

CCHS Becomes Caldwell Career Center Middle College!

On October 8, 2007, the Caldwell County Schools Board of Education approved the Career Center's request for an official name change. The administration and the Advisory Board of the Career Center thought that the name should be changed to better reflect what occurs at the Career Center. The most obvious change is the term "Middle College." A middle college is a high school on a community college campus that offers an alternative to the traditional high school setting to students seeking to accelerate their technical and academic course of study so that they finish in four years with a high school diploma and as much as one year of college coursework towards a degree. That definition demonstrates exactly what the Career Center does.

In the 2006-2007 school year, the first class of Juniors at the new Career Center High School earned a total of 419 college credit hours, an average of 13 credit hours each. Every student at the Career Center earns a minimum of nine semester hours during their Junior and Senior years with many students earning more than triple that amount. Thanks to the Board of Education for approving our name change!

Meet Our Resident Poets!



English IV students have studied sonnets and satire over the past few weeks. The object of the sonnet study was to understand the restrictions a writer faces if he chooses to write a sonnet. The sonnet must have 14 lines, no title, a specific rhyme scheme, and a metric pattern. After reading a variety of sonnets, the students wrote some of their own to experience a little of the frustration poets must feel. Here are a couple of examples of their efforts.

*In this world, so many times we have tried
Without a single thing to show for it
So instead of truth we have always lied
To ourselves, never just a little bit
And in our remorse, we ask this question
"Is what has happened, what was needed done"
And so there is great remuneration
So after pain, healing would've begun
So in that prayer, that everyone knows
We must include what we really need
That one perfect thing that our heart bellows
If you forget, I will make your ears bleed
Take me it may, 'til the end of my time
Forget my love for you? Not in this rhyme*

*~Aaron Stamper
Electrical Technology*

*A single white space with no depth to see
Not a one can be picked from each other
Rock and wood form a simple tool for me
But each one seem different from another
A world seeks to live, desires existence
Perhaps one comes from the mind to the hand
For what is drawn, there is no repentance
Not guilty for what comes out of that land
No matter what else I'm doing, I draw
As long as I live in this world of mine
Against such a thing, I know of no law
Always a way I'll be able to find
Upon the paper, my mind is not bound
A better escape can never be found.*

*~Tiffany Bratcher
Information Technology*

Junior and Senior Trips

The Caldwell Career Center Middle College is on the go! In March, both the Juniors and the Seniors will experience learning beyond the classroom with their "class" trip. The Juniors will travel to Washington, DC and the Seniors will be visiting Orlando, Florida. Please see Mrs. Williams to make your deposits for the trips. Scholarships are needed for some of our students. If you can contribute, please contact Mrs. Williams at 828.759.4639 or via e-mail at twilliams@cccti.edu. Thanks for your help!





Student Homebuilders Elect Officers!

On September 20, the CCCMC Student Homebuilders had their first meeting. During this meeting new officers were elected. The 2007-2008 elected officers are:

President - Carson Annis
 Vice President - Patrick Brittain
 Secretary - Danyell Riggins
 Reporter - Dorothy Andrews

During this meeting, the members decided to host the Caldwell County Homebuilders meeting here at the Career Center on November 8. The student members will deliver the program and dinner will be served. Also members discussed hosting a Christmas party for the Career Center student body and assisting Habitat for Humanity. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to assist Habitat for Humanity, please see a member of the Student Homebuilders Club or Mr. Fox.

North Carolina State Fair Competition

Two groups of students, from Residential Construction and Information Technology, are competing in North Carolina State Fair competitive events this month.

Max Barlowe and Daniel Simmons are competing in the Apprenticeship competition, entitled HV/AC-R. This competition is sponsored by the Apprenticeship division of the Department of Labor. For this competition, students must prepare a project that demonstrates a "jobs training program" in the construction trades. Awards include a cash prize and tools donated by manufacturers and suppliers.

Senior Information Technology students in the Web Design "major" (Mrs. Poole's classes) are competing in the Web and Graphic Design Competition. This competition allows students to show off their artistic skills and online creativity using the State Fair as their subject in creating original graphic and Web page designs. The theme of the NC State Fair this year is Seriously Twisted Fun. Seven of the Residential Construction students will be traveling to

the State Fair on October 17 and 18. Good luck students!!



Math World

Algebra 2 students have been tackling factoring and functions. Geometry students have had great success learning about triangles and their attributes.

Tech Math students have been busy learning how to scale a 7 1/2" saw blade up to four feet in diameter. The end result is hanging on the wall in Mr. Winn's room.

These Tech Math students are now designing 1,025 square feet houses using Punch Pro software. They must create the blueprint for their house before using Excel to create their materials lists.



The "new" saw blade—
now four feet in diameter



Learning angles via
the sidewalk

Senior IT Students Plan Workshops



The Senior IT students in the A+ Certification "major" (Mrs. Ramsey's classes) are currently planning a workshop for eighth graders from all middle schools in Caldwell county. The students are developing work stations for the students. These stations include activities in hardware, maintenance, building computers, taking computers apart, repairing computers based on diagnostics, and other fun modules. The date for this event has not been set, so

please stay tuned.

This event embodies the principle of students teaching students, which is a highlight of the Career Center Middle College.

TeamWorks Recognized by the Caldwell County Commissioners

The TeamWorks National Champions were recognized by the Caldwell County Commissioners on Monday, October 1. Lewis Foust presented a synopsis of the TeamWorks competitive event for the commissioners. Mr. Fox presented a short report on the SkillsUSA organization in general and the number of competitors at the national competition.

The Commissioners recognized each of the team members and presented them with a certificate and a Caldwell County pin. Thanks to the Commissioners for recognizing our students!



Lewis Foust presents information to the Caldwell County Commissioners.



Marc Colvard receives his certificate and pin from the Commissioners.



Celebration for SkillsUSA National Champions!

The official celebration of the SkillsUSA TeamWorks National Champions in Caldwell County will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Broyhill Civic Center. Dr. June Atkinson, North Carolina State Superintendent, will speak at this event. Please mark your calendars and save that date!



Habitat for Humanity Visits the Career Center

The Student Homebuilders Club at the Career Center has joined forces with Habitat for Humanity to assist with the building of the next Habitat house. Mr. Pete Kidder, Executive Director of Habitat of Humanity for Caldwell County, visited the Career Center in September and met with the officers of the Student Homebuilders Club. Mr. Kidder explained the purpose of Habitat for Humanity and how the houses were built and financed. He informed the students that each Habitat house is built specifically for each family. He also explained that the cost of electricity and the cost of heating must be 25% less than a regular house. The members of the Student Homebuilders Club have volunteered to assist with the framing of the floor and wall systems for the next Habitat house.

The students are very excited to work with Habitat and make a difference in someone's life.

October/November Birthdays!

Max Barlowe	October 4
Allison Reid	October 24
Danyell Riggins	October 25
Caleb Coffey	October 28
Jose Hernandez	October 29
Danielle Connor	November 3
Zach Ferguson	November 23
Chris Anders	November 23
William Stella	November 28



Registration for Spring Classes

Juniors and Seniors need to get their CCC&TI college course selections into Mrs. Williams by Friday, October 19. You need to have a first, second, and third choice indicated. You may access the courses being offered, and their time slots, via Web Advisor. This is **VERY** important! We will be registering you for classes in late October. If you do not get this information to Mrs. Williams, the probability of the classes that you want being closed is high. Thanks for getting this turned in by Friday, October 19.

Alas, Poetry!

The juniors have studied the Fireside Poets and were asked to adapt a poem by one of the poets to their CTE area. Please enjoy some of their work.

Adaptation of Lowell poem by Caleb Coffey (Information Technology)

*Z fer IC3, I use a computer, --
There you hev it plain an' flat;
I don't have to go no furder
Than my Testyment fer that...
They may talk o' USB
Tell they'er pupple in the face, --
It's a grand gret saving device
Fer the files in our space;
They jest want this Harddrive
So's to lug new programs in
To save ye, an' print ye,
An' to edit ye like sin.*

An adaptation of the poem, Consumption,
by Coy Knight
(Residential Construction)

*Ay, thou art for the house; thy light shine
Too brightly to shine long; another Spring
Shall deck her for men's hammer---but not for
thine--
Sealed in a crack which knows no weaking.
The fields for thee have no medicinal leaf,
And the vexed nail no strength of power;
And they who hammer thee wait in anxious
grief
Till the slow hammering shall bring the final
hour.
Glide softly till thy done then; bricks should
come
Gently, to one of gentle mould like thee,
As light winds wandering through grooves of
mortar
Detach the delicate brick from the house.
Close thy sweet eyes, calmly, and without pain;
And we will trust in God to see.*

And this poem adaptation by Adam Michaels
(Electrical Technology)

SHE CAME AND WENT

by: James Russell Lowell (1819-1891)

*As a wire trembles, which a bird
Lights on to sing, then spools unbent,
So is my memory thrilled and stirred; --
I only know electricity.*

*As clasps some panels, by amps unriven,
The copper mazes of measureless content,
So my soul held that moment's heaven; --
I only know electricity.*

*As, at one bound, I tried to leap
The twinge of 600 volts, the doom I had come to
sew,
So wing nut her many pigtails for my imma-
nent sleep; --
I only know electricity.*

*An angel stood and met my gaze,
Through the low upper limit of my coffer;
The coffer is struck, the shackles stay; --
I only know electricity.*

*Oh, when my battery grows further exhausted,
And life's last volts is nearly drained,
One last spark these eyes will brim,
Only to think I knew electricity.*

Attendance Policies

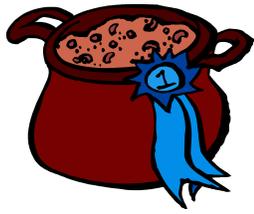
The attendance policies for the Caldwell County School system and CCC&TI are quite different. For CCC&TI, if a student is absent more than the allowed class periods (this differs based on the number of class meetings for the class), he/she is automatically dropped from the class by the instructor. There is no consideration for excused or unexcused absences; it counts as an absence.

Please make sure that you are in attendance, and on time, every day, both in high school and college classes. This will ensure your success in all classes.



IT Students and Presentation Skills

The Junior Information Technology students have been hard at work honing their soft skills—eye contact, a firm handshake, and using a confident voice. They are also working on their presentation skills. They will have a major presentation this nine weeks, which will be presented to a large audience in the auditorium at CCC&TI. This will allow students to practice what most students consider their biggest fear—speaking in front of a group.



First Advisory Competition—The Chili Cookoff!

The first advisory competition of the year will be held on Friday, October 26. It has become known as The Chili Cookoff! Advisories have been practicing their skills and have eaten several bowls of chili since the competition began making sure that they have their recipe just right before the big day. In addition to taste, teams will be judged on presentation (both table presentation and an oral presentation to the judges), a team poster, staying within a tight financial budget, and site cleanliness. Let the games begin!

Residential Construction Projects

The Residential Construction students have prepared the floor for concrete at the new Career Center House. They have also continued to work on the Granite Falls project, which includes the construction of equipment sheds.



Students working at the Career Center House



Students working at the Town of Granite Falls

Our Satirists

English IV students read some selections by Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope, noted satirists. The satire is not bound by form but by purpose. The satirist uses humor and exaggeration to draw attention to a pertinent problem. The students thought about their school and environment and wrote their own satires in a variety of forms to draw attention to some things that they might change if they were in charge. Here are a few excerpts: **(Please remember that these are satires.)**

Faculty Absences and Tardies:

- At the beginning of each school year faculty members must choose which days they will be off. A maximum of three days is allowed each year. For each day absent, they lose 5% of their next paycheck and must donate a pint of blood regardless of condition of health, weight and height for every day.
- For each faculty minute tardy, five dollars will be deducted from their next paycheck.

Student Absences:

- If a student is absent but did not visit a doctor, the parent's written excuse must be signed by three witnesses not in the immediate family. A student who fails to produce a verified parent's excuse will lose all school food privileges.

~Tiffany Bratcher and Bhree Buff

October/November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 Report cards and newsletters distributed BETA Club meeting	16	17 Fast Food Day (for those who qualify)	18 Student Focus group for CCC&TI (8:15-9:15)	19 SkillsUSA Meeting at 8:30 (Mr. Vines Advisory in charge)	20
NC State Fair—Competition by our IT and Residential Construction Students! Go Golden Knights!						
21	22 Advisory BETA Club meeting	23 Advisory	24 Advisory Happy Birthday, Allison Reid!	25 Advisory CCC&TI Fall Festival from 11:00-1:00 Happy Birthday, Danyell Riggins!	26 Chili Cookoff Competition 	27
28 Happy Birthday, Caleb Coffey!	29 Limited Transportation Day BETA Club meeting Happy Birthday, Jose Hernandez!	30	31 Happy Halloween! 	1 Last day to drop CCC&TI classes without penalty Registration for CCC&TI spring classes SkillsUSA dues due	2 Advisory Voting lesson	3 Caldwell County Schools Teacher Follies! Happy Birthday, Danielle Conner!
4	5 BETA Club meeting	6	7	8 Reading and Math Competency Testing SHBA meeting at 2:45 Caldwell County Homebuilders Meeting at CCMC at 6:30	9 Mid-point of the second nine weeks	10

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



College Student Fees

Beginning this past semester, CCC&TI is now charging student activity fees for Career Center students. The fee schedule is \$7 per course, up to a maximum of \$28 for the spring semester. Students will need to go to the Business office and pay these fees no later than December 4th. For fees not paid by this date, college courses will be dropped from the student's schedule. If the college courses are dropped at this time, it will be difficult to schedule the students into alternate college courses. Thanks for paying these fees on time.