



# CATS PRIDE

**MAY 2023**

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY 1, 2023**

**COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING  
6:00 PM CATS  
CONFERENCE  
CENTER**

**MAY 2, 2023**

**PROGRESS  
REPORTS  
ISSUED**



**MAY 8, 2023**

**ISS School Board  
Meeting CATS  
Conference Center  
6:00 PM**

**May 14 2023**



**May 29, 2023**



**Parents, students and stakeholders:**

*May is always a very special month for several reasons. We have a time set aside during the calendar to show appreciation to people in our lives who are always there to pick us up when we falter, nurture us through aches and pains and times when we just need someone to make us feel special. First, we celebrate and recognize the care-givers in our lives; our mothers on Mother's Day, siblings on the first Wednesday of the*

*month; teachers and Red Cross Workers during National Teacher Appreciation Week; military spouses, nurses and of course, we have the opportunity to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day. As we begin to bring this school year to a close, I encourage all students to continue to do their best on exams, complete their projects and get all their time made up so that they are able to earn all credits for next year as they prepare to move on to the next grade. Seniors, adhere to all deadlines regarding senior fees and completing your slides for Ms. Minarik as we move toward our Awards' Program on June 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the CATS Conference Center and Graduation on June 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the CATS Conference Center. Please pay close attention to your dates and events set for the end of school.*

**Happy Mother's Day!!!!!!**

*Sincerely,*

*Larry E. Rogers*

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Students in the Auto Tech, Collision and Repair, Diesel Technology, Digital Media, Motorcycle Technology and Welding Departments represented CATS at the 2023Skills USA State Conference at the Koury Convention Center and Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, NC on April 18-20, 2023.

Winners and categories are listed below.

- **\*Trinity Huntz took Gold in the Adobe Visual Competition.**
- (Although she won Gold in this event, she will not be attending the Nationals Competition, because it is not a SkillsUSA National Competition event)

## • Manicuring

- 1st Place-Guadalupe Jacinto Calvario
- 2nd Place-Yasmin Benitez Perez (She will go to Nationals as a model for Guadalupe)
- 3rd Place -Brianna La'shae Valencia
- 4th Place-Anguelica Rodriguez
- 5th Place-EibySantibanez Arroyo

## • Automotive

- Noah Fox-1st Place-Automotive Service Technology
- Josh Suarez-4th Place Automotive Service Technology
- Emerson Lowrie-2nd Place Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Jeremy Dalton-5th Place Automotive Refinishing Technology
- Wyatt Donahue-5th Place Collision Repair Technology
- Skylar Poore-1st Place-Motorcycle Service Technology
- Colby Zeigler-2nd Place-Motorcycle Service Technology
- Flor Rivera-1st Place Collision Damage Appraisal

Congratulations to all our students and instructors. Great Job. The National Competition will be June 19-24, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.



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Students in the VATS LAB celebrated Earth Day, April 22, 2023 by making “Dirt Cups” consisting of Oreo Crumbles, chocolate pudding and Gummy worms on top.





# Skills USA Highlights





# North Carolina Department Of Public Education Officials Welcomed to CATS

State Education Officials were welcomed to CATS on Friday, April 28, 2023 by Principal Larry E. Rogers. CATS was selected as one of the CTE Schools on the tour schedule offering courses preparing students for the workforce, military or further education. After a delicious luncheon prepared by Chef Turner and Culinary students, the group toured the campus.

Pictured below are State Superintendent, Catherine Truitt; Iredell-Statesville Superintendent, Dr. Jeff James; Dr. Heather Mullins, Southwest Regional Director; Tim Woody, ISS Director of Career and Technical Education; Robert Filter, Southwest Region CTE Consultant and Special Advisor to State Superintendent, Mr. Tabari Wallace.

Culinary students created a variety of cakes representing the programs at CATS. The cakes were presented to the delegation as gifts from our school district.









# Bobcats to Gentlemen



**The Bobcats Gentlemen Organization at Troutman Middle School is a very unique and hard working group of students who are evolving into refined and mannerly young gentlemen in grades six-eight. The organization was formed as a support group for young men. SRO Wayne Elmore wanted to do something that would help build a positive relationship with students and him as a policeman, as a role model and an SRO that would help students along the way. He approached CTE Teacher Kensley Dalton for his help and advice. The two sponsors began the club in 2019.**

**The focus of the club is character building and role modeling. The club meets on Monday's and Fridays for 45 minutes during Bobcat Time on campus. They discuss manners, positive ways to handle conflicts, etiquette, special events and setting future goals.**

**Their first big event was a Family Night Out Dinner that was catered by CATS Culinary Chef Turner and his students to celebrate their successes so far. The young men escorted the ladies to their tables, introduced family members in attendance and gave testimonials about the impact the group has had on improving their lives and relationships with peers and family member. See Photo Gallery.**











# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Emery Lowrie, was selected to receive this honor of Student of the Week by Collision Repair Instructor, Michael Bowman because she works hard, is always willing to help and eager to learn.

**Landon Coffey was selected to receive this honor by Instructor, Melissa Hardiman because he is kind and compassionate. He offers to help students and staff any time he can. He is a responsible young man that comes to class prepared with a positive attitude.**



**The Employment Preparation classes explored various jobs at Lowes while enjoying a scavenger hunt to make sure they visited the departments within the store.**

**Jayda Byers in the Pharmacy Tech Program was nominated by Nurse Jamie Head because she is a go getter!!! She always strives to do her best in class. She helps her teacher and other students.**





# NB Mills Carpentry, Culinary and Manicuring Camp Held at CATS



**NB Mills 4th and 5th grade students enjoyed a three-day camp working in the Carpentry Shop with Instructor, Will Pennell and enjoying freshly baked cookies in the Culinary Kitchen with Chef Nate Turner at CATS as a Mini-Camp April 12-14, 2023.**





**CATS iAcademy  
students Emily  
Campbell and  
Toby Cavin were  
inducted into the  
National**

**Technical Honor Society  
on April 18, 2023 at  
Statesville High School.**



Bryan Hartzog, Lead Instructor, Industrial Engineering & Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics Technology and Joey Phillips, Lead Instructor, Electronics & Computer Engineering from Wilkes Community College visited Instructor Jay Wooten's Classes in Drone Technology and Electronics on Friday, April 21, 2023. They talked with students about careers and opportunities at Wilkes College and plan to return to our campus.



Your life. Your college. Your future.

Mario Cristoforo, Classroom presenter/ Admissions from Johnson & Wales University met with Chef Turner's classes on Friday, April 28, 2023 to discuss admissions requirements for enrollment at Johnson & Wales University and gave demonstrations on creating Tiramisu.





# New Staff Members Welcomed to CATS



**CATS is very fortunate to welcome two new custodians to the Staff, Kenneth Torrence and Angel Grasty, who will be primarily working in the Main Building. Kenneth began on Friday, April 14, 2023 and Angel began on Monday, April 24, 2023. Mr. Torrence is a Statesville, NC native and recently retired from the City of Statesville but quickly became bored and wanted to begin a new career, so he selected CATS.**

**Mrs. Crasty was born in New Jersey and moved to North Carolina six months ago. She looked on line to find employment and applied for our custodian position. She enjoys spending time with family outdoors and exploring. She is glad to be in North Carolina and is looking forward to being apart of the Iredell-Statesville School System.**

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If you do not have a green thumb, the Welding Class is offering you an alternative. Have your flowers created from washers. Contact Instructor Dwayne Troutman at [dtroutman@iss.k12.nc.us](mailto:dtroutman@iss.k12.nc.us) for prices and an "arrangement."





## *Parents and students:*

*Please begin making plans for graduation on Thursday June 8, 2023 @ 2:00 PM in the CATS Conference Center.*

*Continue preparing to do well on all your final exams.*

*Our schedule will be posted on our web page.*



## **Dates to Remember:**

- \* Caps and gowns are available for pick-up at CATS.
- \* Uploaded Senior Slides are due to Ms. Minarik.
- \* Graduation Fee of \$40.00 is due and must be paid to pickup diploma and other gifts.
- \* Graduation Practice and Breakfast (Mandatory) June 7, 2023 @ 8:30 AM Conference Center
- \* Guests' tickets will be distributed after practice.
- \* Arrival time for candidates on graduation day-1:00 PM
- ♦ **Graduation Ceremony**  
**June 8, 2023**  
**CATS Conference Center @ 2:00 PM**

## **SAT TEST DATE**

**MAY 6, 2023**



## **SCORES**

**AVAILABLE**

**MAY 19, 2023**

# CLASS OF 2023





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*May 2, Sherry Sanchez*

*May 11, Jamie Head*

*May 13, Andy Chenevey*

*May 20, Chef Turner*

*May 22, Annette Eldridge*

**CATS Graduation Ceremony**

**June 8, 2023@ 2:00 PM**

**CATS Conference Center**

**350 Old Murdock Road**



## Mark Your Calendar

### >> UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 1, 2023-May Day**

**May 1, 2023-Committee of the Whole**

**CATS Conference Center 6:00 PM**

**May 2, 2023-Progress Reports Issued**

**May 4, 2023-National Day of Prayer**

**May 5, 2023-Teacher Workday /Cinco De Mayo Day**

**May 5, 2023-Staff Wellness Fair-Statesville Civic**

**Center 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**May 6-7, & 13, 2023-Nursing Fundamentals Test**

**Administered-7:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**May 8, 2023**



**ISS School Board Meeting**

**CATS Conference Center 6:00 PM**



**May 8-12, 2023**



**May 6-12, 2023**

**Nurses Week**

**May 12, 2023-Military Spouses Day**

**May 14, 2023-Mother's Day**



**May 14-20, 2023 National Police Week**



**May 21-27, 2023-Emergency Medical Services Week**



**May 28, 2023-Amnesty International Day**

The stated mission of the organization is to campaign for "a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human