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The High School of Champions Roars Into Second Quarter

Collinsville High School

“The High School of Champions”

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We are well into the 2016-2017 school year at Collinsville High School and I definitely like what I see at the “High School of Champions!” Our student body has been exceptional to work with thus far. I anticipate that will continue throughout the school year as I am very proud of our student body. While we cannot formally recognize every student, our Character Education program focuses on promoting essential character traits on a daily basis. As a staff, we strive to model those important attributes. Kahok Pride is alive and well at CHS as evidenced by our recent Homecoming Week, as well as various student activities. Your parental support is appreciated as our students prepare for their future. Skyward provides an excellent opportunity to monitor your son or daughter’s progress. Do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions. Furthermore, Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 27-28. I can assure you that our staff is working diligently to provide students with first-rate educational opportunities. This is evidenced by the meaningful conversations our various Professional Learning

Community (PLC) teams have every Wednesday in order to address curriculum. In addition, we have an active Data Team, Curriculum Council, and School Improvement Planning Team. CHS students are afforded opportunities to take Advanced Placement Courses, dual-credit classes, and vocational courses. CHS is proud to provide numerous academic support systems. Math Labs are available during study halls and the CHS Writing Center is open throughout the school day. Formal tutoring sessions are available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for various subjects. A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) program has also been implemented to assist students who encounter academic difficulties. Supports are definitely in place to assist students of all ability levels. Please discuss these educational opportunities with your son or daughter in order to maximize academic performance. In closing, I will mention a few recent Kahok highlights. McKenna Miller serves as State Treasurer of the Illinois Association of Student Councils. Ben Carlson is one of only twelve

students selected for the Student Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Mason Kane and Aidan Latham have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Tori Greenwood is a member of the prestigious St. Louis Youth Symphony Orchestra. Business teacher Vicki Fuhrhop was recently received named an Emmerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipient. Carla Elliff was selected as a 2016 Illinois School Counselor Association – High School Counselor of the Year – Honorable Mention. Barbara Lindauer was honored as the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year. The aforementioned accomplishments are indicative of the exceptional academic programs and opportunities provided by Collinsville High School. Please follow CHS and other District #10 schools on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Collinsville-Community-Unit-School-District-10/114375208911675> or get daily news at www.kahoks.org at the CHS link. GO KAHOKS! Sincerely, David G. Snider, CHS Principal

Important Testing/Registration Dates To Remember

October:
6th, 13th & 20th:

Lab
14th & 21st

19th

22nd

College, Career & Financial Aid Help - Library Computer All Lunch/Study halls
College, Career & Financial Aid Help – Vocational Lab all Lunch/Study Halls
PSAT (test) in the Aux. Gym 8 am -12 pm
ACT National Test at CHS

3rd

10th

10th

17th & 18th

21st & 22nd

College, Career & Financial Aid Help - Library Computer Lab all Lunch/Study Halls
Distribute course registration materials to current 9th and 10th grade students in their English classes
Universidad Ya! During lunch/study for Hispanic students
Registering 9th grade students for 10th grade in the library by their English class
Registering 10th grade students for 11th grade

28th, 29th 30th

December:
1st

6th

12th or 13th

in the library by their English class
Registration make-up for grades 9 & 10

ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery) 8-11:30 am – Athletic Conf. Rm
Distribute course registration materials to current 11th grade students in their English classes
PSAT Score report distribution during study hall – pending receipt of materials

November:

The Importance of Being Involved at CHS

For a long time, student activities have been the subject of a curious chicken-or-egg style debate: Do student activities improve student performance, or do better-performing students participate in student activities? The implications of this debate have left stakeholders scrambling for answers.

Let X = Student Activities, a new program developed by the Alliance for Student Activities in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, proves that the answer to both of these questions is an emphatic yes! A wealth of rigorous, peer-reviewed research indicates that activities are the spark that ignites measurable improvement in student performance. The results are even more pronounced among students with previously low GPA's or discipline concerns.

Studies have shown:

- *Student activities boost academic performance.
- *Student activities reduce dropout risks.
- *Student activities lead to college and career success.
- *Student activities build social and emotional skills.
- *Student activities set students up to make better choices and reduce high risk behaviors.

The studies cited here represent only a fraction of the more than one hundred studies that prove whatever your desired outcome, participation in student activities benefits students of all academic levels and backgrounds.

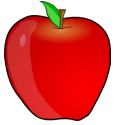
Here at CHS there is something for everyone! Please encourage your child to get involved!

Organization	Sponsor/Sponsor
Anime Club	Mrs. Flannigan and Mrs. Thomas <i>Room 221</i>
Art Club	Mrs. Houshmand <i>Rooms 513/514</i>
Band Program	Mr. Wright <i>Room 502</i>
Baseball	Mr. Trapp <i>Room 101</i>
Basketball (boys)	Mr. Lee <i>Gym</i>
Basketball (girls)	Ms. Billy Lbilly@cusd.kahoks.org
Book Club	Mr. Neuber & Ms. Tracey Schmidt <i>Room 301/Library</i>
Bowling	Mr. Hay <i>Room 125</i>
Cheerleading	Dr. Blackard <i>AVC Office</i>
Chess Club	Mr. Post <i>Room 141</i>
Chorus	Mrs. Cleveland <i>Room 508/519</i>
Christians in Action	Mr. Jiles <i>Room 125</i>
Class of 2020	Ms. Cary and Ms. Cook <i>Room 213A</i>
Class of 2019	Ms. Hartle & Ms. Perry <i>Room 509 / 157</i>
Class of 2018	Mrs. Bosetto and Mr. Nichols <i>Room 309 / 317</i>
Class of 2017	Mr. Glynn & Mrs. Glynn <i>Rooms 312/Counseling Dept.</i>
Cross Country	Mr. Frerker <i>Gym</i>
CPR Club	Mrs. Gresh <i>Room 517</i>
Dance Team	Mrs. Geisen <i>Room 203</i>
Distributive Clubs of America(DECA)	Ms. Ponce <i>Room 226</i>
Drama Club	Mrs. Dodson <i>Room 512</i>
Drum Line	Mr. Stack <i>Room 502</i>
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Mr. Jiles <i>Room 125</i>
Football	Mr. Reinhart <i>Gym</i>
French Club	Mrs. Blair <i>Room 227</i>
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Mrs. Ponce & Mr. Schusky <i>Rooms 226/201</i>
Garden Club	Mrs. Lobb <i>Gym</i>
Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)	Mrs. Kulupka & Mrs. Furlow <i>Rooms 320 & 211A</i>
German Club	Mrs. Capellmann <i>Room 215</i>
German Honor Society	Ms. Capellmann <i>Room 215</i>
Golf (boys)	Mr. Moore <i>Room 109</i>

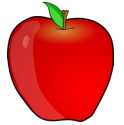
Golf (girls)	Mr. Thomas Email: bthomas@cusd.kahoks.org
Gospel Choir	Mrs. Cleveland <i>Rooms 508/519</i>
Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA)	Ms. Modeer <i>Room 151</i>
Jazz Choir Ensemble	Mrs. Cleveland <i>Rooms 508/519</i>
Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS)	Mr. Withee <i>Room 121</i>
Kahoki Newspaper	Mrs. Westphal <i>Room 318</i>
Kahokian Yearbook	Ms. Geppert & Ms. Fuhrhop <i>Rooms 154/155</i>
Kahoks Against Drugs and Alcohol (KADA)	Mrs. Gresh <i>Room 517</i>
Kahok Ambassadors	Mrs. Elliff & Mr. Kee <i>Counseling Office</i>
Kahoks on the GO!	Mrs. Reed <i>Room 230</i>
Kahok Sound Show Choir	Mrs. Cleveland <i>Rooms 508/519</i>
KAHOKstrong	Mr. Post and Ms. Geisen <i>Rooms 141/203</i>
Key Club	Mrs. McCoy & Ms. Federico <i>Rooms 316/131</i>
Knitting Club	Ms. Capellmann & Ms. Reese <i>Rooms 215/108</i>
Latin Club	Mr. Stark <i>Room 225</i>
Latin Honor Society	Mr. Stark <i>Room 225</i>
Marching Band	Mr. Wright <i>Room 502</i>
Math Club – Mu Alpha Theta	Ms. Tesdall <i>Room 220</i>
Math Team	Mr. Gottschalk <i>Room 314</i>
Model United Nations	Mrs. Lindauer <i>Room 206</i>
Multicultural Kahoks Club	Mrs. Lindauer <i>Room 206</i>
National Arts Honor Society	Ms. Dodson <i>Rooms 512/514</i>
National Honor Society	Mr. Neuber & Ms. Reich <i>Rooms 302/120</i>
National Technical Honor Society	Ms. Geppert <i>Room 154</i>
People Against Littering (PAL)	Mr. Kemp & Ms. Federico <i>Rooms 309/131</i>
Pep Club	Mrs. Cashen-White <i>Room 127</i>
Quill & Scroll	Ms. Westphal, Ms. Geppert & Ms. Fuhrhop <i>Room 318/ 154</i>
Robotics Club	Mrs. Hankins <i>Room 137</i>
Saturday Scholars	Mr. Gordon <i>Room 218</i>
Scholar Bowl Team	Mr. Ashby <i>Room 204</i>
Science Club	Mrs. Szpila <i>Room 128</i>
Science Olympiad	Mrs. Szpila <i>Room 128</i>

Skills USA	Ms. Geppert <i>Room 154</i>
Soccer	Mr. Smith <i>Gym</i>
Softball	Mr. Toberman <i>Main Office</i>
Spanish Club	Mrs. Barr & Mrs. Kettler <i>Rooms 222/223</i>
Spanish Honor Society	Mrs. Barr <i>Room 222</i>
Speech & Debate Team	Ms. Lewis <i>Room 313</i>
Speech & Dramatic Arts Club	Mrs. Dodson <i>Room 512</i>
STEM Club	Mrs. Bednara <i>Room 128</i>
Student Council	Mr. Gordon <i>Room 218</i>
Swimming and Diving	Mrs. Butler margaretmath@hotmail.com
Table Tennis	Mrs. Hankins <i>Room 134</i>
Tennis	Taylor Cox <i>Rooms 513/514</i>
Thespian Society	Mrs. Dodson <i>Room 512</i>
Track & Field (boys)	Mr. Frecker <i>Gym</i>
Track & Field (girls)	Mr. Kee <i>Counseling Dept.</i>
Tri M – Music Honor Society	Mr. Stack <i>Rooms 502</i>
Video Game Club	Mrs. Trapp and Mr. Stark <i>Counseling Dept. and Room 227</i>
Volleyball	Mrs. Plagemann <i>Room 305</i>
Winter Guard	Mr. Perigo <i>Rm. 502</i>
Wrestling	Mr. Blaha <i>Gym</i>
Writing Club	Mrs. Knebel <i>Room 303</i>
Young Americans for Freedom	Mr. Schusky & Mr. Sopiars <i>Room 201 & 200</i>





Join Us For Parent Teacher Conferences!



Research has shown that parental involvement is the most important factor in a student's success in school. For many parents, that involvement begins at parent-teacher conferences. Our parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 27 and 28, 2016. Please join us Thursday from 12:00pm-4:00pm or 5:00pm-8:00pm. Friday's hours are 7:30am-12:30pm.

Both parents and teachers know that regular and honest communication is essential to student suc-

cess. The most important strategy for parent-teacher conferences is to be prepared. The following questions may help you to identify topics to discuss during the conference:

- *What general questions do you have about classroom curriculum, standards, evaluation techniques, or procedures?
- *What specific concerns do you have about your child's academic progress or behavior?
- *What questions or concerns does your child have about school?

*What do you want the teacher to know about your child?

*What help can you offer the teacher?

We at CHS also encourage you to be a Skyward parent. Please log-in and become a user of this program that allows you 24 hour access to your child's grades in all of his or her classes. Please contact Christopher Oatman at 618-346-6350 ext. 4286 or coatman@cusd.kahoks.org if you need assistance accessing your account.

Math Tutoring Available During Study Halls

The Math Department of Collinsville High School has been working to provide all students with the chance to receive extra enrichment and help with their math courses.

If your child is struggling or needs a little extra help with their math, he or she can take advantage of the tutoring sessions available during the school day. Tutoring is offered during all study halls. If your child's study hall is during 3a,

he or she can see Mr. Nowak in room 100. 4a study hall students can see Mr. Glynn in room 312. 4b tutoring is available from Ms. Schmidt in room 103. 5a tutoring is provided by Mr. Liljegren in room 106. Mr. Warnecke tutors during 5b in room 104. Passes can be obtained from any math teacher to be a part of the tutoring program.

Also, tutoring is available every Tuesday and Thursday from

3pm to 4pm in the library.

This is a great resource for students who need extra help in math and our tutors are waiting to help your child any way they can. So please encourage your child to take advantage of this great opportunity!





Trivia Night

**Nov.
12th!**



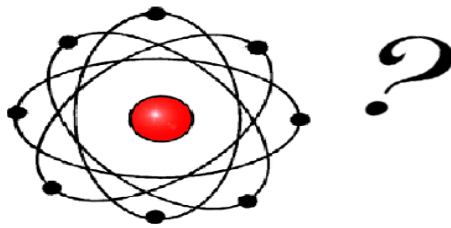
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
CASEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER,
909 S MAIN ST, CASEYVILLE, IL
DOORS OPEN/SILENT AUCTION BEGINS 6:30 PM
TRIVIA BEGINS 7:00 PM



Categories:
Movies
Sports
Global
Science
Literature
Identify
History
Pop Culture
Potpourri
Music

**Cash Prizes!!!
1st, 2nd and 3rd**

All proceeds go to support the CHS STEM Club. This will help pay entry fees and purchase supplies for competitions.



**\$100 PER TABLE,
MULLIGANS, 50/50 RAFFLE, HEADS/TAILS, LOTTERY TREE
CASH BAR (BEER AND SODA)
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS.**

For more information or to reserve a table, contact Tom Withee at twithee@kahoks.org.

Spanish Study Hall Help Is Now Available!

The Foreign Language Department has begun a new tutoring program during study halls at CHS. The Spanish teachers at CHS will now offer tutoring to any student that needs assistance with their Spanish course work or help for English Language Learners enrolled at CHS.

Students in a 3a study hall may see Mrs. Harres in room 229. Students in 4a or 4b study halls may see Mrs. Kettler in room 223. Students that have a 5a or 5b study hall can see Ms. Barr in room 222 for assistance. Students do not need a pass from a Spanish teacher to take advantage of this service. Any study hall teacher may

issue a pass to a student to see the tutors. All your child needs to do is ask!

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Cara Kettler at ckettler@cusd.kahoks.org.



December 1-3

7pm

@ CHS
Auditorium

A Dickens
Christmas
Carol

By: Gary Peterson

Presented by the Drama Club and Thespian Troupe 643
featuring The CHS Treble, Mixed and Concert Choirs



Dear Parent,

I want to introduce you to a new advocate at Collinsville High School called SkoolLive. With more than 294,000 middle and high school students in the nationwide network, SkoolLive is an innovative direct digital kiosk system that enhances school-to-student and parent-to-student communication on campus. The kiosks are an interactive noticeboard with high definition capabilities that enables us to communicate with students in a revolutionary way at ZERO COST to the school, the district or parents. This technology is allowing us to be on the forefront of emerging digital communication that builds a positive campus environment, and we are fortunate to have them as a partner.

SkoolLive is rolling out a number of new initiatives that we would like to offer to the community to help engage and perpetuate a positive school environment for all our students:

***Student Shoutouts:** Parents, family and friends now have the opportunity to send personalized messages to students on campus (happy birthday, congratulations, etc.). Available in 5-day messages (\$30) or a bundle of three 5-day messages (\$75), you now can take advantage of this exciting new campus noticeboard and make this year one to remember.

***Recognized Skool Supporter:** for those wanting to contribute to the ongoing fundraising on-campus or those who have a local family business, SkoolLive now offers supporter packages that highlight your commitment across our campuses 7 kiosk network. With \$350 and \$500 pledges available, every Supporter pledge comes with a personalized 'thankyou' banner, that can be substituted for a local family business banner on the SkoolLive kiosks for the school year, along with a Student Shoutout pack and Recognized Skool Supporter Sticker.

***SkoolLOOT:** students, parents and faculty can enter for the chance to win one-of-a-kind prizes for themselves along with a chance to win prize money for your school. For the launch of SkoolLOOT, SkoolLive is giving YOU the chance to win a \$5,000 home technology package along with \$5,000 in prize money for our school in the December Sweepstakes. The more entries we can generate, the higher likelihood our school will walk away with \$5,000, so please visit SkoolLive.com to enter!

As you will see, SkoolLive comes with great opportunities for CHS and we are excited to be building our campus environment and ongoing partnership with this emerging solution to student communication. This is a great partnership for our school with a company that is looking to generate growth for our students, and we hope you will make the most of this new noticeboard to generate excitement with our student body.

RESOURCES

Please bookmark the following websites and contacts!

Website: www.skoollive.com

Shoutouts/Supporter packages: <http://www.cornerstore.skoollive.com/>

SkoolLOOT: <http://www.skoollive.com/skoolloot>

For additional questions, please contact a SkoolLive staff member today: partner@skoollive.com or 858-435-7700. Thank you for your support!

PARENT FACT SHEET

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WHO WE ARE

SkoolLive is an on-campus digital-kiosk-network that improves school-to-student communication and allows parents and teachers to interact with students through a secure and revolutionary interactive technology.

DAILY COMMUNICATION

Every campus in the SkoolLive network can deliver up-to-date digital notices to students daily utilizing the full extent of the digital environment. Schools can now upload notices to multiple kiosk locations, broadcast video news, launch interactive campaigns and engage with the digital native campus audience in a way they understand.



CONNECT WITH YOUR STUDENT

Family and friends now have the opportunity to send 5-day digital Shoutouts to students via the on-campus kiosks (i.e. happy birthday, good luck message, congratulations on an achievement, etc.). Available in single or bundle options through www.cornerstore.skoollive.com, SkoolLive's kiosk opens up a new layer of parent involvement that motivates and encourages children through on-campus parent-sponsored communication.

GREEN & INNOVATIVE

The kiosks are designed to communicate campus notices to students in a way that appeals to a generation bred almost exclusively in the digital landscape. In addition to streamlined communication, SkoolLive offers schools a number of benefits, including:

- Saving schools and districts money by eliminating paper consumption for flyers
- Future proofing campuses with advanced technology
- Saving staff time and resources by increasing teaching time and providing centralized messaging for students



PRODUCT SPECS

The kiosk, a secure wall device that measures 7' x 3', streamlines school announcements and messages, as well as provides supporting opportunities for local, regional and national organizations that want to contribute to local schools. Located in high traffic areas around the campus, the center screen of the kiosk highlights school announcements formerly posted on pin-up noticeboards or posters throughout the school - sports tryouts, minimum days, school activities, etc. - while the top and bottom of the screen allow banner placement from supporting partners. By providing this added exposure for school supporters, SkoolLive is able to generate the needed income for those schools inside this emerging network.



PARENT FACT SHEET

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RESPONSIBLE MARKETING

SkoolLive has very stringent methods of checks and balances to ensure transparency and responsible marketing tactics. The SkoolLive network is 100 percent SOPIPA (Student Online Personal Information Protection Act) compliant, and requires all its partners to be as well. It is SkoolLive’s top priority and corporate mission to give back to schools while adhering to the strict advertising policies within each school district. Marketing has been in schools in the form of ‘sponsorships’ for decades, and for the first time ever, SkoolLive has honed the content to be more visually appealing and interactive while also ensuring the school has exclusive control over how the information is disseminated. No content is pushed to the kiosk without prior review and approval of administrators in the network.



FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO THE SCHOOL

SkoolLive contributes to existing fundraising efforts on all campuses by providing various awareness opportunities through digital exposure for local and national partners sharing revenue with each school. The SkoolLive kiosks and localized campus network is FREE to install and comes at ZERO COST to the school through a revenue-sharing program.

SKOOLLIVE PARTNERS & AMBASSADOR NETWORKS

SkoolLive exists to advocate for local schools throughout its network, shifting the financial burden from faculty to generate much needed funding that keeps student programs alive. Providing added opportunity to pre-existing localized sponsorships that generate supporter exposure with students, parents and faculty, this on-campus technology manages existing relationships and develops new relationships between schools and local businesses who wish to support their local community. For decades, schools have been required to find financial partners that support student programs. SkoolLive continues to lift the financial burden from faculty, contributing to fundraising on campus and increasing teachers time to actually teach while giving schools final say for content and partnerships that utilize the kiosk.



Ben Carlson receives nomination to serve on The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis' Student Board of Directors



Senior, Ben Carlson, will represent Collinsville High School this school year as a member of The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis' Student Board of Directors. The program, which is in its fifth year, offers high school seniors a dynamic way to learn about our nation's central bank. Participants gain a thorough understanding of the Federal Reserve's role in the U.S. economy and experience its unusual partnership with banks, businesses and the community. St. Louis-area students are selected based on the quality of their essay and letters of recommendation. While serving on the board, students serve as liaisons between St. Louis area high schools and the Federal Reserve. Members of the student board meet every month September through May at the St. Louis Federal Reserve in downtown St. Louis. At the monthly meetings, students discuss issues related to economics and personal finance, participate in discussions with Bank leaders on topics ranging from professional development to career planning and progression; and, prepare a presentation about the Federal Reserve to be delivered to peers at their respective high school. After successful completion of the year long program, Ben will have an opportunity to apply for summer internships. In addition to Ben, Collinsville High School has been fortunate to have three other students serve on the board in the past five years. Previous Collinsville High School alumni who have served on the student board include: Brian Hoyt, 2012-2013; Sam Caputo, 2014-2015; and Ben Frey, 2015-2016.



Athletic Department Update



*The Fall Sports Award night will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 7 pm in Fletcher Gymnasium on campus of Collinsville High School. All parents, athletes, and fans are welcome to attend.

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*Basketball Season Ticket Applications are now being taken for the upcoming season. We will have eight regular season home games and four sessions in the Prairie Farms Holiday Classic Tournament in this year's season package. Please contact the Collinsville High School Athletic Department at 618-346-6320 ext. 1122 for information.

*Winter sport practices will begin on Monday, October 24, 2016 for Boys Bowling, Monday, October 31, 2016 for Girls Basketball, and Monday, November 7, 2016 for Boys Basketball, Girls Bowling and Wrestling. The athletic form needs to be completed on each student's skyward account as well as a valid physical on file to be able to participate in the tryout.

*Just a reminder of the IHSA Academic standards that have been passed and applied to all high schools in the state of Illinois. All student-athletes must be passing at least 5 courses each week to be eligible to participate in athletics here at CHS. Also when the spring semester starts all student-athletes must have passed at least 5 courses from the previous semester to be eligible to participate in the spring.

Parents and Fans are encouraged to check out: <http://il.8to18.com/Collinsville/>

This has the entire athletic calendar for all Kahok sports teams along with announcements and pictures.

*Congrats to all of our Fall Athletics as we have had numerous teams and athletes excel this past fall as they have continued to prove that Collinsville High School is truly the "High School of Champions".



Nov 4th at VFW

Starts at 7:00pm

(Doors open at 6pm)

6 bingo cards for 10 games,

Glow Hat & Glow Dabber

Cost: \$160

\$20 per person

8 People Per Table

Checks made out to CHS

Silent Auction & 50/50 Tickets

VOCATIONAL UPDATE

COLLINSVILLE AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER

Where are they now?

Many people believe vocational classes are only for students not going to college. While every person here at CAVC would disagree with that statement, we felt it might be helpful if we asked some of our former students what they thought. Below are some of their responses:

When asked about the courses he took at CAVC, Alex Bilskey responded by stating his classes in Electronics helped him be successful in the field by providing him with a strong background in electronic circuits. He has used that background to further his career at SIUE where he studies Electrical Engineering. Fortunately, his knowledge and experience has also allowed him to intern at JF Electric while attending college. His advice to current and future students is that CAVC can provide a lot of future opportunities if you apply yourself.

Similarly, former student Mark Finch also took Electronics. He utilized that knowledge and experience to obtain a position as a maintenance mechanic at Anheuser Busch. He credits his CAVC course for getting him ready to take Electronics at Ranken. His advice is to pay attention and take in all the information you receive.

Charlie Barger was a CAVC student who took introductory courses such as Intro to Welding and Intro to Metals at CHS before taking Precision Machining at CAVC. After high school graduation, Charlie went on to attend Southwestern Illinois College for an Associate's Degree in Precision Machine Technology. He is currently employed as a Machinist at Laciny Brothers Inc. His advice to a current/future CAVC student would be "work hard, what you put into these classes is what you're going get out of it. These instructors are extremely knowledgeable in the trades they are teaching so listen and absorb all that you can." He went on to say, CAVC helped him become a better machinist. It also gave him a great foundation that set him up for success and pushed his drive farther to learn all that he could from day 1.



Other programs also received response from former students. John Tottleben, class of 1985 is now owner of TCS, Tottleben Construction Services Inc. As owner, he also serves as general contractor. While in Building Trades, Johnny gained general knowledge of several different trades that encompass building a house. He took that knowledge and furthered his education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he earned his degree. When asked what advice he would give others, he said he would encourage them to take pride in their craft.

One Early Childhood Education student, Leslie Hardin indicated the class she took at CAVC was extremely helpful to her current and future endeavors. As she pursues her degree in Early Childhood at SIUE, having that experience under her belt allows her to at least get her foot in the door when applying to different Centers. Even when participating in volunteer work that involves interacting with children, Leslie indicated CAVC has very well prepared her for such occasions. The connections she gained are very good to have as well. Keeping in touch with teachers helped a ton. She reminds students, "You never know who knows who. Being able to go back to that support system, even if it's just for advice, is the greatest help anyone can offer." Her advice is as follows: "Classes at CAVC really give students that hands on experience that you cannot acquire from just sitting in a classroom. The training allows you to gain first-hand knowledge and experience in your particular of study, in my case Early Childhood. I got to see everything I learned in the classroom setting come to life, and it gave me the opportunity to practice the things that were taught. Overall it was a great experience. Meeting parents, bonding with students, and making a positive impact on a child's life is most rewarding. Students should look forward to fun experience, and keep a positive mindset about it."

These examples are just a few of the hundreds of students that have benefitted from taking courses at CAVC. Each student may have taken a different path to their future, but regardless of whether it was employment directly after high school, a trade school or a four year university, each credits their time and experience at the Collinsville Area Vocational Center as being influential to their future.



CAVC Web and Graphic Design Students Design Logo

This fall, the students in the Web and Graphic Design class at CAVC had a class competition to design. The challenge was to design a logo for the 2016 Maryville Turkey trot benefitting the CHS Cross Country team. The winner's design will be featured on the t-shirts, flyers and possibly the medals given to division winners at the November 12th event in Drost Park. This year's logo design winner was senior Jadon Marlin. Congratulations to Jadon for his artistic and computer technology talents!



CAVC EXPANDS BY ADDING A 3-YEAR OLD CLASS

This fall CAVC opened another branch of their successful preschool program. For years, parents have been able to bring their four year old children to CAVC for a half-day preschool at a very minimal cost. While 2nd year Early Childhood Education students had the opportunity to go to local elementary schools for additional experience with older children, there were not any opportunities to work with younger children. As of this year, that is no longer the case. By providing opportunities for both three year old and four year old children, the high school students at CAVC benefit as well. Ms. Perry, Early Childhood Education Teacher, indicated she is thrilled with how the new class is shaping up. "By providing the opportunity for our high school students to work with both three year olds and four year olds we are better able to help them understand the different developmental milestones associated with each age group. It's totally different to talk about something in class verses seeing it first hand in a preschool setting. We truly believe this experience will better prepare the CAVC students for whatever career path they choose to follow." Not only does this opportunity benefit high school students, it also benefits many of the families that bring their young children to CAVC for preschool. Now, many of those families are able to bring multiple children where previously they could only bring one. These experiences not only provide instruction on foundational learning concepts but will also help prepare the children to transition to Kindergarten when the time comes.



Clinical Health

Occupations

Students

First Day at

Rosewood

Care Facility



Annual Blood Drive

Great Success!

On September 27, Kahoks united to give the gift of life by donating blood at the Clinical Health Occupations sponsored Annual Blood Drive. This year 244 Collinsville students and staff signed up to donate blood. While not every person who signed up was able to complete the donation process, more than 175 units of blood were collected. These units have the potential to save countless lives.

Giving = Living