

WINTER NEWSLETTER ♦ 2022

From the Director

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of GCCC

I wanted to personally thank everyone for a great first half of the school year. It has been a challenging year thus far with the continued pandemic concerns, but our students have done a wonderful job coping and adjusting to an ever-changing environment. We are excited about the potential the second half of the year brings to our students. Parents and guardians have been understanding as they receive numerous e-mails, One Calls and letters sent by GCCC to keep them posted on changes as they occur. Despite restrictions, quarantines and guidelines, GCCC is stronger than ever. Our enrollment for next year is at levels we have never seen, and we cannot thank our community enough for their support. Thank you for your continued contribution of GCCC.

Rob Robison, Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

January 27 - Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

February 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

February 21 - No School, Presidents' Day

March 11 - End of Third Grading Period

March 18 - Report Cards Mailed

March 21 -25 - Spring Break, No School

March 28 - Classes Resume

April 4 - April 22 - End of Course Testing

May 23 - Last Day for Seniors

May 26 - Last Day for Juniors

Career Center Applications for 2022-2023

We are accepting applications for incoming juniors and seniors. To access the application, please go to our website at www.greeneccc.com. Click on "HS Admissions – 2022-23 Application Link" and follow the instructions. Contact Jenny Adkins, extension 2304, or by email at jadkins@greeneccc.com, should you have any questions.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 3:45-7:30 p.m. Go to our website at www.greeneccc.com to find the link for parent teacher conference registration. Conferences may be scheduled in 15-minute increments with each teacher. Please communicate with the teacher if you prefer a virtual conference or a face-to-face conference. If you have questions, contact Sara Shiveley, extension 1303, or by email at sshiveley@greeneccc.com.

Senior Information

The GCCC will be having a Senior Recognition Ceremony this year, more details will be forthcoming concerning the date and location. 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 1303 or email at awing@greeneccc.com for more information. All school fees must be paid by April 1, 2022.

Senior Requirements

Community Service hours (15 total) must be turned in by May 1, and is part of the requirements to receive a Certificate of Completion. 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. All instructors will be assigning "grades" for employability skills. These grades will be calculated into a student's classroom average. 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, please visit the Ohio Department of Education website or contact the school for more information.

Scholarships

Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the list of available scholarships on our website at www.greeneccc.com. Click on "Parents/Students – Financial Aid Information for Seniors/Parents" 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.

Communication

Student daily announcements are read each morning and added to Schoology for student access. This provides many avenues to update students regarding partner school events and information. Stay well-informed of your student's grades through ProgressBook which may be accessed through the Parent Access link on our website as well as the Schoology portal.

ACT Testing

Classes graduating 2018 and beyond are required to participate in the ACT College Testing. Ohio Department of Education will pay for juniors to take the test one time.

Juniors not receiving approved accommodations through ACT will test on March 15, 2022. Juniors that will be taking the ACT at Greene County Career Center with approved accommodations through ACT will be testing March 1 – March 11, 2022. Seniors can register for the ACT test on their own and will not be testing with the juniors on the dates above. Seniors wishing to take the ACT should visit ACT's website, www.act.org to register for testing. Seniors enrolled in free or reduced lunch qualify for an ACT Fee Waiver.

Vacation Request Form Requirements

Greene County Career Center strongly urges that vacations be scheduled outside of school days due to loss of valuable instruction time. However, a student may be excused up to (5) school days with approved Vacation Request Form documentation, located in the Attendance Office. Reminder that students are to follow GCCC calendar, not the district calendar in which you reside.

Work Based Learning (WBL)

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 well over 60 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 Gary Smith, extension 2315, or by email at gsmith@greeneccc.com.

Uniform and Professional Dress

Greene County Career Center Uniform and Professional Dress Code policy is in effect for all programs. GCCC uniforms are to be worn at all times except on spirit days or other special events that are scheduled and announced by administration. No hoodies are allowed at GCCC. Please reference the Student Handbook for additional details.

Community Service Experience

Seniors have a mandatory Community Service Experience Program of 15-hours that they must complete by May 1, 2022 in order to receive their GCCC Career Passport. Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the Community Service Experience form posted to the GCCC website.

Visitors

As an added security measure, all visitors must present a valid state ID upon entering the building. Due to COVID-19, please expect to have your temperature taken in the front office. All visitors are required to wear a mask while in the building until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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".

Be Respectful, Be Impactful and Show Self-Control

GCCC implements a PBIS framework to improve the school culture, implementing a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support. The underlying theme is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject. GCCC focuses on behavioral expectations that are positively stated and easy to remember. In other words, rather than telling students what not to do, the school will focus on the preferred behaviors. A copy of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and Limited Use of Restraint and Seclusion Policy (see Policy 5630.01) can be found on GCCC website.

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 each year. 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.

CTAG (College Credit Transfer)

One of the many opportunities students at Greene County Career Center have access to is earning college credit through their high school career-technical courses. 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 course with a C or better AND pass the course WebXam to be eligible. College credit transfers can also be obtained by earning qualified industry 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 3 years after students graduate from their high school.

The CTAG credit transfer process that has recently been revised by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Education. Historically, this process was completed by each individual institution when a student applied and enrolled in a college. This year, the Department of Education has incorporated the CTAG permission to post credit with 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 <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/ctags> for more information regarding statewide articulated career-technical credit transfer opportunities. Please contact your career-technical instructor, school administration or guidance counselor if you need assistance.

The Greene County Vocational SD has dedicated itself to providing equal admission opportunities, equal educational opportunities, and equal employment opportunities to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability and is in compliance with Title VI, IX and section 504 regulations.