

Board of Education Update

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Staff Recognition

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development has again released their yearly report card for all districts. Vantage Career Center again received 5 Stars, significantly exceeding the State standards. I will provide a more detailed update to each of you at our meeting, but wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of our success. I also want to recognize the entire staff at Vantage Career Center for working to get our students to this level. We are very thankful and appreciative all the work that has gone into the district scoring at the top level on the report card.

Upcoming Events

October 18 - End of 1st Quarter
October 30-31 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 1 - No School
November 7 - Board of Education Meeting
November 4 - 8 - 8th Grade Tours

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

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On Tuesday October 1, we will induct new members into the National Technical Honor Society here at Vantage. These students have earned at least a 3.75 GPA, attended school at least 95% of the time, and been positive examples for themselves and our school. They have earned our congratulations, and will continue to volunteer and represent Vantage in a positive light for many years to come. There were 41 eligible students this year and we will induct 30 students.

Ted Verhoff – Trade and Industry Supervisor

So far the following businesses have visited or are scheduled to visit Vantage Career Center to either speak to, recruit our students, or to take a tour of our facility. The businesses include: University of Northwest Ohio (UNOH-Brock Atkins), All Temp Refrigeration, Haviland Drainage, Unverferth Manufacturing, EP Graphics, Reineke Family Dealerships, Ohio Machinery Co., Danfoss, Tools for Schools, Spartech, SnapOn, and CAPT. Many of the businesses are also wanting the students to visit their facilities in order to see what they offer.

Members of the Construction Equipment Technology program recently installed a concrete ramp at the American Legion located in Van Wert. They removed the old asphalt one and replaced it with concrete and added handrails. Special thanks to Chris Miles, Deb Richardson, Kyle Hammons, and Tommy Kline for hauling the necessary equipment back and forth to the jobsite. Much of the transporting of equipment happened before and after school hours.

A special thanks to the Auto Collision and Ag & Industrial Power Technology students for assisting in getting the CDL program trailers ready to have the decals professionally installed on them. This was very intensive work in removing the old decals and it was very time consuming. The Ag & Industrial Power students and instructor have also completed many repairs to the CDL trailers and tractors in order to keep them in top shape. Thanks to their instructors Mr. Miller and Mr. Edwards.

The Carpentry program is finishing up the siding on the house project and the Electricity program has installed the conduit for the main power line coming into the house. Special thanks to the instructors Jerry Robinson and Brent Hoersten for their continued work on the house project.

One final note in my report is I would like to thank the Student Ambassadors as well as Tony Unverferth, Stephanie Hanneman, and Pearce Dietrich for participating in the Pioneer Days Parade. There were 22 Ambassadors who participated which I believe is the most that have participated in any parade at one time. They did a fantastic job and represented Vantage in a very professional manner. Thanks again and thanks to Miriam Owens for organizing the parades throughout the year. Job well done by everyone!

Julie Schroeder/Bill Clifton – Business and Service Supervisor

COSMETOLOGY

Avantage Salon will be opening October 15 . We will be servicing the community. This year we will have Vancrest of Payne visiting the salon for services from the students. Mrs. Smith and several cosmetology students attended the Premiere Beauty show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Sept. 29. The students who attended earned hours toward their required 1500 hours.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Seniors have started their shadowing experience on Mondays for job training. We have been in communication with Allen County Corrections about possibly doing a tour along with a meeting to do placements. The CJ curriculum has acquired a MILO unit which allows students to work on their crisis intervention techniques using augmented reality. The training provides for real time responses where students experience how crisis situations occur and how to correctly handle different scenarios that are encountered. This unit also provides opportunities for local agencies in the area to come in and train as well.

CULINARY ARTS

The plan is to have our Cup and Saucer Restaurant open no later than Wednesday, October 9. We are currently waiting for the new items (10 Burner Stove, Point of Sale System) to arrive, be installed and programmed where applicable. The goal is to have the restaurant open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The menu will change weekly in order to match it to the curriculum as well as pair it with the seasons and the products available. The menu will be 3 courses with a soup/salad/appetizer option for the 1st course, a dual option for the entrée and a dual option for the dessert. Various beverages including mocktails will also be included. Pricing will vary with the changing of the menu. The new

point of sale allows the restaurant to accept credit cards as well as accepting reservations. The goal is to build a website and social media platform for the restaurant allowing customers to see upcoming menus as well as make reservations online."

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Preschool opened Wednesday, September 18. We have 13 preschool children enrolled; 6 full time (4 days a week), 7 part time (2 days a week). Their lessons are designed by the 17 seniors and 12 junior Early Childhood Education students, and are overseen by Mrs. Moreno and Mrs. Baker. Everything is going well and the preschool students are adjusting.

HEALTH INFORMATION MGT.

HIM Seniors will attend the Borra Center, St. Ritas Health Futures Day. Two seniors participated in the Build Your Futures event, giving first aid assistance. Juniors are learning vitals and checking off on those skills, and they are doing well with their medical terminology and Medical Assisting curriculum. CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed training will start in October. All HIM students were heavily involved in the Day of Caring. We are also working on finalizing HOSA competitions. In other news, Diane Laing has completed her Phlebotomy certification through Vantage Adult Education and can now teach the skills to her students. Other events coming up: 11/14 Field Trip to the St. Rita's Health Day (HT, HIM, & SET senior students) and 12/13 Field Trip to Rhodes Borra Center (HT, HIM, & SET senior students)

HEALTH TECH

Health Tech Seniors are currently at district schools assisting with vision and hearing screenings, they are also doing vision and hearing screening @ VCC for junior students. Seniors are attending Healthcare Futures day in November at SRMC, and will be touring and exploring career fields at the Borra Center in December. Other events coming up: 11/14 Field Trip to the St. Rita's Health Day (HT, HIM, & SET senior students) and 12/13 Field Trip to Rhodes Borra Center (HT, HIM, & SET senior students)

INTERACTIVE MEDIA

Interactive Media juniors have gotten a strong start in Adobe Illustrator. The seniors are picking back up on Photoshop from last year, now at the advanced level and are learning to create websites from scratch using HTML. Both groups are working on individual designs for the Vantage yearbook cover and our winter holiday greeting card. The student body will vote on the yearbook cover in October and the Superintendent Rick Turner will choose the favorite (or sometimes two!) greeting card to be sent out this winter.

NETWORK SYSTEMS

Network Systems Help Desk is open which allows students to assist with customers' personal computer issues or to clean up/speed up a computer.

SPORTS EXERCISE THERAPY

On Oct. 8th SET students toured St.Rita's PT/OT facilities in preparation for job shadowing with them. SET lab students assisted with the Day of Caring Bloodmobile at Trinity Friends Church on Sept 27th. Senior SET students assisted the UNOH Athletic Trainer with sports physicals on Saturday mornings in September. The Van Wert Health Dept visited Vantage (9/23 & 10/7) to give Tb tests and flu shots to

students in HT, HIM, and SET for upcoming clinicals and job shadowing. Whitney Baker, (Wayne Trace Athletic Trainer) taught SET students taping skills on 9/30 during their lab time. Other events coming up: 11/14 Field Trip to the St. Rita's Health Day (HT, HIM, & SET senior students) and 12/13 Field Trip to Rhodes Borra Center (HT, HIM, & SET senior students)

TRANSITION TO WORK

Juniors started their "Tuesday Drinks" for the staff. Each week they Job Shadow our Maintenance and Warehouse staff and assist them. The class has been donating produce from the school garden to food pantries in our districts. We have also set up store items to Limitless in Paulding. Seniors recently set up store items at Chic Market in Van Wert. They have designed and made items for the school store. We have started an off-site internship at Peachy Nutrition in Ottoville. One senior has been hired to assist with detailing the Vantage vehicles.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

Student Services staff members have been working with students to ensure they are in the programs and academic courses that they prefer.

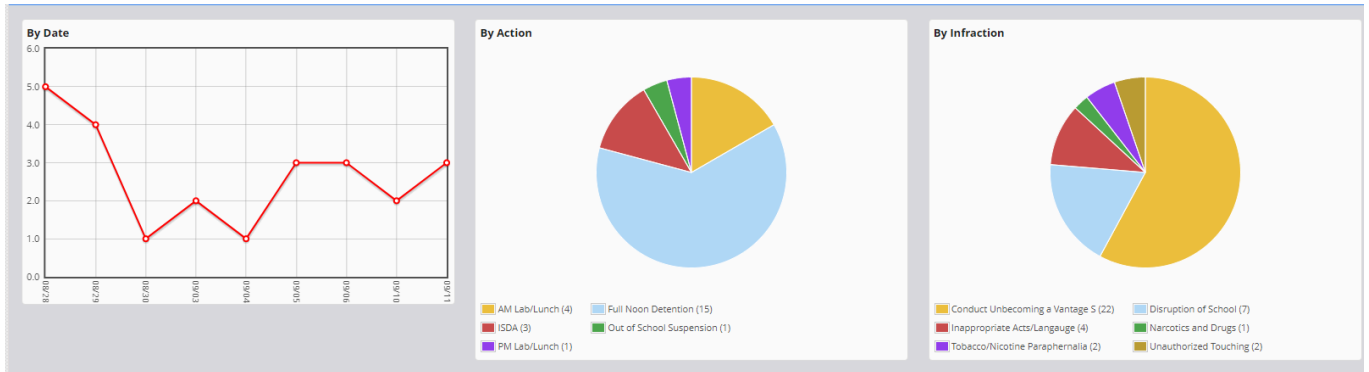
We are also working with our associate school counselors to schedule 8th Grade Tours. These are taking place November 4-8. Sophomore homeschool visits are currently being scheduled and will begin after Christmas break.

We are working with students who will need to be retested in any of the End of Course Tests. These tests will be administered the week of December 9. Student Services are also working with the home school counselors to identify pathways for senior students and determine what career-focused activities and readiness seals would best show the competency to graduate.

The English department tested students with the STAR Reading Inventories, which identifies the reading level of each student. Each student will then be assigned goals to reach by the end of the year. The English department also uses CommonLit to assess students.

Ashley Cline - Supervisor of Student Operations

Since the beginning of the school year, Vantage's discipline trends reflect a continuation of past patterns. In-school disciplinary assignments and out-of-school suspensions are lower than last year at this time. However, Lunch Detentions are up - as a staff we are working to get these lowered.



Currently, there are 22 students engaged in Work-Based Learning/Early Work Release program. A meeting with lab instructors is scheduled for September 24, 2024, during their departmental meeting to discuss Work-Based Learning initiatives and to demonstrate how students will record their hours using our new program, Edwise. This program is user-friendly and will streamline the process for lab instructors, who will only need to click and approve submissions. At present, we have established work-based learning agreements with 19 businesses, representing multiple labs at Vantage. We anticipate an increase in student participation in Work-Based Learning/Early Work Release following individual meetings with each lab in October.

PBIS- Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) is up and running as of (9/9/2024) - the goal is that each student, along with our staff, is recognized at some point in this school year.

Attendance -

As of 9/16/2024 - Seniors attendance rate = 94.76% (Last year at this time attendance rate = 94.9%), Juniors attendance rate = 96.55% - Attendance Rate for all students = 95.79%

Adult Education Director's Report 10/3/24 BOE Meeting

Customized Training

- Currently working with approximately 8 companies for customized training.

Welding

- We found someone to complete our Advanced class, but are still in need of a permanent instructor moving forward.

Recruiting

- AE staff will be setting up times to meet with Vantage Programs and area high school students.

FA Solutions

- Went live on Sept. 19th
- Definitely the right choice for our department and students
- Kiosk for students
- Kendra and I both have access to see what the students see.
- Working on procedures for students.

CDL

- Currently have students on a waitlist for upcoming classes as our October classes are both full.

Part Time Instructors

- The need for part time instructors is at an all time high.
- Contributing Factors
 - Compensation
 - Difficult to compete with employers
 - Inconsistent hours
 - No benefits
- Any suggestions or ideas on what we can do differently to attract more attention to these positions?

Maintenance Report

- LED lights have been completed in PM,IM,SHT,HIM and all hallways.
- A mini split was installed in the HS conference room by Ayers.
- I've been working with Miriam,Stephanie and Kayla on this year's Vantage 5K. We've just received the paperwork from the city for closing down the roads for the race. Miriam has started working her magic with marketing and promoting the event and we've been meeting with the kids as far as their responsibilities.
- CET has helped maintenance put down the new playground mulch in the ECE playground.
- Tommy and I helped get things out to the fairgrounds for build your future and the day of for any needs they had.
- We've also been trying to get things in culinary up to where Chad needs them to be. This's always a project with new instructors.

Technology Report (09-20-24)

- Setup Gaumard “Susie” simulator for Health Information Management
- Created and distributed the digital version of the School Climate Survey commissioned by the board.
- The department has started work preparing for the changes coming with Ohio Senate Bill 29.
- Mary Ann has been working with students to leverage generative AI using the Magic School platform.
- Mary Ann and Stacie have been training with John Sowash with Sowash Ventures to better leverage the premium features included with Google Workspace Education Plus.
- Stacie worked with NOACSC to update the Contentverse archiving software.

Community Relations Report - 9/24/24

It has been an exciting start to the school year thus far and if you have had the chance to go out to your community, there is a good chance you have seen Vantage at one place or another. Construction Eq. Tech students took on a project at the American Legion in Van Wert pouring concrete for a new ramp. Carpentry students have been working on completing the current house construction project. Vantage Ambassadors have been showing up to their community festivals and parades! WE are very proud of all these efforts made by our staff and students to get out into our community and give back their time and talents.

Student Appreciation Day was held on Friday, September 13. Once again, we had a great turnout for the car/truck show, our biggest yet. Students were able to experience various games and new exciting interactive activities with a drink and some music to show appreciation that they chose Vantage as their school.

Build Your Future was successfully prepared for and set up by 179 Vantage students, and 12 staff, Unfortunately the event was canceled due to weather. The event would have taken place at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds. Participating Vantage staff and students worked fluidly throughout the week to be sure inventory, supplies, and student participation were all in place for the event. All Van Wert County and Paulding County school districts, and Parkway were set to participate. I can not thank our staff and students enough, as they do all they can to be as accommodating as possible, even when they have a heavy workload and the events do go as scheduled. I am very appreciative of all of the partnerships we have gained with our community employers and businesses that played a large part in preparing for Build Your Future as well. Thank you to Alexander and Bebout, All-Temp Refrigeration, Ayers Mechanical, Schroeder Masonry, Van Wert Works/Economic Development, Ohio Means Jobs of Van Wert County and the Van Wert County Fairgrounds.

Along with the weather cancellations, we had to cancel the BPA Region 16 Official Presentations and Voting. Last year, Vantage had two students secure the President / Vice roles. I am hoping the meeting can take place soon.

The Vantage Day of Caring is among us and we will have another busy week leading up to the event on Friday, September 27. Students participating in the full day event on Friday are 40 student ambassadors and all Health Information Management, Construction Equipment Technology, and Sports Exercise Therapy students. Many of our staff and student population will bring food in for the Vantage Food Blitz, as well as participate in the Blood Drive at Trinity Friends church. Over the weekend, Early Childhood and Criminal Justice students will be at Walmart and Chief in support of the annual Stuff The Truck event in Van Wert. Last year, they collected both food items and monetary donations.

October will be heavy in the front half and is expected to calm down a bit prior to 8th grade tours. We are looking forward to getting to know our juniors a little better during this time and continue to connect our seniors with new experiences, whether college or career bound.

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

Vantage Day of Caring Food & Blood Drive	September 27th
Stuff the Truck - Walmart and Chief in Van Wert	September 28th & 29th
National Technical Honor Society	October 1st
Project 216 - Volunteering Experience	October 5th
Opening of the Avantage Salon	October 8th
Vantage Cup and Saucer Restaurant Opening	October 9th
Principal Visits	October 9th