did not get this done, plan on having your picture taken at CATA on 9/22 & 9/23. (Students will receive their scheduled appointments on these days by mail in advance.)



Senior Graduation Packages: Senior orders for robes and other graduation materials will be taken on **Thursday**, **September 8th.** Please be sure to watch for more information from Josten's.

Senior t-shirts: and signs: If you still need to order one, the form is in this newsletter—turn into the front office this week.

College Recommendations: Be sure to provide staff with a minimum of 3—4 weeks time to complete a recommendation for you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet dead-lines, teachers cannot put aside their teaching or family responsibilities because you neglected to ask them in advance.

Scholarship Spotlight:

Morehead-Cain Scholarship:

The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It promises: full tuition, student fees, housing, meals, books, a laptop, supplies, and Discovery Funds to be used for education opportunities. **To be selected, students must:** 1). Have a challenging schedule; 2). Have above average SAT/ACT scores; 3). Demonstrate leadership through courage, action, and initiative; 4). Demonstrate character by exhibiting the highest levels of integrity, honesty, conscientiousness, bravery, humility, generosity, and empathy; and 5). Demonstrate physical vigor by playing a sport/having a commitment to an active lifestyle. If you are interested in this scholarship, and feel that you meet the criteria, please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up an interest form. You must provide a resume in addition to the interest form. Please note: CATA is only eligible to nominate 2 seniors; however, if you are not selected, you may apply as an individual. For more information, please visit: http://www.moreheadcain.org/. **Deadline to submit interest form and resume: September 9, 2016.**

Park Scholarship at NC State University:

The Park Scholarship is a four-year scholarship awarded on the basis of outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This scholarship is valued at about \$107,000 for North Carolina residents, including: tuition and fees; room and board; books and personal expenses; educational trips retreats and seminars; enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, and conferences; early course registration, and more. To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and apply for fall, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State. Students are selected based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. A complete description of each quality is available here: http://park.ncsu.edu/apply/selection-criteria/ Scholarship criteria include: 1). Excellent academic standing and strong standardized test scores; 2). A high level of engagement and leadership in a few meaningful activities in your school or community; 3). A desire to master subjects and to seek learning experiences outside the classroom; 4). Assuming formal leadership roles; 5). Demonstrating service by finding ways to improve the lives of others; and 6). Demonstrating character by setting positive examples for others, having personal fortitude, and having the highest levels of integrity. To apply, students must be endorsed by their school counselor. However, if you feel that you meet the criteria, and you are not nominated, you may self-endorse. If you believe you meet these criteria, and you are interested in being endorsed, please pick up an interest form in the Guidance Office. Please note: CATA is only allowed to endorse two students. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Cameron, For more information, please visit: http:// park.ncsu.edu/. Deadline to turn in the interest form and your resume: September 9, 2016.

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.

University of South Carolina - September 8, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.

- East Carolina University September 9, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Long Island University September 14, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Duke University October 5, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Wofford College October 7, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University October 7, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Elon University October 17, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- High Point University October 17, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.
- **Queens University** October 21, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Appalachian State University October 24, 2016 @ 2:15 p.m.

Help our PTSO raise funds to support instruction and academies throughout CATA! Take a LOOK at the PTSO Membership Contest below There are simple ways to do this—for example, raise money as you shop at Harris Teeter. Simply link your HT card to CATA. If you have done this in the past—thank you! But you do need to re-link after August 1st each year. CATA school # is 3612. Last year we had 98 links and raised over \$700. With over 800 students at our school, we know we can beat that this year! Link your HT card today.			
	CATA PTSO MEMBERSHIP CONTEST – TAKE THE CHALLENGEJOIN TODAY!		
	Parent or Guardian Name:		
	Student Name(s):		
	3 RD BLOCK CLASS: Grade Level: Academy:		
	Grade Level: Academy:		
	Address		
	City:Zip code:		
	E-Mail: Phone: (H)(C)		
	Volunteering your time and investing in your student's future is very much appreciated. Please check the committee or activity in which you are interested in helping. HospitalityTeacher Appreciation CommitteePerforming ArtsFundraisingVolunteer		
	Return this form and contribution of \$10.00 per family to the front office or a teacher. Checks should be made out to Cougar Council, PTSO. Thank you. THE THIRD BLOCK CLASS WITH THE MOST PTSO MEMBERS WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY!!		
	Deadline to return to CATA is Friday, September 30! Pizza Party October 3!!!		

How to Get Involved as Parents:

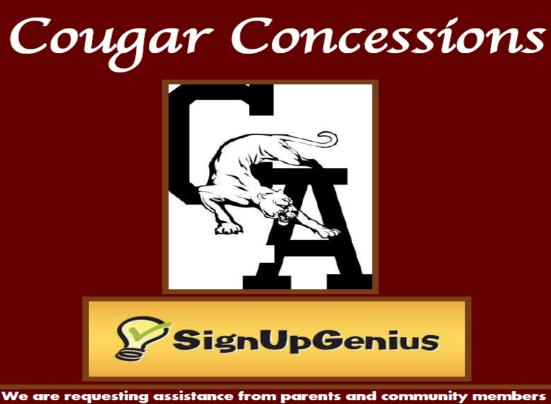
- PTSO please send an email to <u>thecougarcouncil@gmail.com</u> or call the main office and leave a message for the PTSO. Our PTSO President is Kathie McKain, but we are looking for a new president for the start of this year. Please consider and get involved. Please see the PTSO Membership form on the next page.
- Band Booster Club Contact Band Booster president Aime Gunderson to volunteer at <u>catabandpresident@gmail.com</u>
- 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.

CATA Cougars Athletic Fundraiser

Please support our student-athletes by donating to our very important Fall Athletic Fundraiser. While the school receives money from the system to cover part of our travel, officials, and security expenses; many expenses must be covered by fundraising, concession sales, and gate receipts.

This year we are raising money for the general athletic program, program upgrades/repairs (ex. new mower, sprinkler repairs), uniform rotation funds. Each team has an fundraising account set up to raise money for the general program as well as a team need or wish. Please consider donating. Your donations are tax deductible.

> <u>Click here to go to</u> <u>athletics page to donate</u>



We are requesting assistance from parents and community members to volunteer for our Cougar Concessions for JV and Varsity Volleyball and JV and Varsity Men's Soccer this Fall. Please use the link below to sign up for a time. If you have any questions please contact CATA Assistant Principal Josh Wall at Josh.wall@ucps.k12.nc.us. All concession funds support the entire athletic department.

Link: http://goo.gl/Th25Cm

Click anywhere on the Concessions Box to the left to go to Sign Up Genius.

Thank you in advance!!

COUGAR ATHLETICS

If you have questions about athletics or want to volunteer to help with athletics, please send an email to Athletic Director, <u>Coach Jay Niessner</u>.

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

Upcoming Events:

September 2nd:

AWAY Football vs. Union Academy 7:30 pm

September 3rd:

HOME CATA Cougar Cross Country Invitational 9:00 am

September 6th:

HOME Cross Country vs. Rocky River Conference – 4:30 pm HOME Golf vs Weddington – Monroe Country Club – 4:00 pm AWAY Volleyball vs. Cuthbertson – 4:30/6:00 pm

September 7th

HOME Volleyball vs. Piedmont – 4:30/6:00 pm AWAY Soccer vs. Lake Norman Charter – 7:00 pm

September 8th

AWAY Tennis vs. Monroe – 4:00 pm AWAY Volleyball vs. Porter Ridge – 4:30/6:00 pm AWAY Soccer vs. Cuthbertson – 4:30/6:00 pm AWAY Golf @ Mt. Pleasant – 4:00 pm

September 9th

HOME Football vs. Metrolina – 7:30 pm Gates open @ 6:00 pm

Fall Sports Head Coach Contact Information:

Athletic Director & Men's Soccer – Jay Niessner – j<u>ay.niessner@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Football – Shane Griffin – <u>edward.griffin@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Volleyball – Doug Mayhew – <u>doug.mayhew@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Cheerleading – Ashley Lawson – <u>ashley.lawson@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Women's Golf – Mike Jacobus – <u>mike.jacobus@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Women's Tennis – Nelson Rowell – <u>nelson.rowell@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> Cross Country – Kim Inuwa – <u>kim.inuwa@gmail.com</u>

Congratulations to all our 2015-2016 athletes and coaches—we were one of the schools that were EJECTION-free last year. Let's do it again Cougars!!!!









Join the BLUE CREW Student Section today and support all of our athletic teams and band as the compete throughout the year! The BLUE CREW shirts are \$10 and are on sale during upperclass men orientation on Monday, August 22, Freshman Orientation on Tuesday, August 23, ONLINE or the CATA Website, at Football, Volleyball, and Soccer Games this Fall, and at lunches during the first week of school until sold out! WEAR this shirt to support all of our Cougars!

Pick up online purchases during the on sale times listed.

Link for online purchases:



Best price of the year!

Order online at www.yearbookforever.com. Search for CATA. Or Bring cash or check to Ms. Christensen -please make checks payable to Central Academy. \$65.00

Next price increase is on September 10th when the price will go to \$75.00

Around CATA

Thursday, September 1- Lockers and Blue Crew Shirts for Sale during lunches; Senior Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium)

Friday, September 2- Lockers and Blue Crew Shirts for Sale during lunches

Monday, September 5– NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6- Underclassmen Photo Day; NHS meetings at 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM (Media Center); UCPS Board Meeting, 7 PM (Media Center)

Wednesday, September 7– PTSO Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Media Center)

Thursday, September 8- Josten's Senior Orders (And Ring Delivery) (Café during Lunch);

Beta Club Mtg. 3:35 PM (Media Center);

Beta Club Induction, 7 PM (Auditorium); USC College Visit, 2 PM (Media Center)

Friday, September 9- Science Olympiad, 3:30 PM (Rm. 605); ECU Visit, 2 PM (Media Center)

Upcoming Events

9/5—NO School-Labor Day 9/6—Underclassmen Photos, during the school day, (Auditorium) 9/8—Josten's Senior Orders (Also Ring Delivery), All Lunches (Café) 9/8—Beta Club Induction, 7 PM (Auditorium) 9/12—PTSO Open House, 6:30 PM 9/15 to 10/15—Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month 9/16 to 9/17—NCTAE Statewide Theatre Conference 9/20—Progress Reports 9/21—Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:15 AM, (Rm. 401) 9/22 to 9/23—Senior Cap and Gown Pictures (For Absentee and Makeup (Media Center)) 9/26 to 9/29—Theatre Rehearsals, 4-9 PM, (Auditorium) 9/28—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 (Media Conference Room) 9/29 to 10/1—Theatre Performance, 7 PM (Auditorium) 10/2—Theatre Performance, 2 PM (Auditorium) 10/3—Early Release Schedule Day, 8:50 until 12:30 10/5—Student Life Organization Meeting, 8:15 (Rm. 401) 10/8—NCASC Western District Student Council Conference (Union Academy) 10/10—End of Grading Period 10/25—Winter Sports Parent/Team 10/10 to 10/15—Homecoming Week Night, 7 PM (Auditorium) 10/12-NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workday 10/26—Site Based Team Meeting, 3:45 10/17—CFNC Financial Aid Night, 6:30 PM (Auditorium) (Media Center Conference Rm.) 10/18—Underclassmen Absentee Photos and Retakes 10/31—Annual Trunk or Treat, 4:15 PM 10/19—Report Cards (Staff Parking Lot)

10/19—PSAT Administration

Student Life Notes

- The Beta Club will have a meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 3:35 in the Media Center and hold their Induction Ceremony in the Auditorium at 7 PM.
- The National Honor Society will hold meetings on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:15 AM and 3:35 PM in the Media Center. Inductions will be on September 13 at 7:30 PM
- If you are interested in Science Olympiad, the please see Ms. Cross in Room 605. The first meeting is Friday, September 9 from 3:30 to 5:30.
- Stay tuned for news on the Student Council membership drive.
- Student Life Meetings for advisers and organization presidents are on the first Monday of each month, except for the first one on Wednesday, September 21. Meetings are in room 401

Cougar Pride - Way to go!!!

- ⇒ Three Student Dance Works from our **Dance Academy** were selected for the 2016 Middle and High School Dance Festival—"Accumulation", "Geometric", and "Vice" will be performed at the Knight Theatre in Charlotte!
- ⇒ Air Force JROTC News—Andrew McDow will serve as the 2016-2017 Cadet Group Commander for NC-931! Andrew will be in charge of all three squadrons comprised of both CATA and Monroe High School students. Way to go Andrew and all of the JROTC students!!!
- ⇒ Central Academy Fishing Club ranked #1 in the final 2015-2016 Scholastic Anglers School of the Year Rankings!!! Way to go CATA Fishing Club!!!
- ⇒ Thank you to the JV Volleyball team for participating in the United Way Day of Caring and serving our greater community



⇒ Congratulations to Zaria Reep and her Poem Flying to Freedom in the Union County Writers Club 2016 Olive Howie Summer Youth Poetry Contest

United Way Day of Caring

Thank you to our JV Volleyball team and Ms. Peacock for participating in the United Way's Day of Caring for Union County. They kicked off the day at the Wingate stadium, and then went to the Monroe Red Cross and helped hand out crisis information in Saint John's Forrest.





Procedures for absent students, Attendance Policy, 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 Cougar Teachers Collaborating



Its Great to be a CATA Cougar !!!

Remember to go and **VOTE** on **Tuesday**, **November 8**.

Registration Drive for students at CATA in the coming weeks.



It's Picture Time!!! Selectore Time!!!

DRESS YOUR BEST!!!

Everyone Will Be Photographed For Yearbook Purposes

Central Academy

Tuesday, September 6th, 2016

Please Do Not Forget Your Payment and Order Forms

Students Need to Have Order Forms in Hand at the Camera



METRO PORTRAITS 4417 Monroe Road Charlotte NC 28205 704-376-9889 1-800-5863-0406



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

CATA Class of 2017

Rising Seniors Pre-Order Form



- Orders should be placed no later than <u>September 23rd</u>.
- Orders must be accompanied with payment by <u>CASH</u> or <u>CHECK</u> only
- Checks made payable to <u>CATA PTSO</u> \$10.00 per T-Shirt, \$20 per sign or \$25 for both!
- Tear off bottom portion return to <u>Ms. Christensen in the media center with payment</u>
- T-Shirts will be available in October.

CATA 2017 Seniors Pre-Order Form

Student Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	Senior T-Shirt Perk: Seniors that wear
Please indicate number of T-Shirts and Sizes below:	the official Senior T -Shirt with CATA
T-shirt/Lawn Sign Combo: \$25.00 eaTotal ordered:	Pride will receive a
T-Shirts: \$10.00 - Total ordered:	concession/special at a Fall/Winter &
Senior Lawn Sign: \$20.00 each—Total ordered:	Spring SENIOR
T-Shirt Size: SMALL MEDIUM	NIGHT.
LARGE XL XXL	SI]3

Total Paid: ____

Thank you for supporting your students and the PTSO! Sale proceeds will be used by the PTSO to support students and CATA programs in our upcoming school year.

Teen Drivers and Cell Phone Use



It is against the law in North Carolina for drivers under the age of 18 to use a mobile phone or any technology associated with a mobile telephone while a vehicle is in motion.

Exceptions include:

Talking to an emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office, or health clinic; a public or privately owned ambulance company or service; a fire department; a law enforcement agency or the operator's parent, legal guardian or spouse.

Penalty:

If a minor is caught using a mobile communication device while driving, they will receive a \$25 fine. In addition to mobile phones, the law also stipulates the use of "other technology" that provides access to digital media such as a digital camera, email, music, the Internet or games.

No driver license points, insurance surcharge or court costs are assessed as a result of a violation of this law.

This law became effective December 1, 2007.

Did you know?

- In 2008, there were 46,492 traffic crashes involving 15-to-19 year olds.
- Those crashes resulted in 81 fatalities and more than 8,000 injuries.
- Of the fatalities, 54 percent of the drivers were not wearing a seat belt.
- More than 1,200 crashes were alcohol-related.

Texting While Driving



North Carolina prohibits ALL drivers from texting or reading a text message while a vehicle is in motion.

Exceptions include:

Those performing in official duties such as: a law enforcement officer; a member of a fire department; or the operator of a public or private ambulance.

Penalty:

A driver that is caught texting or reading a text message while driving will face a fine of \$100 plus court fees of at least \$130. The violation will not add points to your driving record and an insurance surcharge will not be assessed.

This law became effective December 1, 2009.

Did you know?

- In North Carolina, the law now requires ALL passengers in a vehicle wear their seat belts. There are no longer age exceptions for passengers in the back seat.
- The majority of teen crashes occur between the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The three most common contributing factors of teen crashes include, failure to yield, failure to reduce speed and driving too fast for conditions.
- In 68 percent of teen crashes, the teen driver was named at fault for the crash.

