



CTE UPDATE

Career and Technical Education



New School Year = New CTE courses!

Our school year is off to great start and our CTE calendars are filling up quickly with professional development for staff and activities for students. With a new bell schedule in place there has been opportunity to offer some new CTE courses for our students. We are continually looking to offer relevant and in demand career related courses for our students.

We are excited to bring back our Environmental Studies class in the agriculture pathway. This course offers a hands on approach to learning about the natural resources around – soil, forestry, wildlife, water, etc.

In our business pathway we have started a marketing course which emphasizes marketing in the business world and society. Students investigate business skills that lead to being successful in life and business.

Lastly, we have added a Robotics courses in our Ag Technology pathway. Students in this class focus on the fabrication, programing, and operation of robotic systems. This class is dual credited through Central Washington University for college credits!

Upcoming CTE Activities

- Nov. 15 FBLA Competitive Workshops
- Nov. 19 FBLA Parent / Student Workshop
- Nov. 20 CTE Dept. Meeting
- Nov. 22 FFA Wreath sales begin
- Nov. 28 CTE Lunch with Industry - NORPAC
- Jan. 14 FFA District Leadership Camp
- Jan. 25 FBLA SW Regional Leadership Conference
- Jan. 25 CTE General Advisory Meeting – Longview

Ongoing:

- Tuesday at Lunch – FFA Chapter Meeting
- Wednesday at lunch – FBLA Chapter Meeting
- Thursday at lunch – Robotics Meetings

All students prepared for college, career, and life.

Toutle Lake Students attend Cowlitz PUD Career Day

On October 25th Toutle Lake CTE students went to the Cowlitz County Facilities Operations center to learn about careers within the PUD. Students were able to tour the facility and get an overview of the many different career areas within the operation. The students then selected strong career areas of interest to gain a more in-depth look at what that career includes. Some career areas included lineman, electrician, mechanic, environmental technician, and operation technologist. The day allowed students to look at a single business and see how many different careers are involved to make it run effectively. Students left with new information about pathways to get to a career and new knowledge and interest in high demand careers.



CTE Lunch with Industry featuring NORPAC

The CTE department will be hosting lunch with industry professionals throughout the school year. This event is a great opportunity to hear about different careers and opportunities in our local area. Students are expected to attend for the complete lunchtime and will gain some insight on in-demand career areas and the steps to prepare for these careers. A free lunch will be provided so time with our presenter can be maximized. Our first Lunch with Industry will be on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28th in Ms. Croston's classroom featuring NORPAC. Interested students need to sign up with a CTE teacher soon.

FBLA students attend Fall Leadership Conference

Twenty FBLA members attended the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference on November 2nd at LCC. Students spent the day in leadership workshops learning how to use their leadership skills and strengthen our FBLA chapter. First year FBLA members were able to gain an insight on their opportunities in FBLA and returning members worked to plan out the FBLA year with leadership events, competitions, community outreach events, and fundraising opportunities. We are looking forward to a great FBLA year.

