

Board of Education Update

Benjamin A. Winans
High School Director
February 2, 2023

Staff Recognition

We would like to recognize Ms. Tonya Temple & Mrs. Owens for their hard work in promoting our programs to all sophomores from all of our home-school districts during the month of January. It takes a lot of time and effort in organizing effectively, as well as developing a presentation that will really show these sophomores what they could learn should they choose Vantage for the 2023-24 school year. These sophomores and their parents will have an opportunity to attend information sessions on the evening of February 27 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Events

February 3, 2023 - Sophomore Visit Day
February 20, 2023 - President's Day (No School)
February 27, 2023 - Vantage Open House for interested students & parents

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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Our Seniors are currently preparing for their Mock Interviews in English classes, as well as labs. We have several local business professionals across each field coming in to help conduct these thirty minute interviews with our Seniors. The feedback on this day has been phenomenal (both from students and the interviewers), and several of our students will turn their mock interviews into real interviews through their performance. Mary Ann Falk and our English teachers deserve a great deal of credit and thanks for their help in organizing the event and preparing our seniors to succeed when it gets here.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Our Ag & Industrial Power Technology program will be hosting the District 4 FFA Ag Diagnostic competition that will be held on February 16. The businesses who are helping coordinate the competition include: Kenn-Feld Group, TTG Equipment, Heritage Farm Equipment, Nolan's Repair, and JL Wannemacher Sales and Service.

There are 19 students participating in the various SkillsUSA Regional competitions this school year that are being held at Sentinel Career Center as well as at the IBEW and Ohio Carpenters training centers. Results will be shared in the March board report.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Labs are preparing for Sophomore Day on February 3rd. There is a lot of preparation that goes into this day for our students who will be here representing their program. HOSA and BPA did well in their regional competitions. HOSA will have 16 students advancing to state and BPA will have 15 advancing to state. Both will be held in Columbus.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

Sophomore Visit Day – Friday, February 3rd – Close to 800 sophomores from our 13 associate schools will be coming to visit. This gives these sophomores the opportunity to visit two of our programs for 45 minutes in each of the programs. Sophomores will be given hands-on training for that time to determine if they would like to pursue these labs for their junior and senior year.

Academic staff members have been working with our students who will need to take any of the End of Course Tests this Spring. The tests are scheduled to be administered April 24th-28th.

Student Services Staff will have a presentation for sophomores and their parents who are interested in attending Vantage next school year at the February 27th Open House.

Staff have been working with students in preparation for the Senior Mock Interview Day which will happen on March 7th.

Juniors will also take the ACT at Vantage on March 7th.

Adult Education Director's Report

Feb. 2nd , 2023 BOE Meeting

Tech Cred

- Meeting with several area businesses regarding training to be paid for with Tech Cred. Many are using Tech Cred for the first time to train their staff.
- Emergency Medical Technician was approved by Tech Cred due to the hard work of Sarah Simms in conjunction with an area fire department.

CDL Information

- CDL has incurred the following expenses since Jul 1, 2023:
 - Repairs: \$43,909.29
 - Fuel: \$16,185.56
 - Purchased Services: \$4,782
 - Salaries: \$49,930.98
 - Benefits: \$15,251.97
- Adult Education classes will begin Jun 5, 2023 and end Oct. 25, 2023 (5 mos). Adult Ed will only be able to run 5 classes with 6 students (30) during that time.
- 18 High School students started training approximately Nov. 1, 2022 and will end June 2nd. 2023 (7 mos).
- A Neighboring Career Center has a range with lights, 10 trucks, and 8 instructors. They are able to run full time day, part time evening and part time weekend classes year round. In addition, they are able to train high school students with no impact to their adult education schedule. They are also turning people away.

Achademix

- Training rescheduled to a later date due to airline mechanical issues and a winter storm watch for our area.

High school visits

- Maria Diltz has started area high school visits.
- Rob Black will be speaking with area students regarding the Police Academy

Health Care Facility Visits

- The nursing staff plans begin visits with area nursing facilities to promote both nursing programs.

Instructor Needs

- Recently hired a much needed STNA instructor, and have received applications from individuals interested in both CDL and Welding.

The adult education office staff meets each Monday morning to focus on Achademix training and setting policy and procedures for the department.

Technology Report (01-23-23)

- Finished vetting P.I. requests, and presented to administration. This was a big undertaking, and took most of our time this month.
- Due to leveraging grant monies, we were \$100,000.00 under our permanent improvement budget this year!
- Replaced Phone system Adtran box.

Maintenance Report

- Repaired drain in COS at one of the bowl sinks. The wall block had to be jackhammered out, so the T for the drain could be replaced. G&S mechanical did the repairs during Christmas break.
- There was a leak in ECE during that really cold spell. The trap primer had cracked in the ceiling and leaked all over. Thankfully there was a floor drain there. Maintenance has gone around and turned all of them off since they're all in the ceiling. We'll install something into the floor drain that kind of works like a check valve. It will allow water to go down but keep the sewer gas from coming up.
- Koorsen was here during break to perform the annual inspection. They have notified me that a more in-depth inspection and PM will need to be done since we're at the 12-year mark.
- Liberty was also here and did the annual cleaning for both hood in the kitchen and culinary.
- We'll be trading in the 13 blue dodge van this year. Since it had tires with a lot of tread on them, I had auto tech switch them out with another vehicle that would've needed replaced.
- The night custodians were able to get half of the high school office area painted during break. They'll work on getting the rest of it paint either during another break or school cancellations.

Community Relations Report - 1/24/23

January 22 - 28 is National School Choice Week. We will continue to celebrate our students who chose Vantage as their school to prepare them for their future, whether college or career bound. We will be doing social media highlights why students choose Vantage and what they like best about their experiences, which is a great lead into Career and Technical Education Month celebrated at Vantage in February.

We have completed our reintroduction of Vantage, student life, and program opportunities to sophomores within our participating associate schools. Sophomores interested in applying to the 2023-2024 school year can do so on February 3. Vantage encourages students to participate in the Sophomore Day visit on February 3, as we believe it is an important activity providing students the opportunity to be exposed to careers that may align with their career interests, whether they choose Vantage as their school or not. Other opportunities for students and their parents to visit Vantage programs is the Open House on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Preparations for the Vantage annual Open House, set for Monday, February 27, 2023, is in motion. Food vendors, such as Millie's Cafe, Black Angus on Main, The Moose Landing, The Creamery, Canalside Burgers and Brew, Puckerbrush Pizza, and our very own Culinary Arts program are going to provide us with amazing food samples. DJ Ron Burt of Magic Moment Entertainment will be the evening's Emcee. The Vantage Open House is a great opportunity for new potential high school and adult education students, community members, employers and alumni to come visit the facility, speak to instructors and get a better understanding of what opportunities are available to fill their needs.

The Vantage Alumni Hall of Fame committee has reviewed all nominations to be considered for induction at our All Boards / Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner on April 13, 2023. 14 alumni nominees will be asked for further information regarding their professional careers, community services, and achievements.

Upcoming events students and staff should look forward to are the following:

Sophomore Day	Friday, February 3, 2023
Open House:	Monday February 27, 2023
Van Wert Chamber Leadership Class Visit	Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Thursday, April 13, 2023