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

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Welcome Mrs. Marcus to the Career and Tech Center

Mrs. Lorna Marcus is our new Health Occupations and Health Careers teacher at the Career and Tech Center. Mrs. Marcus previously worked as a school nurse in the Duneland School system. She is certified as a CNA, LPN, and RN. She has additional work experience at Associated Pediatrics, the Willows Rehabilitation Center, and the Chesterton Health Care Center. Mrs. Marcus is a sports enthusiast and has experience coaching volleyball, swimming, and cross



country. She and her husband, Mitch, have three children Kaelyn, Emily, and Alyson and one granddaughter Payton. Her instructional goals are to help all students achieve to their maximum potential. Mrs. Marcus has almost immediately become a positive and significant contributor to our staff. At

left, Mrs. Marcus is showing how to do a blood pressure check on Mrs. Sorensen. Welcome to the Career and Tech Center, Mrs. Marcus!

The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living. Socrates

Porter County Career and Technical Center's District DECA Winners

Student	Event	Placed	School
Alec Immordino	Accounting Applications	4 th	Wheeler
Scott Snider	Accounting Applications	5 th	Morgan Twp
Emily Lis	Apparel & Accessories Marketing	7 th	Boone Grove
Robbie Rardin	Automotive Services Marketing	4 th	Kouts
Kyle Miller	Business Services Marketing	4 th	Portage
Tyler Scott	Hotel and Lodging Management	1 st	Valparaiso
Courtney Mason	Human Resource Management	7 th	Portage
Chaz Steeves	Human Resource Management	6 th	Washington Twp
Summer Wells	Marketing Management	5 th	Valparaiso
Dayne Benke	Marketing Management	4 th	Kouts
Riley Reed	Quick Serve Restaurant Management	7 th	Valparaiso
Kallie Lolkema	Quick Serve Restaurant Management	6 th	Kouts
Mitchell Stevenson	Restaurant and Food Service Management	2 nd	Wheeler
Jessica Johnson	Retail Merchandising	8 th	Boone Grove
Jim Loveless	Retail Merchandising	4 th	Wheeler
Jennifer Kearney	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	8 th	Wheeler
David Anleitner	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	5 th	Hebron
Drake Devereux & Gustavo Esparza	Buying and Merchandising Team	7 th	Boone Grove Hobart

Culinary Students Explore Commerical Cooking with Professional Chefs



Pictured are students from Mrs. Harbaugh and Mr. Buford's Culinary classes getting real world experience in a commercial kitchen under the watchful eye of Chef Jim Galligan.



Video Productions Reunion



Video Productions students got together over the Christmas holidays to reconnect and reminisce. Pictured above are students from each of the last four graduating classes. All are in college successfully progressing toward degrees. Instructor, Mr. Phelps, is pictured in the upper left.



Helen Hylek (pictured at left) is currently at Ivy Tech with a major in nursing. She is working at the Willows as a CNA. She graduated from Wheeler last year and is shown at left with Mrs. Ellis.



Mrs. Marcus' morning class sang Christmas Carols and gave Christmas banners to residents at the Willows in Valparaiso.



Mrs. Marcus students can be seen at left, dressed for Christmas caroling at the Willows.



Mrs. Edwards afternoon class went caroling at the Dunes in Chesterton.



Students can be seen interacting with residents and helping everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

Our high school students will soon be doing clinical rotations at area residential homes where they will get to know and befriend many elderly residents.



Career Center Mentors Help Out at Valparaiso Middle Schools



Career Center students can be seen above helping middle school students with their career exploration software.

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dr. Oranu Ibekie Speaks to our Health Occupations Students

Dr. Ibekie, a Merrillville physician, and native of Nigeria spoke to our Health Occupations students about the many opportunities they will have in the health field for work and occupational success. Dr. Ibekie was a trained medical



doctor in Nigeria but started off as a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), when he came to America. He stressed the wonderful feeling of service and reward one gets from providing empathic care to those in need.

Attention High School Seniors

All students should file a FAFSA

by Mar. 10 (received) for college financial aid (FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid) **Financial Aid Presentations** (to help parents and students know how to fill out FAFSA):

- Valparaiso High School, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10
- Chesterton High School, 7 p.m., Jan 19, CHS cafe
- Portage High School, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 25, East Auditorium
- Boone Grove High School, 6 p.m., Feb. 7
- Wheeler High School, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 16, auditorium

College Goal Sunday

(Direct help to get FAFSA filed) **Feb. 12**, 2 p.m. at sites around Northwest Indiana

More info: www.cashforcollegeIndiana.org or www.fafsa.ed.gov

Nipsco Supports Career and Tech Center

Alternative Energy Project



The Porter County Career and Tech Center (PCCTC) would like to announce a generous donation from Nipsco in support of our alternative energy demonstration project. The PCCTC alternative energy project continues to be a work in progress. Manufacturing instructor, Mr. Greg Carmack, has plans to build one or two more wind generators while also building a robotic solar tracker for two photovoltaic panels. Electronics instructor, Mr. Dave Kenning, wants to install more LED lighting and extend the alternative energy grid within the building. The two classes are working together on the solar tracker and on building mounting supports for the solar panels. Nipsco's support will help us complete the next phase of the project. Nipsco

Public Affairs Manager, Rick Calinski, says that Nipsco is eager to support the training of future energy workers and also to expand public knowledge about alternative energy and energy conservation.

(Pictured is a programmable logic controlled, robotic sun tracker that will automatically orient two photovoltaic panels toward the sun consistent with the season and time of day. This apparatus is currently under manufacture by students at the Porter County Career and Tech Center.)

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

Parents -- Drug Test Kits Are Available

Low cost drug test kits are available from Ms. Sharon Cawood from the Porter County Substance Abuse Council. Ms. Cawood's organization sells drug testing kits to parents who wish to test a child 17 years or younger. The kits are \$5 and parents can purchase up to 4 of these kits at a time. Credit cards are not accepted, **cash only**, no checks, **just cash**. These kits will test for marijuana, heroin, cocaine and ecstasy. The Substance Abuse Council also has advice for parents on how to get your kids to say "No!" when it comes to using drugs. She also can help direct you to places in Porter County for help if your kid is already using. Ms. Cawood is not always in her office and so she asks that you call and make an appointment with her, do not just show up unexpected. She can be reached at (219) 462-0946.



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=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5ncmVlbnFscC5SZWFsdGltZVRyYWNRZXliXQ..

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=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5nll0.

This app will also display sex offender residences.

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.fsp.android.c&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLDEsImNvbS5mc3AuYW5kcm9pZC5jll0.

Here is an Iphone app called "Find My Friends": <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-my-friends/id466122094?mt=8>

Valparaiso Community Schools are hiring substitute teachers, contact the Human Relations Dept at 531-3000, for information on qualifications and on how to apply. Bus driver candidates are also welcome.

Porter County Career and Technical Education Spring, 2012 Open House Schedule for Prospective Students

VALPARAISO PROGRAMS

*Porter County Career & Technical Center
1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso 46383*

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb. 8, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Auto Technology
- Marketing Internship
- Computer Aided Design & Animation
- Construction Technology
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Health Careers
- Health Occupations
- Modern Machining Technology
- Sports & Entertainment/ Business Ownership
- Video Production and Media Studies

PORTAGE PROGRAMS

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb. 8 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Auto Technology Willowcreek M.S. Rear Ent.
- Construction Technology Willowcreek M.S. Rear Ent.
- Dental Health PHS-East, Rm. 155
- Industrial Mechanics PHS-East, Rm. 110
- Medical Terminology/ Anatomy/Physiology PHS-East Rm. 156
- Printing Technology PHS-West, Rm. B14

Jan. 26, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 8, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Diesel Technology Green Bldg N.E. of PHS-E
- Education and Early Childhood Careers South Haven Elem. Rm. 25
- Work Study J-Lab near media center

BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb 8, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Culinary Science

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3100 IVY Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb. 8, 8-9 a. m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Welding Technology Main Entrance

DON ROBERTS BEAUTY SCHOOL

1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385

•Cosmetology Feb. 25 1:30 – 3:00 p.m

CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Open houses will be locally set

- Work Study &
- Construction Technology

SELF SCHOOL

750 Ransom Road, Valparaiso 46385

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb. 8, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30p.m.

- Education and Early Childhood Careers Rm B8

MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL

*299 South State Road 49, Valparaiso 46383
(In Agriculture Building)*

Jan. 26, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 8, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Landscaping Design/Plant Science

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

587 West 300 North, Valparaiso 46385

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. •Feb. 8, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Criminal Investigations Entrance E
- Criminal Justice System Entrance E

HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

2211 East 10th Street, Hobart 46342-New High School

Jan. 26, 8-9 a.m. • Feb. 8, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Cisco Networking Front Entrance
- Educ. and Early Childhood Careers Front Entrance
- Emergency Rescue Technology Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine Front Entrance

See our website: www.pccte.org

Permission Slip to Attend Daytime Open Houses

(No need for permission slip to attend evening open house)

Student Name _____	Your Grade Level _____	Parent Signature _____	
		Date of Open House	Name of Program
		January 26, 2012	
		February 8, 2012	
		Location of Open House	Time of Open House

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

Property Details

- **Price:** \$297,500
- **Bed:** 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.

“One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.”
-- Old Chinese proverb

Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you'll have more success than you could possibly have imagined. Roger Caras

Calendar

- January 26, morning Open Houses at all CTE locations, see chart on page 9
- February 8, morning and evening Open Houses at various CTE locations, see chart on page 9 for details
- February 15, Counselor Tour of Apprenticeship Programs, sponsored by the Construction Advancement Foundation
- April 12, 3:30 pm, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the PCCTC

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@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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