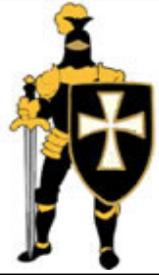




# The Knightly News



## Graduation Projects!

The Seniors are putting the final touches on their graduation projects! Each student must complete four parts in this project for successful completion: research paper, portfolio, product, and presentation. The oral presentation must be a minimum of eight minutes. CCCMC Seniors have an array of varied topics:

Student	Project
Patrick Brittain	Native American Peace Pipe
Maihlee Chue	Prom Dress
Kala Annis	Ultra Sound
Jordan Hoyle	Prenatal Care and delivery of a baby
Nichole Brandt	Super glue fuming and plaster fingerprinting
Casey Cox	Commercial website for local florist
Winston White	30 min. horror film
Katie Street	Custom jewelry
Carson Annis	Field sobriety tests
Lizzy Keister	Playing guitar
Jonathan Braswell	Building a bridge
Jeremiah Seetaram	Green house
Kendra Milhorne	Playing guitar
Lorena Cowart	Martial arts
Ted Esch	Sign language
Bobby Kidwell	Playing banjo
Caleb Coffey	Light board
Cody Silvers	Brick wall—masonry
Isaac Beane	Welding metal

Presentations will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at CCCMC. Judges from the community will assess the presentations based on a pre-designed rubric from the state of North Carolina. Dr. Steve Stone, superintendent of Caldwell County Schools will serve as a judge for some of these presentations.

This is the first year that Caldwell County Schools has participated in the graduation project. Next year, this is a graduation requirement that must be completed by the Senior year.

The remainder of the Senior class will take English IV and complete their projects next semester. A special thank you to English instructor Grayson Beane for coordinating these projects this year.

If you can serve as a judge for these presentations, please contact Debbie Kincaid at [dkincaid@cccti.edu](mailto:dkincaid@cccti.edu) or 828.759.4638. You would need to be at the Career Center Middle College from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th. Thanks for your support of these first graduation projects. Good luck to our Seniors as they finish and present their projects!

## Volunteer of the Month

Mrs. Kate Esch has been named Volunteer of the Month for October. Mrs. Esch is an excellent volunteer who graciously volunteers her time and talents to assist at CCCMC in whatever way possible. As to why Mrs. Esch volunteers, she says, "I just like to be involved with whatever my children are involved with. Since they do not want you in the classroom in high school, I try to find other ways I can help. It is fun! It also enables you to learn more about the school and staff; it helps you have a better perspective about the whole system. More people should do this!" Congratulations and a huge thank you to Mrs. Esch!

If you would like to volunteer at CCCMC, please contact Mrs. Paulette Long at [pllong13190@yahoo.com](mailto:pllong13190@yahoo.com), our volunteer coordinator or Mrs. Pam Walker via e-mail at [pwalker@cccti.edu](mailto:pwalker@cccti.edu) or by telephone at 828.759.4640.

## Freshmen Travels



Kayla, Rayn, Madison, Tony, Jordan, Mackenzie, and Christin enjoyed their time at the festival.

### Renaissance Festival

CCCMC Freshmen traveled to the Renaissance Festival on Thursday, October 16th. The Renaissance Festival, in its 11th year, provided interactive entertainment for the students to enjoy. This Carolina event has grown to be one of the largest of the Renaissance fairs nationwide.



Scott And Aaron purchased Renaissance head gear.



Quintin enjoyed one of the "high-rise" events.



Over 500 costumed characters greeted and talked with the students telling tall tales. The students also had an opportunity to shop in a medieval-style artisan marketplace full of crafts and handmade goods. Skilled craftsmen demonstrated weaving and glass blowing.

Adam and Jordan enjoyed the wonderful, unique food at the festival.

Students also enjoyed watching a jousting event.



Julia and Brooke display their smiles and appropriate gear for the Ropes course.

### Ropes Course

On Thursday, October 30th, CCCMC Freshmen traveled to the Ropes Course located at Murray Elementary in Hickory. Mr. Bucky Thornburg explained safety procedures and rules of the course. Students participated in scaling a wall using teambuilding activities. Many students participated in the high ropes challenges including the trapeze jump and the high wire catwalk.



Cody demonstrates his skill in the High Ropes portion of the course.

### Financial Aid Night

The Caldwell County-wide Financial Aid Night will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 at the Broyhill Civic Center. This is a great opportunity for all Seniors and their parents to learn about FAFSA, the different types of financial aid, and if you will need to borrow money for college.

Please place this date on your calendar.



### Important Dates

Thanksgiving Holidays: November 26-28  
 CCC&TI Exams: December 12, 15, 16  
 VoCATs Exams: December 17  
 High School EOC Exams: December 18-19  
 Christmas Holidays: December 22-January 2  
 Second Semester Begins: January 5  
 Report Cards and Newsletters: January 12

### CCCMC Students Participate in CCC&TI's Fall Festival!

On October 23rd, CCC&TI held its Fall Festival. There was food, a talent show, and plenty of opportunities to buy crafts, food, and other items. All students from CCCMC participated. The students enjoyed the meal provided by Myra's Catering. This is just one of the benefits that CCCMC students enjoy as being part of the student population on CCC&TI's campus. A special thanks to CCC&TI's Student Government Association for their hard work!



## Whitnel Tutors



Dylan learns that he must assist in many different ways such as tying a shoe for PE.



Aaron shared an Accelerated Reading book with his "buddy." The student made an excellent score on his AR test.



Marcus assists this young student in using Accelerated Math.



## Student Leadership Conference Participants

The fifth annual Caldwell County Schools Student Leadership Conference will be held on November 24-25 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. Student leaders from the Caldwell Career Center Middle College, Hibriten High School, South Caldwell High School, and West Caldwell High School will attend this conference. Students selected by their school faculties will spend one and a half days at this conference, attending sessions on Parliamentary Procedure, Stage Decorum/Public Speaking, Business Etiquette/Social Graces, and the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory. A total of 80 students, along with eight advisors, will attend each of the four sessions. Students will then compete in Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, and Stage Decorum. Winners in each of these three categories receive points for their school. The school which accumulates the most points for the overall competition will receive the Perpetual Plaque that is passed from winning school to winning school each year.



The event culminates with a banquet, attended by the student participants, high school principals, and Caldwell County school leaders. The banquet keynote address will be delivered by the winning public speaker.

In school year 2004-2005, the Career Center won the first annual student leadership conference. The following students will try to bring home the plaque again this year: Nichole Brandt, Tamisha Davidson, Macie Dula, Malea Edwards, Clint Greene, Jesse Hagan, Aaron Harless, Macey Kirby, Lacey Lochbaum, Ashley May, Brian Mitcham, Renata Quino, Chase Reese, Nikki Senter, Andrea Smith, Emma Starnes, Brittany Watkins, and Danielle Watson. Mr. Stan Vines and Mrs. Patty Ramsey will be the advisors for this conference.

This conference is made possible through a Tech Prep Grant awarded to Caldwell County Schools. Good luck Career Center Middle College students!

## CCC&TI Student Activity Fees

Student activity fees for CCC&TI's spring semester must be paid by November 20th. Please remember that the fees are \$7.00 per course up to a maximum of \$28.00. **If fees are not paid by November 20th, all college courses for that student will be dropped.** Thanks for your prompt attention to this.

## Congratulations to "A" Honor Roll Recipients for the first nine-weeks!

Grade 9: Sarah Holgerson  
 Grade 11: Macie Dula  
 Grade 12: Carson Annis, Ted Esch, Jordan Hoyle,  
 Jeremian Seetaram, Junior Watson

## Congratulations to "B" Honor Roll Recipients for the first nine-weeks!

Grade 9		
Jordan Cheek	Raymond Croon	Elliott Gragg
Kayleigh Huneycutt	Amber Kapetanis	Eric Klutz
Rayn Martin	Kierston Matheson	Paul Morrow
Julia Presnell	Paul Trigger	Mackenzie Triplett
Kristalynn Vang	Brittany Wilson	Quinton Wright
Grade 11		
Ciera Bowers	Alex Coffey	Laura Efrain
James Harris	Christian Knight	Alesha Laws
Lacey Lochbaum	Ashley May	Renata Quino
Myron Short	Emma Starnes	Emilee Stevens
Brittany Watkins	Danielle Watson	Kala Welker
Grade 12		
Kala Annis	Mailee Chue	Lorena Cowart
Malea Edwards	Gauge Hoke	Lizzy Keister
Megan Kirby	Coy Knight	Kendra Milhorne
Katie Street		



## EOC Testing

EOC Testing for the semester classes of Physical Science, Biology, US History, and Algebra II will be in December. Biology and US History will be given on December 18th; Algebra II and Physical Science will be given on December 19th. The Vo-CATs exams will be given on December 17th.

If you could serve as a proctor one of these days, please contact Mrs. Williams at [twilliams@cccti.edu](mailto:twilliams@cccti.edu) or 828.759.4639.

Please encourage your students to study and do well on these first exams of the year. Thanks so much!

## PAC Meeting Dates

The PAC meets the second Monday of each month. Please support your Parent Advisory Council with your attendance. The remaining dates for this year include: December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11. Please contact Cynthia Watkins with questions ([watkinscynthia@charter.net](mailto:watkinscynthia@charter.net)).

## Congratulations to "Principal's List" Recipients for the first nine-weeks!

Grade 9		
Sean Antone	Adrian Barlow	Johnathan Bowman
Brooke Clippard	Cory Day	Chelsey Dunn
Christin Eller	Spencer Icenhour	Kyle Johnson
Bo Kirby	Dedrick Long	Lindsey Nelson
Madison Port	Cody Pritchard	Heather Seagle
Chris Staton	Joshua Tarr	Hayley Townsend
Grade 11		
Shannon Cole	Clinton Greene	Steven Haas
Jacob Icenhour	Yaroslava Moya	Andrea Smith
Grade 12		
Nichole Brandt	Joshua Rich	



## College Exams

CCC&TI college exams will be taken on December 12, 15, and 16. There is a specific college exam schedule which is posted in teachers' classrooms and online at the CCC&TI website. Please make sure that you determine when and where your exam is. If you have a conflict with your college exam and an EOC class, please see Mrs. Williams or Ms. Kincaid to work through this conflict.

Please study hard and do well on your first college exams of the 2008-2009 school year.

## November/December Birthdays!



	Nov.		Dec.
Dylan Clark	6	Alex Coffey	9
Josh Branham	10	Mrs. Ramsey	9
Jordan Port	11	Mr. Swanson	12
Madison Port	11	Kaydee Street	14
Wyatt Poovey	13	Cody Pritchard	14
Jordan Cheek	15	Chelsey Dunn	15
Kayleigh Huneycutt	18	Andrea Smith	19
Amber Kapetanis	22	Renata Quino	20
Kayla Minton	28	Mrs. Kincaid	20
	<b>Dec.</b>	Christin Eller	30
Alesha Laws	1	Brittany Church	31

## Spirit Days at CCCMC

CCCMC celebrated Spirit Week October 27-31. The students and faculty enjoyed the week and had a great time showing their school spirit. Please enjoy just a few of the pictures of this fun week!



April, Casey, and Macey on Wacky Day!



Ashley and Alesha show off their tutus on Wacky Day!



What hairdos!! Great job, Amber and Shannon!



Tyler and Johnny display their Western attire!

### Attendance Policies

The attendance policies for Caldwell County Schools 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 and could result in an F on their college transcript and/or their high school transcript. 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.

### Limited Transportation Days

Limited Transportation Days are the days that the regular district schools are out of school and the regular bus routes do not run. The shuttle buses, from each of the district high schools, do operate on a normal schedule on these days. We have noticed that our attendance on these days decreases. Please make sure that your student has transportation on these days to school; either directly to CCCMC or to the district school to ride the shuttle bus to CCCMC. The limited transportation days for the remainder of the school year include:

- January 16 (pm only)
- January 20
- February 16
- March 27



### After School Activities for Freshmen

CCCMC has many after school activities available for Freshmen. These include:

- End Zone—an after school study lab, which is held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 2:30 until 3:30
- Math Tutoring—with Ms. Wengerd, held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30
- Club Meetings such as Photography Club, Beta Club, etc. These are called meetings and announced via the Announcement TV in the school lobby.
- Fitness Club—which is held after school most days. Mrs. Parker is the advisor for this very active club.

If your Freshmen student is staying after school for any other campus activity (which we do not recommend), please write a note so that we will know where they are and that they have your permission to be on campus after school **unsupervised**. We can only supervise those activities that are in J or G buildings with our own staff. Thanks for your support!

### Thanksgiving Thoughts!

Thanksgiving thoughts are the kind of thoughts that we should have all year long.

For it is the folks with thankful hearts whose lives are filled with song.  
We should take time for kindness to those we hold most dear,  
And just extend a helping hand to others through the year.

Let's set aside some quiet time and share it with a friend.  
For friendships bring a special joy and pleasure without end.  
So may the blessings of this day that I would ask for you,  
Now fill you with Thanksgiving Peace that lasts the whole year through!

~Anonymous



## Happy Thanksgiving!

## Junior Class Trip—Update

Junior parents should have received a letter detailing current information about the upcoming junior trip. We are now in the second organizational step for the proposed Junior Class trip to Washington DC. The trip is tentatively set for March 12-14 2009, which is Thursday-Saturday. We have added a visit to the Holocaust Museum in addition to our planned visit to Arlington Cemetery to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Cost is projected to be \$325 per student. Students and families will be financially responsible for the trip expenses. To alleviate some of the financial strain, the cost will be broken into three payments with the initial installment of \$100 due by December 12. Attached to the letter sent earlier is a permission slip so we can determine how many students will be attending. Please return the slip ASAP if you have not already done so. Mr. Ken Robbins is the trip coordinator. If you have additional questions, please e-mail Mr. Robbins at krobbins@cccti.edu or call him at 828.759.4640.



## Fundraising for Trips

Juniors and Seniors are currently selling beef jerky and candy to raise money to pay for their class trips. Please support them in this endeavor. As you can see, with the current cost of fuel, the trips have become more expensive for the students. Senior parents may contact Mr. Grayson Beane (gbeane@cccti.edu) with questions; Junior parents may contact Ken Robbins (krobbins@cccti.edu) with questions. Thanks for your support!



## Senior Class Trip

Where: New York City, NY  
When: March 10-14, 2009

### Tentative Sites:

- Manhattan Island Cruise
- Ground Zero
- Wall Street
- Trinity Church
- Chinatown
- Central Park
- Harlem Broadway Play
- Times Square
- Statue of Liberty
- Ellis Island
- NBC Studio Tour

Cost: \$577  
Money Due: \$100 at the end of each month

Fund-raising opportunities are available for students to raise money for their trip.



## PAC News

PAC is sponsoring a faculty luncheon on Friday, November 21st. The parents are also sponsoring a student/faculty breakfast on Wednesday, December 10th. If you can contribute to these two events, please contact Mrs. Kate Esch at kbesch@charter.net.

Prom preparations are underway. The prom will be held on Saturday, May 9th at the Civic Center. Please support your PAC organization! Thanks!

## Eighth Graders Visit CCCMC

Eighth grade students from Kings Creek, Oak Hill, Hudson Middle, Collettsville, William Lenoir, and Granite Falls Middle School visited the Career Center Middle College the week of November 3-10. These students were able to tour the facility and learn from current CCCMC students what each of the three areas (Construction Technology, Engineering Technology, and Information Technology) offer.



Tyler, Johnny, and Mr. Swanson assist Oak Hill students in completing the Construction Technology portion of the tour.



Emma and Nickie demonstrate their revised "Smart Board" to eighth graders.



Jesse and Alex show "special" computers to the eighth graders.



## World History News

World History has been project-based all month long as students create their own artifacts of the Middle Ages. Students picked a medieval topic, researched it, and are currently constructing a product that goes along with the topic. In many cases, students are applying what they have learned in their Career-Technical Education courses to construct artifacts like catapults, blueprints, and web designs to their projects. Some students are even cooking for the class, as they uncover recipes from this historic time period.

In the upcoming weeks, students will be unveiling the history of the Islamic faith, while viewing the impact that it has on the past/present/future relationships between the Middle East and the West. Students understand that all religious information covered is from a historical, not religious, viewpoint on the part of the teacher.

## Earth Science and Change

Earth science students have been busy learning about all the different factors that bring change to the surface of the earth. Working in groups, the students researched six different natural disasters. They reported on the causes of the disasters, found pre- and post-maps of a major event of their type, and wrote about government intervention during and after the event. All students incorporated their technology skills to do the research as well as develop the presentation. Students used programs such as PowerPoint and Movie Maker for these projects.

Those natural disasters, such as earthquakes and hurricanes, have led us right into learning about basic chemistry, density, plate tectonics, weathering and erosion. After investigating the natural forces that bring change, the students will next investigate the human influence on the earth and the change we bring.



## Romeo and Juliet

The communications classes are deep into reading "Romeo and Juliet." Students have again worked in groups to research various aspects about life during Elizabethan England. They worked their findings into articles that were ultimately incorporated into newspapers. They used MS Publisher to assist with the layout. They also created their own sonnets, their own epitaphs and practiced reading through the play, all in learning about the bard and his works.

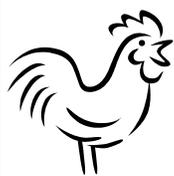


Shakespeare

## Bottle Caps and Cancer



Senior Nichole Brandt has been collecting bottle caps as a community service project. For each 1,000 caps collected, a free chemotherapy treatment is provided for a cancer patient in Granite Falls. To date, she has collected over 5,000 bottle caps for this young patient. There are drop locations at CCCMC, the Early College, and at many places on CCC&TI's campus. Thanks for your continued support of this project!



## Helping the Rooster Beat Hunger

CCCMC is participating in the second annual "Helping the Rooster Beat Hunger" campaign. Rooster Bush Chevy has placed a barrel at our school to collect non-perishable food items (canned foods).

A friendly competition among the five Caldwell County high schools to collect the most goods has started. These will be weighed at the end of the campaign and judged mathematically based on the number of students enrolled in the school.

All donations must be collected by Wednesday, December 17th. The benefactors will be South Caldwell Christian Ministries, Yoke-fellow, Lenoir Soup Kitchen, and Burke United Christian Ministries.

Please bring your donations to the barrel in the lobby! Thanks for your support.



## Job Shadowing at CCCMC

Job Shadowing allows CCCMC students to "shadow" workplace mentors as they go through a normal day on the job. This allows our students to see firsthand how the skills learned in school are related to the workplace. Many of our Juniors have participated in job shadowing this semester. Here are a few examples:

Student	Job Site
Macie Dula	Kerr Drug
Jacob Icenhour	Morgan Shepherd Racing
Tamisha Davidson	Hospice
Yaros Moya	Hospice
Christian Knight	Hudson Police Department
Nichole Brandt	Caldwell County Sheriff's Department
Casey Cox	Wachovia

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">← American Education Week →</p> </div>						<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Amber Kapetanis!</p>
	<p>Eighth grade parent information night for students in HHS and WCHS districts at 6:00 in CCC&amp;TI's gym</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Progress reports and newsletters distributed!</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Kayleigh Huneycutt!</p>	<p>SkillsUSA Meeting for Juniors and Seniors in the plumbing lab from 8:15-8:45</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">CCC&amp;TI Activity fees due today!</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Freshmen field trip to Race World today!</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">National Parent Involvement Day!</p>	<p>Faculty luncheon today from 12:00-1:00; sponsored by PAC</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0; font-weight: bold;">CCS Leadership Conference at the Catholic Conference Center (18 students, Mr. Vines, and Mrs. Ramsey) Go, Golden Knights!!</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">← Happy Thanksgiving! →</p> </div>				
	<p>BLT Meeting at 2:45 in J240</p> <p>BOE meeting at 7:00 at the Education Center</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Alesha Laws!</p>		<p>Annual Leave</p>	<p>Holiday</p>	<p>Holiday</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Kayla Minton!</p>	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<p>PAC Meeting at 6:00 in J246</p>	<p>Graduation Project Presentations from 5:00-8:00 Good luck, Seniors!</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ramsey!</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Alex Coffey!</p>	<p>Student Christmas breakfast from 7:45-9:30; sponsored by PAC</p>	<p>Christmas luncheon from 11:45-1:30; sponsored by SkillsUSA</p>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">CCC&amp;TI College Exams</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Birthday, Mr. Swanson!</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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"If better is possible, good is not enough." (Author unknown)

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