



# High School Division

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## This Month's Highlights

### Principal

- **Student Competitions**

The Precision Machine program competed in a high school precision machining contest. The event was held Saturday, January 12 at the Ivy Tech Main Campus. There were a total of 8 high schools and a total of 16 participants. Two of the sixteen participants were from Central Nine Career Center. The students who participated from Central Nine include: Cody Hart (Whiteland) and Wesley Butler (Franklin Central). Prizes were given to the first four places and Cody Hart placed fourth overall winning a \$100.00 gift certificate for machining tools. Cody also had the highest score on the written test.

- **Faculty Meeting/In-Service**

The first day back for the second semester was scheduled for staff only. A teachers' meeting and in-service was held on Monday, January 7. The teachers' meeting was scheduled from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the LGI and began with a team building exercise. Items discussed during the meeting pertained to Discipline, Lesson Plans, Lockdowns, Evaluations and Artifacts, Attendance, College and Career Readiness and Curriculum and Instruction. The remainder of the day provided staff with professional development opportunities on Next Navigator and Verbal Judo. The Next Navigator training demonstrated a new tool for instructors to utilize in class. The Verbal Judo explained to staff how to de-escalate situations.

- **Principals Meeting**

All principals, guidance counselors and curriculum directors from each of the participating schools met on Wednesday, February 6. The culinary students prepared vegetable soup, potato soup, and a salad bar for everyone in attendance. The joint meeting was held in the LGI from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the principals from each school met afterwards from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. All topics centered on all schools working collectively to improve funding, graduation rates, A-F Accountability, and test scores. The items on the agenda included: Welcome and Introductions, Course Inventories and Spring Count, Development of Pathways, Math Integration, and New Program Offering. The Principals' agenda consisted of Approval of Minutes, Student of the Month, Next Meeting, Online @ C9, Promotional Videos, Round Table and CTE course Inventory Planning.

The participating school's principals in attendance were: Whiteland, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Indian Creek, Southport, Perry Meridian, Greenwood and Beech Grove.

- **Student Birthdays**

Student birthdays are celebrated daily. Each week birthday cards are distributed to the students celebrating their birthday for that week. In the card, the students also receive a certificate to receive a free cookie prepared by the culinary students. The students can redeem their birthday cookie during their passing period.

## This Month's Highlights – cont.

### Curriculum and Instruction

- **Curriculum and Instruction Sub-Committee**

1. Reviewed Character First for 2013-2014 traits
2. Aug. Punctuality/Responsibility, Sept. Dependability, Oct. Hospitality-Customer Service, Nov. Gentleness, Dec. Joyfulness, Jan. Loyalty, Feb. Truthfulness, Mar. Patience, Apr. Persuasiveness, May Obedience
3. Determined presenters for Character Education Classes: Bill Clark - Power Point, Krystal Irish - Video, Tom Jacobs is asking Brad Magness if he will share his CD.
4. Still working on clearing a March or April date for this mini session
5. Conducting Make-It & Take-It sessions to help instructors with organizing artifacts for evaluation, February 14<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. Beginning planning mini-seminars on Bell to Bell Instruction for after Feb. 28, 2013

- **Professional Development Sub-Committee**

1. Making plans for April 10, 2013 in-service
2. This is to be a continuation of the January 7, 2013 session with Lieutenant Eddie Moore.
3. Discussing ideas for Fall 2013 in-service

- **CONEXUS/ HIRE Technology**

1. Stan Wilkison, Darryl Willoughby, Erin Dietrich, Joe Boner, Sam Hoagland and Paige Banos met with Claudia Cummings on 1/28/2013.
2. Central Nine is going to be able to offer a pilot of CONEXUS/HIRE technology classes to students beginning in the Fall of 2013. Sam Hoagland will be the instructor.

- **Curriculum Directors Meeting**

1. February 6, 2013 a joint meeting of principals, curriculum directors, and guidance counselors was held at Central Nine. The general theme of the meeting was how the home high schools and the career center can work together to increase student achievement, provide skills for higher education and/or employment, increase graduation rates, and make wise use of funding resources.

### Guidance

- **Counselor's Meeting**

Erin hosted the January Counselor's meeting. At the meeting Erin discussed Technical Honors and asked counselors to get a list of students who may qualify for THD. Erin also explained that she had e-mailed a list of students who have signed up for dual credits. Erin explained that she will update with grades in May/early June. Erin also discussed student attendance. She explained that she will be in contact with counselors and deans starting at 5 absences. The goal is to have a more proactive approach to attendance and work/communicate better with the sending schools. The group also discussed enrollment. Erin passed back the blue forms of the current C9 students and also explained PCI and Health Sciences 2. All Counselors Present.

- **Professional Development**

Erin presented at Purdue for the Leadership Development Seminar on Integration in CTE.

- **PLACE Students**

Erin hosted Center Grove Middle School for the PLACE program January 28<sup>th</sup> –February 1st. There were 44 students who attended for a one week experience. There was great feedback from Central Nine students as well as Center Grove Middle School students.

- **Scheduling Nights**

Ms. Graves, Mrs. Dietrich, Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Wilkison have attended a number of scheduling nights at the sending high schools.