

Board of Education Update

Michael Knott
High School Director
September 5, 2019

Staff Recognition

Thank you to all staff members in helping get the building ready for an excellent start to the school year. Special thanks to Amy Miller, Foundations of Mercer County for providing training for our staff work day on August 15.

Thanks to all students and staff who participated (or will participate) in the local parades on behalf of Vantage. Our Auto Body and Auto Tech departments have done an excellent job on the Vantage parade car. The car, as well as the students and staff involved, have provided great publicity for our school throughout many of our home-school communities.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2	No School – Labor Day
Wednesday, September 11	Picture Day
Friday, September 13	Student Appreciation Day
Friday, September 27	United Way Day of Caring (Ambassadors and food drive)
Tuesday, October 1	NTHS Banquet

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Mike Knott -- Director

We opened the school year on August 19 and 20, and the students are settling into their labs and classrooms nicely.

The date for our first Principal's meeting has been set for Wednesday, September 25.

Attendance numbers for first two weeks of school have been excellent. I will have exact numbers, as well as the count of students we've gained/lost through the first two weeks on the night of the board meeting in my verbal report.

We also rolled out the "STOPit" app to our staff and students over the first few days of the school year. This app (and the supports that go with it) allows our students to report suspicious or troubling behaviors anonymously. Any message sent will go directly to a Vantage administrator and be automatically time-stamped and documented through our online interface. We are looking forward to using this as one of the many tools that will help us keep our building safe. We also would like to thank SORSA (our insurance company), as STOPit and our subscription to it are paid for through SORSA.

We are once again requesting a financial transaction for our GOALS program. This year, GOALS will be rolled into our points participation program. Students who do not lose any points will be rewarded each quarter, with a larger reward at the end of the year for any student who keeps all 75 points throughout the school year. This program will begin to be implemented as our state-mandated Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) over the next few years.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

The uniforms for the seniors were distributed the first day of school and approximately 86% of the new juniors received their uniforms during student orientation. The rest of the uniforms will be arriving shortly. Each student in the Trade and Industrial programs receive 3 shirts and 3 pants. Students are also permitted to buy extras if they desire.

The Vantage FFA Chapter have set up their display booth at the Van Wert County Fair. They displayed their welding boards and are waiting on the judging results.

The start of the school year was very smooth and the teachers are doing an excellent job of covering safety related items as well as instructing the students on the basics of their program.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Lab instructors had a great start to the school year with their new and returning students. Much time was spent going over lab policies and procedures to ensure student success.

The uniforms for the seniors were distributed the first day of school. Junior uniforms were distributed during orientation if students attended the scheduled uniform fittings over the summer. 90% of juniors will be in uniform for their first day of school. All remaining juniors were fitted at orientation.

Susie Smith, senior Cosmetology instructor, held her first summer boot camp August 5th-8th to get a head start of evaluating the incoming seniors skill level and to give them a jump start of accumulating the required hours needed to be able to sit for their cosmetology license. All returning students attended the camp, so it was a huge success.

Preschool will be starting back up in September. All spots have been filled for the upcoming school year.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

1. Student services staff members have been working with students at the beginning of our school year to make sure they are in the programs and academic courses that they need.
2. Student services will be working with our associate school counselors to begin scheduling the 8th grade tours of our facility which will take place November 4th-8th
3. Staff members have begun and will continue to work more closely with those students who will need to retest on any of the End of Course Exams. End of Course retakes will be December 3rd - 6th. Students needing to pass any portion of the test are using teacher prepared materials as well as test items from previous years to prepare for the upcoming tests.
4. Vantage will again host College Night on October 16th in our Commons area. Approximately 50 colleges will be represented on this evening, which begins at 6:30 and runs until 8:00.
5. Enrollment numbers enclosed. (DASL report)
6. Seniors will be given a document updating them on their progress towards graduation. Any senior in danger of not reaching End of Course testing requirements will be working on one of the additional graduation options.

OTC Director's Report

September 2019

Adult Education Classes Beginning

Classes are beginning for The Ohio Technical Center. We currently have the following classes running:

- Firefighter I – 5 students
- Practical Nursing – 22 students
- Police Academy – 9 students
- CDL – 3 students
- Welding will begin in October and we have 8 students enrolled.

General Dynamics Land Systems Training

We have been contacted again concerning training for General Dynamics to help them meet their needs for welders. We are working in partnership with Apollo to deliver Welding testing, Spray and Pulse training and a general welding class to prepare adults for welding positions within the company. JobsOhio is supporting these efforts and will be providing funds to help us deliver the training.

JobsOhio Supporting Training in Northwest Ohio

The OTC has also submitted a proposal to JobsOhio to increase capacity for training in welding and machining. This proposal will provide Vantage with CNC software and training for instructors, and regional marketing to promote our industrial training. We are working to complete this submission to Jobs Ohio by mid September.