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



Mrs. Iddings's Students Celebrate "Llama Llama Red Pajama Day" with South Haven Elem Students and Staff – all in support of reading



Students in our Early Childhood Education program at South Haven Elementary schools wore their pajamas one day in support of National Read Outloud Day. Pictured at left are the playfully attired morning students of Mrs.

Iddings.

Mrs. Iddings' afternoon class is shown at right.



Please forward this newsletter to p

Chris Wilson, 2011 Senior Project

Chris Wilson, Morgan Twp 2011 graduate, is shown below with Mr. Carmack, our

Modern Machining instructor. Chris designed the guitar he is holding in his CAD class and then made the guitar on a CNC milling machine in Mr. Carmack's class. This was a senior project for Chris that he finished over the summer.



**Gabby Salas
Studies Health**

Occupations at the Career Center and is a Standout Cross Country Athlete at Boone Grove HS



Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission Visited the Career Center to Observe the High Tech Skills Our Students are Learning



Thanks to a partnership with Valparaiso High School and the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission, we were able to upgrade computers in our CAD and Television Productions Class. Above, Angie Bohan, can be seen showing the Commission members what she can do with the new computers and her 3d



modeling software. Television Productions students, Sarah Jackett and Rachel Santos, are seen explaining the production process for a video development project to our visitors, who were very impressed with the composure and maturity of our student presenters.

The most common way people give up their power is to think that they don't have any.

**Duneland Building Trades
House For Sale
858 Whitestone, Jackson
Twp.**

Property Details

- **Price:** \$299,000
- **Beds:** 3 Bed
- **Baths:** 2.5 Bath
- **House Size:** 2,280 Sq Ft
- **Lot Size:** 1.65 Acres
- **Year Built:** 2011



Great News!!!

- Touchstone Energy rated our house at a 5 Star Plus, their highest energy efficiency rating! They have estimated total annual energy costs at \$2585 (heating, cooling, appliances, lighting, and service).
- This rating comes with a Home Heating and Cooling Guarantee from REMC that annual heating costs will not exceed \$752 and cooling costs will not exceed \$117. Any excess over those amounts will be reimbursed to the homeowner at 50% of the overage. This guarantee is good for 12 months after the closing date.

Call Rick Hokansen of Boulder Bay Realty to request a showing, (219) 508- 3241.

Congratulations to the Chesterton High School Building Trades students and instructor, Mr. Jeff Larson, for this achievement.

Mrs. Commers' Morning Business Ownership Class



Army Rock Wall Activity



Video Productions students always have their camera ready for a story.



Many students scaled the wall, sometimes surprising themselves. We expect the Rock Wall to revisit in the Spring for those students who failed to bring in parent permission slips this time.

Pictured below are students from the Portage High School HOSA Chapter who, along with their advisors, Mrs. Lynn Wilson and Mrs. Rhonda Doane, recently attended the HOSA Fall Leadership Conference. The 2-day conference was held at Camp Allendale in Trafalgar, IN. The students participated in a challenge ropes course and leadership workshops.



Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.



Parents: Wouldn't it be nice to know where your child is at all times? Police say that every extra minute a person is missing contributes to a greater possibility of an unhappy ending. If your student has a smart phone, there are apps available to help. I know a 17 year old may not want parents to follow them every second of the day, but maybe a compromise would be to have them followed by a friend or other relative. That way, in an emergency you would be able to have someone you know who could find out where they are. Following are some sample free apps:

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.greenalp.RealtimeTracker&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..

Here is another app that can track more than one person.

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.g&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nllO.

This app will also display sex offender residences.

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.c&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEslmNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5jllO.

Men and Women have Different Workshops on October 20

For one day, the males and females, were separated at the Career Center for gender specific workshops. The women were given a Safety Self Awareness and Self Defense Seminar by two VPD officers Yankovich and Clifford. The men attended a workshop on dating etiquette presented by Mrs. Sorensen, and were also treated to some outdoor adventure videos by instructor, Mr. Kenning.



Calendar

- October 20, 3:30 pm, Area Advisory Committee Meeting, at the PCCTC
- October 28 and 31, Fall Break at Career and Tech Center
- November 24 and 25, Thanksgiving Break
- December 6, First CTE Open Houses for prospective students, 8-9 am
- January 13, Career Center trip to the Hockey game.
- April 12, 3:30 pm, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the PCCTC

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 class 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:

- Go to the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). Select "School Closing Information" from the left-hand column and then register with VCS Alert to receive school closing/delay messages on your cell or home phone.
- Valpo or PortageLife: <http://www.valpolife.com/> or <http://www.portagelife.com/>
- Cancellations.com (Students are encouraged to register for cancellation alerts via cell phone, home phone, and/or email for both his/her school and the school of his/her career and tech class.)

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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