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



Duneland Building Trades Program Is Trying to Help Solve the Affordable Housing Crises



Mr. Garzella, CHS Building Trades instructor and the Duneland Building Trades Board has developed a partnership with Housing Opportunities to build affordable, starter homes for selected families around the region. Our students are getting a lot of "hands-on" experience while helping provide a valuable community service. In addition, our students are learning all aspects of building trades and making themselves into valuable future trades people.

For more information on NWI apprenticeship programs go to: <http://webuildnwi.com/trade-careers.html>

District Updates

Cosmetology will be offered in the 18-19 school year on the Career Center campus in the renovated 1912 Grand Trunk Train Station.

A new Fire and Rescue program will be available next fall in our District. It will be conducted at the MAAC (Multi-Agency Academic Cooperative). This is a brand new state-of-the-art professional training facility for first responders. Our students will be studying Fire Science I and II. <http://www.maacfoundation.com/>

Renovations on the Career and Tech Center are scheduled to be completed by the start of the 18-19 school year. Improvements will include a new and larger Precision Machining lab, which will allow us to double our student capacity. We will also have new, improved facilities for our Electronics, Video Productions, Marketing, and CAD programs.



"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."
~ Theodore Roosevelt

State Spell Bowl Champs

These five smart young people are all enrolled at the Career Center.

"The thing I loved the most — and still love the most about teaching — is that you can connect with an individual or a group, and see that individual or group exceed their limits."

— Duke basketball coach,
Mike Krzyzewski



Students in Mrs. Doane's Dental Careers class spent a day in Chicago serving and learning. While there, they donated hygiene and cleaning

supplies to Heartland Alliance for Health and Human Services and toured the American Dental Association. They also participated in a challenging scavenger hunt through Millennium Park, led by Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Sorensen.

Weather Related Cancellation and/or Delay Information

The Porter County Career and Tech Center 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
- Follow on Twitter:
PCCareerCenter

www.cancellations.com



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!

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

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

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

Construction Continues at the Career and Tech Center



November 3



November 7



The bricklayers are busy and the floor to the new addition will be poured next. Windows and doors will be installed soon. The Larson-Danielson Company is doing a great job managing our project.



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Attention ALL Seniors

The window is now open for seniors and their parents to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at www.fafsa.gov. The first step is for both student and parent to get the FAFSA ID at this site. Indiana's deadline to file is **March 10, 2018 (midnight, Central Time)**. It is highly recommended that you fill out the FAFSA as soon as you can after **October 1** to ensure that you do not miss out on available aid!

Families will use income information from 2016 to fill out the form. Direct help is available at College Goal Sunday Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at sites around the state. See collegegoalsunday.org.

Mrs Sutherlin's Horticulture Students are Planning Rain Gardens



Horticulture students started their class with a presentation from the landscape designer who is working with Valparaiso Schools on their renovation projects.

Students also get some

greenhouse time as they are preparing for their holiday plant sale. Pictured at left is Hebron HS senior



Jaycie Majcher - Hebron HS. She propagated a pumpkin plant from a world class, prize winning seed provided by Jacob Evers (VHS) from our Building Trades class.



Visit "Porter County Career Network" on Facebook for job search and resume tips, plus area job openings, and more career advice from Mr. Zimmerman.

URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/portercountycareernetwork/>

Also "like" our FB page: Porter County Career and Tech Center.

Calendar

Urschel Pavilion Skating Party, 6:30 – 8:30, November 30

Notre Dame Hockey Game, January 19

District Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30, Thursday, April 12, 2018

Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our students and staff. 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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