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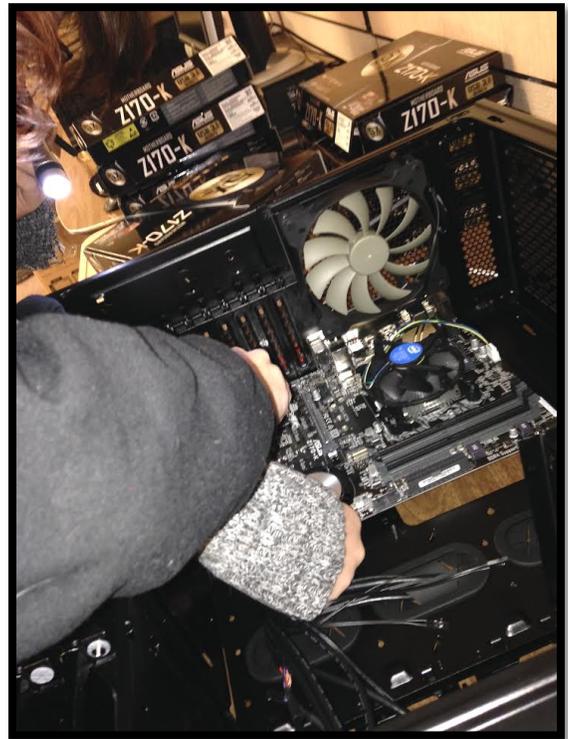
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*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"
"Working Together for Every Student, Every Day"*

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New Computer Tech Class Builds High Powered Computers



These computers are being built for our Computer Assisted Design class which needs ultra fast computers with good graphic capabilities. Our Computer Tech students know how to build them.



Electronics Students Travel to National Nanoline Contest in Pennsylvania



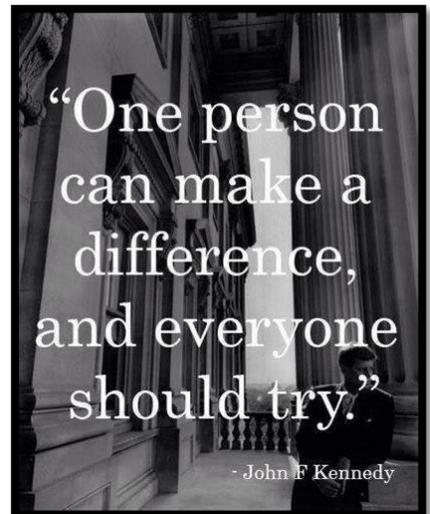
Mr. Thormahlen and students: Bill Albertson, Max Pundrich, Ken Powell, Julian Palmer, and Noah Rockhill took their electronically supercharged go-cart to the national Nanoline contest. A bonus included some sightseeing at the Hershey factory.



“As Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get: we make a life by what we give.’ Philanthropy is giving and caring. It’s sharing what you have—your time as well as your dollars.” – Jackie Stutzman



Over one hundred Wheeler eighth graders can be seen visiting the Career and Tech Center as part of their career exploration program.

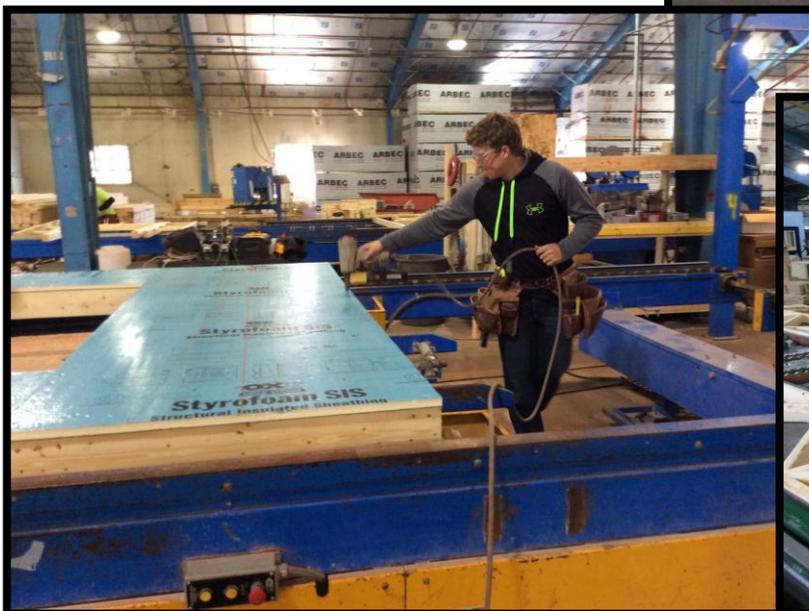
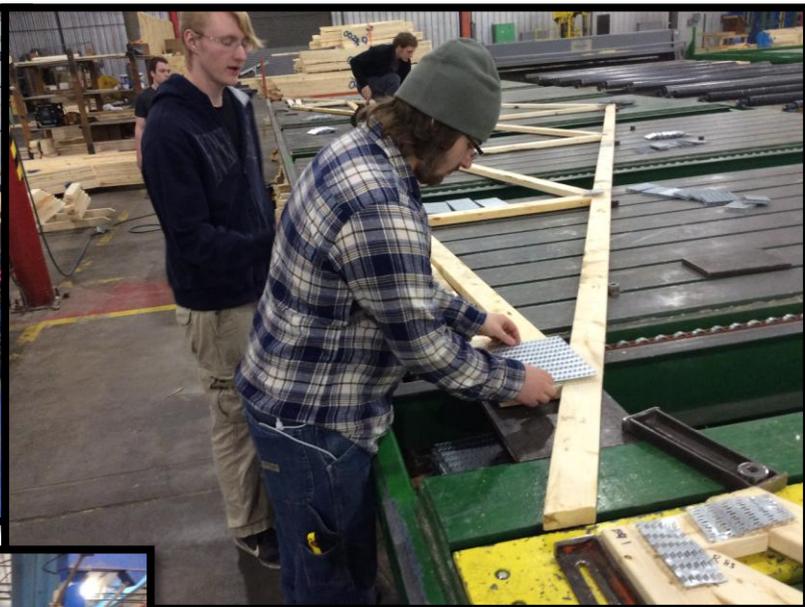


“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”

- John F Kennedy

PHS Student Builders

Portage HS Building Trades students and Mr. Bontrager recently went on an all day field trip to Continental Carpentry Components in Wanatah. The company builds roof trusses, floor trusses, and wall systems. A lot of the work is for 3 to 4 story apartment buildings. The students were put on the lines and worked alongside the employees. The company owner said, "Bring back your report cards with good grades on them, and I will hire every one of you."



"Real courage is when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what." -- Harper Lee



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: <https://goo.gl/65U3Rz>

Questions can be directed to Mark Zimmerman at the Career Center.

Mark R. Zimmerman
AmeriCorps Career Advisor
Porter County Career & Technical Center



Building Trades Students are Shown Constructing a Storage Shed for the Career Center.



Culinary Students Create Contemporary Cuisine



At left are Brittany Delgado, Megan Newcomb, Zack Gertzen, Nick Kazmierczak and Jared Osborn making delicious muffins for the academic honors breakfast.

At right are Brittany Delgado, Nick Kazmierczak, Maisie Hill with Chef Jim preparing food for Valparaiso University.



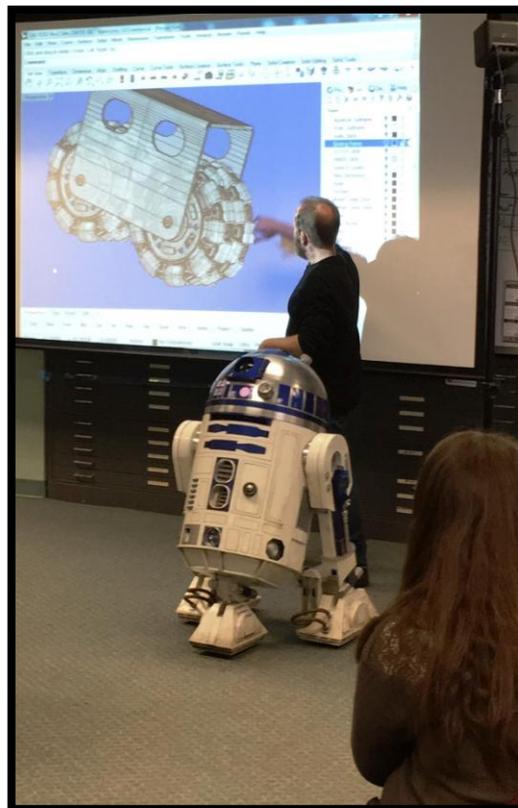
Pictured at left are Zack Gertzen & Brittany Delgado



Nik Kazmierczak (at right) is going solo making some mouth-watering pizza.



Valpo High grad Aaron Treble brought his authentic R2D2 robot to the Career Center to share with our students. Aaron taught himself CAD, how to TIG weld, and learned electronics while working on jet aircraft in the US Air Force. Today, he is a production technician with Praxair and builds replica, authentic movie creations like R2D2. His next creation will be a Capt Kirk chair from the original Star Wars.



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 unnecessary texting. Please sign our No Texting While Driving Pledge located in our Career Center Commons Area.

- ✓ Put your phone away while driving (purse or glove compartment)
- ✓ Designate a passenger to do the texting for you
- ✓ 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

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
- May 18, 6 pm, VCS Board of Trustees meeting will be hosted at the Career and Tech Center

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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