



# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

October 2018



October 22, 2018

Occupational Advisory  
Committee Meetings

October 26, 2018

End of the First Marking Period

November 5, 2018

Open House Night

## Post Graduate Visit

While many of our students go on to post-secondary education or right into the workforce, others enlist in the military to protect and defend our great nation. Two members of the CWCTC Class of 2018, both four-year students from Yough High School, recently returned to visit our school in their United States Marine Corps Dress Blues. John Gravely (Carpentry) and Michael Martini (Automotive Collision) are seen here visiting the school between the completion of basic training and subsequent rounds of training. We are so very proud of both of these young men and encourage current students to at least consider the opportunities that enlisting in our Armed Forces can provide after graduation.



## Programs of Study Offered

Automotive Collision Technology  
Automotive Technology  
Carpentry  
Commercial & Advertising Art  
Computer & Information Science  
Construction Trades Technology  
Cosmetology  
Culinary Arts  
Electrical Occupations Technology  
Graphic Design Communications  
Health Occupations Technology  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
Horticulture  
Logistics & Warehouse Management  
Machine Trades Technology  
Masonry  
Painting, Restoration & Design  
Plumbing  
Powerline  
Protective Services  
Robotics Engineering  
Sports Therapy & Exercise Science  
Welding

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# START YOUR CAREER @ CWCTC

## Are you ready for your future?

As students begin another school year, some terminology used often at the CTC is **Program of Studies (POS)** and **SOAR**. A **Program of Study** is a state approved CTE program that credits skills and tasks learned during high school at a Career and Technical School. The skills and tasks learned can lead to industry certification in a variety of areas. Students and their parents should be talking to their child's teacher to learn about the possible certifications available. Local industry looks favorably on these certifications for many reasons and it is great information to include on a resume!



Another term used is **SOAR**. SOAR stands for Students Occupationally and Academically Ready. SOAR links the Program of Study with post-secondary institutions (technical schools and universities) to help students earn college credits. These links are known as Articulation Agreements. Many of Central Westmoreland CTC programs have these articulation agreements with various local and state post-secondary schools.

What are the benefits of looking into SOAR?

1. Students who are college bound can save money on college tuition.
2. Students are already on the right career pathway.
3. Students can save time in college by having earned college credit.

Students should consider the following if they plan to earn college credits:

1. Earn a high school diploma, with a minimum 2.5 GPA
2. Complete the PDE Program of Study competency task list.
3. Achieve competent or advanced on the NOCTI test.

This is just a snapshot of the information needed about college credits. Students can learn more specific information from their CTC school counselor and teacher as well as on the web at [www.collegetransfer.net](http://www.collegetransfer.net).

## Career Objectives and Parent Signatures

Ms. Butala, Mr. Elder and Mr. Hayes are busy completing Career Objectives with each student in our building. The information requested by the PA Department of Education (PDE) will be collected electronically and entered into documents which will be printed out and require parent signatures so they can be returned to individual student files. This is the first-time that PDE has required parent signatures on these documents, so we greatly appreciate your timely cooperation. When they arrive at home, please sign and return them at your very nearest convenience.

If you wish to have a copy for your records, please let us know and your son or daughter will bring one home.

**\*Parents please review these documents as we near the end of our first grading period and have an open and honest discussion about the selections on the Career Objective forms.**

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