

# Porter County Career & Technical Education News



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*"Our job includes making a profound difference in the lives of our students!"*  
*"Where Everyone is on a Path to Success"*

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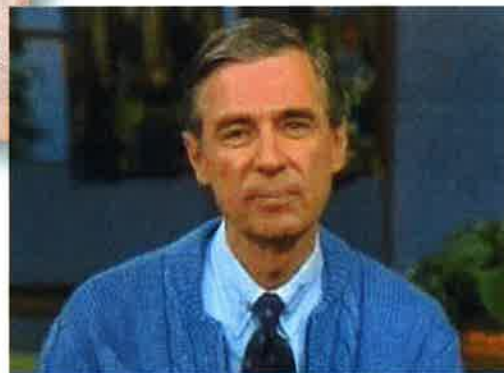
**Alumni Visitors Are Always Welcome**

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Visiting from Vincennes is Urschel scholarship employee Mattigan Riley (far right, CHS grad 2019). She can be seen telling Mr. Carmack, Mrs. Nietert, and John Beron (WTHS senior) about her adventures since graduation. It is wonderful to see our students return to and inspire this year's students to even more success.

One of our talented senior stylist students can be seen trimming Principal Groth's hair for the holidays. Call 531-3174 for an appointment.



"Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, here and now."

—Fred Rogers

BE THE TYPE OF PERSON  
THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU  
GO OR WHERE YOU ARE, YOU  
ALWAYS ADD VALUE TO THE  
LIVES OF THOSE AROUND YOU

**Students from several career areas can be seen enjoying our School Commons Area.**



**Construction Students are all working on a cabinet for our VCS maintenance department.**



Open Houses for Sophomores and Juniors will be held in December and February. Designed for future students and parents.

## Porter County Career & Technical Education

*2019-20 PREVIEW DAY SCHEDULE—be on time and plan to spend 30-60 minutes*

### VALPARAISO PROGRAMS

*Porter County Career & Technical Center  
1005 N. Franklin St., Valparaiso 46383  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Auto Services Technology
- CAD & Animation
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Electronics & Computer Technology
- Entrepreneurship/Sports & Entertainment Mktg.
- Health Science Ed. I w/Anat
- Health Science Ed. II
- Precision Machining
- Strategic Marketing Internship
- Video Production & Media Studies

### VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL

*2727 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso 46385  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Computer Tech Support     Door 1; Room Orange 208

### BOONE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

*260 S. 500 West, Valparaiso 46385  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management

### IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*3100 Ivy Tech Drive, Valparaiso 46383  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Construction Trades: HVAC     Main Entrance
- Welding Technology             Main Entrance

### FLINT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*4106 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Early Childhood Education     Front Entrance

### MORGAN TWP. HIGH SCHOOL

*299 South State Road 49, Valparaiso 46383  
Dec. 3 @ 1 p.m. • Dec. 10 @ 5:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 1 p.m.*

- Horticultural Science             Green Agriculture Building

### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

*587 W. 300 North, Valparaiso 46385  
Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.—NO visit Dec. 3—  
consider Hobart Criminal Justice visit for Dec. 3))*

- Criminal Investigations             Entrance E
- Criminal Justice                     Entrance E

### PORTAGE PROGRAMS

*6450 U.S. 6, Portage 46368  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 5:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

- Auto Services Technology     Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Construction Trades             Willowcreek M.S. Rear Entrance
- Dental Careers                     PHS-East Door C, Rm. 155
- Health Science                     PHS-East Door C, Rm. 156
- Education I w/ Anatomy  
(for Dec. 10 p.m. visit, use door Q for Dental and Health)

- Dec. 3 @ 1 p.m. • Dec. 10 @ 5:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 1 p.m.*
- Diesel Service Technology     Green Building N.E. of PHS-E
  - Industrial Mechanics             PHS-East Door C, Rm. 110
  - Work Study (NO evening visit)     PHS-East Door C, Rm. 306
  - Early Childhood Education     South Haven Elem. School  
395 Midway Dr., Library
  - Graphic Imaging Technology     PHS-West Door F. Rm. B14

### HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

*2211 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Hobart 46342  
Dec. 3 @ 8 a.m. • Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 8 a.m.*

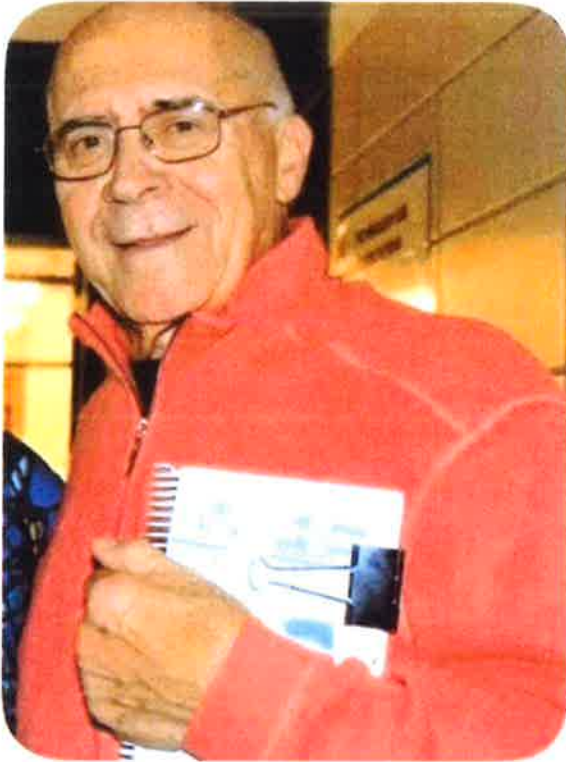
- Cisco Networking Fundamentals     Front Entrance
- Early Childhood Education             Front Entrance
- Emergency Medical Services             Front Entrance
- Fundamentals of Sports Medicine         Front Entrance
- Criminal Justice                     Front Entrance
- Strategic Mktg. Field Exper. (NO Dec. 10 visit)     Front Entrance

### MAAC FOUNDATION

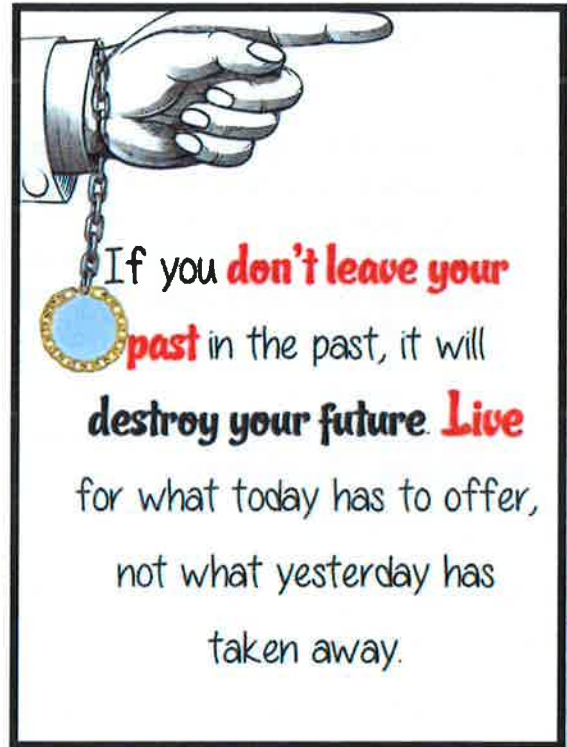
*4203 Montdale Park Drive, Valparaiso 46383  
Dec. 3 @ 1 p.m. • Dec. 10 @ 5:30 p.m. • Feb. 4 @ 1 p.m.*

- Fire & Rescue                             10/10/19

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



Terry Levenda – in memory of honored long time Porter County School Administrator and friend to all who knew him. I am sure I am one of many school administrators impacted by this inspirational and fun loving school leader. I will miss and remember him. 8/11/1942-11/18/2019. Jon Groth



**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: 97%*

*Technical Skill attainment: 93.8%*

*H.S. Graduation: 97%*

*In addition, students earned 4,737 free college credits last year*

**Men are required by law to register for the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Registration is not only a legal requirement, but a civic duty and key component of our national defense readiness. Men can register in 45 seconds at [SSS.gov](http://SSS.gov)**

**Failure to register will mean they are unable to receive federally funded college loans and grants; and be ineligible for many state and federal jobs; if he is an immigrant he will have a five year delay in processing his citizenship application.**

### 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"*

Porter County Career and Technical students earned 4,737 credits last year in our 1/2 day CTE classes.

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." – Mark Twain

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Mother Teresa*

The Porter County CTE District was one of only five districts in Indiana that met or exceeded all eight Indiana CTE performance indicators!

### 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

### **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!



### Calendar

- ❖ CTE Program Open Houses at most locations: December 3 & 10, and February 4.
- ❖ December 13, 7-9 pm, Skating Party at Urschel Pavilion
- ❖ Notre Dame vs Wisconsin Hockey Trip, January 20, 430-930

### 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.

[www.pccte.org](http://www.pccte.org)

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