

Board of Education Update

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High School Director
December 5, 2024

Staff Recognition

Our Vantage Student Ambassadors once again held their annual Veteran Day Flag sale 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 \$205 which will be donated to the John Paulding VFW Post 587. I want to thank the Ambassadors for their work toward this fundraiser to continue to support our local veterans.

Upcoming Events

December 9 to 13, 2024 -- End of Course Retakes
December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025 -- Winter Break (Classes resume January 6, 2025)
January 9, 2025 – Board of Education Meeting

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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The high school administrative team held their monthly meeting. As hard as it is to believe, we have our visits with the associate schools scheduled, are beginning to organize our sophomore visit day here at Vantage and also began to discuss our annual Open House. Projected numbers for the incoming juniors for the 2025-2026 school year will be here before we know it.

Our Toss-A-Toy campaign is again in full swing. Proceeds from the flower sales, lab donations and individual donations will again be used to buy toys this Christmas season for those less fortunate families in our area. This group has also received a grant from the Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative. Thanks to Mrs. Sarah Koch, Mrs. Ashley Cline, and all of our students for donating money to this cause.

Vantage recently partnered with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (Van Wert Post) to provide our students with the “Drive to Live” presentation. Two local patrolmen showed our students a video during their lunch period and then provided them with guidelines and the opportunity to ask questions. We appreciate the Ohio State Highway Patrol working with us here at Vantage to keep our students safe on the roads.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

Various junior students from the Ag. & Industrial Power Technology program recently performed needed maintenance on a John Deere Gator that is owned by the Middle Point Ballpark. The students did a great job of getting the Gator ready for the upcoming sports season.

Recent visitors to the building in order to recruit employees from the Trade and Industrial side include: Ohio Machinery Company, Reineke Family Dealerships, Haviland Drainage Products, EP Graphics, Danfoss, All Temp Refrigeration, Unverferth Manufacturing, CAPT (Celina Aluminum Precision Technology, Master's and Remlinger Manufacturing. We have also had presentations from UNOH as well as Tools for Success

Various senior students from the Industrial Mechanics, Ag & Industrial Power, Auto Technology, Network Systems, and Interactive Media programs recently took a tour of the UNOH campus located in Lima. It was a specially designed tour created specifically for our Vantage students. It was a great experience for our interested students to see the college first hand, as well as to receive much needed information and a good meal after the tour.

Julie Schroeder – Business and Service Supervisor

Health Information Management, Health Technology, and Sports Exercise therapy seniors took part in Mercy Health St. Rita's Healthcare Futures Day at the Graduate Medical Education Center in Lima. Students went through several clinical sessions of hands-on experiences and learned about high demand healthcare careers.

Transition to Work students are currently hosting a Holiday Open House. They are welcoming shoppers into their lab to check out the holiday decor items currently available. Students have been busy making items to keep up with the demand.

The Cup and Saucer has opened to the public. Chef Conklin and the Culinary Arts students welcome guests to make reservations and join them on Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Christmas buffet will be held on Tuesday, December 17th.

Congratulations to Interactive Media student Blake Schultz (Senior, Wayne Trace)! Blake's designs were chosen for this year's Vantage holiday card and yearbook cover.

Early Childhood Education students will be completing their parent/teacher conferences in mid-December. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Moreno are hard at work preparing students for these conferences.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

The 8th grade tours were completed November 4-7, 2024. Approximately 830 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 facility here at Vantage has to offer.

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were completed October 30 and 31, 2024. 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. 148 conferences were scheduled and of the 148 conferences, 136 were completed. This represents 24.6% of the total student population.

End of Course testing will take place the week of December 9-13, 2024.

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 January 31 when they come to Vantage for our Sophomore Visit Day.

The 2nd quarter comes to an end on January 10, 2025.

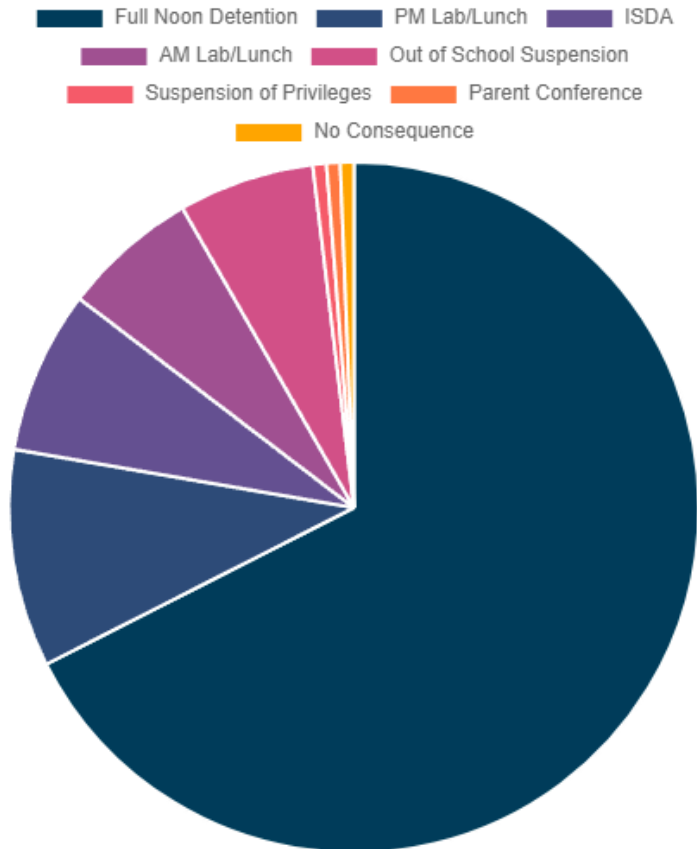
Ashley Cline - Supervisor of Student Operations

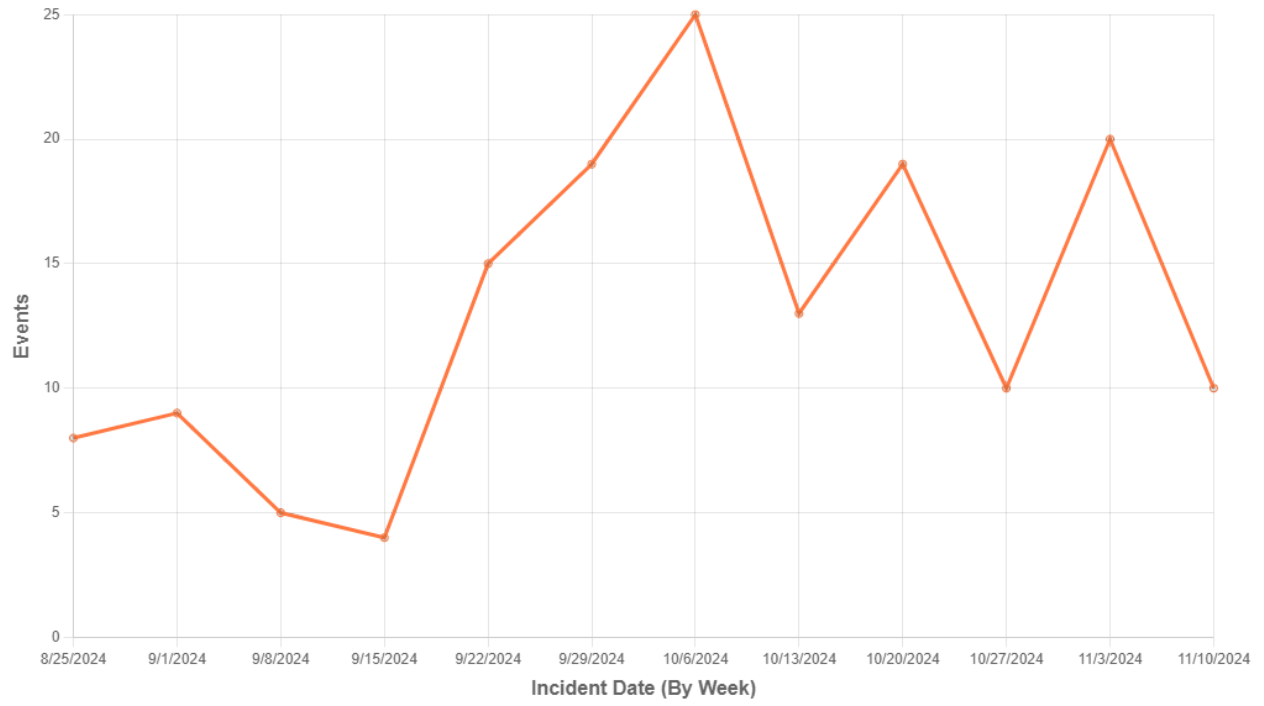
Currently, 38 students are engaged in the Work-Based Learning/Early Work Release program. Meetings were held with junior and senior students during their lab to review work-based learning and how to input their hours into Edwise. We have established work-based learning agreements with 31 businesses, representing multiple labs at Vantage. The goal is to continue to grow Work-based learning throughout the school year.

PBIS- (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) - Currently 393 students (70.68%) of our students have been recognized for their Positive Behaviors. Our numbers jumped considerably since last month due to recognizing students who had perfect attendance for the 1st 9 weeks. Vantage has done this in the past, however, this year we are tracking all PBIS. Students enjoy getting called down to the office and getting rewarded.

Attendance - As of 11/18/2024 - Seniors attendance rate =95.0% Juniors attendance rate = 95.6% - Attendance Rate for all students = 95.4%

Discipline—Compared to last year's discipline during the same time period, all numbers are still lower except for “detentions” - lunch detentions, AM Lab/Lunch Detentions, and PM Lab/Lunch Detentions. My hope is that working with students through minor infractions will help keep our other numbers down and students in school, learning. - Please see charts on following page regarding discipline.





Adult Education Director's Report

Dec. 5, 2024 BOE Meeting

Rapids

- \$975,000 awarded to our region
 - Divided evenly amongst 18 institutions - \$54,166.66 each
 - Purchasing one additional FANUC Robot.

CDL

- Advertising for 1 full-time and 1 part-time instructor.
- State of Ohio Student Aid Program
 - Awarded \$64,400.00 for FY25

Center for Training Excellence (CTX) Supplemental Grant

- Awarded an additional \$27,444.92. Initial award was \$50,000.00, for a total of \$77,444.92

LPN - RN Pass Rates

- 1st attempt - 88.89%, 2nd attempt - 100%

Talent Ready Grant

- Vantage Career Center was awarded \$55,475 for FY25
- Does not require a FAFSA
- Allowable expenses are to support workforce credential and certificate programs under thirty credit hours or less than 900 clock hours, and to provide additional support to short-term certificates.

January Start Dates

- EMT
- Fire
- Phlebotomy
- STNA

Maintenance Report

- LED lights have been completed in COS related, Yenser Hammon, Ratliff-Dotterer, Brickner, Drerup and Carpentry.
- P drains on the wash bowls were installed in COS to replace the existing type.
- A sprayer was added in culinary for the 3 bay sink.
- We had sewer drain problems with water backing up. After running the snake through the piping, we found that a student had flushed a shirt down the toilet. Luckily no serious damage was done.
- Don McDougall our new commons person is doing a really good job and he seems to like the work. I think he's going to be a perinate fit.

Technology Report (11-18-24)

- Attended **OhCR Session 4: Organizational and Third-Party Access Control and Compliance** hosted by NOACSC at their office in Lima.
- Stacie and I hosted walkthroughs by Securcom, Xtek and Torrence Sound Equipment Co. The purpose of which was to solicit quotes for upgrading the PA and bells systems in advance of the Vantage Academy of Medical Careers building project.
- Stacie submitted our application for the Ohio K-12 network subsidy grant. When granted the district will receive funds to help offset connectivity costs.
- This month the department will begin our annual Tech request process by which we ascertain the district's technology needs in advance of the annual P.I. appeal.
- Replaced a faulty time controller that was responsible for keeping the district's clocks on time.
- Mary Ann helped to refine the lunch detention workflow, as well as provide continued EdWise support to the staff as the district navigates work based learning.

Community Relations Report - 11/22/24

8th Grade Career Exploration Tours

Last week, over 800 8th-grade students from our 13 associate schools had the opportunity to explore their future through guided tours of all 18 Vantage Career Center programs. These programs spanned transportation, manufacturing, construction, health, business, and service-focused careers. Vantage students served as tour leaders, providing engaging activities and demonstrating the real-world applications of career pathways. This initiative not only strengthened our connection with local employers but also gave visiting students a glimpse into the exciting opportunities available at Vantage. We are grateful for the outstanding efforts of our staff, whose thorough planning made this busy and inspiring week a success.

Student Ambassador Initiatives

Our Student Ambassadors recently organized a successful fundraiser by selling flags to honor past and present members of the United States Military. This effort raised \$205, which will be donated to the Paulding VFW. Additionally, Ambassadors and staff are preparing to send holiday greeting cards to Veterans in assisted living facilities. In the past, this initiative has reached over 1,300 Veterans, spreading joy during the holiday season. Special thanks to Ms. Nancy Keith for her invaluable contributions to this project, from collecting donations to organizing the effort.

Veteran's Brunch

The Culinary Arts program, under the leadership of Chef Conklin, is partnering with the Van Wert County Veterans Service Commission to host the 2nd Annual Veterans Brunch. This event will take place on Sunday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., honoring Van Wert County Veterans. We are anticipating a great turnout and encourage our community to support this meaningful occasion.

The Vantage Culinary Arts program is also kicking off the holiday season with a cheese ball fundraiser to support student program activities. Flavors available are Bacon & Jalapeño, Roasted Pepper, Cheddar, and One Cheese, priced at \$12 each. Orders can be placed online through the Vantage website by the deadline of December 6, 2024. This is a great way to support the program while enhancing your holiday celebrations!

Memory Books

The 2024 Memory Books are now available for purchase! Priced at \$30, these keepsakes include the newest digital features, such as scannable photos that provide access to additional memories online. Links for purchasing and personalization have been shared on the Vantage website and social media platforms.

Building and Facility Updates

Significant progress is being made toward our building improvement goals. The painting team is focusing on completing the most intricate areas of the facility, ensuring every detail is addressed. To minimize disruption, all painting is scheduled during student holidays. Their hard

work is creating a refreshed and inviting environment that enhances the experience for both staff and students.

Staff Holiday Party

We are excited to celebrate the season with our staff at a holiday party on Friday, December 6, at Willow Bend Country Club. All board members are warmly invited to join us for this festive occasion as we reflect on another successful year at Vantage.

Upcoming Events

Staff Holiday Party – Friday, December 6, 2024

Veteran's Brunch – Sunday, December 8, 2024

As we look ahead to the coming months, we remain committed to fostering connections with our community and providing meaningful experiences for students and staff, as well as our home schools. Vantage Community Relations remains committed to keeping our home schools informed about Vantage Career Center activities and student achievements. To ensure seamless communication, an emailer is distributed from the Vantage Social account, providing updates and highlights that can easily be shared with staff that may not be shared on social media. This email serves as a valuable resource for staying connected with Vantage news and celebrating the successes of our students. Be sure to check your inbox for these updates and stay tuned for more exciting Vantage information! Thank you for your continued support of Vantage Career Center.