

GREENE COUNTY CAREER CENTER

Winter Newsletter

January 2019

Dear Parents and Students:

Happy New Year! The 2018-2019 school year is passing by very quickly. The students at Greene County Career Center continue to impress us with their drive and determination to be successful in their chosen career pathway. They are working hard to excel academically as well as to earn industry-recognized credentials. In addition to their studies in the classroom, Greene County Career Center students have already enjoyed numerous enrichment activities such as visiting the GFS Food Show, attending Farm Science Review, going to the Schuster Center, experiencing Construction Days at Butler Tech, going to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Manufacturing Day. These are only a sample of the many opportunities to enhance learning provided to our students. We hope your student has shared some of their field trip or Career Technical Student Organization experiences with you at home. It is our belief that such experiences cultivate a deeper appreciation for learning and engagement. To learn more about student opportunities at GCCC, please visit our website at www.greeneccc.com or follow us on Twitter or find us on Facebook.

Dr. Pamela Downing
Director of Secondary Education

Important Dates

January 17 – Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – No School
February 12 - Progress Reports Sent Home
February 14 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:45-7:30 p.m.
February 18 – Presidents’ Day – No School
March 4 – College & Career Fair @ GCCC, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 8 – End of Third Nine-Weeks
March 14 – Report Cards Mailed
March 25-March 29 - Spring Break, No School
April 1 – Classes Resume
April 8-29 – End of Course Testing
April 30 – National Technical Honor Society Induction
May 11 – Prom at GCCC, 8:00 p.m.
May 20 – Last Day for Seniors
May 21 – Senior Recognition Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
May 23 – Last Day for Juniors

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019, from 3:45-7:30 p.m. You can register at www.ptcfast.com/schools/gccc to schedule your appointments, or call Ashley Ewing at Ext. 213.

Scholarships

Parents and seniors are encouraged to view the list of available scholarships on the GCCC website – www.greeneccc.com click on... High School Programs > Students/Parents > Student Services > College Scholarship Information.

Senior Information

The GCCC Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held at the Ervin J. Nutter Center, Wright State University at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, with unlimited seating (students be there at 6:00 p.m.). The last day of school for seniors is May 20. Senior information packets will be distributed to seniors in April. Seniors who have not ordered a cap & gown and/or graduation announcements may contact Pam Pickle, Ext. 247 for more information. All school fees are to be paid by **April 19, 2019**.

Senior Requirements

Community Service hours must be turned in by May 1, and is part of the requirements to receive a Certificate of Completion. **Senior Capstone Project** includes items completed over Career Awareness Days, and other opportunities. Forms and information can be found under the “Forms” tab on our website.

Career Center Applications for 2019-20

We are accepting applications for incoming juniors and seniors. To access the application, go to our website at www.greeneccc.com click on...”Apply Now - High School Application” tab and follow the instructions. Please contact Janet Baughn, Ext. 269 or jbaughn@greeneccc.com, should you have any questions.

Greene County College and Career Fair

The College and Career Fair will be held at the Career Center on Monday, March 4, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, parking is available behind the school. Local college representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Visitor ScholarChip Manager

Visitors to GCCC are expected to show their driver’s license or state issued ID. The ID will now be swiped to notify the front office staff of any reasons an individual should not be admitted into the building. Visitor ScholarChip Manager provides one more level of security for GCCC staff and students.

The Greene County Career Center District dedicates itself to providing equal admission opportunities, equal educational 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.

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Communication

Student daily announcements are read each morning, and also added to Schoology. This provides many avenues to update students regarding partner school events. 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.

New ACT Testing 2019 Graduate Requirements

Classes graduating 2018 and beyond are required to participate in the ACT College Testing. Ohio Department of Education will pay for the juniors to take the test one time. Juniors that will be taking the ACT at Greene County Career Center with approved accommodations through ACT will be testing between February 20 and March 6. Juniors not receiving approved accommodations through ACT will test on March 12, make-up testing on April 2. Seniors can register for the ACT test on their own and will not be testing with the juniors on the dates above. Visit ACT's website, www.act.org. Seniors enrolled in free or reduced lunch qualify for an ACT Fee Waiver. ACT Fee Waiver forms can be obtained from Margaret Bennett-Swihart in Room 218, GCCC's College Access Guide.

Vacation Request Form Requirements

The Greene County Career Center strongly urges that vacations be scheduled outside of scheduled 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. If a student is unable to obtain the proper documentation the days will be unexcused and the student may face disciplinary consequences. Reminder that students are to follow GCCC calendar, not the district calendar in which you reside.

Student Enrichment

The Enrichment room is open every day to students who need a quiet place to work or who need some additional help from a tutor. The Enrichment room is open after school every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30 p.m. during the school year. Students can also work on Credit Recovery during this time.

Ohio Means Jobs

The Ohio Department of Education has created a website to educate Ohioans about career planning. Parents and students are encouraged to visit www.ohiomeansjobs.com to see all the opportunities (in-demand careers, training, salaries, etc.) associated with the many career pathways.

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.