GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

February 2020

February 11 - 12  ASVAB testing (must be attend both days)
February 17      Snow make-up day – CWCTC is in session!
February 28      2020-2021 CWCTC Application Deadline

February is National CTE Month!

Career and Technical Education Month®, or CTE Month®, is a yearly event to celebrate the value of CTE and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs and students across the country.

Career and Technical Education is a must have for our community, county, and state to continue to be successful in today’s economy. Within each career field there is a need for people with multiple levels of education; certificate programs; associate degrees; bachelor degrees; master degrees, and even doctoral degrees. One cannot work without the other.

So how does CTE help meet the demand of our economy? By providing academic and hands on skills to students in grades 10 -12 in 23 programs. This level of education directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers. Students engage in this learning environment in different ways compared to the home school setting. For some students, this can help them be successful in ways that they have not yet experienced.

To celebrate CTE Month, Central Westmoreland CTC has had students from various schools tour the building to see what happens here every day in the classrooms and labs. Parents and students were welcomed on February 6th for an Open House event. Our career education counselor continues to visit elementary and middle school students in our 10 school districts to highlight the CTC programs. Teachers and counselors are attending sending school open house events and scheduling fairs. And finally, our students are preparing for state and national competitions in the coming months. All of this is done in an effort to highlight the importance of our school in the education world.

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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Auto Tech Students are going to Nationals!

Seniors DJ Trout (Greensburg Salem) and Robby Hoey (Norwin) took first place on January 29th at the second round of the Greater Pittsburgh Auto Dealer’s Association’s Annual Joint Automotive Competition at CCAC. DJ and Robby went up against two other teams to vie for the opportunity to compete at the National Level. The students had previously won in the first round of the competition.

DJ and Robby were assigned a 2018 GMC Acadia for round two of the competition. For taking first place, both DJ and Robby received a Snap-on tool kit and a $10,000 scholarship to an automotive school of their choice. They will compete next at Nationals in New York City in April. Best of luck to DJ and Robby in the Big Apple!

March madness is right around the corner

And no we are not talking about college basketball! Central Westmoreland’s March Madness is for our seniors. It is NOCTI time. Haven’t heard yet about NOCTI from your senior student? Here are the basics.

NOCTI stands for National Occupational Competency Testing Institute. It is the assessment used for career and technical education students; similar but more complex than Keystones. The NOCTI test is given to seniors as they prepare to graduate. It includes both a written and performance component that students will take specific to their program. Mrs. Herrle has been preparing for the testing for months. Seniors already completed the pretest in October and have been working within each of the programs to continue to reach proficiency. The students will be given a schedule for when they will complete both the written test and the performance based test. The performance based part of the test is graded by industry personnel not their teacher. Students will be given a specific task(s) to complete within a given time period. Students have been preparing for this test since their first day at Central Westmoreland CTC.

Good luck to all our seniors!

2020-2021 Central Westmoreland CTC applications are due February 28!
Talk to your school counselor for the home school deadline.

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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