

Career Center Chronicles

An update from the Career Center



A Note from Mr. Franks

Greetings from the Porter County Career Center!

As a reminder, students must wear a face mask while riding the bus to and from school every day. **This is a federal mandate.** Please help meet this mandate by providing your student with a mask to wear on the bus each day and encouraging your student to wear their mask for the duration of their trip. Doing so will allow our drivers to prioritize the safe transport of our students while ensuring compliance with this mandate. We are finding the mask mandate on transportation per the CDC is becoming difficult to manage due to our optional mask policy within the school buildings. Thank you for your partnership on this important matter.

Important Dates

[PCCTC Campus Calendar](#)

September 6: NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

September 24: AM classes attend-NO PM CLASSES

October 11 & 12: NO SCHOOL-Fall Break





Communication

September's SEL focus is Communication. Our programs will be conducting activities throughout the month surrounding this topic. It would be helpful to engage your student in a conversation about the importance of communication and how it impacts the work place.

ACT/SAT information

Some universities are no longer demanding an ACT or an SAT assessment for admissions purposes.

Below are dates and deadlines for students who need the ACT or SAT. A current senior who plans on pursuing traditional postsecondary education should take ACT or SAT as soon as possible. Even though his or her college may not require it, having test scores on file could help with scholarships and placement. It is wise to take these assessments while a student is still actively studying English, math, and in some cases, science.

[ACT Testing information](#)

[SAT Testing information](#)

DIPG Fundraiser

When

Friday, Oct. 8th, 8am-2pm

Where

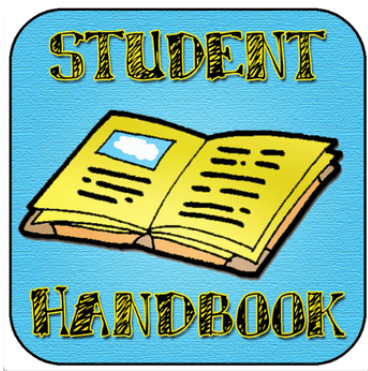
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More information

An average of 250 children are diagnosed per year with 0% chance of survival. Less than 4% of the government research dollars goes to Pediatric Cancers.

DIPG, or **diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma**, is a type of brain tumor found in an area of the brainstem. The name diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma describes how the tumor grows, where it is found, and what kinds of cells give rise to the tumor.

Students who pay only \$10 (With all proceeds going to pediatric/DIPG cancer research) would get to tie-dye 2 shirts, one for themselves and one for a pediatric cancer patient. We are making arrangements for Indiana 105 to be here that day. We are going to have the Video Productions class video record the event so we can get it on social media and out to the community.



Student Handbook

Below is a link to a digital version of the PCCTC Student Handbook. Students will be held to the expectations outlined in this document.

[Student Handbook](#)

From the Desk of Mrs. Ellis

Happy September. This is a time of year when leaves start to change, pumpkin spice becomes a craving, and life is crazy with school and work commitments. To help our students handle the craziness a little better, we are working with monthly themes in classrooms. September is communication month.

Students will work on getting to know their classmates, instructors, and our community as a whole. We work hard to create an environment that welcomes students to problem solve and grow as individuals.

Another form of communication is how we help others when in need. Sometimes, we need a little assistance to get through that moment. Here is a link to the United Way help page. This is a great resource to anyone who might find themselves in that situation.

<https://www.unitedwaypc.org/Get-Help>

Finally, ask your students what they are learning in their classes. They are working really hard and learning some amazing things. The best part about the Career Center is watching them grow with excitement and confidence as the year progresses.

As always, we are here to help in any way we can. Please contact us if you need something.

Kelli A. Ellis LSW

Student Support Coordinator

Porter County Career Center

If you have an emergency, please contact 911 or the local police. You can also connect with the Suicide Helpline at 1-800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741741.



Gradelink

We are excited to introduce Gradelink. Gradelink is the online platform the Career Center will be using for attendance and grades. Parents and students will be able to log in to see their progress. Emails have been sent regarding how to log in to your Gradelink portal. If you did not receive information on how to do this, and would like information, please let me know and I will send you the information.

PAPERWORK

At this point, any paperwork that has not been returned is now **PAST DUE**. Please complete, especially the goldenrod colored page, and return these documents so we may have the most

updated information on file. Thank you for your assistance with this.



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