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Emergency Rescue Academy Experience Firefighting World



Students take instruction from instructor, Mr. Bob Lamprecht and the Hobart Fire Department, before ascending 105 feet on the company's fire truck.

All of the students in the Emergency Rescue Technology class were able to get a bird's eye view of the school.



Open House at the Career and Tech Center, October 7, 6-7 pm

Please forward this newsletter to parents, students, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.

Student Rachel Gilliam receives instruction from Mr. Lamprecht on opening a fire hydrant for flushing.



Student Cassie Williams learns how to move the fire hose while other students look on.



Students had the opportunity to practice using the fire hose in class on September 4, 2009.



Mrs. Wilson's Medical Terminology Classes Participated in a Day of Challenge Education Activities on August 27



Katie Vettickal.

Court Reporting will be offered at Hobart High School, starting this school year. Since the program was approved late, only Hobart students will be enrolled this year. If the program is successful, the program will be offered to all District CTE students next year. Pictured at right is instructor, Katie Vettickal.



Morning Student Volunteers at the BalloonFest



Above are some wonderful Career Center students who helped the Valparaiso Kiwanis Club park cars at the recent Hot Air BalloonFest as a community service project. Over 35 students volunteered to help the local Kiwanis Club.

Hygiene and the Flu

The first step in prevention is getting your students and faculty vaccinated against the flu. This year, everyone should also be aware of the novel H1N1 flu virus - it is different than seasonal flu and so is the vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are currently developing vaccines against the new pandemic strain of the influenza virus, which are expected to be ready sometime this fall. However, other flu prevention steps are the same for both flu viruses. In addition to getting students and faculty vaccinated with both vaccines, practice these other prevention steps to help prevent the spread of illness in your school:

1. **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
2. **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hands sanitizers are also effective.
3. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
4. **Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
5. **Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.

* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes that, based on available scientific information, currently registered influenza A virus products - such as Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes and Clorox® Regular-Bleach - will be effective against the novel H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about the novel H1N1 flu virus and vaccine, visit www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu.

Ryan Hough, Hebron senior and Marketing Education student competes at right in Cross Country.



Health Occupations Students Start their Day with a Little Exercise



Many Career Center Students Climbed the Army's Rock Wall



Printing Students Enjoy Chicago Trade Show



Pictured are Mr. Fischer, Brandon Starr, Tim Ahner, Breanna Villanueva, and Chadd Purcell. Students attended the 2009 Print Expo at McCormack Place on September 14, 2009. They were able to meet with and talk to professionals in the industry about their products.

Students Earn Certification

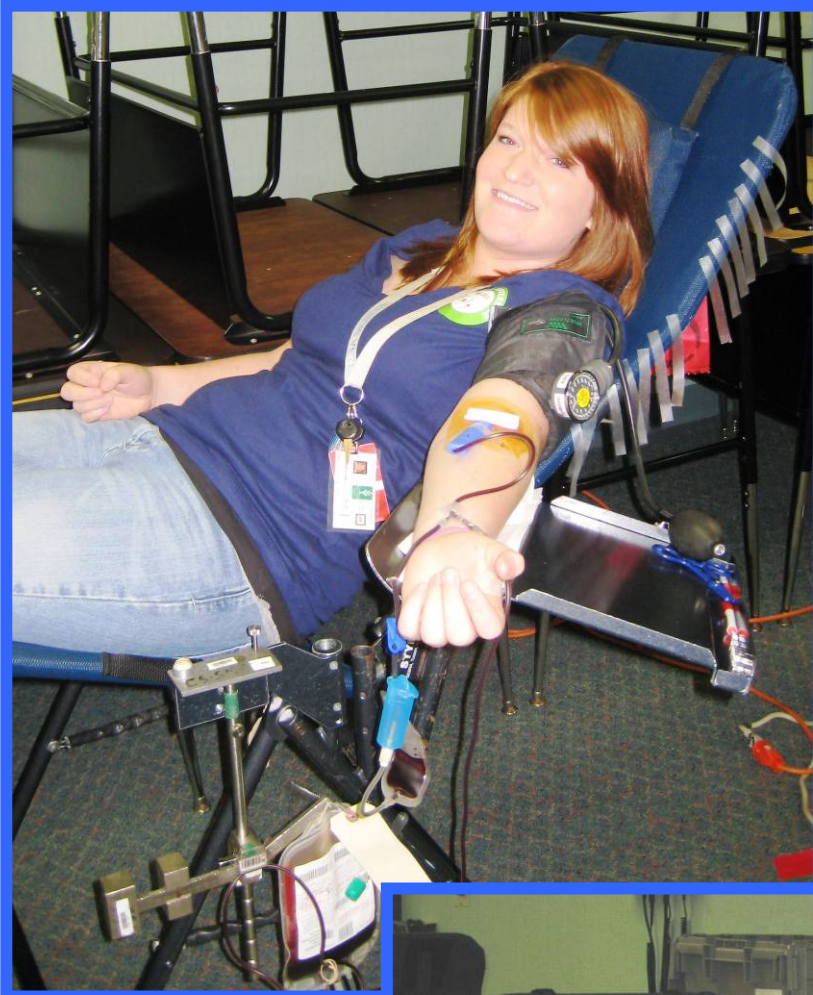
The following students earned their welding certifications this summer:

- Mike Warren- **Hobart**, all positions, a.w.s. structural s.m.a.w.(shielded metal arc welding)
- Aaron Greenfield - **Washington Twp.**, 3 positions, a.w.s. structural s.m.a.w. and mig (metallic inert gas welding)
- Josh Meanovich – **Portage**, all positions, a.w.s. structural s.m.a.w.
- Chandler Tripp - **Washington Twp.**, 3 positions, a.w.s. structural s.m.a.w

Instructor, Doug McKiddy reports that he is very proud of all four students for working so hard this summer. According to Mr. McKiddy, this certification is an indicator of occupational expertise and is required in most workplaces.



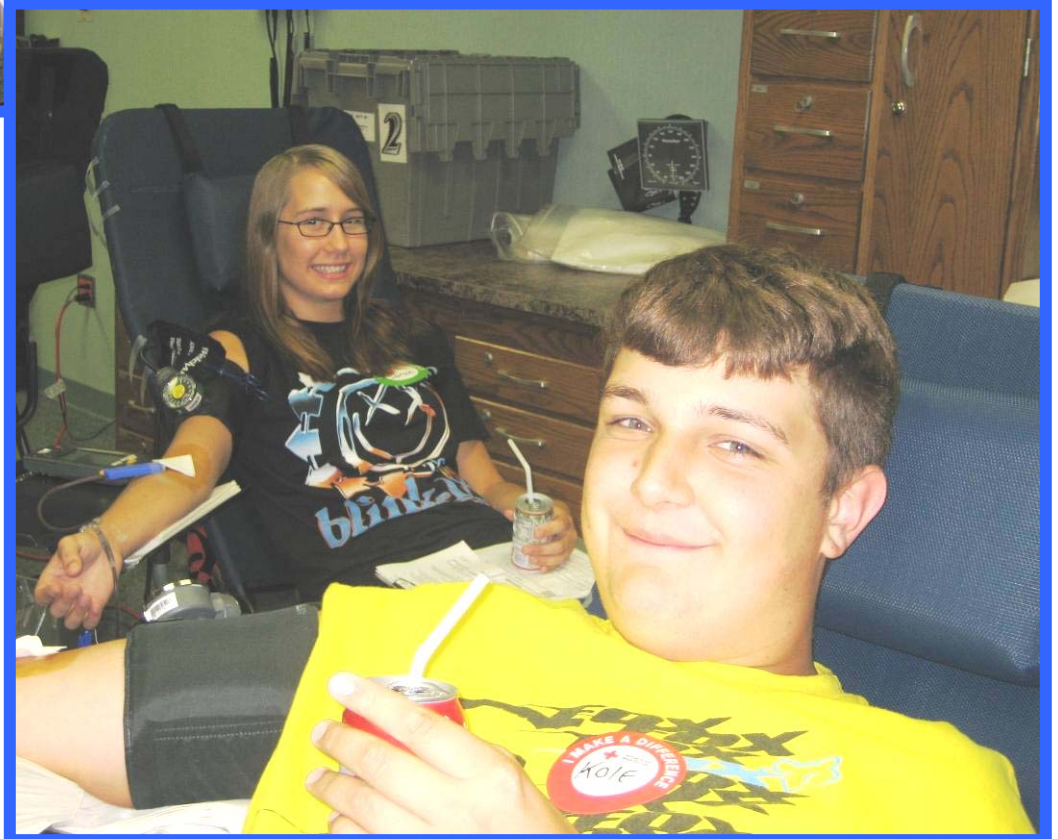
Career Center Blood Drive Nets 66 Pints



The first Blood Drive of the year resulted in 66 usable pints of blood for the American Red Cross. Thanks to all of the students and staff who participated. Our Health Occupation students help staff the drive and many of our donors this time were first time donors. The Career and Tech Center tries to do four blood drives over the course of the year to help build up our local blood banks.

Pictured at left donating blood is Emily Finn from Work Study and Morgan Twp. High School.

At right, Sarah Ruckman (Helath Occ), Boone Grove, and Kole Rushmore (Media Productions) of Kouts donating blood during our recent American Red Cross Blood Drive.



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"Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children."
--Walt Disney

"Just tryin' to get by, bein' quiet and shy, in a world full of pushin' and shovin'"
-- J. Buffett

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3H<http://www.pccte.org>

Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group
"Porter County Career and Tech Center"

"If we fill our hearts with regrets of yesterday and with worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful." — author unknown

The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.

All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent's input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE location.

In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com

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Calendar

September 22, 6:30-9:30 pm, Post High School Career Fair at Portage High School

September 24, Paul Knight at Career and Tech Center

October 7, Open House at the Career and Tech Center, 6-7 pm

October 15, 3:30 – 4:30, Porter County Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center

November 24, Blood Drive #2 at the Career Center, 8 am – 2 pm

Join the Porter County Career and Tech Center Facebook Group

The group is designed for students, alumni, and supporters to keep in touch and to hear about news and events happening at the Career and Tech Center.

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