



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Principal

- **Faculty In-Service**

An in-service was conducted on Wednesday, October 24, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. The Professional Development committee coordinated this in-service day for staff. There were several critical steps to providing this opportunity. In order for the in-service to take place, all students were released at 10:15. The possibility of the early release was discussed in a principals' meeting held last year. Sending school principals allowed students to return to their home school. The early release impacted Beech Grove, Franklin Central and Franklin Community.

To provide an effective professional development session for staff, the Professional Development Committee conducted a survey. All items on the agenda pertained to the feedback and results from the survey. Items on the agenda were: a team building exercise, lesson plan development, teacher evaluation resources and understanding ELL needs.

- **Faculty Meeting**

There were several items on the faculty meeting agenda. The staff goals for the 2012-213 school year were to be submitted by October 31. Staff was also reminded of upcoming events and expectations such as the nontraditional job fair, prospective student open house, graduate follow up, dual credit information, and college and career readiness activities.

- **Principals' Meeting**

All principals met on Wednesday, September 2. Lunch, which was prepared by our "To the Nines" restaurant, was served from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Principals met from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The items on the agenda included: Nontraditional Careers, Central Nine Tours, Prospective Student Open House, College Night, CTE Impact, Pooling PLTW Resources, Dual Credits, and Career Pathways. The participating school's principals in attendance were: Beech Grove, Franklin Central, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Whiteland, Indian Creek, & Center Grove.

- **Guest Speakers**

The instructors frequently invite advisory members, local industry or post secondary institutions to serve as guest speakers. On Wednesday, October 10, the culinary program invited the Art Institute to conduct a demonstration on preparing a southwest taco. He also talked about opportunities for going to college, grants and financial aid. When he was cooking he would explain the process utilizing culinary standard vocabulary and techniques. The students were really engaged. Samples from the food demonstration were provided to the students.



- **Birthday Celebrations**

October student and staff birthdays were recognized last week. The culinary students in Chef Lopez's class prepared a red velvet cake with a cream cheese filling and frosting for staff birthdays. Cookies were prepared by Chef Traub's students and distributed to all students with October birthdays during their passing period.

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Curriculum and Instruction

The 2012-13 Curriculum Mapping and Literacy Enrichment Program Initiatives are off to a great start. The CTE teachers are working on developing quadrant D lessons using the Rigor/Relevance Framework that integrates academics into CTE Programs. The teachers are also integrating common core math and writing standards into their curriculum maps. The teachers meet with Central Nine's Master Teacher (Lesson Plan development), English Teacher (Common Core Writing), and Math Teacher (Common Core Math) in scheduled cluster meetings. **The Literacy in CTE Enrichment Program** recently conducted its first pre-testing of all students using the Student Reading Inventory (SRI). The testing found that 51% of Central Nine's students qualified for reading services based on the new Lexile minimums of 1185 for juniors and seniors. Given the large numbers of potential students, a selection of students was identified to participate in the program this school year. Currently, there are approximately 150 general education and 90 special education students participating in the program. The **Early College Program** is currently being developed in partnership with the Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) and Ivy Tech Community College. The program will provide students with the opportunity to take earn college credit while attending their career technical education program at Central Nine. The goal of the provide is to develop a collaborative network of participating school districts to provide students with access to college courses throughout their high school career. Additional details will be developed by Central Nine and the Curriculum Directors of the sending school districts. The program is tentatively scheduled to be offered during the 2014-15 academic school year.

Guidance

- **Career Day**

The College & Career Day was a success! We had a total of 41 presenter's with representation from college/university, industry, and military. Many of the presenter's expressed how well pleased they were with our students. "Respectful and well behaved" were the comments that were used most often to describe our students.

- **Tours**

Franklin Middle School brought 3 groups of about 22 students to tour Central Nine. The students that came were excited to see what Central Nine had to offer them when they get to high school. When completed with the tour the students ate lunch in the restaurant.

- **P.L.A.C.E**

Mrs. Dietrich and Central Nine hosted 59 8th graders from Southport Middle. The students have had a chance to shadow Central Nine's career programs. The month prior the student came on a tour and then chose a class that they were more interested in learning more about. The 8th graders have all have had positive feedback about their experiences and have said they can't wait until they are in high school to attend Central Nine.

- **Compass Testing**

Compass Testing, Mrs. Dietrich has been testing students to qualify for dual credit through compass. Compass is a college placement test used by Ivy Tech.

- **Gold Star**

Mrs. Dietrich is in the process of renewing the Gold Star School Counseling Portfolio. Mrs. Dietrich held the second of the three meeting for the renewal process. In the last two meeting the advisory committee as reviewed and revised the Counseling Vision Statement and Goals. The third and final meeting will be held at the end of November.

- **Guidance Meeting**

Mrs. Dietrich held her monthly guidance meeting with sending school counselors on October 3. All participating schools were represented.