

FALL NEWSLETTER ◆ November 2020

From the Director

Hello Parents, Friends and Community Members:
 Staff and students are now acclimated to the new GCCC buildings; both main campus and the classroom/hangar at the Greene County airport. The new space is greatly appreciated and extremely helpful in light of social distancing needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The up-to-date air filtration system is also a benefit to students and staff. In other words, the new spaces could not have come at a better time. These are items we may have previously taken for granted; however, the staff and students at GCCC thank both the Greene County Career Center Board of Education and the citizens of Greene County for passing the building levy. I also want to take a moment and thank our students for their cooperation in wearing masks and taking safety precautions at the career center. Everyone at GCCC is doing their best to thrive and succeed under sometimes difficult and frequently challenging circumstances. We thank our parents for following the COVID pledge and checking on their student's health prior to sending them to school. Together, we will tackle the challenges of the day!

Dr. Pamela Downing
 Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

November 18 - Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 November 25 - No School for Students
 November 26 & 27 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
 December 23 through January 1 - Winter Break - No School
 January 4, 2021 - Classes Resume
 January 15 - End of 2nd Grading Period
 January 15, 20-22 - Career Awareness Days (check with lab instructor for student assignments).
 January 18 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 January 28 - Open House 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 February 11 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 February 15 - No School, Presidents' Day

Second Semester

GCCC will return to full-time, on-campus instruction for 2nd semester. Second semester begins on January 18, 2021. Throughout the rest of the school year, students will continue to spend alternating days in lab for career technical instruction, however, they will report to school for academic instruction. For academic instruction, students will follow an extended period schedule. This will reduce traffic in hallways and the frequency of class changes. Parents will have the option to choose to continue remote learning for academics if their student has a cumulative grade of C- or higher for the first semester. Parents and students must understand their decision will be final for the remainder of the school year. No changes will be made. Parents and students must also agree that if their student is on a remote learning plan, they will not be permitted to be on campus on remote learning days. Please watch for more information regarding 2nd Semester.

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 3:45-7:30 p.m. and also Thursday, February 11, 2021. Go to our website; www.greeneccc.com to find the link for parent teacher conference registration. Conferences can 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. This year, we are encouraging virtual conferences for safety purposes. If you have questions, contact Ashley Ewing, Ext. 1303, or aewing@greeneccc.com

Career Awareness Days

Sophomores from seven school districts in Greene County are invited to visit Greene County Career Center to participate in Career Awareness Days. Due to COVID-19, the tours are being scheduled for January 15th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Unless communicated otherwise, your student will not report to school but will be involved in completing two activities: job shadowing/job placement experiences related to lab, interview of an individual working in a field related to the lab, college visits (in person or virtual) or community service, which is a requirement for students in order to receive a Certificate of Completion upon graduation. Appropriate forms for each activity will be provided to students and posted on the website. All signed forms for the out-of-school career experiences, must be turned by January 29, 2021 to receive attendance credit. Otherwise, students will receive two excused absences for each required activity. A parent survey will be posted for parent and student to select the activities they will participate in during Career Awareness Days. More information will follow. If you have any questions, please contact your student's career-technical instructor.

College Applications and Acceptance

Students should apply early for admission to college in order to have the best opportunities for acceptance and financial assistance. The FAFSA should be submitted for financial assistance as soon as the family taxes have been completed, preferably in January. Check the college websites for deadlines and apply prior to December 16, to have the best chance of acceptance and scholarship options. Reminder: the initial and final transcripts for college admissions must come from the homeschool, not GCCC. Please bring a copy of all college acceptance letters to your GCCC Guidance Counselor. This information will be shared with your partner school Guidance Counselor as well.

College Visits

Forms are available in the GCCC Guidance Office for students who plan to go on a college visit during the school day. Students must be passing all classes before requesting the form which is to be completed at least one week prior to the college visit. Students will be required to make-up work that was missed while away from school.

Virtual FAFSA Information Session

On Wednesday, November 18th at 5 pm, a college representative will be available to give an overview of the financial aid process. To join the Zoom Meeting, enter Meeting ID 838 3610 8674 and Passcode 607219 at the following web address:

<https://sinclair.zoom.us/j/83836108674?pwd=UERoaWZGSVRLdzZCRnVrVm9tdFFHUT09>

OneView

Parents are required to update changes in student contact information throughout the school year on OneView. Go to www.greeneccc.com and click on the OneView link. Please make sure you update your e-mail address and or make sure it is correct in OneView. A valid e-mail address will allow GCCC to communicate more efficiently with you.

Title IX

Title IX states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Greene County Career Center Title IX investigators are:

Mrs. Virginia Potter vpotter@greeneccc.com

Mr. Jason Miller jmiller@greeneccc.com

Clark State Tech Prep Scholarship

Also known as the George Mueller Tech Prep Scholarship, is \$3000.00 total for two years, \$1500 per year, or \$750 per semester. The scholarship is NOT competitive, which means as long as a student meets the criteria, the student is awarded the scholarship. The criteria to be awarded the scholarship is: graduation with at least a 2.5 GPA, and students continue in the same pathway, or enroll in the Associate of Technical Studies program. This is NOT a last dollar scholarship, which means scholarship amount comes right off the top of the tuition, regardless of any other scholarship or financial aid.

Credit Recovery

Students who need to make up required courses have an opportunity to recover the credit during the school day in Student Enrichment using A+ Credit Recovery program. 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.

Community Service Experience

Seniors have a mandatory Community Service Experience Program of 15-hours that they must complete by May 1, 2021 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.

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.

Truancy Interventionist

Brandi Noe will again be at the Career Center on Monday and Tuesdays as a resource to aid students and families in addressing the obstacles that contribute to student absences. Ms. Noe can be reached at 937-372-6941, Ext. 1304, or at bnoe@greenesc.org

Free and Reduced Lunch

Applications must be submitted annually. Go to www.greeneccc.com and click on the Free and Reduced Lunch Application. If at any time throughout the year circumstances change, a family may apply.

Registration for Sinclair College Credit

Junior students whose programs are aligned with Sinclair Community College are encouraged to register with Sinclair. The students have the opportunity to earn college credit while attending Greene County Career Center. Students are reminded that the registration process does not commit students to attend Sinclair after graduation, but the opportunity to possibly earn college credit and a \$3000 non-competitive scholarship to Sinclair.

To Qualify for the Sinclair Scholarship:

- Earn a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.25 junior and senior year.
- Complete the high school career-technical program
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Other financial aid must be used prior to using the Sinclair Tech Prep Scholarship.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible for the full scholarship benefit. Enrollment of 9-11 hours will be awarded a prorated amount. Please note, the Tech Prep scholarship can cover books, but not tuition, for developmental (DEV) classes.
- Maintain good academic standing as defined in the Sinclair Community College catalog "Grades" section (i.e., a GPA of 2.0 or higher).
- Students must register for classes at Sinclair no later than August 15th the year following their high school graduation in order to activate their scholarship.

Communication

Daily announcements are broadcast every morning over the PA system and posted in several other locations. Parents and students should check GCCC's website and their partner school's website on a regular basis for announcements. A reminder to parents and students - when GCCC is in session and partner schools are not, students are expected to be in attendance at the Career Center.

ProgressBook

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 ProgressBook Parent Access account. Parents also receive notification, via recorded messages, from our "One Call" system for school informational updates.

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.

Attendance

Every week for each remote learning academic class, students have two live/recorded meetings they must watch and two sets of assignments they must complete by Sunday at midnight. If they do not complete one of those four tasks, teachers will record and report to the attendance office. Parents of students who are frequently non-participants in their remote learning will be contacted to form an attendance plan. Due to our modified attendance policy, first quarter virtual hours have been revised. Please access Progress Book to review your student's attendance hours.