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Kick Off Your Holiday Shopping at the November Craft Show!

Mark your calendars! CVCC is hosting its annual November Craft Show on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come explore a wide variety of local vendors offering handmade crafts, unique gifts, delicious baked goods, and much more. It's the perfect opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting our school! Admission is just $1, with all proceeds benefiting the CVCC SkillsUSA Local Chapter. We can't wait to see you there!

For questions or more information, please contact Julie Jakubczak at jjakubczak@cvccworks.edu.



Future Dental Professionals in Action

Our CVCC Dental Assisting seniors recently visited MedWish/MedWorks for a rewarding hands-on learning experience that allowed them to put their classroom knowledge and clinical skills into practice while giving back to the community! Throughout the day, students worked alongside dental professionals, including dentists and dental hygienists, gaining valuable experience with dental X-rays, fillings, extractions, cleanings, sterilization procedures, and infection control. Beyond the clinical skills they practiced, our students demonstrated the importance of teamwork, professionalism, compassionate patient care, and community service. Dental Assisting Instructor Lisa Theodore was especially proud of the positive feedback students received for their professionalism, respectful behavior, and eagerness to learn!

CVCC extends a heartfelt thank you to MedWish/MedWorks and the dental professionals who welcomed our students, shared their expertise, and made this meaningful experience possible. Experiences like these help prepare our students for successful careers in the dental field while reminding them that great patient care goes beyond technical skills — it starts with compassion and a commitment to serving others!













Media Arts Seniors Shine at the 5th Annual Wine & Gold Gala

A massive thank you to the Cleveland Cavaliers for giving our Media Arts seniors an unforgettable real-world opportunity! Our students served as paparazzi photographers at the 5th Annual Wine & Gold Gala at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse on Saturday, October 10. While helping support the Cavaliers Community Foundation, our seniors put their hands-on camera skills into action, snapping high-profile photos throughout the evening. We are so proud of their incredible work and thankful to the Cavs for providing experiences that bring classroom learning to life!



Media Arts Students Explore Storytelling at Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

Media Arts juniors and seniors spent an inspiring day at the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival! Our students viewed powerful, thought-provoking films and participated in interactive panel discussions directly with the filmmakers. It was a fantastic real-world learning experience that allowed our students to dive deep into the art of cinematic storytelling and gain invaluable insights from industry professionals.





Construction Trades Seniors Explore Career Opportunities at Ohio JATC





Our Construction Trades seniors visited Ohio JATC for a hands-on learning experience exploring a variety of skilled trades! Students had the opportunity to try different aspects of each trade, gain valuable industry knowledge, and learn more about the career paths available in the construction industry. Experiences like these allow students to take their learning beyond the classroom and explore opportunities for their future. A big thank you to Ohio JATC for welcoming our students and providing such a valuable experience!

Construction Trades Seniors Receive Carhartt Jackets

Our Construction Trades seniors recently received their brand-new Carhartt jackets, thanks to the generosity of the graduating Class of 2026! More than just workwear, these jackets represent the tradition of hard work, dedication, and camaraderie that continues from one class to the next. A big thank you to the Class of 2026 for giving back and helping support the next generation of skilled trades professionals. We're proud to see this tradition continue as our Construction Trades students learn, grow, and build their futures!



Construction Trades Students Transform CVCC's Salt Shed

Our Construction Trades students have been making the most of the nice weather and taking their hands-on learning outside! Students recently worked together on CVCC's salt shed, using scaffolding to install and repair siding and trim while putting their construction skills to work. The project was first brought forward by a student, Carter Howard, who shared his idea with David Mangas, Superintendent, for approval. With the green light to move forward, Carter served as team lead as his classmates worked together to bring the project to life. We love seeing our students take initiative, work as a team, and apply what they're learning in the classroom to real-world projects right here at CVCC!



CVCC Auto Body Students Gain Hands-On Career Insights at ACE Event

Students from CVCC's Auto Body Repair & Refinishing program, led by instructor Michael Kapis, recently traveled to Columbus for the Auto Collision Experience (ACE). Joining over 400 auto body students from across Ohio, our group took part in live technical demonstrations, met with industry vendors accepting job applications, and participated in valuable mock interviews. To top off a fantastic day of career building and networking, everyone enjoyed a free lunch and left with plenty of swag. It was truly an incredible experience for our future automotive professionals!



Power Equipment Technology Welcomes Ohio Machinery Recruiters

CVCC's Power Equipment Technology program recently welcomed recruiters from Ohio Machinery—including Ohio CAT and Ohio Peterbilt. Students learned about post-graduation career opportunities and the prestigious Think BIG program, which provides a direct pathway into high-demand technical careers. To top off the visit, our program was officially presented with its Tier 1 Ohio Machinery Partnership Banner! We are deeply grateful for strong industry partners like Ohio Machinery, whose continued support connects our students to real-world success beyond the classroom.



CVCC Hosts October FMCNEO Meeting

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center was proud to host the October FMCNEO (Fleet Maintenance Council of Northeast Ohio) meeting. David Mangas, Superintendent, kicked off the event by sharing an overview of CVCC and our 26 career pathways designed to set students up for lifelong success. Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal, followed with an insightful look into our work-based learning methodology, highlighting our strong industry partnerships and hands-on workplace training. Power Equipment Technology Instructor, Matthew Harding, also took the stage to deliver an engaging presentation on modern troubleshooting and maintenance tips—offering a fantastic preview of the high-caliber instruction our students receive daily. To top off the event, Car Parts Warehouse generously donated four haunted house tickets, awarded to the first student who successfully explained voltage drop. The gathering wrapped up with a guided tour of our facility for all attending members.





Exploring Sports Medicine at Mount Union

Our Sports Medicine and Exercise Science students had the opportunity to visit the University of Mount Union for a hands-on learning experience! Working alongside Mount Union's exercise science students and faculty, our students explored sports medicine and human performance technologies, collected their own performance data, and learned how those results help inform real-world decisions. From physical therapy and athletic training to strength and conditioning, students got an inside look at how science and technology work together to assess performance, guide rehabilitation, and support athlete health. Experiences like these help connect classroom learning to future careers and open doors to new possibilities in the health and sports science fields. Thank you, Mount Union!







CVCC/Independence Alumni — We're Looking for You!

Attention CVCC alumni who graduated from Independence High School — we're looking for you! We're working to strengthen connections with our Independence/CVCC alumni and would love for you to get involved! Join us for roundtable discussions, share your experiences, and help inspire and guide today's Blue Devils through future guest speaker opportunities.

Ready to get involved? Check out the flyer and scan the QR code or click the link below to fill out the quick interest form!



Dolly Day at CVCC

Our staff had a little extra fun on September 25 celebrating Dolly Day! From western wear to pink, sparkles and plenty of Dolly spirit, these ladies understood the assignment! A big thank-you to our Hospitality & Food Preparation instructors for bringing the idea to our staff and treating us to some Dolly-inspired treats this week, too! We're always up for a little fun together and even happier to celebrate Dolly's message of kindness, generosity, and giving back.



Upcoming Cooking Classes

Our cooking classes have been serving up delicious creations, hands-on learning, and plenty of fun! Whether you're looking to try something new, enjoy a fun night out with friends, or plan a unique date night, we'd love to have you join us!

Check out our upcoming classes and register here:
https://cuyahogavalley.augusoft.net/connect/ClassListing/ClassListingDisplay?int_category_id=6&int_sub_category_id=27&int_catalog_id=







North Royalton Students Dig Into Careers at SheDig





North Royalton students recently took career exploration to the next level at SheDig, an event hosted by Local 18 Operating Engineers! Designed to introduce young women to exciting careers in heavy equipment operation and construction, the event gave students an unforgettable, hands-on look at opportunities in the skilled trades. Students got behind the controls of real heavy machinery, experienced what it's like to be an operating engineer, and connected with Local 18 apprenticeship instructors and experienced union members. They also learned about apprenticeship opportunities, training requirements, and pathways to rewarding careers in the industry. A special thank-you to CVCC Career Specialist Jill Larson for helping coordinate this opportunity! Experiences like SheDig empower students to think big, build new skills, and explore career paths they may have never considered before!

North Royalton Students Discover Careers in Carpentry

North Royalton students recently took another hands-on step toward their futures at the Carpenters Union Open House! During the visit, students toured a state-of-the-art training facility, connected with current apprentices, and spoke with union representatives and instructors to learn more about careers in carpentry. Students gained insight into how apprenticeship programs combine paid, on-the-job training with classroom instruction to develop the skills needed for rewarding, long-term careers in the skilled trades. A big thank-you to the Central Midwest Regional Council of Carpenters for welcoming our students and to CVCC Career Specialist Jill Larson for helping coordinate this valuable career exploration opportunity! Experiences like these help students explore their options, discover new possibilities, and take meaningful steps toward their futures!











Important Dates

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For questions, feedback, or news ideas, email m.taylor@cvccworks.edu.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, November 3** - Staff In-Service; No School for High School
- **Friday, November 6** - Advisory Meeting; No Afternoon Classes for High School
- **Saturday, November 7** - November Craft Show; 9:00am - 3:00pm
- **Wednesday, November 11** - Veteran's Day Presentation
- **Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27** - Thanksgiving Break; No School/Building Closed
- **Thursday, December 10** - Board of Education Meeting; 6:00pm *(Reminder: No November Meeting)*