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New Court Reporting Class at Hobart High School

Court Reporting will be offered at Hobart High School, starting this school year. Since the program was approved late, only Hobart students will be enrolled this year. If the program is successful, the program will be offered to all Area District students beginning in the 10-11 school year. The program is offered in partnership with the Hobart College of Court Reporting (<http://www.ccr.edu/>). Today's job market requires highly trained, computer-oriented professionals, essential to the nation's judicial processes. A trained reporter using the latest realtime computer-aided transcription processes remains the fastest, most accurate way to turn spoken information into readable, searchable, permanent text.

The instructor will be Katie Vettickal, who is a certified instructor of Court Reporting and she has a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University. Ms. Vettickal enjoys teaching Court Reporting and she thinks this new class will open up tremendous employment possibilities for our students. The College of Court Reporting (CCR) takes great pride in making every effort to assist every student with their educational journey. The choices our students make, the knowledge they gain, and the people they meet will have a tremendous impact on their future.

Tony Avalos Joins Auto Faculty at Career & Tech Center

Tony Avalos, aka Mr. Miyagi, is already well known at the Career Center after serving as a long term substitute this year. Mr. Avalos loves working with the students. He has extensive experience in the transportation industry as a fleet mechanic and as a business agent with the Teamsters. He speaks Spanish and is also a Sunday School teacher. He has a degree from South Suburban



College. He and his wife reside in Valparaiso. Tony has 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren.

Debra Heitmann Joins District Administrative Team for CTE

Debra Heitmann joined the Career and Technical Education staff as our career counselor. She brings several years of counseling experience with her from her prior work at Portage High School. She has a Bachelors and Masters degree from Indiana University. She is an expert on graduation requirements and the Technical Honors Diploma. Mrs. Heitmann believes in the value of career and technical education and plans to work hard to help all kids find a way to fit career education classes into their high school schedules. Mrs. Heitmann is married and lives in Portage.



Bob and Molly Phelps celebrated the Birth of their Son, Robert Maxwell

Bob and Molly Phelps report that all went well during the birth of their second child and first son, Robert Maxwell. Robert was born on August 11, which was the day after his Father's birthday. He was 6 lbs 10 oz. and 20 inches long. According to Dad, he is "perfectly healthy".

District Career and Tech Students Earned 1,629 College Credits 2008-09 from Ivy Tech State College

Parents of Porter County CTE students saved \$154,755 this year in tuition payments for students who were enrolled in Porter County Career and Technical classes. 528 students were awarded college credits this year from Ivy Tech. Some students earned college credit from multiple colleges. At a tuition cost of \$95/credit hour at Ivy Tech, the \$154,755 represents a savings to the parents and our community. These students learned and mastered college level material while still in high school saving them and their parents future tuition costs, all while learning that they are capable of college level work. These students will leave high school with a high school diploma, technical skills certificate, and a college transcript.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for IVTSC, Ken Rosenblum, feels that these students have made a wise choice by starting their college career while still in high school and he congratulates them for their effort.

“You can have everything in life you want if you just help enough other people get what they want.” -- Zig Zigler

Visit the Porter County Career and Technical Education Website at:
<http://www.pccte.org>

**Students and Supporters can also join our Facebook Group
“Porter County Career and Tech Center”**

“Never let it be said, that you can run faster than you can read.”
“Everybody has a handicap, everyone has a disability. What everyone needs is a dream.”
“Its not how many times you get knocked down, it is how many times you get back up.”
“I refuse to play the victim.” -- Bob Love

It is the policy of the Porter County Career and Technical Education Program to comply with all state and federal regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in

Calendar

August 19, First student day

August 28, First Career Center Blood Drive of the Year

September 11 and 12, Help with Kiwanis Hot Air BalloonFest at Expo Center, shifts are 430 to 630, or 630 to 8:30

September 18, US Army Rock Climbing Wall at Career and Tech Center

September 19, Help Thrivent pack 100,000 lunches for hungry children at Valpo Univ ARC, 8 – 5 pm in three hour shifts

Join the Porter County Career and Tech Center Facebook Group

The group is designed for students, alumni, and supporters to keep in touch and to hear about news and events happening at the Career and Tech Center.

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Our Newsletter

Porter County Career and Technical Education News is a newsletter for promoting the high achievement of our staff and students. Written contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Most articles should be written in 100 words or less. Please fax (531 - 3173), call (531-3170), or email (jgroth@mail.valpo.k12.in.us) with news to be published about you and your students.



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