



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Principal

- **Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy**

Mr. Wilkison attended the school safety specialist academy on November 15 & 16 held at Indianapolis Sheraton hotel & suites. The two day training is a portion of the basic training to the certification process. The objective for the school specialist is to assist in coordinating & developing safety plans to ensure safety & secure skills. The presenters at the conference were Steve Cox, Michael Dorm, Gerri Husband, & Dr. Bernie James.

- **Virtual School Symposium**

Mr. Wilkison & Mrs. Donaldson attended the Virtual School Symposium at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis on November 11. The professional development features several online, mobile and blended learning initiatives. Central Nine is striving to extend learning opportunities and remove barriers by offering course via "Online @ C9". The conference provided information on how to ensure quality online and blended education to the next generation of students.

- **Faculty Meeting**

The month of November is considered "rush month" due to the number of participating school visits and presentation that are held at the participating schools. In order to represent their program and Central Nine in a positively manner, Mr. Wilkison reiterated the need to prepare and rehearse the presentations with their tour talkers to the staff. The staff was also reminded about procedures when contacting subs, reporting attendance and inclement weather.

- **Principals Meeting**

All principals met on Wednesday, November 30. 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: Approve Minutes, Women in the Workforce Enrollment Forms, PLTW Instructor, Literacy Enrichment in CTE, Online @ C9 Update (Program Guide), Student Guidelines. The participating schools in attendance were: Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Central, Whiteland, Center Grove.

- **2012 Teacher of the Year**

Mr. Tom Jacobs was nominated as the 2012 Teacher of the Year by Dr. Hagen. The awards banquet was held November 14, 2011 the Indiana Conventions Center. In attendance were the finalist and semi-finalist for teacher of the year, the superintendant of Indiana Schools, Dr. Tony Bennett and Dr. Todd Whitaker served as the keynote speaker. At the banquet Mr. Jacobs was awarded a certificate for his accomplishments as a semifinalist.

- **Prospective Student Open House**

The Prospective Student Open House was held November 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There were several students that expressed a high interest and had great questions about Central Nine programs. The Landscape Management and Horticulture Science program sponsored a hog roast for the visitors while the Culinary Arts program assisted in the preparation and serving of the food. All of the programs had student projects on display and had current students assist presenting their programs. Prospective students were encouraged to attend through the central nine announcements, participating schools announcements, videos created by our Graphics Imaging program, letters sent to student who expressed interest and the Central Nine display board.

Prior Principal's Meeting Participating School in Attendance

August 31 Principal Meeting

Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Central, Whiteland and Center Grove

October 5, Principal Meeting

Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Central, Whiteland and Center Grove

November 2, Principal Meeting

Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Community, Whiteland and Center Grove

November 30, Principal Meeting

Indian Creek, Beech Grove, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Franklin Central, Whiteland and Center Grove

This Month's Highlights – cont.

Curriculum and Instruction

The 2011-12 Character Education Program Character Trait for November is **Alertness**. **Alertness** means, "Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses". People who exhibit the character trait of Alertness tend to: Anticipate obstacles; Connect signals with meanings; Take time to Analyze; Tell those affected; and Act immediately".

The Fall 2011 Semester of the Curriculum Mapping Initiative is wrapping up. Teachers are finishing their first semester of mapping their program. Some teachers took advantage of extra days to work on their maps during the month. Teachers are expected to have the fall semester of the first year of their program completed by the end of the semester.

The **Literacy in CTE Program** is currently being offered to the second and third groups of students. The Literacy Program has seen good results to date and more information regarding the program will be provided during the Governing Board Meeting.

The **Online at Central Nine Program** has been developed and is currently being marketed to students. The Curriculum Leaders, Principals, and Guidance Counselors of the sending school districts in conjunction with Ivy Tech Community College have been instrumental in the program's development. Central Nine is proud to offer this opportunity for students to participate in a college and career –based digital learning program. During Central Nine's Open House, many students stopped by the Online at Central Nine Table to learn more about the program. Parents and students were excited about the opportunity that will be afforded to juniors and seniors starting in 2012. Additional details about the program are being developed and will be provided as they are finalized.

Guidance

- **Central Nine Tours**

The month of November has been a busy month with tours. The guidance office had hosted 7 high schools (Franklin Community, Whiteland, Beech Grove, Indian Creek, Franklin Central, Center Grove and Southport) 2 middle schools (Southport and Beech Grove). Central Nine has designated November as "Rush Month". As well as having students tour Central Nine Erin presented to Beech Grove 9th graders and Greenwood 10th graders.

- **PLACE Program**

Central Nine Guidance also hosted Perry Meridian Middle school for the PLACE program. We had 40 8th graders from Perry Meridian Middle shadow programs to learn more about their career interest as well as spending time learning more about Central Nine.

- **Open House**

The month ended with a Central Nine Open House. There were 142 prospective students who attended on Nov. 30th. The breakdown of perspective student in attendance by school is as follows: Indian Creek – 0, Perry Meridian – 11, Southport – 8, Whiteland – 21, Greenwood – 20, Franklin Community – 15, Center Grove – 22, Franklin Central - 31, Beech Grove – 13, Roncalli - 1