

PORTER COUNTY Career and Technical Education

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



TAKE ON THE WORLD Electronic Students Attend National Nanoline Technology Contest in Pennsylvania



Pictured (left to right) are Bill Albertson, Max Pundrich, Ken Powell, Julian Palmer. Not pictured: Noah Rockhill.



Mrs Sutherlin's Horticulture Students created floral arrangements for Valentine's Day

Students also collected, cleaned, and bagged canna bulbs for the Porter County Master Gardeners Seed and Bulb Exchange held last month. Over 200 bulbs were donated with the effort of the class.





An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. Carl Jung (1875 - 1961)





Construction Trades Students Get Early Tour of New Heavilin Elementary School



Skillman Corporation was kind enough to give Mrs. Biernat's students a guided tour of the new Heavilin Elementary School. Tour guide and site manager, Will Hoefflicker and construction manager intern, Kyle Bishop gave us the tour. Will and Kyle are both graduates of our Bldg Trds program and are now overseeing large commercial construction projects.



Watching too much TV may increase your risk of dying from blood clots. Inactivity may cause clots in the leg or pelvis that may break free and cause a dangerous condition in the lung. Studies show that Americans watch too much TV



Porter County Career Network Announced

This year Mark Zimmerman, AmeriCorps Career Advisor, has been providing our students and classes with resume, LinkedIn, job interviewing, and career advice. Mr. Zimmerman is a retired Human Resource director with a vast background in connecting employers and employees.



Additional career and job search information is now available via social media on our new Facebook Group called: Porter County Career Network. This site provides resume,

interviewing and job search resources. We encourage employers to post job openings on this site. This site is for employers, current students, and alumni to keep their job searching skills current and to find out about job opportunities.

To access this Facebook site, enter "Porter County Career Network" on your Facebook search bar or visit: <u>https://goo.gl/65U3Rz</u>



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Law Enforcement Academy **Students Excel Athletically Too** Porter County Sheriff's Foot Pursuit 5K Criminal Justice Division Champions. Pictured is teacher, Curt Hawkin and our Law Enforcement **Careers Academy** student runners. Good job by all!

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge its Dean's List for the January Session 2017 for students in the College of Applied Technologies. The following full-time students received a grade point average of 3.5 or better: Derek Michaelsen, Morgan Twp HS Grad





Marketing Students Excel

Zac Beatty (Boone Grove) and Zak Smith (Valpo), Strategic Marketing students of Mrs. Ammons, planned, designed, and then presented the name and logo for the new Valparaiso Bike Sharing program. They can be seen presenting to the Valparaiso Redevelopment

Commission. Their logo and design work can be seen at right. The new bike sharing program will be started this summer and will link the downtown to bikers from the university and throughout the community.



If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. (author, unknown)

Diesel Tech Students Love Fixing Things

Mr. Fashing's Diesel Tech program has become very popular among students. Employers are also looking at our graduates for good employment. The students like the shop work and the possibility of high paying jobs after graduation.





Please Do Not Text and Drive This is our CTE District Initiative – No Texting While Driving

Texting behind the wheel is killing people. Youthful drivers are especially at risk. One in ten teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were distracted, and a quarter of teens send a text every time they drive. Texting while driving is dumb and illegal, but even worse would be explaining how you lost a friend because of your uncessary texting. <u>Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located</u> in our Career Center Commons Area.

- ✓ Put your phone away while driving (purse or glove compartment)
- \checkmark Designate a passenger to do the texting for you
- \checkmark Pull over to answer the phone or to type or read a text
- ✓ Don't be the next Distracted Driving victim!

Visit Porter County Career Net on Facebook for job search and resume tips, plus area job openings, and more advice from Mr. Zimmerman. Also "like" our Porter County Career and Tech Center FB page

Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2015-016 School Year). Our District was one of the only ten districts to exceed all required core standards:

Program Completion Rate: 100%
Placement in work, college, or both: 100%
Technical Skill attainment: 93%
H.S. Graduation: 98.7% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%) In addition, students earned 4,960 college credits last year

The Career and Tech Center follows the school closing decisions for Valparaiso Schools. If you attend the Career Center, you and your parents should sign up for the VCS school messenger service so that you can receive mobile text messages notifying you of school closings or delays. Sign up for Career Center Closing/Delay Messages at http://bit.do/cVdRJ

Calendar

- Spring Break, March 27 March 31
- April 12, 3:30 4:30, District Advisory Council Meeting
- April 14, Pre-prom Bonfire Celebration at Sunset Hill Farm, 7 9 pm
- May 2, 6:30 pm at Wheeler HS Auditorium, Technical Honor Society Induction
- May 5, Final Blood Drive of the Year, 8-230, Non Students welcome from 945 1100.

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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