



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Curriculum and Instruction

Staffing:

Wendy Roll has returned to Central Nine as an Instructional Assistant. She is currently working with Mr. Mullikin in Computer Tech Support and Networking and Mr. Anderson in Diesel Service Technology.

Early Release

After review of feedback from the all staff brainstorming session on Wednesday, August 9, and individual Focus Team brainstorming sessions on Wednesday, August 16, the Co-Chair Leadership Team has developed a plan for effective use of Early Release time every Wednesday during the 2017-2018 school year. The team identified the following priorities based on feedback from staff:

- Provide teachers at least two days per month to take care of course/curricular matters
- Provide professional development opportunities for all staff
- Provide time for informational meetings (insurance, IMPACT, Work Ethic Certification, etc.)
- Use at least one day per month for school improvement initiatives (Focus Teams)

With these priorities in mind, the team decided to devote Early Release time to the following:

- Curricular Advancement
 - Develop or enhance curriculum
 - Assess IMPACT grades
 - Visit interns
 - Visit industry partners
- Focus Team Meetings
- Professional Development / Informational Meetings

Work Ethic Certification:

We currently have 180 students signed up for the Governor's Work Ethic Certification program. These students will be monitored throughout the year to ensure standards are being met. The Work Ethic Certification Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, September 13 to discuss student recruitment, WEC curriculum, the monitoring and outcomes measurements, recruitment of business partners, and community service partners.

Evaluation:

Walkthroughs began in August. Pre-observation conferences started last week. Observations will begin this week.

Dean of Students

YES! Program

Second year Auto Service Technology students, under the direction of teachers Steve Owen and Andrice Tucker, spent Friday, September 1st at the National Drags. Students were hosted by the Army who put on a presentation to students concerning the importance of doing well in school and always making positive choices. The students were also able to attend sessions where the drivers spoke to them about the importance of doing well and making positive choices.

IMPACTickets

The PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention System) committee has instituted a reward system for students who go beyond the call of duty in regards to IMPACT behaviors. Teachers recognize students for their positive behaviors by giving them an IMPACTicket. Students enter their IMPACTicket into a weekly drawing for prizes.

Overall

Overall, students, staff, and particular new staff are off to a tremendous start. We look forward to another great year with students.

Student Services**Marketing/Recruiting:**

The Marketing Focus Team tried something new this year – the Indiana State Fair Parade. The response was fantastic and the cost was minimal (fuel.) The parade had a great turnout both days and many people were exposed to Central Nine. Additionally, the school year kicked off with the traditional back-to-school open house with a great crowd. Ms. Naum continued to discuss the Governor's Work Ethic program to students and parents, signing up 180 seniors initially for the program. We have begun scheduling tours for school groups as well.

Administration – Student Services Office:

Staff developed a written practice for DCS reporting as per the new state law requiring more stringent reporting. The Marketing focus team is working to create a written marketing plan along with creating a more formal training program for student ambassadors that lead school tour groups.

Supportive Services:

There has been an increase in the number of students with financial hardships this year, and staff is working through them to provide the best service possible to students in need of uniforms and special fees. We have also experienced an increase in the number of students who have IEP's. We are working through case conferences on an as needed basis with sending schools. Additionally, staff reviewed the orientation program, along with the Governor's Work Ethic program at off campus locations.