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"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"

"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"



Our Beauty School Depot is now soliciting clients for our salon. Students have to perform one thousand services prior to taking their state Cosmetology exam. Check out the prices and appointment times below:



Mrs. Sutherlin's Horticulture students hosted a holiday plant sale at the Career Center to help us all fill our Christmas lists.



"Everyone must work to live, but the purpose of life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others."



"I see possibilities in everything."

Michael J. Fox

Mr. Carmack's Precision Machining class can be seen at left working on projects that will result in college credit from Vincennes University. Many of these students will be working at high paying jobs right out of high school.



Mrs. Phelps' Health Occupations students celebrating Christmas.



Mrs. Ammons Business students doing some team building the day before Holiday Break.

Winter Skating Party was a Success
Ivy Tech co-sponsored our Ice Skating party and provided pizza for us. We had a wonderful, warm winter evening for our event.



These are the Work Ethic Skills that are taught and practiced in every CTE program.



Please join our Facebook page "Porter County Career and Tech Center", and join "Porter County Career Network", that is the page where we post jobs from employers looking for our students and alumni.

Listen with patience. Answer with kindness. Act with love.

"The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; the question is whether we can afford not to." - Marian Wright Edelman

These are things we can all do that require no sweat and no fuss. Let's all master these important skills.

Being On Time

Making An Effort

Being High Energy

Having A Positive Attitude

Being Passionate

Using Good Body Language

Being Coachable

Doing A Little Extra

Being Prepared

Having A Strong Work Ethic

Warning Signs of Suicide

- Threatening to or talking about hurting or killing oneself
- Looking for ways to kill oneself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means
- Anxiety, agitation, unable to sleep or sleeping all of time
- Expressions of hopelessness or feeling trapped
- Withdrawal from friends, family, and society
- Rage, uncontrolled anger, desire for revenge
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide
- Expressing a lack of reason to live or sense of purpose
- Impulsively engaging in reckless or risky behaviors
- Increase substance (alcohol or drug) use
- Dramatic mood changes

During the Holiday Season, we all need to be alert to the needs of our friends and colleagues!

If observed, seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for a referral. Source: American Association of Suicidology

How to find out about school closings:

School closings/delays are posted on your school website, your school text messaging service, <u>cancellations.com</u>, or WLJE Radio (and their website at https://indiana105.com/region-cancellations/).

The Career Center follows the Valparaiso School schedule - Any and all students, parents, and guardians in the district may sign up for the Valparaiso Schools Text Messaging service. Simply text "yes" to 68453.

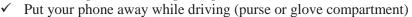
WLJE radio and their <u>website</u> is also a reliable source of official school closing announcements.

The Approved Career Center Policy is as follows:

Students driving to vocational classes should be extra cautious and not drive if his/her parents deem driving to be unsafe. In such instance, they should call off by notifying their CTE teacher. These instances will be considered administrative absences and any missed work will be allowed to be made up with no penalty. "The safest and most reliable transportation is on a school bus"

This is our CTE District Initiative – No Texting While Driving

Texting behind the wheel is killing people. Youthful drivers are especially at risk. One in ten teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were distracted, and a quarter of teens send a text every time they drive. Texting while driving is dumb and illegal, but even worse would be explaining how you lost a friend because of your unecessary texting. *Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located in our Career Center Commons Area.*



- ✓ Designate a passenger to do the texting for you
- ✓ Pull over to answer the phone or to type or read a text
- ✓ Don't be the next Distracted Driving victim!

PLEDGE SUBSTANCE FREE

Parents may Purchase Inexpensive Drug Test Kit

Parents may purchase drug tests for only \$5.00. Call 219-462-0946 to make an appointment to pick up a kit. **The Porter County Substance Abuse Council** address is 57 S. Michigan, Suite 203, Valparaiso, 46383. You can now enter from either the front or rear of the building.

Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2016 - 017 School Year). Our District was one of the only three districts to exceed all required core standards:

Program Completion Rate: 99.7%

Placement in work, college, or both: 96%

Technical Skill attainment: 89%

H.S. Graduation: 95% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 87%)

In addition, students earned 4,457 free college credits last year

Next Level Jobs Opportunity

Starting in the fall of 2018, **ALL** Hoosiers with a high school diploma may be eligible to earn a tuition-free certificate in Indiana's highest-demand job sectors through Governor Holcomb's Next Level Jobs initiative! Eligible job sectors include Advanced Manufacturing; Building & Construction; Health & Life Sciences; IT & Business Services; and Transportation & Logistics (see attached for a full list of certificate options). This is a great opportunity for CTE students who have earned some dual credit while in high school but have not yet been awarded a certificate from a two-year college.

To be considered, students simply need to file a FAFSA. Even students who missed the April 15th FAFSA deadline are eligible! To get connected with an eligible program, students should visit NextLevelJobs.org and click on "I'm a Next Level Job Seeker." After completing a short questionnaire, Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University will reach out to the student to help them enroll.

The Commission will be hosting a webinar with more information about the Workforce Ready Grant on Wednesday, May 9th at 9:30 AM EDT. Please sign up here! If you have any questions, please visit NextLevelJobs.org or email NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov

Sincerely, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Calendar:

- ❖ January 11, Reward trip to Notre Dame Hockey Game.
- April 16, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center, 1005 N. Franklin Street, Valparaiso

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Our Newsletter

Learning that works

for America

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our students and staff. 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@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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