



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Principal

- **Faculty Meeting**

The November faculty meeting was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 2:30 to 3 p.m. A team building exercise was conducted to continue to reiterate the importance of working together collectively. As the semester begins to wind down there were several important items that take place as the first semester begins to wind down. The staff was reminded about the prospective student open house and encouraged to promote the program to the friends and family members of current students. Other items on the agenda included nontraditional students, advisory committees, student intervention, final exams, staff lunch times, and Thanksgiving break recess for all participating schools.

- **Principals Meeting**

All principals met on Wednesday, December 5. 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: a presentation by The Crossing which is a public school system that services students who have been expelled, Approval of Minutes, Student of the Month, Prospective Student Open House, Final Exams, Early Release, 2013-2014 Enrollment, and Early College.

The participating schools in attendance were: Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Central, Whiteland, Center Grove and Franklin Community.

- **Tech Centers That Work Workshop**

A team consisting of Stan Wilkison, Sherene Donaldson, Tom Jacobs, Karin Graves, Robin King, Melody Arnold, and Erin Dietrich attended a workshop coordinated by Tech Centers That Work. Central Nine hosted the workshop. Elkhart Career Center and Prosser Career Center also had staff members in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to assess school data in order to improve student achievement, graduation rates and college- and career-readiness.

- **Prospective Student Open House**

The Prospective Student Open House was held November 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Great effort was given by staff to promote the event. Prospective students were encouraged to attend via: the Central Nine video announcements; a video was developed for each of the participating schools announcements (the video featured students from each of the schools); letters were sent to students from all the promotional events (tours, presentations at participating schools, Central Nine Trailer, a School Reach Message was sent to all Central Nine students inviting friends and family of interest, messages sent to all middle school students who expressed interest and the Central Nine display marquee.

There were several students that expressed a high interest and had great questions about Central Nine programs. The Landscape Management and Horticulture Science program sponsored a chili supper for the visitors while the Culinary Arts program assisted in the preparation and serving of the food. Many of the programs had student projects on display, current students and advisory members assist and represent their programs.

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Curriculum and Instruction

As the first semester draws to a close, Central Nine continues to develop and implement initiatives and programs that provide students with educational experiences that improve their skills and academic achievement. These include 1) the Literacy in CTE Enrichment Program that uses the Achieve 3000 software to help increase the reading comprehension levels of students; 2) the Character Education Program which introduces students to key character traits that employers are seeking in new hires and post-secondary institutions are looking for in new students; and 3) the Early College Program is being developed to offer students a CTE-based college preparatory program beginning in 2014.

Central Nine hosted the 2012 TCTW Data Workshop on November 27 & 28, 2012. The workshop allowed participants the opportunity to review their 2012 HSTW/TCTW Senior and Teacher Survey results. The Central Nine team will use the data analysis skills learned at the workshop to develop a strategic plan for staff development and instructional planning. As you may recall, Central Nine was named a Pacesetter Technology Center School by the SREB due to 62 percent of our students reporting they had a rigorous career/technical program. Additionally, Central Nine presented best practices at the 2012 HSTW Staff Development Conference.

The November Director's meeting was held on November 16, 2012. In attendance were Dr. Rick Ahlgrim, Director of Secondary Education, Greenwood CSC, Mr. Clayton Collins, Director of Instruction, Beech Grove City Schools, Mr. Robert Bohannon, Assistant Superintendent for Career Preparation, MSD Perry Township, Dr. Wendy Kruger, Curriculum Director, Center Grove Community School Corporation, Mrs. Deb Brown-Nally, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Franklin CSC, Mr. Jim White, Director of Technology, CPSC, Mr. Andy Cline, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson School Corporation, and Karin Graves, College and Career Advisor. The team discussed, the Early College Program, Online @ Central 9 Program vs Early College Program, the draft Mission of the Early College Program, and the Implementation of the 2013-14 College and Career Pathway Program at all sending schools.

Guidance

- **Central Nine Tours**

The month of November has been a busy month with tours. The guidance office had hosted 7 high schools (Franklin Community, Whiteland, Beech Grove, Indian Creek, Franklin Central, Center Grove and Perry Meridian) 2 middle schools (Clark-Pleasant and Greenwood). Central Nine has designated November as "Rush Month". Mr. Hoagland attended Roncalli's job fair and spoke to students about Central Nine Program. Mrs. Dietrich also went and spoke to two English classes at Perry Meridian High School.

- **PLACE Program**

Central Nine Guidance also hosted Perry Meridian Middle school for the PLACE program. We had 45 8th graders from Perry Meridian Middle shadow programs to learn more about their career interest as well as spending time learning more about Central Nine.

- **Open House**

The month ended with a Central Nine Open House. There were 110 prospective students who attended on Nov. 29th. The breakdown of perspective student in attendance by school is as follows: Center Grove – 21, Indian Creek -2, Greenwood – 21, Franklin Community -17, Whiteland – 22, Perry Meridian 13, Southport – 6, Beech Grove -1, Franklin Central-11.

- **Gold Star**

Mrs. Dietrich is continuing the renewal process of obtaining the Gold Star Guidance award for the second time.

- **Guidance Meeting**

Mrs. Dietrich met with the sending school counselors. At the meeting Mrs. King and Ms. Ribelin presented information about Pre-Pharmacy and PLTW Biomedical Sciences. There was a discussion about enrollment for the 2013-14 school year and program name changes. All schools were represented at the meeting.