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



Sunrise Kiwanis Club's "Chocolates" Fundraising for Riley's Children's Hospital - Pictured are our Culinary students along with teachers, Ms. Harbaugh (on left) and Mr. Buford (on right).

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.

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



Ryan Watson and Mrs. Biernat are pictured at left constructing a Christmas tree out of salvaged bead board siding.



Andrew Charnetzky and Jordan Cameli (seniors at VHS) are learning how to remove and replace ball joints. Mr. Sickles is showing them how.

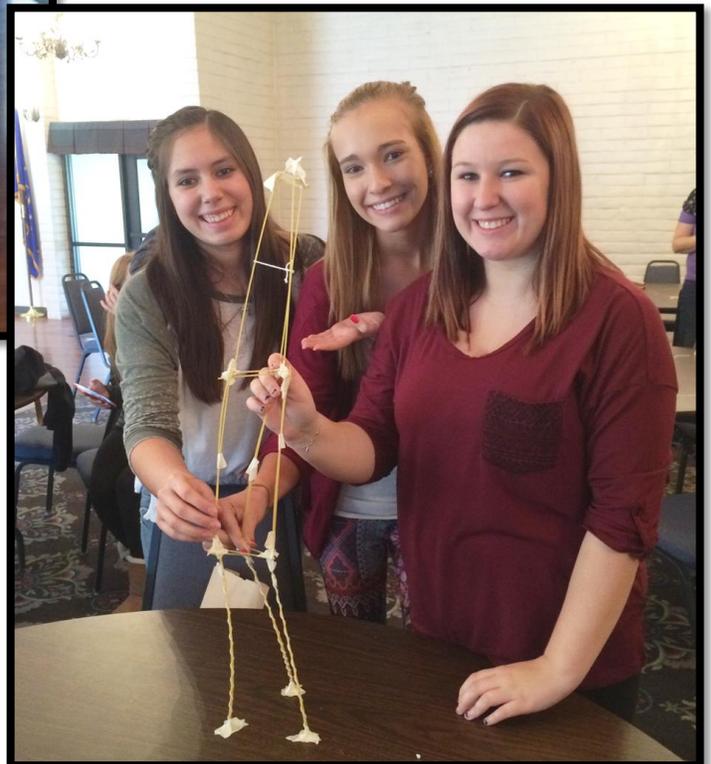
“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”

– Mark Twain

Mrs. Doane's Dental Careers students recently enjoyed a day of Challenge Education at Woodland Park. Student Support Coordinator, Kate Sorensen, led students in activities promoting leadership, communication, planning, problem-solving, collaboration, productivity, conflict resolution, and trust.



Pictured:
Dental students involved in a shipwreck challenge.



Winners of the Marshmallow Challenge (pictured at right) are: Maya Camarillo (Hobart), Kendal Schoon (Kouts), and Brittney Witt (Hebron)

*"Coming together is a Beginning;
Keeping together is Progress;
Working together is Success!"*



Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

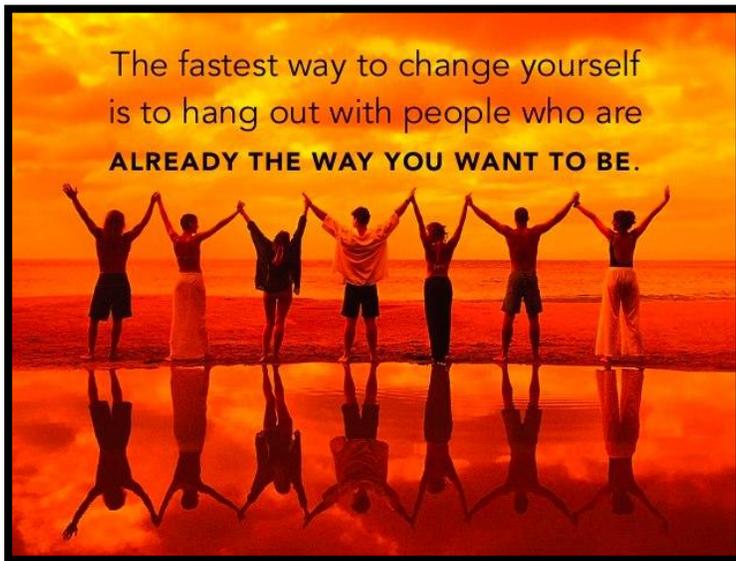


The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the closing decisions of the hosting school.

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

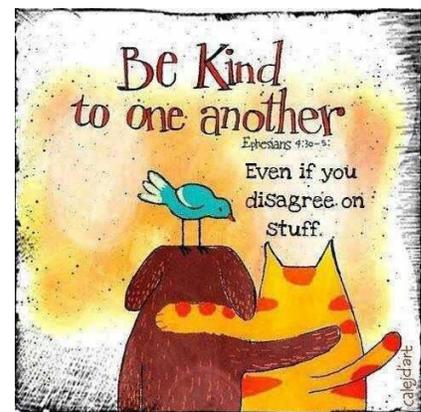


Are You Getting Ready for What You Will Do After High School?

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 2nd 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
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

1354 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso 46385

- Cosmetology Feb. 20, 1:00-3 p.m.

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 10th 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

10/6/2015

Calendar

- January 20, CTE Program Open Houses, 1 - 2 pm
- Christmas Break, December 21 to January 1. Back to school on January 4
- February 5, Blood Drive at the Career and Tech Center, 8 – 2
- Feb. 2, Open Houses, 8 - 9 am, and 6:30-7:30 pm

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.

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.

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