

Board of Education Update

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High School Director

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Staff Recognition

As always, our Thanksgiving buffet was full (of people and excellent food). Special thanks are in order for Ms. Robin Burns and her crew of talented culinary students for serving over 250 people so well over those two days. They handled everything perfectly, including the postponement of the buffet for a day due to weather! We are very much looking forward to this month's Christmas buffet.

Once again, the 8th grade tours were a success. Mike Knott and Miriam Owens worked together to coordinate all of our scheduling and tour guide training, and our student tour guides really did a fantastic job of showing off our building to the 8th graders. Home school teachers and counselors even got involved in the activities in several of the labs. Students are excited to show off their building to anyone and everyone they can. Special thanks to those students and our staff members who helped instill their confidence to lead the tours.

I would also like to make sure to give a great deal of credit to Mike Knott for his hard work and time in preparing our class of 2019 students and testing them in the WorkKeys assessment (which will help them graduate). He will give a detailed update in his portion, but what he and those students have been able to accomplish so far is nothing short of awesome.

Our Veteran's Day festivities also went extremely well. Thanks to our student ambassadors for raising over \$250 for the Payne American Legion. The field and board looked great, and special thanks to Industrial Mechanics and Construction Equipment for raising over \$150 themselves through their very own challenge. We also had a student-led effort to recognize American Veterans that day. Thank you again to all students who participated.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 3-7 -- End of Course Re-takes

Dec. 24-Jan.2 -- Winter Break (Classes resume Jan. 3)

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Tony Unverferth -- Director

Parent teacher conferences were held November 20-21 in our commons area. We still do our parent-teacher conferences a bit differently than our home-schools, and have gotten a lot of great feedback on the process. Each parent signs up for a time-slot that works for them, and we have every one of their student's teachers come to one of eight tables we have set up in the commons during that time slot. This way, each parent gets to meet with all of the teachers at the same time, rather than having to wait outside of classrooms and possibly getting backed up. Each time slot is 20 minutes long, and often that's all that is needed. We consistently get between 25-30% attendance at P/T conferences.

The Interact Club tried something new for their fundraising event this school year. On Monday, November 19 the Interact Club hosted several events in our community room where students could donate \$4 to get out of academic classes and participate. Two periods offered a Facetime question and answer session with our Carpentry teacher in Haiti, which was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about where our Interact dollars go and how important they are to those people in Haiti. Thanks to Mrs. Sarah Koch, Mrs. Ashley Cline, Mrs. Jill Dewert and all of our students; hundreds of dollars were raised.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Megan Garrity (Paulding High School) and Kaylie Tressler (Paulding High School) both juniors in the Ag. & Industrial Power program, recently qualified to compete in the District 4 FFA Job Interview contest. Megan finished second in the district contest, just barely missing qualifying for state competition. Congratulations to Megan, Kaylie, their instructor Mr. Mike Miller, and Darrell Miller, Jim Fisher, and Susan Farr for helping prepare the students for their competitions.

Various students enrolled in the Precision Machining, Industrial Mechanics, and Electricity programs took a field trip to Vanamatic which is located in Delphos. The field trip came about after Mr. Scott Wiltsie, Human Resource Manager, came to Vantage and spoke about the career possibilities available at their company. It was a very enlightening experience at the company.

The students in the Auto Collision, Auto Technology, and Ag and Industrial Power Technology will be starting to take their ASE Student Certification tests this month. These certifications are very valuable to the students as the certifications can help the students get a job as well as some can be used for college credit at UNOH.

The Construction Equipment Technology and Electricity programs are working together in order for the students to achieve their NCCER CORE certifications. There was also an NCCER

inspection done of the programs as well as the instructors (Mel White and Dave DeLano) with everything and everyone passing the inspection.

The Carpentry program participated in a two day forklift training that was held at the Ohio Carpenters campus in Rossford, Ohio. The students took written tests as well as driving tests with the forklifts in order to receive their forklift certifications.

The students in the Welding program have been working on various fabrication projects for their lab as well as creating various chests/storage containers for their shop tools and equipment.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Certification preparation and testing is in full swing within several labs...OSHA, ServSafe, EKG, Electronic Health Records, NIMS...

Junior Health Technology students completed the 16 hours of clinicals required prior to sitting for their STNA certification. The students had clinical staff supervise their training while at Van Wert Van Crest. They will be sitting for their state testing late January. Mrs. Carey will also be taking her students to the Cottage Inn for Christmas Caroling and shopping for their Angel Tree Children which is part of their community service.

Seniors in Early Childhood all completed their Parent Teacher Conferences with the preschool parents in November. Students had to present their portfolio child's binder to the parent.

Senior Cosmetology students will be hosting a Mini Spa Day to a loved one in their family. A family member will get to come and enjoy a day with their cosmetology student and have two services ranging from pedicure, gel polish, facial and deep conditioning treatment with a style. They will then get lunch from the Cup & Saucer.

Business Professionals of America (BPA) Fall State Leadership meeting was held on Wednesday, October 31 at the Columbus Convention Center. Thirteen students attended from Network Systems and Interactive Media.

Mike Knott – Student Services Supervisor

1. 8th grade tours were completed November 5th – 8th. Approximately 850 8th graders were able to tour all of Vantage's high school programs. This was a career exploration opportunity for them to get a quick look at what our new facility here at Vantage has to offer.
2. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were completed November 19th and 20th. Special phone calls were made and emails were sent to the parents of all students failing by the teachers to encourage those students who are struggling and their parents to attend the conferences. This was an opportunity for all of our parents to meet with each of their student's teachers to discuss their progress so far in the school year. As of November 19th, there were 116 conferences scheduled (116/444 = 26% of student population)
3. Seniors that are at risk of not meeting testing requirements for graduation have been spending time doing assignments through the ACT WorkKeys Curriculum with Mr. Knott in preparation for retaking the WorkKeys tests in November. At this point, 33 out of 60 have reached the required WorkKeys score of 13. Of the remaining 27 students:
 - 13 students at 12 points - 7 IEP students
 - 7 students at 11 points - 4 IEP students
 - 4 students at 10 points - 3 IEP students
 - 2 students at 9 points - 2 IEP students
 - 1 student at 6 points - IEP student(IEP students could be exempted if they don't meet the required testing scores)
4. In early January Mr. Knott will begin to visit our associate schools to speak with the sophomores in detail about what each program has to offer at Vantage Career Center. We encourage our associate schools to allow us to speak with all sophomores during this visit. This visit will allow them to choose two programs that they will explore on February 1st when they come to Vantage for our Sophomore Visit Day.
5. The 2nd quarter comes to an end on December 21st.

Adult Directors' Report

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Fire Charter

Our Fire Charter is closer to becoming a reality. We have our on-site visit on December 12 by John Miller from the Ohio State Department of Public Safety. Brian Ankney, our Fire Program Coordinator has been preparing for the visit with instructor meetings, setting up records management systems, conducting off-site inspections, and submitting documentation as requested. We believe that the visit will result in a positive outcome and are looking forward to being able to schedule our first Fire I class after the first of the year.

Our local departments have been very supportive of our push to complete this application and are interested in purchasing a storage container to locate here on the Vantage campus for training. We have also received some SCBA units and have been offered the use of turnout gear so we can provide excellent training throughout our start-up phase.

Tank Plant Training

We continue to gear up to be one of the training providers for General Dynamics. Our Welding instructor, Gary Cearns will be attending the Train the Trainer Professional Development this week to prepare for the assessment for the welding portion of the training. We will be providing the welding assessment to potential job candidates here at Vantage beginning in January.

Additional training will be provided for Machinists and Assemblers after the welding program is established.

We will continue to work with multiple entities in providing this training including JobsOhio and Ohio Means Jobs. We are also participating in marketing discussions as to how this project will be publicized and how recruitment will be managed.

Additional Training

Our next EMT Basic course begins December 5th with five enrollees. Our most recent STNA class began November 26th with six students.