



High School Division

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This Month's Highlights

Principal

- **Student Birthdays**

On Monday, February 27, Central Nine celebrated student birthdays. The culinary program baked chocolate chip cookies for all students who have had a birthday during the month of January. The cookies were distributed to the students during their passing period in the commons area.

- **Pathways**

There are several questions currently regarding the college and career pathways and how they will not only affect CTE but all of the participating schools of Central Nine. Therefore, the State Director of Career & Technical Education as well as the Assistant Director of College & Career Readiness came to speak to the principals, guidance staff, & curriculum directors of the participating schools. After Melissa Rekeeweg and Davis Moore presented the details for Career Pathways, a question and answer session was held. In addition, in order to accommodate to allow more opportunities for principals, guidance directors, curriculum directors and the guidance department to attend two presentations were scheduled. The presentations were approximately 45 minutes and were held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.. The presentations were recorded to enable those who were unable to attend to view.

There were 27 visitors for the 9:30 a.m. session and 14 during the 11:00 a.m. session. The participating schools represented were Center Grove, Beech Grove, Franklin Community, Indian Creek, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Southport, Whiteland, and Franklin Central.

- **Faculty Meeting**

The faculty meeting was held February 16. Items on the agenda included: Interventions (Seniors), Professional Development Reports, Spokes Models, Business Cards (Name, Position, Phone Ext.), Lobby Guard Passes, Performance Profiles, Program Sustainability, Indicate Preparing Students, Funding Issue, Meeting Core Standards, Completion Status (Current Grades as of 2.8.12) Cell Phone Numbers, SRI Post Test (March), and Enrichment Schedule.

- **Principals Meeting**

A principals meeting was held on Wednesday, February 29. The principal meeting was held after the "Pathways" presentation. The meeting was held from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. and lunch was available for the principals to order from the "To the Nines" restaurant. The items on the agenda included: Approve Minutes, Student of the Month, Relay for Life, Skills USA State Contest, Spokes Models, & Course Inventories.

The participating school's principals in attendance were: Franklin Central, Indian Creek, Southport, Greenwood, Perry Meridian, Whiteland & Center Grove.

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Curriculum and Instruction

The 2011-12 Character Education Program Character Trait for February is **Dependability**. **Dependability** means, "Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice." People who exhibit the character trait of Dependability tend to: Be careful about what they promise; Clarify expectations; Get things done; Correct mistakes; and Have a good attitude.

The 2012 High Schools That Work (HSTW) Assessment was conducted February 6 – 10th. The HSTW Assessment is administered to seniors every other year and is used by HSTW/Tech Centers That Work (TCTW) schools to determine which strategies are/are not working to increase student achievement and document the school's improvement efforts. The assessment was made up of three subject tests (math, reading, and science), a student survey, and a TCTW teacher survey. Sixty-four Central Nine seniors participated in the assessment over a three day period. The entire faculty also participated in the TCTW teacher survey.

The 2012-13 Online @ C9 Program has identified potential students that will participate in COMPASS Prep sessions over the next three weeks. These intensive prep sessions, taught by licensed math and English teachers will provide students with the test taking strategies they will need to be success on the COMPASS. The sessions will be provided for students during the school day and available for students after school.

The Literacy in CTE Enrichment Program has made marked literacy gains this year. The five week program began with 153 (95%) students with a Basic reading level and 8 (5%) students with a Below Basic reading level. Now, only 3 (2%) students are below basic, 54 (33%) students are basic, 102 (63%) are proficient, and 2 (2%) students are advanced. The program helped improve the students' reading comprehension skills and abilities.

Guidance

- **February Counselor's Meeting**

Karin hosted the February Counselor's meeting. At the meeting Karin collected master enrollment forms and fielded any questions. Clarification was provided to the counselors regarding the programs offered and the grade level at which students can attend Central Nine. All participating schools were in attendance.

- **Central Nine Tour**

On February 15, 2012, the guidance office hosted Greenwood Middle School for a tour of the school; approx. 75 students were in attendance.

- **FAFSA Day**

The National Center for College Cost sponsored a program to help students, parents, and the community with the financial aid process and completing the Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) form. Central Nine - Guidance Office hosted the event, which was well attended by the public and Central Nine senior students. Further details will follow next month.

- **PLACE Students**

The Guidance Office hosted Center Grove Middle School North for the PLACE program. There were over 75 students who attended the program.

- **Promotional Activities**

On February 9, 2012, Karin attended Southport High School Parents Night and on February 16, 2012, Perry Meridian Middle School 8th Grade College night.

- **High Schools That Work**

The Guidance Office worked with the Curriculum Director to provide assessments and support of the HSTW initiative. The HSTW is the Nation's largest effort to combine challenging academic courses and modern career/technical studies to raise student's academic and technical achievement. In 2008-210 Central Nine received the Goal Improvement Award for improving means scores by at least 10 points!

- **C9 On LINE**

The Guidance Office and Curriculum Director along with Ivy Tech hosted an orientation meeting with potential Central Nine students. Erin addressed the Compass testing that will need to be administered so that students can meet the eligibility criteria. Pre-course work will begin with students in early March and the Compass testing is scheduled for March 27 – 29.

- **Career and Placement**

Karin developed and facilitated an interviewing presentation for Central Nine Students. February 27, 2012, the presentation was given to students in the Medical Assisting program. Follow up from Senior Talks: Karin began