

Board of Education Update

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High School Director
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Staff Recognition

Our Vantage Student Ambassadors once again held their annual Veteran Day Flag sale and Jeans Day fundraiser. While students were at lunch over the past week a slideshow of local veterans ran each day and the Ambassadors made announcements in regard to the flag sales. On Veterans Day the “Flag Field” was displayed in the Vantage front lawn to honor our local veterans. The total amount raised was \$913.28 which will be donated to the Middle Point Am-Vets Post 698. I want to thank the Ambassadors for their work toward this fundraiser to continue to support our local veterans.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 5-9 -- End of Course Re-takes
Dec. 22-Jan.3 -- Winter Break (Classes resume Jan. 4)

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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The threat assessment team held its quarterly meeting and discussed several topics. Those staff who are the head of the sub committees reported out on what was discussed at their sub committee meetings. I want to thank all those who are members of the threat assessment team and sub committees for their continued dedication to make certain we continue to assess our building safety and make necessary updates.

The carpentry house on Raymond Street is coming along nicely. Siding was being installed and drywall work was started on the inside.

The Interact Club is currently raising money for Toss-A-Toy. Thanks to Mrs. Sarah Koch, Mrs. Ashley Cline, and all of our students for donating money to this cause.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Kaylie Trsesler (Paulding Alumnus) recently obtained her American FFA Degree. As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member’s dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding

leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career. Kaylie received her American Degree at the recently held 95th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.. Congratulations Kaylee!

Various field trips have taken place and are currently taking place in December in regards to visiting businesses and industries in relation to the program that the students are in. These have been very beneficial in allowing the students to see what really goes on in the various businesses. It also allows the businesses to “sell” themselves to our students in hopes of one day hiring some of them.

The students in the Auto Collision and Auto Technology programs have started taking their ASE Student Certifications. 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..

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

Health Technology juniors successfully completed their clinical experience at Van Wert Manor which was a new site for us this year. Mrs. Carey is taking her students on a field trip to Country Inn Enhanced Living Center to sing Christmas carols to the residents as well as shop for toys to donate for our annual Toss A Toy as their service project.

Sports Exercise Therapy students along with Mrs. Baumle are taking a field trip to Hybrid Performance and Paulding Hospital. The experience allows her seniors to explore professions within her program.

Early Childhood Education students completed their parent/teacher conferences with their preschool children under the supervision of Mrs. Osenga and Mrs. Baker. Preschools plan to travel to the local bowling alley for a holiday celebration.

Criminal Justice students will collect volunteer hours working the Van Wert fairgrounds during the weekend holiday light show to help direct traffic and keep visitors safe.

Culinary Arts students have hosted several lunch events here at Vantage as well as holiday events for the outside to attend. Students will also prepare a holiday meal for the Board of Education under the supervision of Mr. Shardelow and Aide, Cindy Harting.

Interactive Media students are finishing their holiday card project for the Superintendent to select as the Vantage holiday card.

Cosmetology seniors are planning a holiday spa evening for staff to attend before Christmas break to not only pamper staff members but collect additional minutes outside the normal school day.

Most programs have obtained various certifications to this point or are in the middle of the curriculum to sit for the certifications. (OSHA, ServSafe, CPR/First Aid, Stop the Bleed, NIMS, HIPPA, Billing & Coding, STNA, Phlebotomy, EKG to name a few.) Rise Up is a new credential that we will be offering students to help obtain a 12 point credential which is new to Vantage. Instructors have started to give program webxams to students. CTSO regional competition will begin in January, therefore, students in various programs are beginning to select events they are interested in competing in and beginning to prepare for competition.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

1. The 8th grade tours were completed November 7-10th. Approximately 860 8th graders were able to tour all of Vantage's high school programs. The students were also introduced to the new Sports Exercise Therapy program. This was a career exploration opportunity for them to get a quick look at what our state of the art facility here at Vantage has to offer.
2. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were completed November 2nd and 3rd. 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. 114 conferences were scheduled and of the 114 conferences, 111 were completed. This represents 22.1% of the total student population.
3. End of Course testing will take place the week of December 5th-9th.
4. In early January Mrs. Owens and Ms. Temple 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 3rd when they come to Vantage for our Sophomore Visit Day.
5. The 2nd quarter comes to an end on January 13.

Adult Education Director's Report

Dec. 1st, 2022 BOE Meeting

Enrollment

- Enrollment remains consistent in all programs
 - STNA

We continue working closely with all area long term care facilities to ensure we have classes to accommodate their needs, all classes are full with people on a waiting list.
 - CDL

Final Adult Education CDL class is in full swing. Several people on the waiting list for June class.
18 High School students are enrolled in CDL.
Seats have been ordered for the new truck and will be installed here at Vantage once they arrive.
 - EMT – several customized classes running, and enrolling now for a January class at Vantage.

Customized Training

- Working with several local companies on customized training classes for their employees.
- We are still advertising for the following instructors: Welding, STNA, and CDL. Welding and STNA are a critical need at this point as our current instructor is unable to teach for us.

Maintenance Update

- We received our paperwork saying our elevator is up to code after failing inspection. The elevator had a faulty inverter.
- Sprinkler system inspection is scheduled for November 28th during school break.
- I have ordered 12 no cut locks for the TI trailers. All locks will be keyed the same.
- I've been looking into trading in our current 2 mowers for new ones at Homier in Payne. Quote came back at \$14,500 after trade in. I'm thinking we can trade these in every couple years to get new ones with warranties for very little cost.
- I have went through and labeled heat pumps and created a spreadsheet, so we can better track the heat pumps giving us the most problems. Just by looking at my records the pair of heat pumps giving us the most problems now has cost us \$14,000 in the last 10 months.

Technology Report (11-17-22)

- We took delivery of a new copier for the Nursing program at Thomas Edison, and are working with the vendor on getting it optimized to meet the program's needs.
- We took delivery of 13 new two way radios to be used by the safety response team to improve communications.
- Stacie was able to get us approved for the Ohio K-12 Network Subsidy Grant. This will provide the district with \$1,800.00 to be used for broadband services.
- Mary Ann has begun working on our annual Technology request process. This allows the department to understand the technological needs of the district in advance of our permanent improvement appeal.
- Attended the NOACSC membership meeting for the first time since the pandemic.
- Mary Ann collaborated with Gail Gillette to streamline the State required post secondary data collection. This will allow us to collect data more effectively for our district report card.

Community Relations Report - 11/21/22

Vantage is grateful for the passing of the 0.8 mill Operation Renewal Levy in all of the counties we serve. The Citizen's for Vantage committee as well as the Vantage Staff would like to share our appreciation of the continuous support from our local businesses and community members.

Over 800 8th graders were able to continue their career exploration experiences by touring all 18 of Vantage high school programs in the transportation, manufacturing, construction, health, business, and service career focuses. Vantage students lead the tours and activities for each 13 associate school's 8th graders, allowing them to connect their knowledge of a career with local employers. It was a busy and exciting week, and we are proud of our staff for the preparations leading up to the tours.

Student Ambassadors held a fundraiser on behalf of a local Veterans organization by selling flags in honor of a Veteran who has served, or a military member who is currently serving, in the United States Military. Through the flag sales and a jeans day collection, ambassadors were able to raise over \$900.00 to be donated to the Middle Point Am-Vets Post 698. Along with the fundraiser, Ambassadors and staff will be sending holiday greeting cards to Veterans who are currently going to be in assisted living facilities over the holidays. In years past, we have sent as many as 1300 cards to lift the spirits of the veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

Vantage Student Ambassadors and NTHS members have been able to volunteer throughout local communities; for example the United Way of Van Wert County Bag Bingo event, Kalida Christmas in the Park set up, and the Van Wert Christmas in the Park set up. There will be more volunteer opportunities throughout the holiday season and we look forward to seeing our students invest back into their communities.

Darin Hohman of Dark Horse Productions will be producing a new recruitment video highlighting every high school program Vantage offers, including new equipment, tools, software and certifications. The former video used to showcase Vantage programs to sophomores within our 13 school districts is 10 years old, and does not highlight how each lab has evolved over the years. We are excited to be able to showcase the quality training tools and software during our visits with the sophomores in January.

Memory Books are now on sale for staff, students and parents to purchase. A link has been provided on the Vantage website and social media platforms for purchase and personalization. Deadline to purchase memory books is Friday, December 16. A one day flash sale will be held in February to end the sales.

A staff holiday party will be held on Friday, December 2nd at The Edition. We are thrilled to have a great group of staff to join and invite all board members to be part of this event.

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

Van Wert Christmas in the Park	Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022
Opening Night	
Staff Holiday Party	Friday, Dec 2, 2022
Van Wert Council on Aging	Friday, Dec 16, 2022