

# **High School Division**

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# **This Month's Highlights**

# **Curriculum and Instruction**

Staffing: No new staff

#### **Curriculum:**

 We have been working to prepare a solution to the Credits/Funding dilemma. The teachers provided recommendations, and that was compiled and presented to Peggy Wild, DOE State Director for CTE. Her feedback was taken into consideration for development for next year's courses and funding. This plan was presented to Superintendents on February 10. There will be some funding loss (6%), but our hope is by presenting this in conjunction with the Educational Services presentation, schools will be encouraged to increase enrollment.

# **Professional Development:**

- Plans are in the works for Summer Professional Development. Teams of teachers and administrators will attend two conferences this summer: Model Schools Conference and High Schools that Work.
- We have offered multiple Mini Sessions these past few weeks, and teachers have been very receptive to the topics: Google Drive, English Language Learners, Remind 101, and Substitute folders. We have had positive feedback, and have even had many teachers volunteer for session topics for next round.

# **Community Partnerships:**

- We hosted a Business and Industry Roundtable sponsored by Aspire Johnson County and Johnson County Development Corporation on January 31. Representatives from Nachi, Endress+Hauser, Eli Lilly, and NTSupply.com were among the Aspire Talent committee members. Information gathered from this discussion will be pulled together into a proposal for Partnerships, Pathways, and Pipelines. We are hopeful for support of programming and resources to make connections among business, industry, and educational entities to provide gainful employment for this region's future workforce.
- We were approached by Adult & Child to partner with them on a competitive grant from The Center on Community and Living and Careers at Indiana University. The goal of this grant would be collaboration to provide employment opportunities for transition-age (focus on low-income students with special needs) youth by embedding of employment resources into the schools. Central Nine seemed like a natural fit for this collaboration, and we hope to be one of the five sites selected for this work.

## Principal

#### Students: World of Wheels

The students from the C9 automotive programs were treated to an all day paid expenses to the World Wide Wheels of Motor Sports by Lincoln Tech Institute. We attended the show at the Indianapolis fairgrounds to present our custom design pedal car against other schools. Also are students were educated even more from the perspective of key automotive industry giants and moguls.

#### **Skills USA Competition**

We have several of our programs entering Skills USA competitions and doing very well. Are Electronic Technology & Information Technology are competing in regional's at Ivy Tech 2/8/14/.

We have several students advancing on to the State Skills USA contest in the Diesel Service Technology contest. Our teachers are doing a fabulous job educating these students.

#### **Teachers: Out promoting programs**

Teachers are scheduling and will be making visitations to several events going on at the home schools over the next few weeks to influence, recruit and promote the programs of Central Nine Career Center to students unsure of what they want to do with their life.

#### **NTHS: Ceremony**

Tom Jacobs did a fabulous job with his NTHS program held here January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We had 100+ people turn out for the prestigious induction of the inaugural group here at Central Nine. Lots of family members, friends, teachers, and even community partners showed up to support the program. Mr. Jacob is doing an excellent job with this program and has begun the process for starting ambassadors and the packet/applications for next year's group. Kudos to Mr. Jacobs and NTHS.

# **Principal's Corner: ISU**

Have begun my classes and they are going well! Have live class this Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at ISU to meet professors, guest speakers, and other Superintendents, Principals, and board members who will be in attendance at mini 2.5 hr workshop.

#### Guidance

Enrollment, tours, and recruiting visits are still in progress. This month, we will welcome on our campus students from Greenwood High School, Beech Grove High School, Franklin Central High School, and possibly Franklin Community Middle School and Indian Creek Middle School. By the end of the month, Karin Graves, some teachers, as well as myself will have collectively visited the campuses of Greenwood Middle School, Perry Meridian High School, Whiteland High School, Franklin Community Middle School, and Perry Meridian Middle School. I have also been able to facilitate some individualized visits from parents and students.

Our participating schools will be turning in their initial enrollment numbers by March 5. I am currently working to prepare our student information system for the enrollment process.

Enrollment & Achievement Specialist:

Karin Graves has facilitated workshops to CTE students in various programs on Job Preparedness skills (resumes, cover letters, applications, interviewing, etc.). She has also finished up work on ASVAB administration and interpretation. She has also began behavioral intervention in collaboration with Mr. Courtney.