

Board of Education Update

Michael Knott
High School Director
December 2, 2021

Staff Recognition

Vantage Student Ambassadors, through the Veteran's Day Flag Sales, and with the full support of Vantage staff and students, raised \$624.33 for the Van Wert VFW. I would like to thank Mrs. Owens and the Student Ambassadors for organizing this event.

Once again, the 8th grade tours were a success. Tonya Temple and Miriam Owens worked together to coordinate all of our scheduling and tour guide training, and our student tour guides really did a fantastic job of showing off our building to the 8th graders. Home school teachers and counselors even got involved in the activities in several of the labs. Students are excited to show off our building to anyone and everyone they can. Special thanks to those students and our staff members who helped instill their confidence to lead the tours.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 6-10 -- End of Course Re-takes
Dec. 23-Jan.2 -- Winter Break (Classes resume Jan. 3)

Report of Supervisory Area Progress, Current Initiatives

Mike Knott -- Director

The high school team is actively working on a schedule to get 9th graders to tour Vantage. We are also planning for the events of Sophomore Visitation, Open House and Mock Interviews.

The spec house on Raymond Street is coming along. Before Thanksgiving the Carpentry students were able to get the first floor deck installed. The Interact Club is currently raising money for Toss-A-Toy. On Tuesday, November 23 the Interact Club hosted several events where students could donate \$5 to get out of academic classes and participate. This is a great fundraiser for Toss-A-Toy. Thanks to Mrs. Sarah Koch and Mrs. Ashley Cline and all of our students for donating money to this cause.

Ted Verhoff -- Trade and Industry Supervisor

There are currently 18 Trade and Industrial students out on Early Placement (Work Based Learning) at 15 different employers. The various employers include: Overholt Moorman Electric, Menke Brothers Construction, B-K Tools, APT Manufacturing Solutions, Henry Electric, Renegade Recreation, DISS Inc., TRT Sinn Dairy, All Temp Refrigeration, Pitsenbarger Supply, Quick Change, Braun, Remlinger Manufacturing, Sprint Electric, and Walmart Automotive.

The CDL classroom portion for the Ag & Industrial Power Technology students should be finished December 3 with their driving portion starting on December 6. The Construction Equipment, Electricity, and Industrial Mechanics students will start their CDL classroom training on December 6 as well.

Paula VanTilburg – Business and Service Supervisor

There are 4 students from the Business Service programs that are on Early Placement. Paulding County Courthouse (Criminal Justice), Kids Kastle (Early Childhood), St. Mary Elementary (Early Childhood) and Gerdeman TV (Network Systems).

Instructors have started some preparation for CTSO regional competitions that will take place at various locations in January.

Seniors in Early Childhood completed Parent Teacher Conferences with the preschool parents. Students present their portfolio child's binder to the parent. Great Work Based Learning activity.

Tonya Temple – Student Services Supervisor

The 8th grade tours were held November 8th - 12th. We had over 900 8th graders tour our 18 programs. This was a career exploration opportunity for the 8th graders to get a quick look at what Vantage has to offer.

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were completed November 3rd and 4th. We held in person conferences on the 3rd and the morning of the 4th and had a virtual option for families on the afternoon of November 4th. 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. 133 conferences were scheduled and of the 133 conferences, 129 were completed. This represents 24.5% of the total student population.

End of Course testing will take place the week of December 6th- 10th. Seniors who are at risk of not meeting testing requirements for graduation will be looking at the new requirements.

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 28th when they come to Vantage for our Sophomore Visit Day.

The 2nd quarter comes to an end on January 7th.

Adult Education Director's Report Dec. 2nd, 2021 BOE Meeting

Courses in Progress:

- EMT – 3 classes running now
- PNP – Just completed first phase
- Welding
- Police Academy
- Customized Trainings – continuing at Braun and prepping for Cooper Farms and Trucent.

CDL just completed on 11/23/21 – testing next week

- HS starting in December – approximately 18 students

Preparing for move

- Paint
- Carpet
- Electrical
- Packing
- Working through things as they come up.

COE

- Adult Ed staff attended the virtual COE Fall Conference Nov. 15-19th.
- Members voted to require 1 Occupational Advisory Committee Meeting annually instead of 2.