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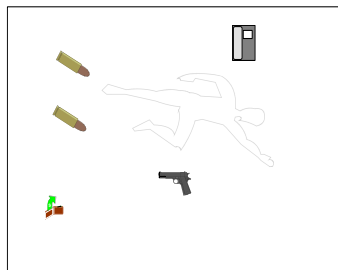
Community service plays a key role in allowing our students to practice the skills taught in the classroom as well as engrains the importance of civic-mindedness.

This year is no exception. On September 21st, the Multi-Occupations, Criminal Justice, Computer & Business Technology and GED students walked a 6 mile stretch of Route 58 in an effort to support the environment and our local communities, while allowing our students to take an active role in protecting, preserving and beautifying our environment.



Crime Scene Investigations

Criminal Justice Instructor, Mr. Stanley Young, recently staged a couple mock crime scenes for his Senior class. Students were required to investigate the scene and document their findings. After securing the scene, students were then able to enter, look for physical evidence, document their findings, in writing and by taking photos. Measurements are taken for a crime scene recreation. Students are able to use a computer program known as SmartDraw to use the measurements taken to recreate the crime scene.



Caleb Fuller and Lateia Gravett (EK) and Becca Provost (CF) working on measuring a crime scene



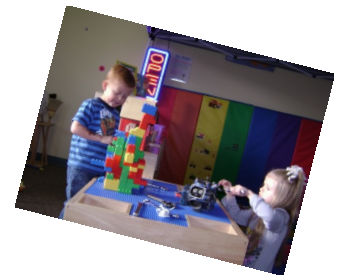


Early Childhood Education

“ Little Bloomers”

Seniors have been busy preparing the preschool for this year's students. Mrs. Perry and the students will be incorporating each of the programs we offer at Southwest Tech into their preschool this year. Each month will feature a new theme allowing them to introduce a new occupation to the preschoolers.

November features the Auto Technology program so the Early Childhood seniors have been busy planning many lessons, changing the activity stations around to accommodate the Little Bloomers Auto Shop. Students from the featured program have been asked to visit the preschool and give a lesson on their program, preschoolers will be able to take field trips to the actual classroom and/or shop and material from the different occupations will be utilized in the preschool.



Guest Speakers

In conjunction with October being National Bully Prevention Month, we had Patty Fischer come and speak to our students about the importance of internet safety, cell phone usage and cyber bullying. According to a recent survey, 42% of children have been cyber bullied and 35% have been threatened online. Peer approval is very important to children. This means that cyber bullying can have a negative or even destructive emotional effect on victims. Unfortunately, children rarely report occurrences to an adult. If you or someone you know is being bullied, PLEASE report it...THE END OF BULLYING BEGINS WITH YOU!!!!

November 1st, Amelia Stojanoski from Bryant & Stratton spoke to our seniors about Successful Interviewing and to our juniors on Personal Achievements and Goal Setting.

November 4th, Tim Losito, from Homeland Security presented a workshop to SWT students on the importance of cyber security and how easy it is for your personal information to be accessed, your ID stolen and how undesirables can find you. NEVER put your full name, real birth date, home address, phone number or information such as : “I am leaving for vacation on November 20th.” on any social network sites like Facebook and MySpace. Never accept a friend request from someone YOU DO NOT KNOW!!!!

MEET THE NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome three new staff members to our “family.”

Tim Richards joins SWT this year as our new Principal. Tim has nearly 30 years in the field of education. He served as the principal of Northwest Tech for 3 years and then moved on to become the Director of Curriculum and Technical Programs. Now back in the role of principal, he gets the opportunity to interact more closely with the students and the staff, something he has missed. We are pleased to welcome him.

Dave Timm is the new Metalworking Instructor. Dave is not new to the teaching profession, he has taught welding for 26 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to SWT. Our students are sure to gain tremendous hands on experience.

Joey Shelly is our new Allied Health Instructor. Joey is a graduate of Gouverneur High School and from Crouse Hospital School of Nursing. Joey has spent the last 8 yrs working as an RN for St. Lawrence County Public Health in the Home Health Dept. (which she continues to do 1 weekend a month)-- Joey resides in Hannawa Falls with her husband (Ryan) and 3 children (Ethan 4yr, Graham 2yrs, Nora 6 mo).

We are very fortunate to have them and our students will definitely benefit from their experience and knowledge.



Mr. Timm



Mr. Richards



Mrs. Shelly

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

9th- OPEN HOUSE 6:30-
8:00pm

21st & 22nd-- ASVAB test-
ing (afternoon only)

11th- NO SCHOOL

23rd-25th-- NO SCHOOL

24th- THANKSGIVING



Cosmetology Students: Making a Difference



October 22nd was National Make a Difference Day. For several years now the ladies in Cosmetology have spent a portion of their Saturday "Make a Difference Day" doing manicures, pedicures, facials and hair styling in an effort to raise money to benefit local causes. The Gouverneur Business Women's Breast Cancer Fund has received approximately \$3,000.00 throughout the years. Last year the students decided all monies raised would go to benefit the Gouverneur Gingerbread Pre-school. Students were able to raise close to \$650.00. This year's Make a Difference Day was again a "hair-raising" success, with \$632.00 going to the Gouverneur Gingerbread. If you would like to schedule a service the SWT "Just Teasin" Salon is open from 8:15 to 11 am Thursday and Friday. Simply call 287-3590.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September

Alternative GED/Career Prep: Ryan Durham from Gouverneur. Ryan is also enrolled in the Auto Technology program

Career & Technical Education: Michael Fuller from Harrisville. Michael is a senior in the Computer & Business Technology program

October

Alternative GED/Career Prep: Justin Austin from Gouverneur. Justin is also enrolled in the Allied Health program.

Career & Technical Education: Morgan Young from Gouverneur. Morgan is a senior in the Early Childhood Education program.

What's Cooking in Culinary

Our Culinary Art students have been very busy “basting” their culinary skills while working on some outside projects.

On October 6th, students peeled 150 pounds of potatoes for mashed potatoes, prepared stuffing and gravy for 400 people for the Edwards Methodist Church fall harvest dinner. On October 20th, the class roasted turkeys and prepared stuffing and gravy for 200 people for the North Gouverneur Methodist Church dinner.

October 21st was Staff Development Day and the Culinary students prepared quick breads and fruit for 200 people.

On November 3rd, students were again busy roasting turkeys and preparing stuffing and gravy for 500 for the St. James School in Gouverneur.

The students also are responsible for preparing lunches Wednesday thru Friday for the staff.



Brooke Shepherd (Gouv)



Jordan Dusharm (Gouverneur)



Mikki Lawrence
from Gouverneur



Shayna Hotrum & Mikki Lawrence
(Gouv) with Thomas Smith of Edwards

College Info

Step 1: visit www.pin.ed.gov and apply for a **PIN** number. Both the student and parent will need their own **PIN**. If you do not have an email address, the **PIN** can be sent in the mail, but it takes about 1 week longer.

Step 2: Fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Applying on-line is faster and easier than filing the paper form! Don't forget to sign your **FAFSA** with your **PIN**!

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

After completing the **FAFSA**, as residents of New York State, you will then be linked to the **TAP-on-the-web** application for New York State Aid. The **TAP** application will be pre-filled with information from your **FAFSA**. Complete this application to be considered for NYS financial aid. This financial aid amount will only awarded if you attend a college or university in New York State

You will receive your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** within about 5 days via email. If you did not submit an email address you will receive a paper copy within about 2 weeks of filing your **FAFSA** on-line.

You can check the status of your **SAR** at any time by returning to the **FAFSA** link above.

When you receive your **SAR**, make sure you double check your information. Compare the figures with your tax returns and make any necessary corrections.