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## Cosmetology Students Work on Teamwork Skills

Pictured are our junior cosmetology students from a challenge education day. Students were learning problem solving and communication skills.



### Counselor's Corner

- Let's go, seniors. If you are heading for college in 2010 -11, this is a good time to apply for admissions.
- For all students, fall break in late October, provides a good opportunity to visit a technical school, college, or university that you are considering. Make it a family trip or a trip with friends. You will find helpful information at [www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org).

*Mrs. Debra Heitmann, Career Counselor*

Please forward this newsletter to parents, students, advisory committee members, and other interested parties.



## **Fire Science Students Assess Local Structures**

Students in Bob Lamprecht's Emergency Rescue Technology class were given walking tour of the city center by the Hobart Fire Department to look at residential and commercial buildings and identify potential risks for fire. Later, students visited Southlake Mall for a similar safety assessment of that facility.

## **Marketing and Work Study Students Make Halloween Decorations for Local Senior Citizens**

Below are pictures of the work study and marketing internship students decorating pumpkins. The 30 pumpkins were donated by Pinney Purdue. The students decorated

them, then delivered them to the residents at Life Care Center in Valparaiso.

A different place is chosen each year where a student might have a connection. Work Study student, Emily Finn, is a C.N.A. at the Life Care Center. Five students helped deliver them directly to the residents' rooms and visited with them. They even tried to match the pumpkin and the resident's personalities!



**Saturday, October 17, 10 am to 2 pm**

Students at the Porter County Career and Tech Center will conduct a winter car check on Saturday, October 17. This is a free service our students are offering to the community. After a short inspection of your vehicle, you will be apprised of any necessary items that need to be replaced or repaired. Fluid levels, tire pressures, lights, and wipers will be inspected. Please bring your car and invite your elderly neighbors to take advantage of this free service.



***Homeland Security Class Present Projects on Notorious Criminals***



***Pictured is Shamiyra Jackson of Hobart HS, who presented an oral report on Charles Manson. Students shared some details of the criminals and their upbringing to help try and understand what makes murderers so different from the rest of us.***

## Junior Kiwanians



Pictured, left to right, are Calvin Martin, Samantha Allen (both of Wash Twp HS), and Superintendent Dr. Rod Gardin of the East Porter County School Corporation. Calvin is a senior enrolled in Electronics and Computer Tech and Sam is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in our Computer Assisted Design and Animation program. Calvin studied Modern Machining as a junior and has expanded his knowledge this year with his study in electronics. Sam is also volleyball and basketball player, and according to instructor, Mr. Bill Guinee, “She is a true classroom and school leader.” Sam and Calvin were nominated by their CTE teachers to be recognized as outstanding students from the Career Center at the Valparaiso Noon Kiwanis Club, where Dr. Gardin is a member.

- “Never let it be said, that you can run faster than you can read.”
- “Everybody has a handicap, everyone has a disability. What everyone needs is a dream.”
- “I refuse to play the victim.”
- “Its not how many times you get knocked down, it is how many times you get back up.”
- “Every time I lost, I became determined to practice harder.”

*Bob Love*

## Court Reporting a Challenge for Hobart Students



Kiana Best is seen working hard in the Court Reporting class. She said, “It is fun to build up speed, and it was hard at first, but that she is getting better all the time.”

*“You can have everything in life you want if you just help enough other people get what they want.” -- Zig Zigler*

## Landscaping Students Beautify Pines Village



Students planted 500 spring bulbs in the new Pines Village courtyards. Their work will really pay off with some beautiful flowers in the spring. Pictured above are second year students, Alexis Salyer of Kouts and Brandon Porter of Morgan Twp High School. It looks like another fun day at school beautifying our community.

**Thanks to ValpoLife, our newsletter is posted at the following URL:**  
[http://www.valpolife.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3762&catid=160&Itemid=169](http://www.valpolife.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3762&catid=160&Itemid=169) and our newsletter is posted to 1250 ValpoLife Facebook Fans: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#/ValpoLife?ref=nf> and our 650 ValpoLife Twitter fans: [www.twitter.com/ValpoLife](http://www.twitter.com/ValpoLife)

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:  
<http://www.pcte.org>

Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group  
“Porter County Career and Tech Center”

## Hygiene and the Flu

The first step in prevention is getting your students and faculty vaccinated against the flu. This year, everyone should also be aware of the novel H1N1 flu virus - it is different than seasonal flu and so is the vaccine. Vaccine manufacturers are currently developing vaccines against the new pandemic strain of the influenza virus, which are expected to be ready sometime this fall. However, other flu prevention steps are the same for both flu viruses. In addition to getting students and faculty vaccinated with both vaccines, practice these other prevention steps to help prevent the spread of illness in your school:

1. **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
2. **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hands sanitizers are also effective.
3. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
4. **Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
5. **Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.

\* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes that, based on available scientific information, currently registered influenza A virus products - such as Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes and Clorox® Regular-Bleach - will be effective against the novel H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about the novel H1N1 flu virus and vaccine, visit [www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu](http://www.CDC.gov/H1N1flu).

*Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program applications are available at [www.teachercreativity.org](http://www.teachercreativity.org)*

*Individual grants are for \$8,000 and the grant proposal is due November 6, 2009 for implementation during the summer of 2010.*

***The Porter County Career and Tech Center and SELF School follow the cancellation/school delay decisions of the Valparaiso Community Schools. All other CTE sites follow the school closing decisions of the host school.***

***All commuting students should drive carefully and use their parent's input and common sense when deciding if it is safe to drive to their CTE location.***

***In the event of severe or inclement weather, school may be delayed or canceled. Please use the following sources to track any weather related delays or cancellations:***

- VCS Alert (The registration procedure is available on the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage (<http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>). You can register your cell phone to receive messages.)
- Radio station 105.5
- Cancellations.com

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in enrollment procedures or access to programs.

## Calendar

October 12-16, College GO! Week,

October 15, 3:30 – 4:30, Porter County Advisory Committee Meeting at the Career and Tech Center

Friday, October 16, Live and archived Broadcast of the Valpo/Lake Central football game by our TV/Media students. Go to [www.valpo.k12.in.us](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us)

Saturday, October 17, 10 am to 2 pm, Winter Car Check at the Career and Tech Center

November 24, Blood Drive #2 at the Career Center, 8 am – 2 pm

Join the Porter County Career and Tech Center Facebook Group  
The group is designed for students, alumni, and supporters to keep in touch and to hear about news and events happening at the Career and Tech Center.

## *Career & Technical Education: Training Tomorrow's Workforce*

### Our Newsletter

*Porter County Career and Technical Education News* is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531 - 3173), call (531-3170), or email ([jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us](mailto:jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us)) with news to be published about you and your students.



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