



# 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"*



## Portage Student Builders New House is Going Up

Mr. Bontrager's Portage HS Construction Trades students are bulding right next door to last year's project (pictured at right).



So far, on this year's project, you can see the basement has been poured and waterproofed. They are using insulated concrete forms for the basement construction. Students will be busy building the rest of the year.



### Baby It's Cold Outside

Mrs. Iddings put on Christmas music and a roaring fireplace. Her students took advantage to warm their hands. Students pictured are (L-R) Jason Doran from PHS, Aaliyah Millikin, and Lily Kaiser from VHS.



**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>*

Our Marketing students did a terrific job acting and dressing as local citizens visiting the train station during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century during our Depot Open House.



The Career and Tech Education Horticulture/Landscape Class has had a busy fall designing a landscape project for the town of Kouts. Pictured is Emmalee Deardurff (Kouts) at Windy Ridge Farm (local class supporter) selecting plants for the design. The project will be installed this spring.



Our students' work will be landscaping the area around this city sign.



Students from the class have annually taken a trip to the Guse Tree Farm. Pictured is owner Cliff Guse explaining to the class about the Christmas tree farm operation. Students brought back greens and floral foam to the class to make holiday centerpieces.

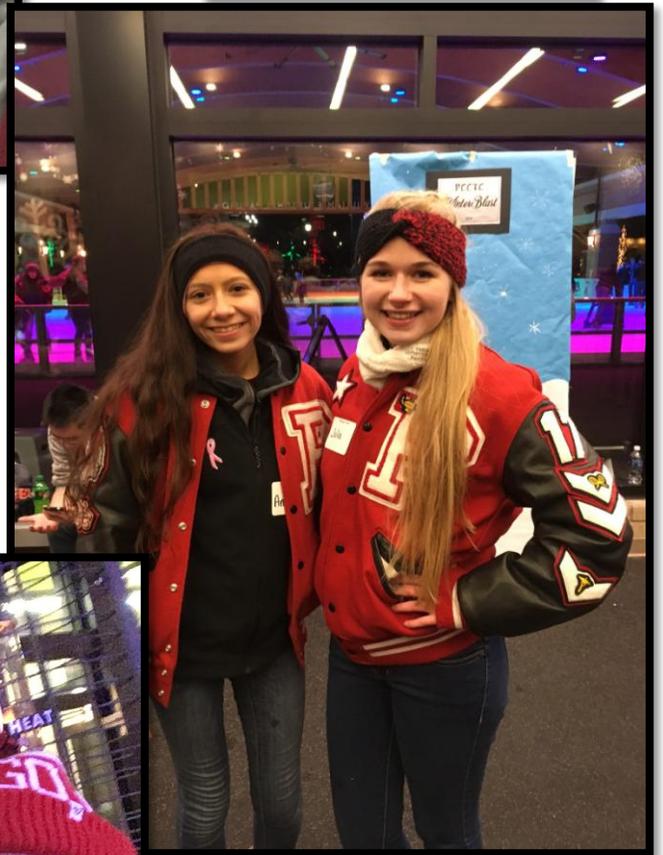


## Winter Blast Skating Party was Fun for All – Students and Staff

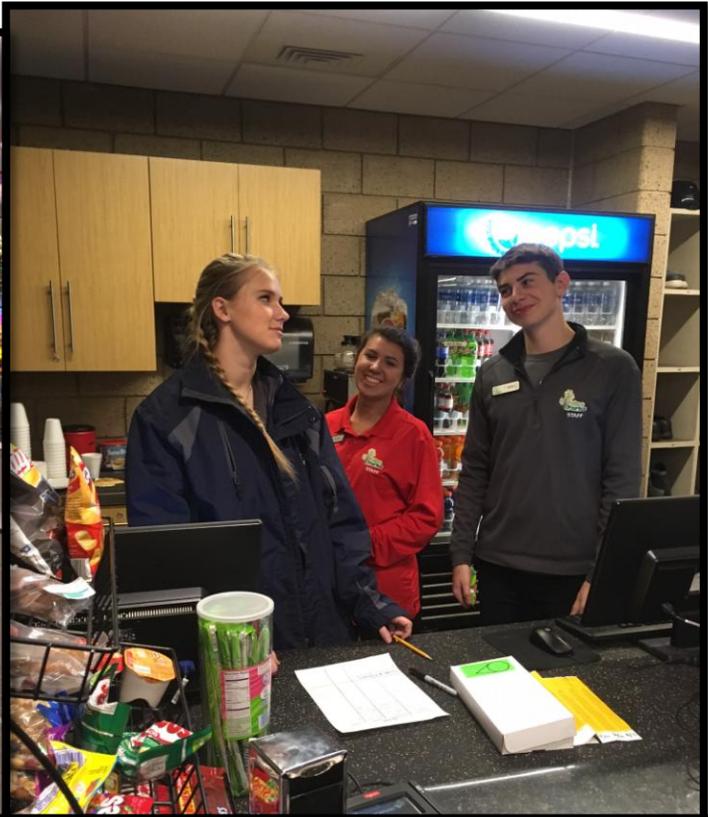


“All that matters is that you can look in the mirror and honestly tell the person you see there, that you have done your very best.”

- John McKay, long-time successful USC and Tampa Bay Buccaneers football coach



The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.



*Drone Photo of Career and Tech Center Property by Sam Malloy (VHS)*



You get a good perspective of the Depot on our lot and also our wind and solar project located on the roof of the main building.

**I CARE MORE ABOUT THE  
PEOPLE MY STUDENTS  
BECOME THAN THE SCORES  
ON THE TESTS THEY TAKE.**

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**Never do something  
permanently  
foolish  
just because you are  
temporarily  
upset**

## **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!

## **Homework Hotline**

Middle and high school students across Indiana who need extra help with math and science are invited to contact the [Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's free Homework Hotline](#) by calling, chatting online or emailing with tutors.



Tutors are available each night Sunday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m. Eastern Time for students in grades six through 12. This year's Homework Hotline concludes in May 2017.

Students can submit questions online via live chat at [AskRose.org](#), by calling the toll-free number at (877) 275-7673 or emailing questions any time during the day (students will receive a response during operating hours).

**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: [www.triptocollege.org](http://www.triptocollege.org)**

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.



## Attention: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars (both seniors and juniors)

- Go to this website: [in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2516.htm](http://in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2516.htm)
- Click on SCHOLAR TRACK at the bottom. Create or update your account. There are a dozen tasks you need to do to collect your scholarship.
- Consider attending the College Fair at Portage High on Sept. 14 between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

**Seniors** - Create an FSA ID and have your parent create one:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> in anticipation of doing a FAFSA form after Oct. 1. Your family will use 2015 income information this year.

- Take SAT/ACT as needed. Seek a waiver to cover the fee from your home school guidance counselor.
- Narrow down your list and start applying for admission to colleges.
- Plan to sign your affirmation form online for your scholarship after you take the required steps on the website. You need a 2.5 cumulative GPA at graduation and at least a Core 40 Diploma to collect your 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship.

## 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)

**Sign up for Career Center  
Closing/Delay Messages at**  
<http://bit.do/cVdRJ>



**Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data for school reporting standards (2014-015 School Year). Our District ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state on overall state performance:**

*Program Completion Rate: 100%*

*Placement in work, college, or both: 95.8%*

*Technical Skill attainment: 94.9%*

*H.S. Graduation: 97.7% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 86.4%)*

*In addition, program participants earned 4,230 college credits last year*

*"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

## Calendar

- Winter Break, Dec. 21 – Jan 3 (most schools)
- January 20, Notre Dame Hockey Game, leave school at 4:30
- January 24, Morning 8-9 am CTE Open Houses **and** Evening Open Houses, 6:30-7:30 pm
- February 7, Morning 8-9 am CTE Open Houses
- April 13, 2017, 3:30-4:30, District Advisory Council Meeting

## 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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