



Marc, Billy, Max, and Lewis take a short break while on the site in Kansas City.

TeamWorks Brings Home the Gold!

For the second time in three years, the Career Center's TeamWorks team has brought home national gold! Max Barlowe, Marc Colvard, Lewis Foust, and Billy McElyea traveled to Kansas City in June to participate in the 2006-2007 SkillsUSA National Conference.

The TeamWorks competition requires teams of four to build a joint project in two days, demonstrating their preparation for employment in residential construction. Team members must analyze a project drawing, write an action plan and give a presentation (in which each team member is required to have an active part), and demonstrate their ability to work as a team performing skills in residential carpentry, plumbing, electricity and masonry. They are also judged on the cleanliness of the jobsite, the timeliness of completing the project, and proper ordering and keeping an inventory of tools and equipment.

Max served as the carpenter on the team; Marc as the electrician; Lewis as a carpenter and plumber; and Billy as a carpenter and mason. Mr. Jesse Fox, Mr. Mike Swanson, Mr. Stan Vines, and Mr. Mike Winn are the advisors who trained and assisted these students in this competition.

Danyell Riggins also placed 20th in the Teaching Assistant competition; Robert Colley placed 17th in the Fire-fighting event; Justin Gryder placed 17th in the Carpentry competition, and Michael Lutz placed 10th in the Residential Plumbing competition. Congratulations, Golden Knights!

Lewis, Marc, Max, and Billy proudly display their certificates and gold medallions after the awards ceremony.



First PAC Meeting a Success!

The first PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting was held on Tuesday, September 4. About 35 parents and all faculty attended this first meeting of the 2007-2008 school year.

Ms. Libby Brown, Public Relations Director for Caldwell County Schools was the guest speaker. As coordinator of the county PTO/PTA parent group, Ms. Brown presented the CCHS parents with ideas for the coming school year. Ms. Brown fielded several questions from the group.

Mrs. Mary Beth Cardwell, 2006-2007 PAC President, presented a synopsis of the group's work from the previous year which included a Christmas party and the Prom. She encouraged parents to stay involved and play a role in the PAC this coming school year.

The parents accepted nominations for 2007-2008 officers, which will be decided by the group via mail. Several parents volunteered to assist with PAC this year. Once the officers are elected, a "program of work" will be developed and published.

Student/Parent Orientation Held in July!



Teddy and Kayla meet for the first time at the Orientation.



Students and parents met with their Career-Technical Education instructors as well as their advisors. Each family had a family portrait taken by Mr. Stan Vines, Electrical Technology Instructor. The evening ended with a Parent Advisory introductory meeting.

New Juniors coming to CCHS for the first time attended student orientation on July 30-31. The agenda included teamwork activities provided by Mr. Bucky Throneburg, owner of Teambuilding Wizard. In one activity, the students created an egg assembly, making sure that the egg would not break when dropped from a high distance. This was one of many team-building activities that the students enjoyed, with the main emphasis being that they can accomplish much more working as a team.

The student orientation ended on Tuesday, July 31 with a parent dinner and parent orientation at the Broyhill Civic Center. Caldwell County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Steve Stone, welcomed the students and parents to the meeting. Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services also joined us. School Board Chairman Mrs. Dottie Darsie gave words of welcome and introduced Dr. Helen Hall, CCS board member. Mrs. Deborah Ashley, President of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, brought greetings from business and industry. CCC&TI representatives included Dr. David Shockley, Vice-President and Mr. Walter Bartlett, Vice-President of Technical Programs.



Ms. Kincaid and CCHS faculty shared particular features about the Career Center High School with parents. Mrs. Williams shared details about the Washington trip, which will be in March of 2008.

New Staff Joins CCHS Family

Mrs. Kimberly Poole has joined the CCHS family as an Information Technology instructor. She will teach the IC3 certification classes, Introduction to the Internet classes, and other Web classes. Mrs. Poole comes to us with five years of experience. She previously taught at West Alexander Middle School. She will finish her Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from ASU in December.

Mr. Guy Myers has also joined our staff as the Technology Lab Assistant. Mr. Myers has a wealth of information technology experience. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology from ASU. He will be assisting students with their online classes.

Mr. Bob Holland has joined CCHS in science. He will teach Biology and Physical Science this year. Mr. Holland is a previous business owner and most recently taught at West Caldwell High School.

Welcome to CCHS!



Mr. Fox trains his Advisory in Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Relationships Continue to be a HUGE Part of CCHS!

The Advisory continues to be a viable feature at the Career Center High School. There are now seven advisories, each with about ten students. The Senior Advisories consist of The Cheetos, the Raptors, and Shake and Bake. The Juniors have chosen to be the Ramsey Rascals, Piano Key Neckties (Mrs. Poole's), The Revolutionaries (Mr. Fox's) and the V-Stars (Mr. Vines').

Advisory provides each student with at least one staff member who has a thorough knowledge of that student's strengths, weaknesses, needs, and personal growth. Advisory enables each student to have an adult advocate in the school.

The Advisor conferences with each student, checks student work, reminds students of upcoming academic obligations, and stays in contact with the parents. They meet with other teachers about the student to make sure that the student is successful in the academic setting. Advisories also participate in special activities, such as advisory competitions, Leadership Days, and field trips.

An Exciting Trip to Carowinds

The seniors started out this year with a trip to Carowinds! To reward last year's juniors for their outstanding performance on the 2006-2007 End of Course tests, an anonymous donor provided tickets to Carowinds for the entire senior class. At the end of the last year, in both US History and Geometry, the Career Center High School students earned the highest scores in Caldwell County on their EOCs. We are all very proud of their hard work and excellent academic achievement.

The morning of the trip to Carowinds, Thursday, August 9, the entire senior class boarded a bus and made the trek to Charlotte. Although the day was obviously going to be a scorcher with record high temperatures, the excitement level on the bus was high. When we arrived at the park, the students clamored around waiting for their tickets. Once they got their tickets they were off!! Due to the extremely hot weather most of the seniors headed over to the water area of Carowinds. Those that did not indulge in the Lazy River or Wavepool took advantage of the parks numerous roller coasters.

By the time 4:00 rolled around, the designated time of departure, not a senior was missing at the prearranged meeting point. The day's exciting events and heat had worn everyone out and all were ready to head home! Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2008 for their outstanding performance on last year's EOCs!



Construction Students Work with the Town of Granite Falls

The Residential Construction I and II students



have teamed with the town of Granite Falls to build equipment sheds. The students have already laid out the sheds so that the footings can be dug.

The project will consist of two sheds. The first shed will be 152' long and 24' wide. The second shed will be 136' long and 24' wide. Both sheds consist of over 7,000 feet. To complete this building activity in a timely fashion, both Level I and Level II students will be working on this project.



New Steps!

Residential Construction I students put their new skills to work immediately by building a set of steps for the outside trailer. Applying these new skills allowed the students to put theory into practice and to provide a needed feature to the Career Center Construction

Department. Thanks for a job well done!

Ready to Take the SAT??

SAT test dates are posted outside of Mrs. Williams door. You may register online at www.collegeboard.com. The CCHS School Code number is: 340536. If you need further information, please see Mrs. Williams.

Ramsey's Rascals Advisory News



Mrs. Ramsey treated her advisory to pizza for being the first advisory to pay their SkillsUSA dues and for 100% attendance. Ramsey's Rascals have challenged Mr. Fox's advisory—The Revolutionaries on having the best attendance for the first nine weeks. We look forward to seeing Mr. Fox with **PINK** hair when the Rascals WIN!!!!

August/September Birthdays!

Matthew C.	August 7	Torie B.	Sept. 1
Lorena C.	August 15	Isaac B.	Sept. 9
Cody S.	August 16	Maihlee C.	Sept. 10
Mitch M.	August 22	Dustin H.	Sept. 10
Ashley C.	August 25	Daniel S.	Sept. 11
Casey C.	August 26	Tyler S.	Sept. 12
Bobby K.	August 28	Carson A.	Sept. 22
Jonathan B.	August 31	Kala A.	Sept. 22
Clifton S.	August 31	Winston W.	Sept. 25

Career Center House #5 Begins!

The fifth Career Center House, located in the Deer Creek subdivision in Hudson, is now underway. The basement has been dug and footings poured. The Residential Construction I students worked with the masons installing the concrete masonry units. They also spread gravel in preparation for the pouring of the concrete floor. Plans are to have the concrete floor poured and exterior brick laid by mid-September. Students hope to have the first floor framed by the end of September.



English III News

English III students have been busy writing papers and posting them to Wiki pages. The students are also keeping an online journal where they are reflecting on their classes and assignments.

English III uses textbooks and technology so the students had to learn to use Blackboard, e-mail, blogs, and other electronic tools. Regardless of their familiarity with computers, all of them have found that keeping up with the technology demands is challenging.

This strategy is all part of the Career Center goal to prepare students for the real world.



Food Lion Shop and Share

Please link your Food Lion MVP card to CCHS! This program does not interfere with your MVP discounts. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your grocery purchase will be donated to CCHS. Please go to the URL: <https://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/default.asp> to link your card. We certainly appreciate your support!



What is NCVPS?

According to North Carolina Lt. Governor Bev Perdue, "Virtual learning is about options. To compete in a global economy, kids need to learn in the classroom, on a computer, and through other technologies. A virtual public school means students have access to high quality teaching and learning regardless of their zip code." The North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) began operations in the summer of 2007 with a multitude of online offerings. The purpose of the North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) is to provide courses that students are unable to take at their local schools. In other words NCVPS will provide courses that augment a student's local school's program of study.

Since CCHS is a small school, this resource allows our students to participate in additional elective courses free of charge. Several of our students are taking online courses through NCVPS. These courses include:

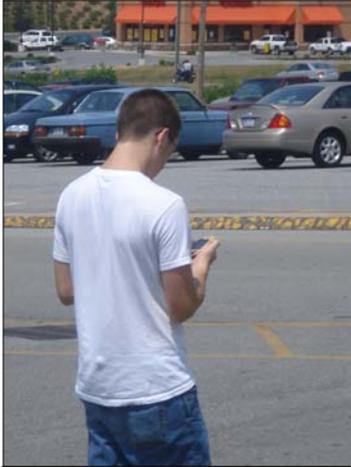
- Civics
- E-Commerce II
- Journalism
- Principles of Business and Personal Finance
- Small Business Entrepreneurship
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III



Mr. Guy Myers assists CCHS students in their online classes. He serves as a resource in getting textbooks, supplies, and offers technology assistance as well.

Can You Find the Cache?

Mrs. Poole's IT seniors have been researching geoCaching to develop a website and training presentation. As part of their research each student made a cache, hid it on CCC&TI's campus, and had a classmate find it. Since figuring out what it was and how it works, they have begun putting their creative IT minds together to develop the web site.



Chris finding his way with his GPS (Global Positioning System)



Cameron and Bhree closing in on Lacey's cache.



Tiffany finds Jose's cache In a hurry!

What is geoCaching? Please ask an IT student . . .

Residential Construction Projects

The Residential Construction II students have been working on a renovation project in Hudson. Students installed new siding, repaired windows, and prepared the house for new paint. This first project of the year is now complete and these students will now work on the Granite Falls project and the Career Center House project.



Published!!



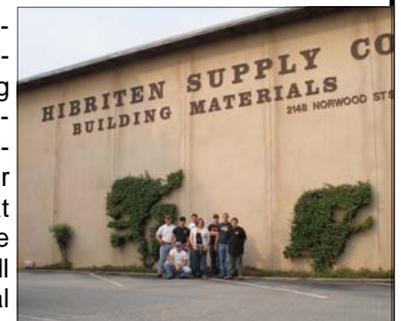
CCHS student Michael Griffin is now a published author. Michael, who strives to be a writer, was just notified that two of his poems have been chosen for publication at the website Poetry.com.

This organization awards over \$100,000 annually for published works and is affiliated with the world's largest poetry group—The International Society of Poets.

Congratulations to Michael for his two published works: *Everywhere* and *Where Did The World Go Wrong* poems.

Business Field Trip!

The Residential Construction I students visited Hibriten Building Supply. They researched different building materials, their costs, and in what dimensions they are sold. The students will also visit other local building supply stores to make price comparisons.



Juniors Get Their First Taste of College Classes and Seniors Continue!

Career Center High School Juniors are now in the main thrust of their first college classes. Students are taking classes from an impressive slate: ACA 111—College Student Success, CIS 110—Computer Concepts, CIS 111—Basic PC Literacy, COM 120—Interpersonal Communication, MAT 171—Precalculus Algebra, MUS 110—Music Appreciation, WEB 110—Introduction to the Internet, WEB 111—Web Graphics, and PSY 150—General Psychology.

CCC&TI started classes on Monday, August 20th, so these students have been in their college classes for more than a month. Along with these courses, which required “creative” high school scheduling, students are completing their Career-Technical Education courses, along with English III, US History, and their math classes. While all students are taking a minimum of three semester hours this semester, some students are taking as many as thirteen semester hours.

Not only are they getting a taste of college academia, they have also participated in other college activities just like all other regular college students. They have their own CCC&TI college ID, they are using the LRC—Learning Resource Center as their media center, they have attended some of the Wise-Up workshops offered by the various departments at the college, and have participated in Blackboard Training. Many students have journeyed through the walking trail as they recited CTE content along the way.

Seniors are now able to get into their “major” areas from the college side. Students are venturing into college classes such as:

- BIO 168—Anatomy and Physiology I
- BUS 230—Small Business Management
- COM 120—Interpersonal Communication
- CTS 120—Hardware/Software Support
- CTS 220—Advanced Hardware/Software Support
- CUL 110—Sanitation and Safety
- ELN 232—Introduction to Microprocessors
- ENG 111—Expository Writing
- FIP 120—Introduction to Fire Protection
- LSG 111—Basic Landscape Technique
- LSG 121—Fall Gardening Lab
- MUS 110—Music Appreciation
- MUS 113—American Music
- PSY 242—Developmental Psychology
- REL 212—Introduction to New Testament
- WEB 120—Introduction to Internet Multimedia
- WEB 140—Web Development Tools.



A special thank you to CCC&TI personnel for working so closely with CCHS personnel in getting the college classes scheduled.

Personal Education Plans

Meetings for Personal Education Plans will be held for all CCHS students during the weeks of September 17th-October 5th. Please make every effort to attend this with your student. Items to be discussed at these meetings include:

- ⇒ Student’s specific career goal
- ⇒ Student’s progress in current classes (progress reports)
- ⇒ Accuplacer results
- ⇒ Possible college courses for Spring semester
- ⇒ Important Dates
- ⇒ Post-secondary plans
- ⇒ SAT information
- ⇒ Extra-curricular activities



PEP meeting dates will be set during the Open House/Student-Led Conferencing event. Please contact the school at 828.759.4640 if you do not have an appointment yet. We look forward to meeting with you!

Certification Bound!

CCHS students, in all of the major areas, are working toward national certifications to make them more marketable to prospective employers.



In the Electrical Technology, Residential Construction I, and the Introduction to Trade and Industry classes, students are working toward earning their Career Safe certification. Every five days, one teen is killed on the job. According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety, There are about 70 work-related fatalities per year among the youth population. The CareerSafe program is designed to teach young workers how to stay safe in the workplace. The training provides students with fundamental safety knowledge. Upon successful completion of the training, students receive this OSHA endorsed certification. They each receive a wallet card that can be used to show prospective employers that they have received the basic safety training needed in the workplace.

In the Information Technology classes, juniors are striving for their national IC³ certification. The students must pass three exams in order to earn this national certification—Living Online, Computing Fundamentals, and Computer Applications. IC³ is the ideal starting point for anyone interested in learning computer and Internet basics. The program gives individuals sufficient Internet and computing literacy skills to enter current job markets or begin higher education programs.



Seniors in the IT area are striving to earn either the A+ Certification or the CIW certification. The A+ Certification validates the skills needed by today's computer support professionals. This certification confirms a technician's ability to perform such tasks as installation, configuration, diagnosing, preventive maintenance, and basic networking. The CIW (Certified Internet Webmaster) certification ensures that these students have mastered the fundamental knowledge and skills required to work in an Internet technology-enable environment. These foundational skills include basic knowledge of Internet technologies such as web browsers, FTP and e-mail; Web page authoring using Extensible Hypertext Markup Language (XHTML); basic infrastructure networking, and project management.



Good luck to all of certification bound CCHS students!



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Juniors Enjoy Time at the Aquatic Center!

While the Seniors enjoyed their trip to Carowinds, CCHS Juniors enjoyed some rest and relaxation at the Aquatic Center. Juniors were able to get to know each other better while enjoying swimming activities. Again, building relationships is a huge part of CCHS school culture.



Caldwell County Schools AHERA Asbestos Management Plan Annual Notification

This notification is issued in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR Part 763.93. The individual facility management plans of the Caldwell County School System are updated semi-annually by 6-month periodic surveillance inspections and tri-annually by 3-year reinspections.

The AHERA management plans for each facility may be reviewed at the Caldwell County Schools Administration Office located at 1914 Hickory Boulevard in Lenoir, or at each facility office.

For additional information, contact Tim Woods, Asbestos Designee, Maintenance Department, 214 Clark Drive, Lenoir, NC 28645, at 828.758.7342.

Parent Involvement Counts in High School

A survey of more than 300 principals in 21 states showed that they want families to be in close contact with the school. A principal in Washington explained, "For parents to make contact with their child's school every few weeks is really responsible parenting." Most principals agreed that this is the most important thing that parents can do to help their teen succeed in school.

Some other tips:

- **Talk about school.** Parents should know what is going on with teens' classrooms, friends, and activities.
- **Make time for your teen.** It's not easy, but check in with your teen every day.
- **Be aware of the Internet.** It's easier than ever for teens to keep their thoughts and feeling secret.
- **Monitor your teen's homework.** Check on due dates, grades, and assignments.
- **Let your teen know that what he is doing is important.** Let him know that you expect his best work.
- **Be involved in school activities.**

~The Parent Institute, 2007

September/October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 Open House/ Student-Led Conferencing from 2:30-6:30 Newsletters and Progress reports distributed	18	19	20 Fast Food Day (for those who qualify)	21 SkillsUSA Meeting Chili Cookoff begins!	22 Happy Birthday, Kala A! Happy Birthday, Carson A.!
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23	24	25 Happy Birthday, Mr. Fox! Happy Birthday, Winston W.!	26 Early Release Day! Students in afternoon college classes must attend them.	27	28 Advisory— Study Skills	29
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30	1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday, Max B.!	5 Advisory— Cookoff Competition Preparation End of the first nine weeks!	6
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7	8 Planning/ Vacation Day No school for students	9 Planning/ Vacation Day No school for students	10	11	12 Advisory— Cookoff Competition Preparation	13

Please visit CCHS' website at cc.caldwellschools.org for the latest news!