



# High School Division

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## This Month's Highlights

### Curriculum and Instruction

#### **Summer Professional Development:**

In mid-July, several staff members attended the High Schools That Work conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Teachers moved through sessions on a myriad of topics including classroom management, thriving as a CTE teacher, metacognition, Project Based Learning, technology, and developing leadership teams. Our own Ed Callico and Chanel Thompson presented two sessions on "Keeping it Real with Project-Based Learning," and Joe Cougill presented on "Integration of Specific Math Standards Within CTE Programs."

#### **Opening Days:**

On Monday, July 25, teachers engaged in a meeting. New policies and procedures were presented, and old procedures were reviewed. Mr. Joe Preda reviewed students discipline, Mrs. Amanda Wilkerson shared information about technology, Mrs. Jenny Caviness explained the ECA account processes, and Mr. Mike Quaranta reviewed general information and engaged the staff in a discussion and brainstorm sessions about CTE Excellence.

On Tuesday, July 26, Ms. Kathleen McNally engaged teachers in professional development in regard to PBIS and classroom management. Ms. McNally shared strategies, stories, and modeled effective classroom techniques to engage students. Teachers were receptive and many have been observed using the strategies Ms. McNally shared at the professional development session.

#### **New Procedures:**

To alleviate congestion and prevent damage to the main entrance parking lot, a new pick up/dismissal procedure was introduced on August 1. Perry Meridian and Southport buses now pick up students in the normal bus zone on the west side of the building. Center Grove, Indian Creek, and Greenwood buses now pick up students at exit A9, outside of the restaurant. To ensure that all buses have left the campus, PM students who drive are not be permitted to leave the classroom until a second bell rings at 2:25pm. This procedure also provides more administrative and instructional assistant supervision in the student driver parking lot once the buses have cleared.

#### **Staffing:**

Heather DeRudder has joined the staff as the new Culinary Arts instructor. Tim Roll has joined the support staff as an Instructional Assistant, working specifically with Frank Wormann in Construction Trades.

### Dean of Students

#### **Welcome Back:**

C9 had another successful start to the beginning of the school year. Students have been actively engaged in the learning process. The student services coordinators, Karin Graves and Corinna Vonderwell, along with the assistance of Career Pathway Specialist, Allison Naum, have done an excellent job of assisting students with their scheduling needs and balancing class sizes to allow for maximum learning opportunities.

The Dean of Students, Joe Preda, has visited all classrooms to review the student handbook and to answer questions concerning attendance, discipline and parking. Students who drive have secured parking passes and a new bus drop off and pick up system has been implemented to alleviate some of the congestion that occurred with the old system.

Overall, students, staff and particular new staff are off to a tremendous start. We look forward to another great year with students on our journey towards teaching them that skills matter.

Student Services

**Marketing/Recruiting:**

Karin attended the registration day event, hosted by Indian Creek High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Administration – Student Services Office**

The adjustments for the 2016/17 school year continue to be updated into Skyward.

**Supportive Services**

Karin and Corinna began to provide support services to the student population regarding family crisis, financial hardship, etc. Met with parents, administrations staff, and students.