

# Porter County Career and Technical Education News

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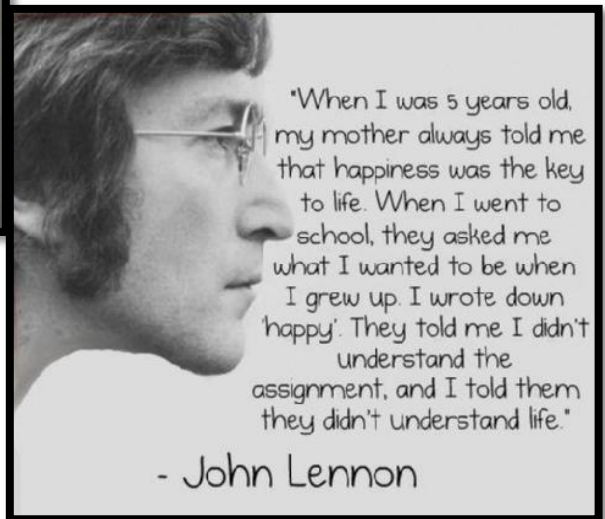
*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"*  
**"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"**



## Machine Trade Students get Started on their Careers while still in High School



These three students are already working at Task Force Tips, a local, international producer of fire hose nozzles. The students and the employer will get a chance to evaluate each other during the rest of the school year through this employer/school partnership. Pictured are Ben Thornton (Chesterton), Jena Hammonds (Wash Twp.), and Jason Shutske (Kouts).



*"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."*

- John Lennon

### Construction Class Christmas Tree



In the spirit of the season, our Construction students cut and drilled salvaged bead board from the Depot to build a creative Christmas tree. Pieces were cut in decreasing one inch increments and assembled on a piece of conduit inserted into a base they built of scrap lumber. The boards have glass tiles as decorations and the tinsel is scrap telephone wires in many colors. Mrs. Biernat is very proud of their accomplishment. Both classes are also building custom picnic tables for use at the Career Center.

## Mrs. Marcus' Morning Health Occ Students



Students in Mrs. Marcus' Health Occupations class tried on their new scrubs as preparation for their clinical experiences next semester.



**Health  
Careers  
Students**

## Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information



The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school. *All commuting students should drive carefully, use common sense, and their parent's input 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:

- WLJE Radio 105.5 FM
- WAKE Radio 1500 AM
- [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)



## Seniors – It is time to pursue financial aid for college

Seniors (and their parents) should create a Federal Student Aid ID anytime now as the season approaches for filing Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This year, the student and the parent both need personal ID's.

Go to: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Create a username and password. Create a challenge question and answer it. Provide a verifiable email address. If the student is already accepted at a college and already have a college email, they may use that email address.

In January, it will be time for seniors (with parents) to fill out the FAFSA by Mar. 10. The site is [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

Every senior should fill out a FAFSA. It is free and required for many scholarship programs. Many area schools will host financial aid nights. These nights are led by college financial aid experts.

- Valparaiso -- Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m., cafeteria
- Wheeler -- Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., auditorium
- Chesterton -- Jan. 21, 7 p.m., cafeteria (entrance #1)
- Boone Grove -- Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., computer lab
- Portage -- Feb. 24, 6 p.m., PHS East auditorium



## Are You Getting Ready for What You Will Do After High School?

***Trip To College Alerts will send you 3-4 age-specific text messages each month. These tips will help you plan for your education after high school.***

Go to: <http://www.triptocollege.org/default.aspx#o>

To register, please complete the form at the link above with your mobile phone number and zip code as well as selecting your high school graduation year. Students must be 13 years or older to participate. Standard text messaging rates apply. All students should ask their parent's permission before registering.

***Porter County Career and Tech programs is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards. Our District ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state on overall state performance:***

Program Completion Rate: **100%**  
Placement in work, college, or both: **94.6%**  
Technical Skill attainment: **96.3%**  
H.S. Graduation: **97.5%** (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)  
In addition, program participants earned **4,224** college credits last year

# Porter County Career & Technical Education

## 2016 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

### VALPARAISO PROGRAMS

Porter County Career & Technical Center (PCCTC)  
1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso 46383

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Auto Services Technology
- CAD & Animation
- Construction Trades
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Entrepreneurship/ Sports & Entertainment Mktg.
- Health Science Ed. I w/ Anatomy
- Health Science Ed. II
- Precision Machining
- Strategic Marketing Internship
- Video Production & Media Studies

### PORTAGE PROGRAMS

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Auto Services Technology Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Construction Trades Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Dental Careers PHS-East Door C, Rm. 155
- Health Science Education I w/ Anatomy PHS-East Door C, Rm. 156
- Graphic Imaging Tech. PHS-West Door F, Rm. B14
- Industrial Mechanics 1 PHS-East Door C, Rm. 110

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Diesel Service Technology Green Building N.E. of PHS-E
- Early Childhood Education South Haven Elem. Rm. 25
- Work Study PHS East Door C, Rm. 306 (no evening visit for Work Study)

### BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management

### IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3100 IVY Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Welding Technology Main Entrance

### DON ROBERTS BEAUTY SCHOOL

- Cosmetology **NEW DATES**

At PCCTC, 1005 N. Franklin St., Valpo 46383

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

At Don Roberts, 1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385  
Feb. 20, 1:00-3 p.m. (all candidates should attend)

### SELF SCHOOL

750 Ransom Road, Valparaiso 46385

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Early Childhood Education Rm. F 1

### MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL

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

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Horticultural Science

### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

587 West 300 North, Valparaiso 46385

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 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 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Hobart 46342

Jan. 20, 1-2 p.m. • Feb. 2, 8-9 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Cisco Networking Fundamentals Front Entrance
- Early Childhood Education Front Entrance
- Emergency Medical Services Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine Front Entrance
- Strategic Marketing Field Experience Front Entrance

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## Calendar

- January 20, CTE Program Open Houses, 1 - 2 pm
- The Porter County Substance Abuse Council is hosting a My Kids Matter event on January 25 at 7 p.m. at the PCSAC office, 65 S Valparaiso Street, Valparaiso and is open to the public
- Feb. 2, Open Houses, 8 - 9 am, and 6:30-7:30 pm
- February 5, Blood Drive at the Career and Tech Center, 8 – 2
- February 19, Chicago Auto Show Trip

## 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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[www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)



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