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Important Dates

CTE Month – February

2/19 – WorkKeys Testing Window Closes

3/4 – End of Grading Period 4



Did You Know?

...that of the 15 fastest growing jobs between 2014 and 2024, 9 of them are in health care and/or related health care fields? See the data at www.bls.gov/news.release/

...by 2018, there will be 1.4 million jobs available in the Computer Science field? Research organizations project that only 29% of US workers will be qualified to fill these jobs in 2018 (source: Fall 2015 CTE Directors' Conference, NCDPI)

...That RCS is expanding our partnership with RCC to include more health science options for RCS students? And, that DPI is planning to restructure the BFIT career cluster to better train students for high demand, high paying information technology careers?



Rockingham County Schools

CTE News

Celebrate CTE Month!

“Opportunities for Career Success”



What is Work-Based Learning?

Work-based learning experiences can help a student choose a career, network with potential employers, select a course of study, and develop job skills directly relevant to future employment. Students can enhance their academic and personal development, and their professional preparation. Teachers can encourage students to participate in WBL opportunities to help them:

- apply practical theories from classroom work
- clarify academic and career interests
- develop job-search skills
- develop human relations skills through interaction with coworkers
- develop résumés and cover letters
- earn academic credit
- gain contacts for employment after graduation
- gain exposure to specialized facilities not available on campus
- identify career assistance programs
- pay for your education

Types of Work-Based Learning Experiences Available to RCS students:

Apprenticeships
Co-operative Education
Job Shadowing

Clinicals
Internships
Service Learning

Students should see their CDC, classroom teachers, and Guidance Counselor for help selecting the right WBL for them.

(Source: <http://www.washington.edu/doi/its-your-career-work-based-learning-opportunities-college-students-disabilities>)



From your IMC...

Testing Updates

The new secure NCTest process seemed to work well for Fall 2015 CTE post assessments! Here are some statistics:

- Tuesday, 1/12, over 77,000 students tested online (CTE and Accountability testing) while nearly 25,000 tested paper/pencil.
- Online testing had a 24-hour (possibly a little longer) turn-around in receiving grade results; paper/pencil had a 3-days turn-around.
- No major outages were reported during online testing.

In RCS we still face issues with students not having a computer on which to test as well as the lengthy log in process that is a concern. As we move forward during the semester, we will explore the possibility of online testing for June. Your building level coordinators and I will investigate what other districts are doing to deal with similar obstacles. It may mean that we have a combination of some paper/pencil testing with the majority of your students able to test online. It will take a concerted effort with all of us pulling together to work out the logistics. I have my fingers crossed that we can test online!

Choices

Academics

Research

Education

Experience, and

Relevant

Skills



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February Birthdays

Ann Everhart, 2/16

Kathy Eanes, 2/27

Ann Chaney, 2/1

March Birthdays

Irene Courts, 3/2

Laura Mignone, 3/7

Jennifer Flynt, 3/10

Rhonda Holland, 3/21