

### From the Director

Greetings Parents and Students,

The third quarter ended on March 15 and grades will be posted March 22. 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. This was our first year utilizing our new Work-Based Learning Coordinator who has navigated 130 students in securing their career-technical lab-based employment, and the number of students preparing to go out to work continues to grow. Our teachers have created 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 college and/or career. We are blessed to be in such a great facility during this time in career-technical education. Progress Book Parent Access is where to go to view your student's grades. If you experience difficulties with your access, please email [pbhelp@greeneccc.com](mailto:pbhelp@greeneccc.com). Parents/guardians also receive school informational notifications via recorded messages on One Call Now as well as emails sent through OneView. 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

### Important Dates

March 25-29 – No School, Spring Break  
April 2-4 – Hiring Fair  
April 8 – No School – Calamity Day/Eclipse  
April 20 – GCCC Junior Senior Prom 7:00 pm -10:00 pm  
April 11 – National Technical Honor Society Induction 5:30 pm  
May 2 – Signing Day 12:00 pm  
May 13 – Last Day for Seniors/Senior Recognition Practice  
May 14 – Senior Recognition Ceremony at WSU Nutter Center 7:00 pm  
May 23 – Last Day for 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. The next Greene Day will be April 3 and can be scheduled through your home district counselor.

### Career Connections

Greene County Career Center interacts with K-8 in several different ways to introduce career connection opportunities and education in Greene County school districts. Kindergarten students receive a book titled *There's a Hat for That!* where characters explore different careers by trying on different hats. 1<sup>st</sup> graders have Bee-Bot Robot in their classrooms to learn about problem-solving and simple programming skills. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are given an activity book created by students in the Digital Design & Development program at GCCC. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will receive a classroom book

titled *The Big Book of Jobs* to encourage them to explore future professions based on their hobbies. 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will receive a STEM kit with materials to build houses that can withstand the big bad wolf from the book *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will each receive a book titled *100 Things To Be When You Grow Up* jam-packed with inspiration and hands-on projects to help students think creatively about their future career paths. 8<sup>th</sup> graders get to come to GCCC and tour all the different career-technical labs and get an actual on-sight feel of the many careers offered through career-technical training.

GCCC is hosting **Stem Summer Camp**, Jun 10-13 for students entering into grades 6-8. Sign up at [www.greeneccc.com](http://www.greeneccc.com).

### Scholarships

Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the list of available scholarships on our website at [www.greeneccc.com](http://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](mailto:bprather@greeneccc.com).

### Career Center Applications for 2024-2025

We are still accepting applications for incoming juniors in Advanced Industrial Robotics, Drone and UAS Technology, Cybersecurity, Advanced Engineering Systems, and Natural Resources. To access the application, please go to our website at [www.greeneccc.com](http://www.greeneccc.com). Click on "HS Admissions – 2024-25 Application Link" and follow the instructions. Contact Laura Meek, extension 2320 or [lmeek@greeneccc.com](mailto: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

Seniors must participate in 15 hours of Community Service by April 26, 2024, as well as obtain a 2.0 GPA and 95% attendance to receive their GCCC Certificate of Completion. Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the Community Service Experience form posted under student forms on the GCCC website.

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, 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.

The GCCC will be having a Senior Recognition Ceremony at Wright State Nutter Center on May 14, 2024. 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 Ashley Ewing, extension 2301 or email [awing@greeneccc.com](mailto:awing@greeneccc.com) for more information. All school fees must be paid by April 3, 2023.

### ACT Testing

If your junior student missed the ACT test, make up day is during spring break on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Brandon Prather, extension 2310, or by email at [bprather@greeneccc.com](mailto: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 2-4, 2024. Students attending GCCC must apply through their lab instructor.

- Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> is for Culinary, Vet Science, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Sports & Exercise, and Health Science
- Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is for Information Tech, Video & Animation, Digital Design, Cybersecurity, Drones, Robotics, Engineering
- Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> is for 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.

### 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](http://transfercredit.ohio.gov) for more information regarding statewide articulated career-technical credit 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](mailto:rmack@greeneccc.com).

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**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.greenecc.com](http://www.greenecc.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.

**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

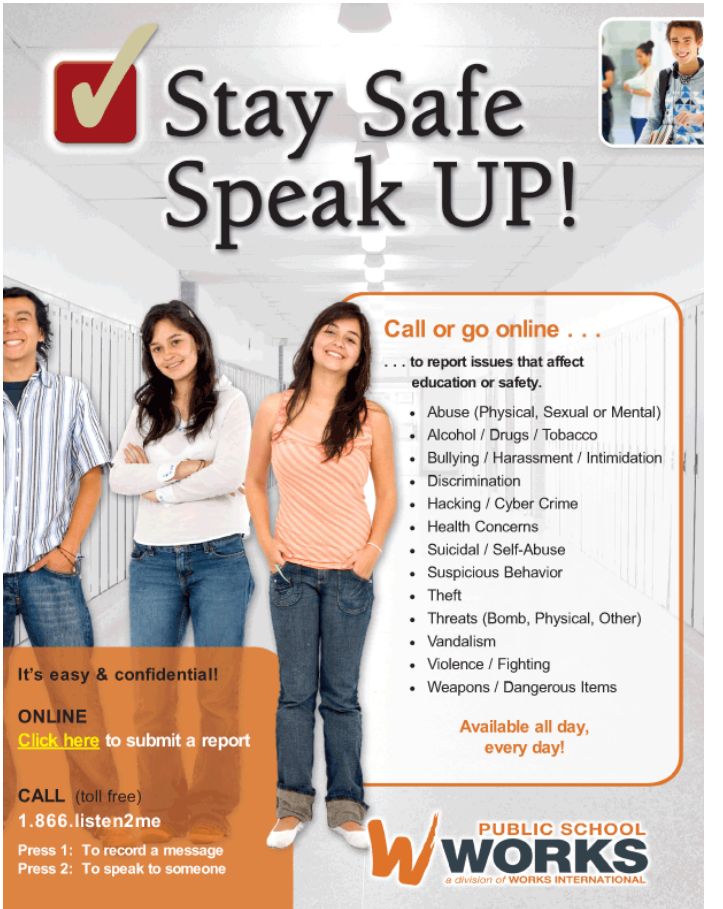
vehicles, and at any school-sponsored events. A drug-free zone has been established within 1000 feet of any facility used by the district for educational purposes.

**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=I&NodeID=72>



**Stay Safe Speak UP!**

**Call or go online . . .**  
... to report issues that affect education or safety.

- Abuse (Physical, Sexual or Mental)
- Alcohol / Drugs / Tobacco
- Bullying / Harassment / Intimidation
- Discrimination
- Hacking / Cyber Crime
- Health Concerns
- Suicidal / Self-Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Theft
- Threats (Bomb, Physical, Other)
- Vandalism
- Violence / Fighting
- Weapons / Dangerous Items

**It's easy & confidential!**

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Click here to submit a report

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Press 2: To speak to someone

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