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Message from the Principal

MARCH 2022

Hello CTC Parents, Students and Staff:

An integral part of the CTC experience is participation in the SkillsUSA student organization and skills contests. Our school would like to congratulate all CTC students who recently competed in the regional competitions held in Washington County last month. Our students competed in twenty-four (24) separate competitions against their peers from western Maryland; showcasing the skills they've attained in their respective technical programs. Students placing first, second and third in the Regional competitions are eligible to compete at the next level; the SkillsUSA State (MD) competition in April. CTC will be sending 103 students to compete!

We've been very busy over the last few months. CTC presented at each academic planning night for all ten FCPS high schools this winter; providing important career and program information to students and parents. In addition, our faculty and Student Services department have been very involved in the recruiting, shadowing and application process for new students and registering second year students for next school year. Thank you to all involved.

Finally, as we hopefully come to the end of the winter season, I want to express my gratitude to our staff for consistently putting students' interest first in their decision-making process. Our teachers are continually working to improve instruction for students at CTC; they are to be commended for a job well done, and we look forward to continuing the long tradition of making career preparation and positive student achievement our committed priority.

Sincerely

Michael Corcepcion - Principal

Guidance News...









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• Mens Cut \$20

Did you know that February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) I in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year and about 10% of students nationwide, report being physically hurt by an intimate partner in the past 12 months. Unhealthy relationships can start early and the pattern typically lasts a lifetime. Intimate partner violence, also called domestic violence, is when one romantic partner tries to use power and control over the other partner. Most people have used an unhealthy behavior at some point in their relationship, but when it becomes a pattern and one partner is afraid of the other, it is considered intimate partner violence (House of Ruth - Understanding Intimate Partner Violence).

Adolescents who are victims of intimate partner violence typically do poorly in school, engage in high risk behaviors such as alcohol and drug use, suffer from depression and may even attempt suicide.

SOME EARLY WARNING SIGNS FOR DATING VIOLENCE INCLUDE:

- Excessive jealousy
- Constant checking in
- Isolation
- Insults & put-downs
- Controlling
- Does not take responsibility for behavior
- Explosive temper
- Pressure to engage in activities that aren't comfortable

To help prevent dating violence it is important that young people learn at an early age the skills necessary to form positive relationships with others and to develop appropriate coping skills. It is important to promote healthy relationships to prevent patterns of dating violence that can last into adulthood.

CHECK THE LINKS BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

- Because I Love You: https://youtu.be/4|YyHa03x-U
- House of Ruth Maryland's 24-Hour Hotline: 410-889-7884
- Maryland 211: https://211md.org/
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- One Love Educates young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships: www.joinonelove.org/act/because-i-love-you/
- Understanding Intimate Partner Violence A Guide for Friends and Family: https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:97c922d7-a1c7-3aab-ac3f-383f2fee56a2



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The 411...

2022-2023 Community Foundation Scholarship Application Information

Since 1986, the Community Foundation has been the leading source for post-secondary scholarship funding in Frederick County. Our program supports nearly every area of study imaginable, with scholarships funded by generous donors who believe in the value of education. Some donors want to support students aspiring to careers similar to theirs; other donors want to give back to the community that has generously given to them. Others wish to honor the legacies of their loved ones, both living and deceased.

The online scholarship application will open on March 1, 2022. By completing one general application, students may qualify for more than 250 scholarships. Students about to complete their senior year of high school, students already enrolled in a trade school, college or university, and nontraditional students over the age of 21 are eligible to apply. You can also refer to the Frequently Asked Questions prior to applying for scholarships.



NOTE: Be sure to have completed the FAFSA form if you plan to apply for need-based scholarships.

Frederick County residents studying to enter trade and technical fields may apply to receive scholarships that help pay for training at an accredited trade or technical school, certification exams, tools, and other necessary supplies for study and work in the trade. Students may apply at any time and will be notified of the status within 45 days of the application. Scholarships will be paid directly to a school or vendor, and may not be used for reimbursement of tuition payments or purchases of exams, tools, or supplies. Each scholarship will remain open until funds are depleted.

www.frederickcountygives.org/ Application Link: Grants-Scholarships/Scholarships

Open March 1st, 2022 - March 31st, 2022

ATTENTION CURRENT CTC SENIORS

Multiple scholarship opportunities are available!

The 2021-2022 CTC Scholarship online application is now available! Scholarships are open to all CTC SENIORS who have previously completed their CTC program OR are currently attending CTC.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Along with your online application, you will need 2 letters of recommendation: I letter from your CTC program instructor and I letter from a home high school teacher, counselor, or coach. Contact your teachers ASAP to request these letters!

Both letters should be emailed by the deadline March 30th at 2:00 p.m. to Mrs. Keeney-Fisher aimee.fisher@fcps.org . You can also drop them off to the CTC guidance office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Click here for the scholarship application: https://eduforms.fcps.org/view.php?id=57447 or go to www.careertech.net



Important Dates in March

Friday, March 25th - end of Term 3 Monday, March 28th - schools closed for students, teacher work-day



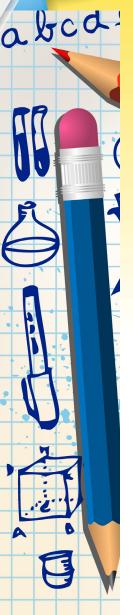


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Reminder: Rotary Club Scholarship

Multiple scholarships up to \$2,500 to high school seniors going to a 4-yr university, 2-yr college or trade school!

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Scholarship Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2022 This year the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek will award multiple scholarships to:

- I. Students attending a trade or technical school
- 2. Students attending a community college pursuing an Associate Degree or other certification
- 3. Students attending a four-year college pursuing a Bachelor's Degree

To be eligible for a Rotary scholarship, a student must:

- 1. Currently live in Frederick County, Maryland
- 2. Graduating high school in 2022
- Be accepted to an accredited U.S. college, university, or technical school for 2022-2023 academic year at the time the scholarship funds are provided
- 4. Be able to attend a virtual or in-person interview (TBD) on Saturday, April 9th
- 5. Be able to participate in the scholarship award presentation on Wednesday, June 8, at 7:30 am
- 6. Not have an immediate family member who is a Rotarian

To be considered, an applicant must submit the following:

- I. A complete application
- 2. An unofficial copy of your high school transcript, including any completed college courses
- B. Response to three short essay questions:
 - In 200 words or less, please provide a summary of your academic achievements and include your education and personal goals for post-high school
 - b. In 200 words or less, specify a requested scholarship amount, <u>up</u> to \$2,500, and how you would use those funds and how it would impact your studies.
 - Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." In 200 words or less, tell us how you feel you embody "service above self" in your life and your community.

Face Coverings No Longer Required

Beginning on February 25, 2022, the Frederick County Board of Education has determined that wearing a facial covering will no longer be required because more than 80% of the people in the county ages five and older have been vaccinated. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lifted the requirement that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs.

Facial coverings will continue to be welcomed and encouraged in all FCPS schools. An important factor as we transition to individual choice to wear a facial covering is the need for all students to respect the choice of others in whether or not to wear a facial covering. Respecting the personal choice of other students means that students should not make unwarranted comments intended to shame or pressure others to not follow their own personal choices. As FCPS moves into this new stage of pandemic recovery, school staff will be vigilant in ensuring that students feel safe and comfortable regardless of their choice in whether or not to wear a facial covering. Students will face disciplinary consequences for failing to respect the personal choice of other students.

Thank you for following the mask mandate this year at school and for your flexibility and respect as we transition to personal choice for a facial covering.





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CTC News



We Teach What We Love At CTC



At CTC our instructors are top notch. Our program instructors started out in careers related to the programs they teach. At some point in their careers, they decided to give back to their community by becoming teachers and sharing the knowledge and

love of their programs. As teachers they continuously learn the best ways to teach their program's content. In today's technology driven world, CTC teachers incorporate blended learning and hands-on project-based learning daily in their classrooms.

Blended learning is a mix of technology, tools, and resources that personalize learning by giving students choices over their pace, pathway, place, and learning time. Students are empowered to often choose projects and how they want to learn. Many teachers create a playlist incorporating a media tutorial, handson practice, and an oral and written component. Classrooms are student-centered and are focused on student learning and comprehension. Oftentimes, students work at their own pace

and outside of the classroom. The skills students learn are often extended into internships and jobs related to their program's content. Instructors monitor student progress using technology and reinforce skills in a blended way by giving personalized constructive



feedback and guidance to each and every student.

Project based learning involves a dynamic and active classroom environment where students explore real life projects and problems. Instructors facilitate projects and tasks with authentic materials and tools. Whether it is a stethoscope, hammer, or carburetor, our students learn by doing bona fide tasks and earn industry certifications and skills they will have for a lifetime.

CTC students are in great hands. We genuinely care, we teach, and we love what we do!

CTC School Store

Hello CTC! My name is Mrs. Keller. I am the smiling face you see in the CTC school store when you come through the front doors. The store offers refreshments and clothing and is also the place to exchange your CTC bucks for a chance to win a gift card. The next drawing will be near the end of the school year. We are now able to customize t-shirts with your school colors and/or program name. Stop by, say hi, and check out our new and improved school store! I look forward to seeing you!



March Is National Nutrition Month

Check out our updated nutrition bulletin board in the CTC front hallway for nutritious green fruit and vegetable ideas you can munch on for a healthier March. Try the green smoothie recipe below for a refreshing healthy boost.



Green Smoothie Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cup milk of your choice
- 2 cups spinach
- 1 frozen banana
- 1 apple
- 1/4 avocado

Instructions

Add all ingredients to blender and blend until creamy

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Medical Assisting Students Practice EKG's and Sutures

Medical assistants are required to perform a variety of duties depending on the medical facility and the medical specialty. They assist the healthcare practitioner with tasks or they will perform general tasks independently. Medical assistants who work in a cardiology practice are often required to perform EKG's on patients. Medical assistants who work in a general practitioner's office may assist with or remove sutures (stitches). Our students learn and practice both of these tasks in the classroom so they will be prepared to apply their skills in real life.

CTC Landscape Students visit University of Maryland Institute of Applied Ag

Landscape students visited with current students, lecturers, and professors to get a feel for life as a student in the IAA. Students toured the research greenhouses, walked through the Xfinity Center, Animal Sciences Building, Ag Shop, Dining Hall, Rec Center and finished with lunch at Jull Hall. After lunch, we headed to the Plant Sciences Building were students met with current students in the Landscape Architecture department and were able to visit with both Sophomore and Senior students.



Students are pictured with Testudo outside the Xfinity Center





Culinary arts students made delicious danish and croissant pastries from scratch. They kept several for themselves and the rest were sold to staff members. The staff loved them!

CTC FFA partners with Alumni Affiliate

The CTC FFA Chapter partnered with the CTC FFA Alumni to construct an additional greenhouse space on the campus. Funding for the project was secured through a National FFA Alumni Legacy Grant (sponsored by Tractor Supply). This additional greenhouse will be used specifically for students Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). SAEs that will grow in that space this spring include:

- An expanded perennial selection grown by Stella and Micayla;
- Growing All-American Selection plants to be used in a campus beautification project; and
- Growing cut flowers to be transplanted into the cutting garden.

Landscape students with help from students in the carpentry program, constructed the greenhouse and leveled and moved nine tons of stone. While it does not look like much yet, we will add the covering in early March in hopes of avoiding any significant late season snow and then it will begin to be filled with student SAEs.



Students pictured just finished moving nine tons of stone into the new greenhouse area

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Physical Rehabilitation Students Get Certified in CPR and First Aid

Before physical rehabilitation students can participate in their internships they are required to get CPR and First Aid certified. It is important they are prepared to act if there are in an emergency situation that occurs while they are on site in their allied health internships. It is a certification that is required in many healthcare careers. It is their professional duty to maintain certification as they pursue their future career of choice.

It is also an important goal of the American Heart Association (AHA) to provide training to as many people as possible to saturate the public with trained and qualified individuals to act and provide quality care during emergencies.

In addition to the physical rehabilitation program, several other CTC programs also require students to become CPR and First Aid certified.





Student Spotlight

Mr. Bromhal, CTC agricultural and commercial welding instructor, and Mrs. Wishka, CTC instructional assistant, would like to recognize **Dalena Bryant** for the great job she did welding brackets for a gate for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dalena Bryant, a senior from Urbana High School, attends

Career Technology Center as a third-year student. Dalena is in Mr. Bromhal's morning welding class and was also a student in Mrs. Herndon's agribusiness and entrepreneurship program in the fall. Dalena is a hardworking student who demonstrates a natural affinity for the welding field. While Dalena is a quiet and humble student at school, at home she plays a major role in managing care of the livestock on her family's farm. Thank you Dalena! We are proud of you!



Students Learning to Be Teachers

CTC Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) students learn firsthand what it takes to become a teacher. The young professionals in the TAM program would agree that teaching and learning the profession of teaching is no easy feat. The TAM program provides students with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and foundation necessary to become successful in the world of education. In the TAM program students learn about the history of teaching, the teaching profession, human growth and development, curriculum and instruction, and complete a teaching internship within FCPS. Some of the most critical skills learned and used in the TAM program are reading, writing, speaking, communication, critical thinking, analyzing, planning, creativity, organization, classroom and time management. Students are also required to create and maintain a portfolio of their greatest work and accomplishments. At the end of their internship, students interview with a panel of education professionals with various types and levels of experience. During their interview, students get the opportunity to showcase their portfolio and highlight their proudest achievements. They also take the ParaPro Assessment test which measures their knowledge in reading, writing, and math. CTC offers many resources to help students prepare for this test. The hard work students put into this program is definitely worth it. The knowledge, skills, and connections they acquire from this program are priceless.

Visit the TAM link on the CTC website to learn more: https://education.fcps.org/ctc/tam











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Students of the Month

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Ashley Alt – Cisco Networking Academy
Scott Boyer – Automotive Service Technology
Bryan Eligio Alvarez – Electricity
Camryn Senuta – Academy of Health Professions

PM

Ava Hainline – Criminal Justice & Homeland Security
Nicholas Livengood – Transition Skills
Neydy Membreno Paz – Web Technology & Integrated Media
Yasmin Santos Lopez – Academy of Health Professions

JANUARY

AM

Grace Williams – Physical Rehabilitation
Cody Romsburg – Welding Agricultural & Commercial Metals
Adrian Febus – Landscape Design & Management
Kira Sigler – Academy of Health Professions & Medical Assistant

PM

Sharon Rose Akindele – Collision Repair/Auto Body Jamie Martinez – Digital Design & Printing Methods Isleina Ramos Mena – Culinary Arts Justin Maher – TV/Multimedia Production

FEBRUARY

AM

Grace Parks – Academy of Health Professions
Calvin Bowman – Digital Design & Printing Methods
Carmen Wilhelm – Cosmetology II
Julia Madrid – Teacher Academy of Maryland

PM

Tomas "TC" Cadena – Automotive Service Technology Gabriella Nelson – Academy of Health Professions Zackery Long – Welding Agricultural & Commercial Metals Stephanie Perlroth – Cosmetology II





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Congratulations!



Frederick County Academic Tournament Winners





Congratulations to CTC students: Zoe Razunguzwa (Biomedical Science); Nate Swyers (TV/Multimedia Production); and Matthew Porter (Teacher Academy). Their Brunswick High School academic team won the annual Frederick County Academic Tournament. Way to go! We are proud of you!

SkillsUSA Regional Competition

Career & Technology Center students recently participated in the 2021-2022 SkillsUSA Regional Competition. Students competed

in 13 contests and placed in the top 3 in 10 contests - 77% of contests entered. Regional winners are eligible to compete at the SkillsUSA State Competition in the Baltimore area at the



beginning of April. Please congratulate the following students on showcasing their technical skills and representing the CTC with such high honor!

Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair

1st Place – Jeremiah Manahan

3rd Place - Kyle Malone

Automotive Service Technology

2nd Place - Damon Catlin

3rd Place - Ethan Mentzer

Commercial Baking

1st Place - Micayla Brown

2nd Place - Natalia Alvarado

Cosmetology

2nd Place - Brooke Fletcher

3rd Place - Brandy Benitez

Criminal Justice

3rd Place - Hannah Miller

Electrical Construction Wiring

2nd Place – Matthew Wabik

3rd Place - Juan Pablo Ramirez

First Aid/CPR

1st - Alexandra Kerney

Nail Care

2nd Place - Simone Bryant

Nursing Assistant

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2nd Place - Samuel Harriger





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Shout Outs!!!





Shout Out to CTC Bus Drivers!!!

CTC would like to give a shout out and much deserved THANK YOU to our bus drivers!!! Our bus drivers are a vital part of CTC. They safely transport our students to and from the home schools and CTC. They also take our students and teachers to other destinations such as the house project, nursing homes, and field trips.



Welcome CTC's New Instructional Assistant!!!

DOREEN WILLIAMS – SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

I was born and raised outside of Pittsburgh, PA. I graduated from McKeesport Area Senior High and shortly after earned my radiology degree. In 1988, we moved to Virginia for I4 years where I worked as a bank teller and customer service representative. In 2001, we moved to Thurmont, MD where I currently reside. I worked for FCPS for 3 I/2 years, then left because we started our own stucco materials business until the housing market crashed. After that, I returned to FCPS and have been here for the last I4 years. During that time, I earned my paraprofessional degree.

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 41 years. I have 3 wonderful children. A 30-year-old daughter who is a teacher, a 29-year-old daughter in the army, and a 25-year-old son who is part owner of a food truck.

I love spending time with my family and helping others. My favorite thing is working with kids! Maybe in my next life, I will be a teacher. I have been active in our church, a girl scout leader, volunteered at my kid's schools and helped with the girls show choir events, trips, and fundraisers.

I have been truly blessed to have become a member of the CTC family. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming! I look forward to many years to come, learning and growing.

Congratulations Mr. Thuman

The Career and Technology Center (CTC) nominee for Teacher of the Year is Mr. Jim Thuman. Mr. Thuman is currently the Carpentry 2 teacher. He started his teaching career at CTC in 2016 and has been with FCPS since 2003. Jim is also an ALP chair, School Improvement Process (SIP) team member, and House Project Coordinator for our school. Mr. Thuman has been instrumental in overseeing the building of two student-built house projects.

Staff members have grown to rely on Mr. Thuman for his insight in helping them make



data-driven decisions in their classrooms. As our House Project Coordinator, Jim has worked with many students and with our non-profit House Project Foundation, various teachers, construction vendors, and real estate professionals to design and build student house projects.

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