

Winter Newsletter ♦ February 2025

From the Director

Greetings Parents and Students,
The third quarter will end on March 14 and grades will be posted on March 21. Students have access to look at their grades every day and we hope they are taking advantage of that. Progress Book Parent Access is where parents/guardians can go to view students' grades. If you experience difficulties with your access, please email pbhelp@greeneccc.com. Seniors have been working diligently in preparation for graduation and juniors are actively obtaining industry credentials, competing in club chapter competitions, in addition to classroom work to finish the year strong. Our Work-Based Learning program is going strong with over 20% of our student population taking advantage of it. All our teachers continue to create a dynamic learning environment that promotes rigorous education through high quality, research-based instructional practices, to ensure 100% of our juniors are on track to graduate and 100% of our seniors are prepared for military, college, and/or career. We hope you take the opportunity to follow some of the amazing things that your GCCC students are doing which can be viewed on our website. Below are some important upcoming dates that are ahead of us as we wrap up this school year.

Best Regards,
Brian McKnight – Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

February 27 – Open House 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
March 11 – ACT Testing for Juniors – Seniors off Campus
March 14 – End of 3rd Quarter
March 24-28 – No School, Spring Break
March 25 – ACT Make-up
April 1 & 2 – Hiring Fair
April 7-28 – EOC Testing Window
April 10 – National Technical Honor Society, 5:30 pm
April 18 – No School
April 19 – GCCC Junior/Senior Prom 7:00 pm -10:00 pm
May 1 – Signing Day 12:00 pm
May 12 – Last Day for Seniors/Senior Recognition Practice
May 13 – Senior Recognition Ceremony at WSU Nutter Center 7:00 pm
May 22 – Last Day for Juniors
June 9-13 – STEM Summer Camp, Grades 6-8

Open House

Families are invited to the Open House at Greene County Career Center on February 27, between the hours of 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. We will be showcasing the vocational offerings we have available for juniors and seniors throughout Greene County. We will also have a CCP Informational Meeting at 5:30 pm for new incoming students.

Greene Days

If your sophomore student was unable to attend our Career Awareness Days at the end of the first semester, Greene Days are another

opportunity for your student to experience two career- technical labs during the school day. Greene Days will be held March 5th and April 2nd and can be scheduled through your home district counselor.

Career Connections

Greene County Career Center engages K-8 students through various interactive programs to introduce career connections and education. Kindergarteners explore careers with the book *There's a Hat for That!* First graders develop problem-solving and programming skills using Bee-Bot Robots and receive STEM building sets for the classroom. Second graders work with activity books created by GCCC's Digital Design & Development students. Third graders receive The Big Book of Jobs to explore careers based on their hobbies and an engineer-focused STEM kit for the classroom. Fourth graders build houses using STEM kits inspired by The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs. Fifth graders receive *100 Things To Be When You Grow Up*, a book filled with inspiration and hands-on projects. Incoming 6th-8th graders have the opportunity to attend a STEM camp over the summer, where they engage in hands-on learning experiences in various career fields. Eighth graders also visit GCCC to tour career-technical labs and experience career pathways firsthand.

STEM Summer Camp, Jun 9-13 for students entering grades 6-8. Sign up will be starting soon.

Scholarships

Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the list of available scholarships on our website at www.greeneccc.com. Click on "Parents/Students – College and Career Readiness" tab to view local, state, and national scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Prather, extension 2310, or by email at bprather@greeneccc.com.

Career Center Applications for 2025-2026

Priority Admission concluded on January 9th, although we are still accepting applications for incoming juniors into programs not filled to capacity. Apply at www.greeneccc.com, click on "HS Admissions – 2025-26 Application tab" and follow the instructions. Contact Laura Meek lmeek@greeneccc.com, should you have any questions.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please see the student's grade card to view the amount of fees outstanding for your student. If you have not done so and think your student may qualify for free or reduced meals, please submit a free/reduced meal application. If approved, certain fees will be waived or reduced. Fees may be paid via check, cash, or credit card in the Treasurer's office, or on-line through [PaySchools Central](http://PaySchools.Central). You may also access your student's account in Progress Book to view fees owed.

Senior Information

Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal is a way our students can earn recognition, displaying they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. Professional skills include reliability, work ethic, punctuality, discipline, teamwork, professionalism, learning agility, problem-solving, leadership, creativity, oral/written communication,

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digital technology, global fluency, and career management. To learn more about the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal as well as other seals your student can earn, please visit the Ohio Department of Education website, or contact the school for more information.

Community Service hours can be submitted to the students' home district and will go towards the districts' locally defined Diploma Seals.

GCCC will have the Senior Recognition Ceremony at Wright State Nutter Center on May 13, 2025. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm and seniors MUST be in the McLin Gym by 6:00 pm. Seniors should enter through Door #10, behind the Nutter Center. Senior information packets will be distributed to seniors in April. Seniors who have not ordered a cap & gown or graduation announcements may contact Student Services at extension 2301 for more information. All school fees must be paid by April 1, 2025.

ACT Testing

ACT testing for Juniors at GCCC will be on March 11 with Make-up ACT test date on March 25. Students with accommodations will be testing Feb. 25-Mar. 7 and will not be on campus March 11. Please note that the registration window is now closed for ACT testing on March 11. Seniors will be doing remote learning and other off campus assignments this day. More information is being sent. Contact Brandon Prather at bprather@greeneccc.com if you have questions.

Credit Recovery

Students who need to make up required courses can recover the credit during the school day in Edmentum. Students who need to make up for past deficiencies should meet with their GCCC Guidance Counselor to create a plan to recover their credit(s). Credit Recovery may be completed during the scheduled school day or at home according to the student's individual schedule.

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Be Respectful, Be Impactful, and Show Self-Control. Students are taught these expectations from the moment they enter our district, and we reinforce the expectations throughout the year with "booster" activities. We recognize students for upholding our expectations throughout the year with positive referrals, breakfast club, quarterly incentives, honor roll celebrations and teacher created rewards throughout the year.

Hiring Fair

The Greene County Career Center will hold a Hiring Fair on April 1 & 2, 2025. Students attending GCCC must apply through their lab instructor.

- Tuesday, April 1st is for Culinary, Vet Science, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Sports & Exercise, Information Tech, Video & Animation, Digital Design, Cybersecurity, Drones and Health Science.

- Wednesday, April 2nd is for, Robotics, Engineering, Natural Resources, Aviation, Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Electrical Wiring, Power Equipment, Welding, Construction Tech

The fair will host several businesses, military recruiters, and college/universities for students to interact with and ask questions pertaining to their future beyond the GCCC. We will be sharing additional information with the students including resume building, interview skills, and how to apply to attend.

District Bullying Policy

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all its students. Aggressive behavior toward a student by staff, other students or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being. These behaviors include stalking, bullying, cyberbullying, sexting, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing. Reports can be made on GCCC website under "Stay Safe, Speak Up."

Attendance

Students are expected to attend GCCC when their home school is not scheduled to be in session. Students should consult their home school calendars throughout the year and plan alternate transportation for days when their school is not providing normal transportation due to closure. Students not in attendance at GCCC under these situations will be given unexcused absence(s). Seniors are to maintain daily attendance at GCCC until they graduate or until GCCC's Senior Recognition (whichever comes first).

CTAG (College Credit Transfer)

One of the many opportunities students have at the Greene County Career Center is earning college credit through their high school career-technical course known as Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) and can be transferred to Ohio's public colleges and universities (including community colleges). Students must pass the WebXam which is a state assessment on the curriculum students learned in each career-technical course with state required scores to be eligible for college credit. This credit is available for up to three years after students graduate from their high school. College credit can also be obtained by earning qualified recognized industry credentials. The CTAG permission to post credit will be at the time students takes the online state assessment or WebXam. At the end of certain exams, students will select if they want their passing results to be posted and made eligible for college credit. If the student does not want the college credit, the student would select no. Please visit transfercredit.ohio.gov for more information regarding statewide articulated career-technical credit

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transfer opportunities. Your career-technical instructor, school administrator, or guidance counselor can provide you info if needed.

Work-Based Learning

Opportunities for GCCC seniors are available. WBL experiences are conducted at a work site during or after school to provide authentic learning experiences that link academic, technical, and professional skills. To learn more about eligibility criteria, contact Rick Mack at extension 1314, or by email at rmack@greeneccc.com.

Inclement Weather

In the event of, or possibility of, inclement weather, the Greene County Career Center Superintendent will confer with home district school Superintendents who communicate with transportation directors, road departments and law enforcement officials to make decisions regarding delay or cancellation of schools due to inclement weather. The Board of Education wants Greene County Career Center to be in session unless weather conditions make it unsafe for the school's operation.

Announcements of school closings or delays will be made by local news media. Please do not call radio and TV stations. You may also access closing or delay information on our website at www.greeneccc.com, our Facebook and Instagram. Typically, a ONE CALL NOW message will be sent to the active phone number on file for each student when school is delayed, closed or an emergency has occurred. Students are advised to follow their home district's delay or closure schedule when the home district is delayed or closed due to inclement weather. Students should use the following as guidelines for inclement weather:

Delayed	Closed
If your home district is delayed, then you follow that delay schedule.	** If your home district is closed, you are not required to come to GCCC that day. If GCCC is open that day, you can still come to school but transportation will not be available.
If GCCC is on a delay but your home district is not, you follow their schedule for busing however, car driving/riding students follow GCCC delayed schedule.	If GCCC is closed then you will not be able to come to GCCC, even if your home district is open.

**NOTE: Please be aware, if GCCC is open and if your home district is closed, students who do not attend GCCC must be counted absent or tardy from school. This is pursuant to HBS 10 and HB82 by The Ohio Legislature, which states that we must notify parents of a student absence within two hours of the start of school and give notice of truancy-related laws. You will receive a recorded notification that your student will be counted unexcused, however, this will be modified later in the day to an excused absence due to inclement weather and home

school closure. GCCC staff will accept those bus riding students whose home district is on regular schedule excluding Project Search at Soin Medical Center. There is no need to call GCCC to report your student absent due to their home district closing.

Final Exams

We will give final exams at the end of the year similar to the exams at semester. There will be some students exempt from taking the exams. Junior exam days will be May 19, 20 and 21. The senior exam days will be May 7, 8 and 9. More information will be sent with additional instructions.

Drug Prevention

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the whole school community. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, sale, purchase, distribution of any drug or any drug-related paraphernalia as well as the solicitation or facilitation or participation in their use as the term is defined by law, on school grounds, in school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored events. A drug-free zone has been established within 1000 feet of any facility used by the district for educational purposes.

Emergency Plan

The safety of Greene County Career Center students and staff is our top priority. School Board policy 8400 states: *To that end, the Superintendent shall develop and adopt a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan ("EMP") for each building under his/her control.* The Emergency Management Plan for Greene County Career Center is regularly updated and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education regularly. The EMP involves law enforcement, fire, emergency medical personnel and any local divisions having county-wide emergency management and staff. Greene County Career Center is fully compliant with policy 8400 and conducts drills and tests regularly to ensure a high level of preparedness.

Stay Safe Speak Up

Parents and Student can call online to report issues that affect education or safety. To make a report, please visit our Greene County Career Center webpage at:
<https://www.publicschoolworks.com/SHL/helpLine.asp?di=83&mi=9&1737Nav=j&NodeID=72>

