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'48 Studebaker Restoration Project



The 1948 Studebaker shown at left with instructor, Mr. Sickles, at the wheel is a rare Starlight Coupe model as identified by the wrap around rear window. The Career Center Car Club is planning to restore this car and sell it as a club fundraiser. The car features total original condition with only 33,000 miles on the odometer.

Students Learn Manufacturing through Real Projects

Ed Sly, VHS student, proudly displays his completed hammer project made in his Machine Trades lab. Ed learned threading, knurling, turning, parting, and tapering operations during this project. Ed's instructor, Mr. Carmack, was very impressed with his attention to detail and quality commitment on this project.



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

PHS Diesel Program Undergoing National Recertification Process



Diesel instructor, Fred Crowe, is working hard along with Kate Sorensen, Student Support Coordinator, to achieve national recertification for our Diesel program. The NATEF certification requires stringent adherence to curriculum standards, required laboratory facilities, and safety standards. Our program was one of the first in Indiana to achieve certification and now requires a recertification every five years to meet upgraded new standards. Pictured above are two second year students (Josh Goldstine of Morgan Twp HS and Cody Beland of Chesterton HS) working on a diesel operated vehicle using the shops' new truck lift.

Scholarship Fund Drive

Our Career and Technical student scholarship drive has begun. Our scholarships are dedicated toward career minded students with a priority given to students who say in our community to attend college. Donations may be sent to Technology Scholarship Fund, Porter County Career Center, 1005 N. Franklin Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Many thanks to the early respondents to our fundraising letter like the Videotec Corporation, Design Organization, and Task Force Tips.



www.videotecsecurity.com

Bob Love said that you will earn the average of your four best friends. So take a good look at your friends.

Phil Hickey said, "Success, in business as well as in life, is directly dependent on the quality of the people you surround yourself with."

Dental Health Students Perform a lot of Community Service



Pictured above is our morning Dental Health class at Life Care Center in Valparaiso serving breakfast to the residents and providing some entertainment to help them celebrate the holidays.



Pictured at left are afternoon students shown calling bingo for the residents. Students helped the residents play and they also provided prizes for the winners.



Pictured at left are all the Dental Health students during a field trip to the Ronald McDonald House in Chicago, which they visited on December 7. Students collected and delivered food and other items to the charity as well as performing some odd jobs at the Ronald McDonald House.

Counselor's Corner

All seniors thinking about college in 2010-11 should consider filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with their parents' or guardians' help. The FAFSA must be received online by **March 10, 2010**, in most cases. Parents and students should apply before March for a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov

Local schools have scheduled financial aid nights to help parents and students with the process:

- Boone Grove High School, Feb. 1, 6 p.m., Room 171 or 172
- Chesterton High School, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., CHS Cafeteria
- East Porter County Schools (Kouts, Morgan Twp., Washington Twp.); Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Morgan Township High School Cafeteria
- Hebron students may attend another area program.
- Hobart High School, Jan. 7, 6 p.m., HHS Great Hall
- Portage High School, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m., PHS East Auditorium
- Valparaiso High School, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., VHS Cafeteria
- Wheeler High School, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium

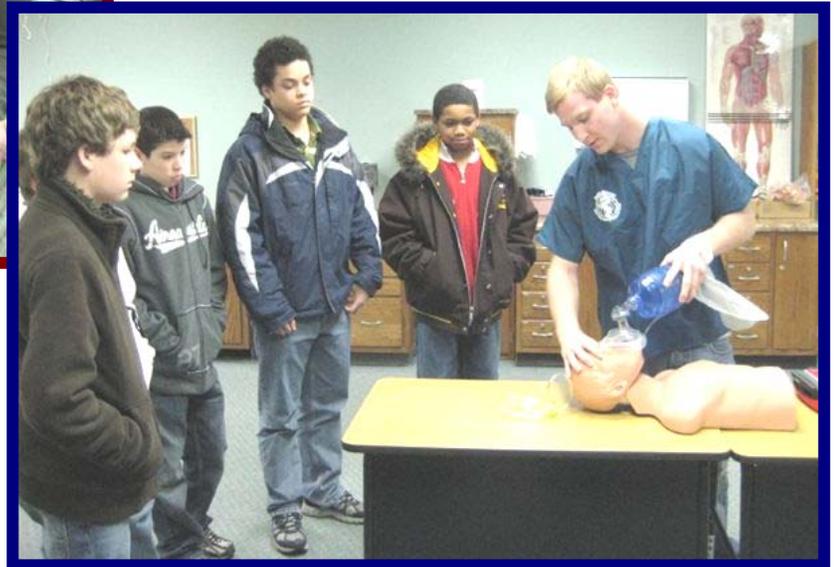
College Goal Sunday will take place on Feb. 21, 2010, at area locations such as Valparaiso University and Purdue North Central starting at 2 p.m. It is a last-minute chance to get hands-on help to complete the electronic form. For alerts about College Goal Sunday text "CASH4COLLEGE" to 41411 or call 1-800-992-2076 for information.

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Career Center Students Show their Skills to Valparaiso Middle School Students



Tyler Rush, Kouts senior, is pictured at left (facing the camera) discussing our Electronics program with a BFMS 8th grade student.



Jacob Karnick (CHS junior) can be seen at right demonstrating CPR to prospective students.

We are planning to install both a wind generator and a solar collector this school year as an alternative energy demonstration project. Mr. Kenning, our Electronic teacher, is our lead teacher on the project but he will also be using the resources of our Modern Machining and Computer Assisted Design classes. Our students will be building, installing, monitoring, and evaluating the systems as part of their learning. We will have electronic instruments that will show visitors the amount of alternative power produced through our projects.

2009 CTE graduates are invited to go to our quality survey and let us know what you think of your vocational class. The survey will take less than 2 minutes.

Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rxvn63j>

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at: <http://www.pccte.org>
Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group
"Porter County Career and Tech Center"

Free Homework Hotline: For Help With Math or Science
<http://www.askrose.com/> or 1-800-ask-rose

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.

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 or www.cancellations.com

Calendar

January 15, Live Telecast of the PHS/VHS Basketball game by Video Productions class
January 27 and Feb. 23, Program Open House dates for 8-9 am visitations
January 29, Career Center student trip to Notre Dame Hockey game
February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm, Evening Open House

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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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