



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Curriculum and Instruction

Staffing: No New Staffing

Professional Development:

- I took four new Workplace Specialist teachers to the Indiana ACTE (Association for Career & Technical Education) Fall Professional Development Conference, CTE: Learning that Works for Indiana. They were able to hear from both Governor Pence and Superintendent Ritz, as well as attend both breakout and required WSI Licensure sessions.

Curriculum

- Based on feedback from the both the High School Curriculum team, and the Curriculum Directors, we decided to pass on the Chiropractic Program, as presented by American Society of Chiropractic Technology.
- We are continuing the Character First/Gotcha Cards program. This month's Character Trait is Hospitality/Customer Service.

Other:

- We had our first Curriculum Director's meeting on September 20. Those in attendance: Beech Grove, Center Grove, Clark-Pleasant, Greenwood, and Perry. We will hold our joint Principals/Curriculum Directors/Counselors meeting on Monday, November 4 at noon. We will share an overview on our vision for CTE students, and then breakout into small work groups to align the CTE pathways from home schools to C9.
- We had excellent representation at this year's College & Career Fair, which was held on Thursday. We had over 35 different entities in attendance from U.S. Army to WyoTech to IUPUC to Ivy Tech & Vincennes, as well as many in between. Students requested and attended four 25-minute informational sessions from each school/organization.

Principal

Students:

- I spoke in depth with students about the Literacy Enrichment class here at Central Nine to help our sending schools who cannot fit this additional help into a student's weekly schedule. I spoke with targeted juniors and seniors who have failed the ECA, as well as sophomores who have test scores that are below average. I let them know that this is not optional. It is required that they attend all scheduled sessions up until December of 2013.
- We have implemented a new Intervention Specialist Program which targets students who are falling behind in their academics, attendance issues, or any other problems that are keeping them from being successful at C9, and keeping them from being suspended or even expelled due to lack of participation. I have met with 7 out of 9 students assigned to me so far since early September. I have spoken with several of the parents and they are pleased.
- Update:** Student who started commotion and posted bomb threat all on the internet and pictures has been expelled from his home school and ours in regards to the disruption of the educational learning process. He has moved to Rushville with grandmother. Police are still looking at other charges against him due to violating his probation.

Partners:

Triton Central High School's new Principal, Greg Chandler, visited me September, 27th, 2013 to take a tour of the facility, build a relationship, and see what goes on at C9 daily with the students. Mr. Chandler enjoyed the tour and conversation we had for about 75 minutes. I have actually added Chandler to the Principals meeting list in regards to Triton Central having several students attending C9, and being a new principal getting to know everyone.

Center Grove High School:

Mrs. Fife and I will be attending a 9th and 10th grade Parent Scheduling/Information Meeting on October 29th, 2013 We will be available to meet parents, answer questions, and share information.

Guidance

All counselors except Triton were able to attend the counselors meeting this month. One of the more important topics discussed was the need for good attendance, as quite a few students have missed more than five days of school thus far.

I set up a booth Saturday, September 25, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Perry Township's community event called Running South. A few students there indicated interest in attending Central Nine.

Southport Middle School once again had an encouraging round of tours last Wednesday, October 2. Students asked many questions indicating interest and chaperons seemed impressed by the facility and courses offered.

Preparations are being made for our prime tour and visitor time, which will be here shortly at the very end of October and the entire month of November.