

Porter County Career and Technical Education News



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

"Where Everyone is on a Path to Success"



Morning Fall Student Athletes at the Career and Tech Center



Afternoon Student Athletes



2018 -19 college credits earned last year in our 1/2 day CTE classes:

Boone Grove	320
Chesterton	537
Hebron	274
Hobart	315.5
Kouts	325
Morgan	285
Portage	1310
Valparaiso	865
Washington	215
<u>Wheeler</u>	<u>290.5</u>
Total	4,737

The students and staff of Porter County Career and Technical Center are true Summer Lifesavers! Right now, the American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood. All donors are needed and every blood type is necessary to help avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. The Career Center drive is providing this needed blood during a critical time of year.

At Friday's drive, 46 pints were collected and we saw 46 first-time donors!



These are our Health student volunteers who showed up early on a Saturday to staff a water stop for the Popcorn Panic. This is a great bunch of kids who are happy to do community service.

Butterflies

Pictured are our Horticulture class doing a monarch butterfly release last week. Pictured is second year student Justin Parker from Chesterton. We tagged and logged our monarch information with Journey North and will continue to monitor as the monarchs start the fall migration to Mexico. Two Master Gardener volunteers from the Porter County Master Gardener group spoke to our class and helped collect the data in the release.





Pictured are our Depot Beauty School Students

These students all have a passion for helping the rest of us look good.

Indiana's College Go Week is coming up Sept. 23-27

We are urging students to think about and/or take steps toward their future after high school.

A few colleges are waiving their application fees during this week or a wider range of dates. I have highlighted a few schools to which our students often apply. Examples are:

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| ISU | Purdue Northwest | Wabash |
| IUN | University of Southern | |
| IU South Bend | Indiana | |
| Purdue Fort Wayne | Vincennes | |

College Go Week is a good time to talk in class about signing up for ACT or SAT, taking the Oct. 16 PSAT *seriously*, applying for college, visiting a college or university, checking out apprenticeship programs at <http://webuildnwi.com/index.html>, updating one's resume, and applying for financial aid. Talk about your path to your career or consider bringing in a speaker.

Seniors and parents may fill out the FAFSA form starting Oct. 1 based on 2018 income.

VAPING IS DANGEROUS

State Senator Ed Charbonneau shared the following information with us:

State Leaders Announce Youth-Based Vaping Prevention and Cessation Initiative

According to the 2018 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey (IYTS) results, e-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among Indiana youth and vaping has increased 300% since 2012.

Recent reports from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also link vaping to more than 200 cases of respiratory illnesses nationwide, including at least 24 in Indiana.

To address these alarming statistics, Gov. Eric Holcomb recently announced a three-pronged strategy to reduce vaping among Hoosier youth.

[Indiana State Department of Health](#) (ISDH) plans to increase awareness of the risks associated with e-cigarettes through an educational toolkit for schools, parents and students. ISDH also plans to launch a youth-focused text-to-quit program and a statewide public awareness program focusing on both vaping prevention and cessation.

Ensuring the health and well-being of Hoosiers is a top priority for me, and I believe this new initiative will be beneficial in educating Hoosier parents and children on the dangers of vaping.

Our School is a no tobacco product and no vaping zone!

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: 97%

Technical Skill attainment: 93.8%

H.S. Graduation: 97% 7

In addition, students earned 4,737 free college credits last year

The Porter County CTE District was one of only five districts in Indiana that met or exceeded all eight Indiana CTE performance indicators!

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



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



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 unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located in our Career Center Commons Area.

- ✓ Put your phone away while driving (purse or glove compartment)
- ✓ 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!

Calendar

- ❖ October 8, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the MAAC, 4203 Montdale Park Drive, Valparaiso.

Our Newsletter

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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