GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

December 2019

December 2  No School
December 4  CWCTC Progress Reports
December 17  SkillsUSA District Competitions
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1  Winter Recess – No School
January 9  End of the Second Quarter

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

Newsletter by:  Mr. Jay Elder
Ms. Beth Butala
Mr. Lon Hayes

#1 Cochran GO ONE BETTER

#1 Cochran Automotive group joined The Challenge Program again this year as our school’s sponsor! This spring, they will be awarding a total of $3,000 in $200 individual awards to 10th, 11th and 12th graders in 5 categories: Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, Community Service, and STEM. Students should do their best to become eligible for any and all of these categories.

Lexi Puskar, Cosmetology program student from Mount Pleasant, and Mrs. Crist, Wellness Instructor, attended the Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission Annual Dinner where Lexi received a $2,000 Thomas Nega Drugfree Lifestyles Grant. The grant is an effort to recognize and reward Westmoreland County organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to the promotion of drug-free lifestyles. Lexi accepted the award as a CWCTC member of SADD - they will be using the money to purchase vaping detectors.

Mrs. Crist & Lexi Puskar

Start Your Career @ CWCTC.org
In Tech Ed News: Wolf Signs Career and Tech Law

Governor Wolf signed a law making the PAsmart website part of law and establishing provisions that support career and technical education and workforce development in Pennsylvania. “Providing educational opportunities for our students across the commonwealth is a part of preparing them for successful careers,” Wolf said. “This new law is another step to helping students make informed decisions about their future.”

The bill also seeks to update some terminology related to the field by replacing references to “vocational technical” schools to “career and technical” schools. While that alteration may seem minor, it goes a long way toward eliminating the long-held stigma of education in trade works.

The PAsmart website provides easy access to information and links regarding apprenticeships, career and technical education, resources for individuals with disabilities and more, opening up a wide range of possibilities for the young professional.

And while that includes opportunities for those interested in becoming electricians and plumbers, it also recognizes the importance of some 21st-century careers, like those in computer science and health care. While those positions were once relegated only to students of colleges and universities, PAsmart touts that many of these career paths might only require a two-year degree, a license or a certification.

Other elements of the act include expanding information on what credits and classes from career and technical schools are transferable to other educational institutions through online resources, and facilitating stronger bonds between businesses and educators that could provide said businesses’ next crop of workers. The bill is part of a larger initiative to encourage students to branch out from the traditional four-year college and university path and explore careers.

Since 1947, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots has been collecting toys to distribute to children nationally. If you are interested in donating a toy you can simply bring your donation to Central Westmoreland CTC to help support our Painting, Restoration & Design program as they will be taking donations through Tuesday, December 17. For more information, please contact Mrs. Richards at (724) 925-3532 ext. 1356.

Have you checked out our Facebook page yet?

facebook.com/CWCTC

Be sure to do so and see the daily activities our students are involved in. Share with your family and friends.

The Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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