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Small Business Ownership Class Opens New Store at the Career Center



Students pictured above were responsible for naming, stocking, and planning the grand opening of "Tempting Aromas", a new student store at the Career Center designed for students by students. Pictured at left is the official

ribbon cutting conducted at the Grand Opening which was attended by parents, friends, and families.

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

The Ironworkers apprenticeship is taking applications each weekday from 9-noon, from January 3-14. Apply at their training school at 890 E. 25th Avenue, Lake Station, IN. Bring birth certificate copies, high school transcript and picture ID. Drug testing is mandatory. Students graduating this spring are eligible to apply now.

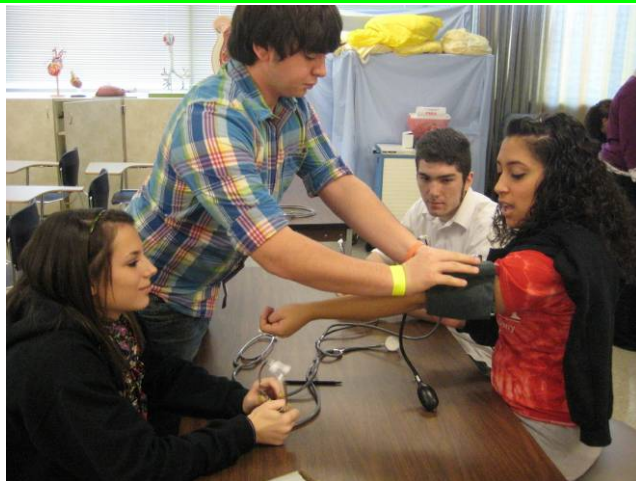


Dr. Mann Spitler Presented Manda's Story to all Students at the Career Center

Dr. Spitler and his wife lost their 20 year old daughter eight years ago to what he called the "Beast", the destructive forces of addiction. Dr. Spitler detailed his daughter's path into the dark world of drugs and the people who use them. Despite heroic efforts by he and his wife, Manda administered a lethal dose of heroin to herself on March 30 of 2002. Manda was a student at Valparaiso High School and a student at our Career Center.

Dr. Spitler tried his best to give our students many good reasons to resist the temptations of drugs and to give them a factual presentation on the power of addiction. Students were all very moved by the assembly and appreciative of Dr. Spitler's effort to battle the "Beast".

Cold and flu season is upon us so it is time to remind everyone to cover our coughs and sneezes and practice good hand washing. Be sure to cough/sneeze into tissues or your elbow. To remain healthy, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, and do not share drinks or food with others. Thanks and have a healthy winter!



Medical Terminology students (shown above) visited Indiana University Northwest for their Health Professions Day on November 12, 2010. Students were able to tour the campus and received information about IUN's programs in health careers.

Counselor and Administrators Enjoyed their Tour of CTE Programs



Above left, Ass't Principal Ike Halaschak of Portage is shown during a tour of the new greenhouse at our Morgan Twp. CTE Landscaping program. Counselors and other school administrators visited one third of our vocational programs including the Law Enforcement Academy, Emergency Rescue Academy, the SELF School Early Childhood program, and the Landscaping program shown above.



Pictured above are Meredith Nunley (Boone Grove) and Rachel Brown (Valparaiso), they are both second year students in Mrs. Iddings' Early Childhood Education class which is housed at South Haven Elementary School.

Porter County Career and Technical Education Vision - Everyone will be given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. We will provide a positive, safe, and secure environment for students to learn and achieve. A collaborative partnership among parents, teachers, staff, and the business community will assume responsibility for the future success of our students.

Mission - *To provide the opportunity for everyone to be successful at work and in life!*

Career Center Students Dress Festively for the Holidays



Career Center Food Drive Aims to Help Porter County Food Pantries



Pictured above are some of our Food Drive student organizers getting ready to deliver some of our food collection to a local food pantry. Students have been very generous this holiday season in their efforts to help the less fortunate.

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

Career Center Students Mentor Middle School Kids

Career Center student leaders were selected by their teachers to help mentor middle school students at Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin Middle Schools. Our student mentors introduced the middle school students to the opportunities available in Career and Technical Education classes. They will also be helping the younger students explore



career options through some computer study. Pictured in blue are our morning mentors. Our mentors will also serve as tour guides when the middle school students come to visit the Career Center. Our focus is always on encouraging all students to concentrate on their studies early in high school since any early failures will significantly limit a student's options later in high school. Students pictured in red are some of our afternoon mentors speaking to the audience at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

What is your opinion of the Porter County Career and Tech Center? Parents and students, are encouraged to make their opinions known at <http://www.greatschools.org/>

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 (Students are encouraged to register for cancellation alerts via cell phone or email for both his/her school and the school of his/her career and tech class.)

Calendar

- January 27, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most* CTE Programs for prospective students,
- February 9, 8-9 am, Open Houses at most* CTE Programs for prospective students.
- February 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Evening Open Houses at all* CTE Programs for prospective students.
*see our website for the complete schedule of Open Houses or visit your guidance office.
- February 11, Notre Dame Hockey Trip

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Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531-3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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