

Winter Newsletter ♦ January 2023

From the Director

Dear Parents and Students,

The first semester is over and we have a few short months left until we wrap up another school year. The second semester always goes by so fast and it is an important time to remind students to keep putting their best foot forward when getting work completed and making good choices. The career center is always here to provide academic support and motivation to all students. Grade cards are sent out at the end of each quarter/semester and are posted on Progress Book for parents to view. Parent Access is utilized as one form of communication with parents throughout the school year. Please email pbhelp@greeneccc.com if you experience any difficulties with your Progress Book Parent Access account. Parents also receive notification, via recorded messages, from our "One Call Now" system for school informational updates.

Brian McKnight, Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

January 16 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19 – Open House 5-7 p.m.
February 10 – College/Career Fair
February 20 - No School, Presidents' Day
March 14 – ACT Junior Testing/Seniors Do Not Report to GCCC
March 27-31 – No School, Spring Break
April 7 & 10 – No School
April 11 – National Technical Honor Society Induction 9:00 am
May 9 – Signing Day 12:00 pm
May 22 – Last Day for Seniors/Senior Recognition Practice
May 23 – Senior Recognition Ceremony at WS Nutter Center 7:00 pm
May 25 – 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 is an opportunity for your student to experience two career tech labs during the school day. Greene Days will be on February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and can be scheduled through your home district counselor.

8th Grade Tours

Eighth grade students from seven school districts in Greene County are invited to visit Greene County Career Center to participate in career exploration and a tour of the career center. These will be scheduled through your home school district starting in February.

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 2022-2023

We are now accepting applications for incoming juniors. To access the application, please go to our website at www.greeneccc.com. Click on "HS Admissions – 2023-24 Application Link" and follow the instructions. Contact Laura Meek, extension 2320 or 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. 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 28, 2023 as well as obtain a 2.0 GPA and 95% attendance in order 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. This seal is printed directly onto a student's diploma. 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 others 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 Wight State Nutter Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm and seniors MUST be there by 6:00 pm. 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 at awewing@greeneccc.com for more information. All school fees must be paid by April 3, 2023.

ACT Testing

Juniors students are required to participate in the ACT College Test which is paid for one time by the Ohio Department of Education. Juniors not receiving approved accommodations through ACT will test on March 14, 2023. During this testing day, seniors do not have to report to the career center unless requested by a teacher. Also, seniors who do not report will have to show proof of community service hours

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for that day (up to six hours) or complete classwork assigned by the teachers. Juniors that will be taking the ACT at the Greene County Career Center with approved accommodations through ACT will be testing February 28 – March 10. Seniors can register for the ACT on their own and will not be testing with the juniors on the dates above. Seniors wishing to take the ACT should visit their website www.act.org to register. Seniors enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program qualify for an ACT waiver.

Credit Recovery

Students who need to make up required courses have an opportunity to recover the credit during the school day in Edmentum. Students who need to make up 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.

College and Career Fair

The Greene County Career Center will hold a College and Career Fair on February 10, 2023 during the school day for all our students. The fair will host several colleges and businesses for students to interact with and ask questions pertaining to their future beyond the GCCC. We will be sharing additional information to students as the date draws near.

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 but are not limited to 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).

Inclement Weather

In the event of, or possibility of, inclement weather, the Greene County Career Center Superintendent will confer with member/home school Superintendents who communicate with transportation directors, road departments and law enforcement officials to make decisions regarding delay or cancellation of school due to inclement weather. It is the desire of the Board of Education that Greene County Career Center be in session at all times unless weather conditions make it unsafe for the operation of school. Announcement 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, Twitter, 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 member/home school’s delay or closure schedule when the students member/home school is delayed or closed due to inclement weather. Students should use the following as guidelines for inclement weather:

Delayed	Closed
If your member/home school is delayed, then you follow you follow that delay schedule.	** If your member/home school 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 member/home school 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 member/home school is open.

****NOTE:** Please be aware, if GCCC is open and if your member/home school 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 as well as 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 be on hand to accept those bus riding students whose member/home school is on regular schedule excluding Project Search located at Soin Medical Center. There is no need to call GCCC to report your student absent due to their home school closing.

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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. We currently have approximately eighty-six students that attend their academic classes and then leave to participate in work-based learning in a career field connected to their lab. To learn more about eligibility criteria, contact Brandon Prather at extension 2310, or by email at bprather@greeneccc.com.

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. Certain courses can earn career-technical college credits through Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) and can be transferred to Ohio's public colleges and universities (including community colleges). Students must pass their career-technical courses with a C or better AND pass the course WebXam to be eligible. College credit transfer can also be obtained by earning qualified recognized credentials. The WebXam is a state assessment on the curriculum students learned in each career-technical course. This credit is available for up to three years after students graduate from their high school. The CTAG permission to post credit will be at the time students take 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 transfer opportunities. Your career-technical instructor, school administrator, or guidance counselor are able to provide you info if needed.

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.

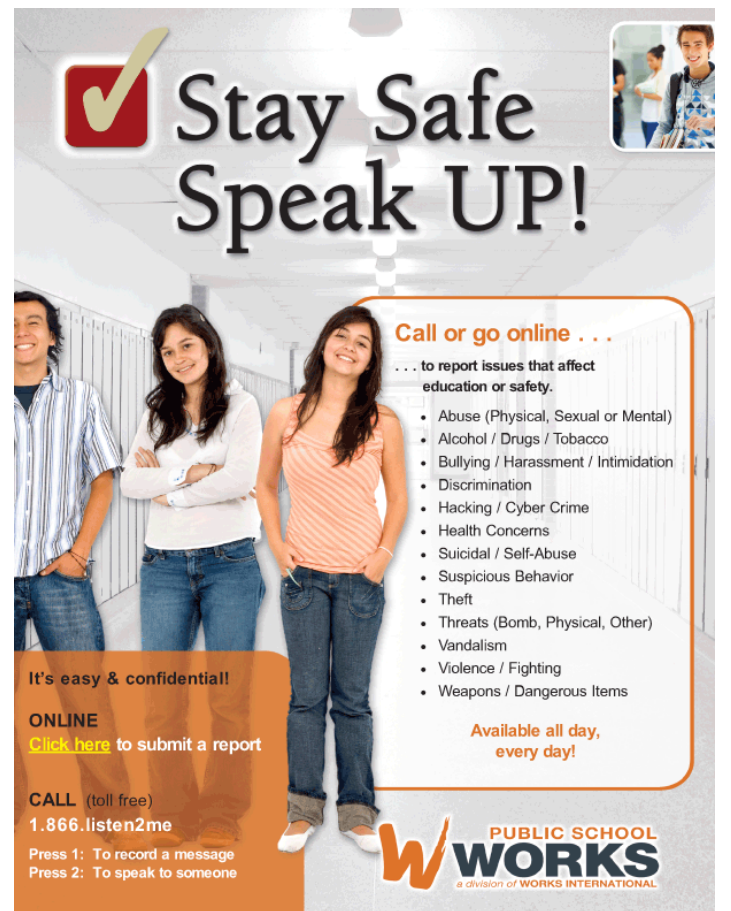
Emergency Plan

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=1&NodeID=72>



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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!

ONLINE
[Click here](#) to submit a report

CALL (toll free)
1.866.listen2me

Press 1: To record a message
Press 2: To speak to someone

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