

Board of Education Update

Michael Knott
High School Director
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Staff Recognition

We are very appreciative of the efforts Mickey McConahay and our staff put into ensuring all of our Juniors could take the state-mandated ACT test March 10. We are again very thankful for a staff that is willing to be flexible and work through these challenges to make sure everything is done the correct way.

Mary Ann Falk and our Senior English teachers deserve a great deal of credit and thanks for their help in organizing the Mock Interview event on March 10, and preparing our seniors to succeed..

Upcoming Events

April 10 -- NO SCHOOL -- SPRING BREAK

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Mike Knott -- Director

The entire Vantage staff has been amazing in preparing for the school closure due to COVID-19. If I thank specific people I will leave someone out, so thank you everyone. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that students will still have learning opportunities during this time.

- Teachers have developed an extended learning plan that will provide some flexibility and allow students to continue their learning with online and offline at-home lessons/activities.
- Instructors have made sure students know how content/lessons will be distributed to them, and how they will be expected to communicate with instructors while school is closed.
 - Each teacher has a Google Classroom setup for student communication
- Instructors have made sure that students understand they are expected to follow the school calendar and check-in with instructors daily/complete work each day that we normally would have been in class.
 - Each Google Classroom has a Google Form for Student Attendance/Check-in each day.
- Students were reminded to take everything they may need, home with them on Thursday night (March 12, 2020). That includes books, work packets, binders,

and devices (chromebooks have been made available if a student needed to check one out from the tech department).

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Unfortunately, the Annual FFA Banquet has been postponed due to COVID-19. Mr. Miller is planning on having a small “banquet” just for the members later this school year.

The job market is still very strong for the T & I students as more students are going out on Early Placement as well as more full time jobs are being accepted by the students.

All Ohio Career Tech competitions and events have been canceled through at least April 13, 2020. This means that there will be no students participating in the State SkillsUSA competition, even though we planned on having 20 students participate.

The construction of the Habitat for Humanity house is on hold for the time being due to COVID-19. Mr. Robinson and his Carpentry students have been doing a great job trying to get the house completed this year.

The Trade and Industrial teachers, as well as **every** Vantage staff member, has done and continues to do a phenomenal job of creating and administering lessons via online. Words cannot express how diligent the staff has been in regards to their responsibilities during these very difficult times.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Students from Interactive Media and Network Systems unfortunately did not compete at state Business and Professional Association (BPA) skilled and judged events on March 12-13 at Columbus Convention Center.

At this time, students from Health Information Management and Health Technology that were competing at the state level for HOSA on March 31-April 1 have been put on hold.

FCCLA Regionals for Culinary Arts, Early Childhood and Family Consumer Science (Van Wert) was held on February 29th at Apollo Career Center. Students will be notified if they will be advancing to State FCCLA Leadership through their advisors - Lynda Ragan, Marcia Osenga, and Robin Burns.

As stated by everyone else, our staff has been amazing the last two weeks. I am so thankful how proactive we were not knowing what this was going to look like. We sent students home for their quarter break more prepared than most districts. We have come a long way in one weeks time. Staff continue to step up to the challenge we have been faced with. The

commitment, as a staff, to reach our students, teach our students and to continue to help them be successful during this time is amazing!

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

ACT testing was completed on March 10th with make-up testing completed on March 11th.

The priority deadline for 2019-2020 applications for Vantage Career Center was March 4th. Students who missed the deadline may still submit applications for next school year online at VantageCareerCenter.com. We currently have 363 applications as of 3/23/19.

Tentative acceptance letters were mailed out to those students who have submitted an application. Acceptance is tentative, based upon the completion of their sophomore year requirements.

Ms. Temple has been working closely with school counselors to ensure proper program placement for all students interested in Vantage Career Center.

The 3rd quarter was completed on March 12th.

Mr. Fisher & Ms. McConahay have begun scheduling for next year with this year's juniors. This includes College Credit Plus options for those students that meet the college entrance requirements. The counselors will be working virtually on scheduling these students.

Jaime Kipfer will again be teaching College Algebra and Trigonometry on Vantage's campus next school year through College Credit Plus and Northwest State Community College.

Due to Coronavirus Pandemic, End of Course testing will be delayed and possibly waived for this school year.

The staff has been doing an amazing job with elearning. They continue to put the students well-being first and are offering ideas and support to each other. Like stated by everyone, their efforts in staying connected with their students are commendable.

Adult Education Director's Report

April 2020

Working from Home

Obviously, working from home has created a number of challenges for adult ed as it has for the rest of us. The staff and coordinators are meeting with me on a weekly basis through Google Meet, and we are making adjustments as we can to continue to serve our population. We are using this time to work on gathering our evidence and information for the COE Accreditation Report. We are also reviewing our records and data to better organize them in preparation to our conversion to a new information management system Achademix.

Following is a summary of where we are on programs and projects:

Nursing Program

Our nursing program students are continuing with elearning from home. They have a number of online resources and were already working with Google Classroom. The instructors continue to provide online lessons and monitor attendance. We have not been able to continue with clinicals due to the quarantines but will pick these up once the restrictions are lifted.

We are aware that we will have to extend the time, both for labs and clinicals, as well as for academics that are not easily absorbed without the immediacy of lab experiences. We will continue to monitor and will undoubtedly have to postpone the start of the next class.

Police Academy

The curriculum for Police Academy had progressed to the point where elearning was not possible. We were able to complete our range training, but we are now unable to continue instruction. We will need to pick up lab and hands-on experiences once we are back in session, but, depending on the length of the delay, we will also probably postpone the start of the next program. However, we continue to recruit for the next session.

Financial Aid

Both the nursing program and the Police Academy have a number of students that are on federal financial aid. Fortunately, we have received direction from the USDOE that there will be allowances made for extending time and reporting attendance.

Additional Programs

Welding, EMT and STNA are all currently on hold. We anticipate that we will lose some enrollment with this delay, but will work with students to assure they receive all of the instruction they had planned. We will offer free makeup sessions, particularly in EMT to help students regain some of what they have lost during this delay.

High School CDL

Once we are back in business, we will be working with high school students to help them complete their over the road training for their CDL licenses. Scheduling should be interesting as

many of the students have already been promised employment and have set start dates, but we will do everything we can to extend hours and meet their needs for this credential.

Catalog

We are delaying printing our catalog until we have a better feel for when we will be able to return to business as usual.

Summary

I wish to commend my staff and students as we wend our way through this difficult time. I believe all of them have risen to the challenge and we will see positive outcomes from this particular detour.