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High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Principal

- **Sending School Visitations**

Prior to the start of school I scheduled time to meet with each sending school principal. The time was spent not only introducing myself but seeking items on how Central Nine can better meet the needs of each sending school.

- **Building Trades**

Building Trades program is constructing a 2,400 square foot house in Greenwood Station which is located just off Sheek Road.

- **New Staff**

New positions that were filled for the 2011-20112 school year include: Auto Collision, PLTW Pre-Engineering, Aviation Support Operation.

- **Open House**

An Open House was held on 8-23-11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.. There was a steady crowd throughout the evening. Some of our programs invited local industry and colleges related to their programs to talk to parents and students. The auto services program also had race car vehicles on display. Students were encouraged via school reach and announcements to bring friends and family to tour Central Nine as well as meet the staff.

- **10th Anniversary of 9-11**

Staff and students were asked to share their thoughts and memories to celebrate the 10th anniversary of 9-11. The video will be created by the Graphic Imaging program.

- **Faculty Meeting**

Faculty was asked to provide three action goals that are student oriented. Reminder for deadlines regarding expectation established. A $25 fundraiser was offered to the staff to help support those students in need of assistance. The reward for the staff that participated was jeans day on non-pay Fridays.

- **Principals Meeting**

All principals met on Wednesday, August 31. 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: Special Education Placement, Student Handbooks, Coordinating Procedures, Sharing/Correcting Contact Information, Enrollment Data, Count Date, & Performance Data. A tour was provided to those principals who were interested. Minutes from the meeting can be found in Blue Sky.

This Month's Highlights – cont.

Curriculum and Instruction

New Teacher/Staff Orientation was held on Friday, August 5, 2011. The orientation was open to all new staff of Central Nine which included instructional aides and substitute teachers (for ½ day) and the new Auto Collision Tech, Recreational Portable Power Equipment, EMT, Fire Science, and Aviation Support Operations Teachers.

The 2011 Fall Faculty In-service was held on August 11-12, 2011. The in-service provided an introduction to the school-wide curriculum mapping initiative, the new traits for the Character Education Program, and the changes to the SRI program. The faculty received additional training in Harmony and participated in webinar presentations led by NBC Learn. The Career Academy-specific webinars introduced teachers to the NBC Learn online news archive. Central Nine has partnered with NBC Learn (as a pilot) for the next six months. The faculty and students have full access to the vast amount of online reference material, news broadcasts, videos/documentaries, and historical data archived on the NBC Learn website.

The 2011-12 Dual Credit offerings at Central Nine Career Center provides students with over 36 programs that offer 16 dual credit courses from Ivy Tech and 31 dual credit courses from Vincennes. Central Nine now offers programs in 11 of the 15 career clusters listed on the IDOE website and will pilot four career pathways this school year. The pilot programs are Health Careers I (2 teachers), Information Tech: Computer Programming, and Health Careers II: Veterinary Assisting.

The 2011-12 Curriculum Mapping initiative is underway. The faculty is working in Academy teams to integrate academic curriculum into their CTE programs that is aligned with state/national career technical education standards and all IDOE CTE Literacy Standards. The curriculum map will correlate the course content with all dual credit courses within the CTE programs. Teachers will also develop literacy-based lesson plans and projects that incorporate the rigor/relevance framework.

Guidance

- **ASVAB Testing**

The students at Central Nine participated in taking the ASVAB test on Thursday August 25. The ASVAB was conducted for Career exploration purposes only. This enabled our students to have the opportunity to learn more about their abilities and aptitudes.

There were over 64 test administrators and proctors from four different states. There were several compliments from the administrators and proctors. They were quite impressed with the overall facility and how responsive our students were and their ability to follow instructions.

One of the key components to taking the ASVAB is the score interpretation session, as it explains in depth what the score actually means. The ASVAB interpretation sessions will begin and will last approximately 45 minutes for each class.

- **Tony Schumacher Race Car**

The Army brought in record holding race car on Monday, August 29th to show students and to inform students of the opportunities available to them in the U.S. Army. The Crew leader, along with several C9 instructors, used this as a learning opportunity from how the engine functions to how the digitization and vinyl construction is used in adding logos to vehicles.

- **Counselors Meeting**

Erin Dietrich held a counselors meeting on Friday September 2 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The topics on the agenda include: Introduction of New Principal, Enrollment Numbers, Tour's/Lunch Visits/Classroom, Presentations (November is "Rush" month, Open house November 30th 6-8pm)