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## 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"*



### Law Enforcement Careers Academy



Mr. Hawkins,  
Jerry Michalak,  
and students

Mr. Hawkins brought in a police expert to discuss the collection of physical evidence. Officer Michalak is a Crime Scene Technician for the Indiana State Police. He discussed everything from fingerprints to entomology. He finished by helping our students cast shoe wear impressions in dental stone.

***"Everyone must work to live, but the purpose of life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others."***



Jordan Sheets (Wash Twp senior) can be seen at left, making plaster shoe castings.



Luke Savage (Morgan Twp junior) and Seth Lynn (Kouts junior)

"I see possibilities in everything."  
- Michael J. Fox



### Horticulture Students Demonstrate Their Green Thumbs

Second year students(L-R) Casey Morton (Kouts) and Emily Reppert (Hobart) are working hard in the greenhouse on the dish garden sales scheduled for the end of December.

Please join our Facebook page "Porter County Career and Tech Center", and join "Porter County Career Network", that is the page where we post jobs from employers looking for our students and alumni.



Some of our outstanding students were introduced to the Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Club at a recent meeting. Members really enjoyed getting to hear from the students about their experiences at the Career Center.

(Left to right)  
Matt Rogers, Bldg Trds, Wash Twp;  
Camryn Santner, Cosmetology, Morgan;  
Kaitlyn Bobinski, Health Occ, Morgan;  
Mattigan Riley, Mach Trds, Chesterton;  
Logan Ozdyck, Video, Valparaiso.

***"The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; the question is whether we can afford not to."*** - Marian Wright Edelman



Students from several different CTE programs took a recent tour of the Ivy Tech Campus in Valparaiso. Many have expressed an interest in attending there after their high school graduation and utilizing the dual credits they will earn in their CTE programs.



***Listen with patience.  
Answer with kindness.  
Act with love.***

Call 531-3174 for an Appointment  
Mon-Thurs appointments are from 130-5 pm,  
And Friday from 130-330  
Credit or Debit Cards only!  
Please NO Cash or checks!





Students in Mrs. Idding's CTE program were able to help out with serving the elementary students and their parents for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Then of course! They were able to partake as well....in our new little cubby of a room.

**Being On Time**  
**Making An Effort**  
**Being High Energy**  
**Having A Positive Attitude**  
**Being Passionate**  
**Using Good Body Language**  
**Being Coachable**  
**Doing A Little Extra**  
**Being Prepared**  
**Having A Strong Work Ethic**

These are things we can all do that require no sweat and no fuss. Let's all master these important skills.

## 2018-19 Fire and Rescue Program Student Body



**These young people will soon be ready to serve their communities as first responders.** These students will be certified firefighters at the end of the course!

## Warning Signs of Suicide

- Threatening to or talking about hurting or killing oneself
- Looking for ways to kill oneself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means
- Anxiety, agitation, unable to sleep or sleeping all of time
- Expressions of hopelessness or feeling trapped
- Withdrawal from friends, family, and society
- Rage, uncontrolled anger, desire for revenge
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide
- Expressing a lack of reason to live or sense of purpose
- Impulsively engaging in reckless or risky behaviors
- Increase substance (alcohol or drug) use
- Dramatic mood changes

During the Holiday Season, we all need to be alert to the needs of our friends and colleagues!

If observed, seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for a referral. Source: American Association of Suicidology

### **How to find out about school closings:**

School closings/delays are posted on your school website, your school text messaging service, [cancellations.com](http://cancellations.com), or WLJE Radio (and their website at <https://indiana105.com/region-cancellations/>).

The Career Center follows the Valparaiso School schedule - Any and all students, parents, and guardians in the district may sign up for the Valparaiso Schools Text Messaging service. Simply text "yes" to 68453.

WLJE radio and their [website](#) is also a reliable source of official school closing announcements.

The Approved Career Center Policy is as follows:

***Students driving to vocational classes should be extra cautious and not drive if his/her parents deem driving to be unsafe. In such instance, they should call off by notifying their CTE teacher. These instances will be considered administrative absences and any missed work will be allowed to be made up with no penalty.***  
***"The safest and most reliable transportation is on a school bus"***

#### **Parents may Purchase Inexpensive Drug Test Kit**

Parents may purchase drug tests for only \$5.00. Call 219-462-0946 to make an appointment to pick up a kit. **The Porter County Substance Abuse Council** address is 57 S. Michigan, Suite 203, Valparaiso, 46383. You can now enter from either the front or rear of the building.

### **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!



### **Next Level Jobs Opportunity**

Starting in the fall of 2018, **ALL** Hoosiers with a high school diploma may be eligible to earn a tuition-free certificate in Indiana's highest-demand job sectors through Governor Holcomb's Next Level Jobs initiative! Eligible job sectors include Advanced Manufacturing; Building & Construction; Health & Life Sciences; IT & Business Services; and Transportation & Logistics (see attached for a full list of certificate options). This is a great opportunity for CTE students who have earned some dual credit while in high school but have not yet been awarded a certificate from a two-year college.

To be considered, students simply need to file a FAFSA. Even students who missed the April 15<sup>th</sup> FAFSA deadline are eligible! To get connected with an eligible program, students should visit [NextLevelJobs.org](http://NextLevelJobs.org) and click on "I'm a Next Level Job Seeker." After completing a short questionnaire, Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University will reach out to the student to help them enroll.

The Commission will be hosting a webinar with more information about the Workforce Ready Grant on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM EDT. [Please sign up here!](#) If you have any questions, please visit [NextLevelJobs.org](http://NextLevelJobs.org) or email [NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov](mailto:NextLevelJobs@che.in.gov)

Sincerely, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

**Porter County Career and Tech program is proud of our most recent state data (2016 - 017 School Year). Our District was one of the only three districts to exceed all required core standards:**

*Program Completion Rate: 99.7%*

*Placement in work, college, or both: 96%*

*Technical Skill attainment: 89%*

*H.S. Graduation: 95% (compared to the statewide graduation rate of 87%)*

*In addition, students earned 4,457 free college credits last year*

## Calendar:

- ❖ December 20, 4 pm, Skating Party at Urschel Pavilion, co-sponsored by Ivy Tech.
- ❖ January 11, Reward trip to Notre Dame Hockey Game.
- ❖ April 16, 330-430, District Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center,  
1005 N. Franklin Street, Valparaiso

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.

## 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 (jgrotz@valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.

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