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Our Skills Pay Bills



Advanced Manufacturing



The Advanced Manufacturing class led by Mr. Chris Smith is hard at work learning in the classroom and laboratory. The students are finishing up some of their projects before Thanksgiving break. Also, thank you to Task Force Tips for donating a CNC tool room lathe to A.K. Smith Career Center. This is a great upgrade to the Advanced Manufacturing program.



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Automotive Technology

The University of Northwestern Ohio had their annual Scholarship testing two weeks ago and the results are in. First place in each area will receive a \$20,000.00 scholarship and second place \$5,000.00. Derrick Price came in second, Derrick is a second year student of the Automotive class. The contest covers all the states where they all come together and compete in five categories, Derrick chose the High Performance and came in second we are all quite proud of him and his accomplishments. Derrick attends the LaPorte High School.

The automotive class is in the Electrical/Electronics phase of the NATEF certification and will finish that part and will go into the Engine Performance at the beginning of the second semester.

The Chicago Auto show will be here before you know it and the target date is [2/14/2013](#) for the field trip.

Welding Technologies



The Welding class went on a field trip to the Fab Tech Show in Chicago on [Nov.21](#) . They got to observe different and new things that are coming out in the Wonderful World of Welding. Students received a lot of free items. The big free item for the weld shop was a Torch by Victor . We have all tried the new torch and we love it.

Some students are practicing for a welding competition that is coming up in January. The competition will be held in Elkart this year.

We have 2 more students that are going to start or has started an internships. One at Circle "R" and they other is at Sager Metals.



Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice and Law class is demonstrating the handcuffing technique. The purpose of handcuffs is to restrain the movements of a subject in a manner that provides a safe means of transportation for officers and others. Restraints also control further physical resistance from a subject. The procedure is practiced by the class on a weekly basis which help improve their handcuffing skills.



JAG

Officers for the Career Association were elected on Friday, November 22, 2012. The Induction and Initiation Ceremonies were held on November 25 and 26th. The officers for 2013-2014 Career Association are:

President – Tyra Woodard: Secretary – Zach Weis: Vice-President Leadership – Vicki Ramos: Vice-President Career Development – Trent Laughlin: Vice-President Community Service – Christian Edson: Vice-President Social Awareness – Antonia Young

Additionally, Trent Laughlin has been appointed the public relations director. Shaylah Barron has been appointed parliamentarian for the association. The first meeting of the association will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 2:45 p.m. Students have been studying how to apply for jobs and practicing interviewing skills. We are happy to announce three of our students obtained Black Friday employment at Lighthouse Place Mall. Those students are: Dusty Buren, Trent Laughlin, and Tyra Woodard.



We will begin placing students in job shadowing experiences in the near future. Currently we are looking to place students in job shadowing in a veterinary office, a nursing home, hospital or hospice, a daycare, a physical therapy center, a computer repair shop, a tattoo parlor, and general office and retail stores. We are also looking for guest speakers in these career areas, so if you know of any adult who would be willing to come and speak to the JAG classes please contact Mrs. Patterson at extension 8717.

Prestige Beauty College

During the month of November, we have been giving away FREE Hilites via Twitter. Follow us on Twitter at #PCBIN. All you have to do is retweet for the coupon. Stay tuned on Twitter for more give aways. Also check us out on

Facebook and Instagram (#PCBIN). All Cosmetology students have completed the mannequin work and are working on public. As always our haircuts are \$5 and Veterans haircuts are always FREE. Our hours of operation are M-F 9-4:30 and Sat 8-3:30. We celebrated our 2nd year Anniversary on November 8th.



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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Sophomore Visitations
- ⇒ TASC Testing
- ⇒ Enrollment for 2014-2015 school year
- ⇒ Winter Break

THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE IS HERE!



Culinary Arts

This past month the Culinary Arts Department catered an event for the Economic Development Corp. The menu was chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, sauteed green beans, and homemade cupcakes for dessert. The students were in charge of setting up the buffet, preparing the food, and running the buffet. Everyone was very impressed with the students' cooking abilities and professionalism during the event.

Student Mentor Program

December 4th 2013 LaCrosse High School and Westville High School will be attending our Sophomore Visitation at A.K. Smith. The Mentors have been doing a wonderful job explaining what each of their programs have to offer to the students, and what the possibilities are for a career in each of those fields. Michigan City High School will also be attending The Sophomore Visitations on Thursday and Friday December 5th and 6th both in the morning and afternoon sessions