Mount Pleasant Area School District

Viking News

26-27 Edition 7

Check out the latest Viking News!!!

September 25 –- ½ day for Students - In-service day for Teachers

A great day at CWCTC!

Superintendent Dr. Gabauer met with PA Lt. Governor Austin Davis as MP students shared their programs, experiences, and plans for the future.

We're proud of our students and the opportunities CWCTC provides!







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Maverick recently joined our third graders at recess, providing a calming and positive presence while encouraging students to interact, connect, and enjoy time with him. His presence at the school offers students an opportunity to experience comfort, companionship, and stress relief while promoting positive social emotional well-being and creating a welcoming, supportive school environment.





SUNSHINE CART

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL HAPPY & BRIGHT



The Sunshine Cart is back to making deliveries for the 2026-2027 school year.





THIS WEEK'S FALL SPORTS SHOWCASE

Each week we will highlight one of our Fall Sports Teams.



Congratulations to Coach Rich Garland on earning his 300th career victory as a head soccer coach! From Franklin Regional to Mount Pleasant, Coach Garland has built an incredible legacy of leadership, dedication, and success. Here's to 300 wins and counting!

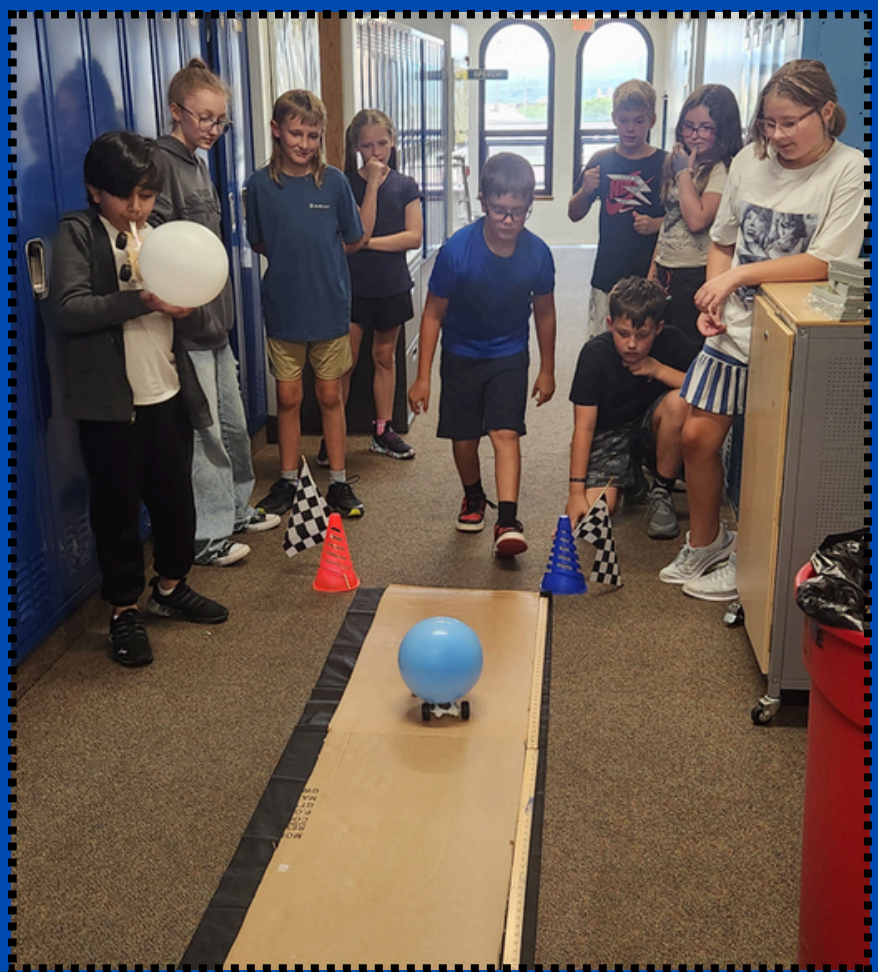


5th Grade students have been learning about the Engineering Design Process, and they recently had the opportunity to put their skills to work!
Working in teams, students planned, designed, and built their own balloon-powered cars. Before construction began, each team had to "shop" for materials using STEAM Bucks, encouraging them to think carefully about which supplies would work best for their design. Students then tested their cars, identified areas for improvement, and made changes to their designs—just like real engineers!
We wrapped up this exciting challenge with a Balloon Car Race to see their creative designs in action!





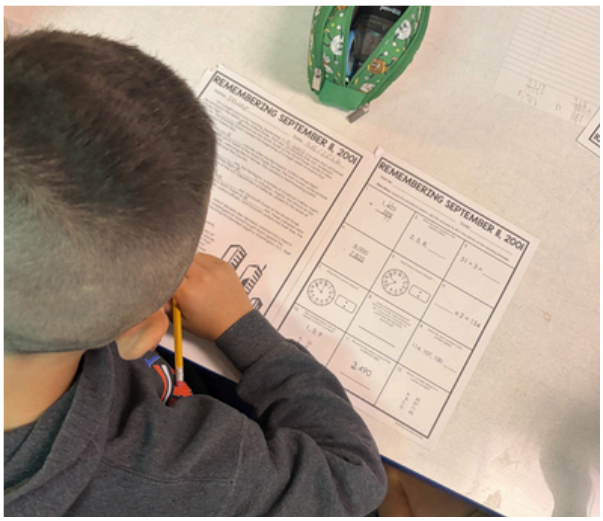




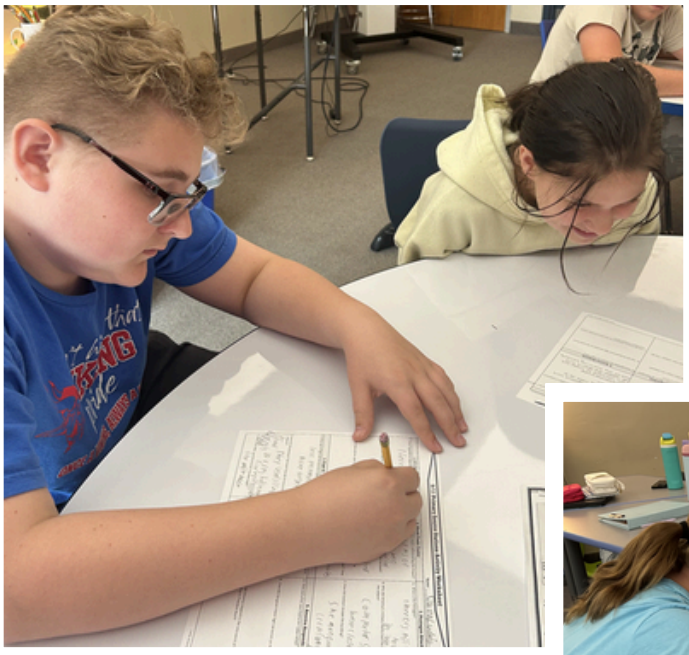


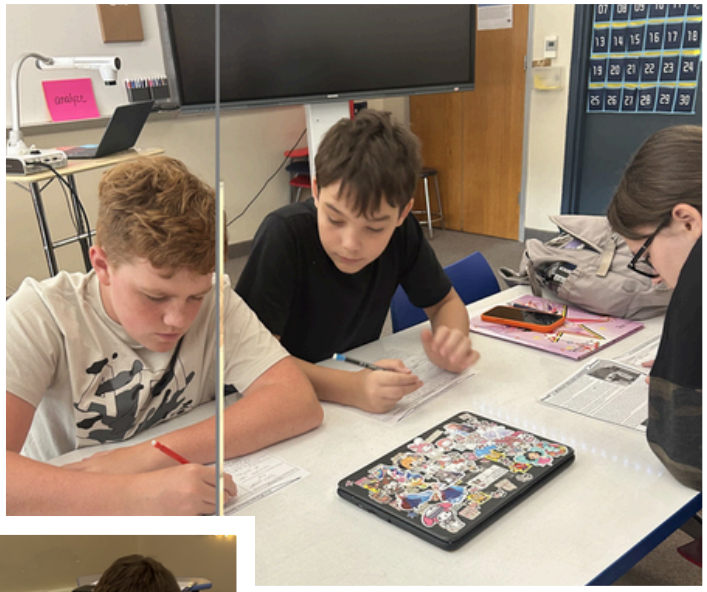
Mrs. Gumbita's classes are watching the ABC documentary: "United We Stand Twenty-Five Years Later." It highlights what New York Journalists, actors, and athletes did during the days and the year after the tragedy occurred.



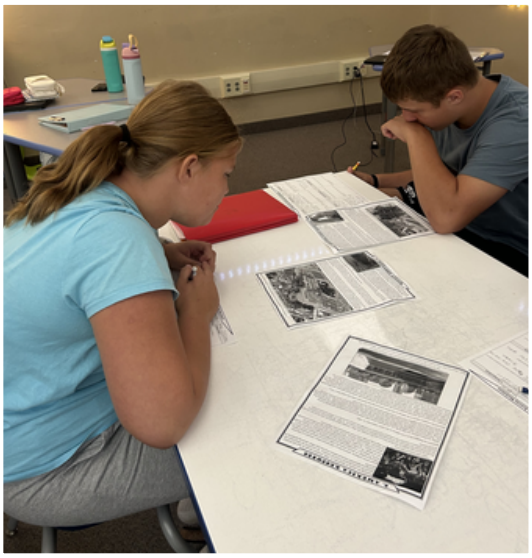


The 5th grade math students completed a cross-curricular activity that integrated reading, math, and social studies. Students had to solve math problems, and their answers were then used to progress through a story about 9/11. This activity allowed students to practice their math skills while incorporating reading and social studies content.

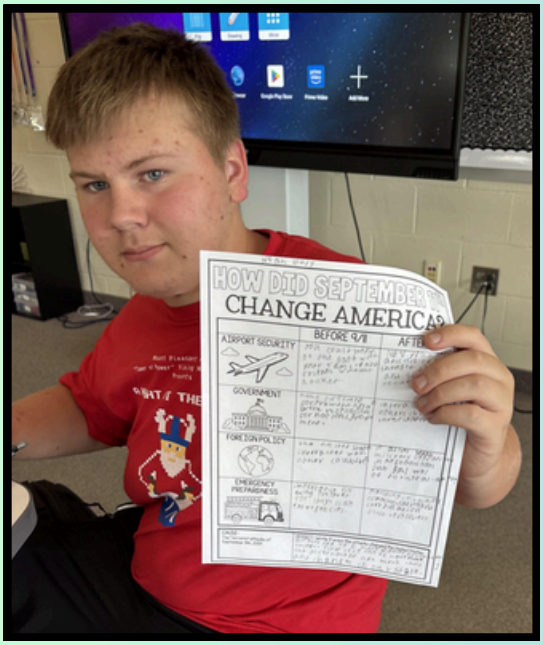








Mrs. Brehun's 8th grade ELA class is rotating to different stations to read about the different events of 9/11 and answering questions to go with it.



Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Bondra's classes identified American symbols and discussed community service and first responders. Students viewed the interactive 9-11 musuem.





Our Senior High students used primary sources and did a photo analysis of 10 photos after the Sept. 11th attacks making inferences based on the photos. Students discussed how America changed after September 11th.

Zackary Gustafson presented about using rescue dogs during 9-11 where we learned about how they were used and the first service dog Apollo.



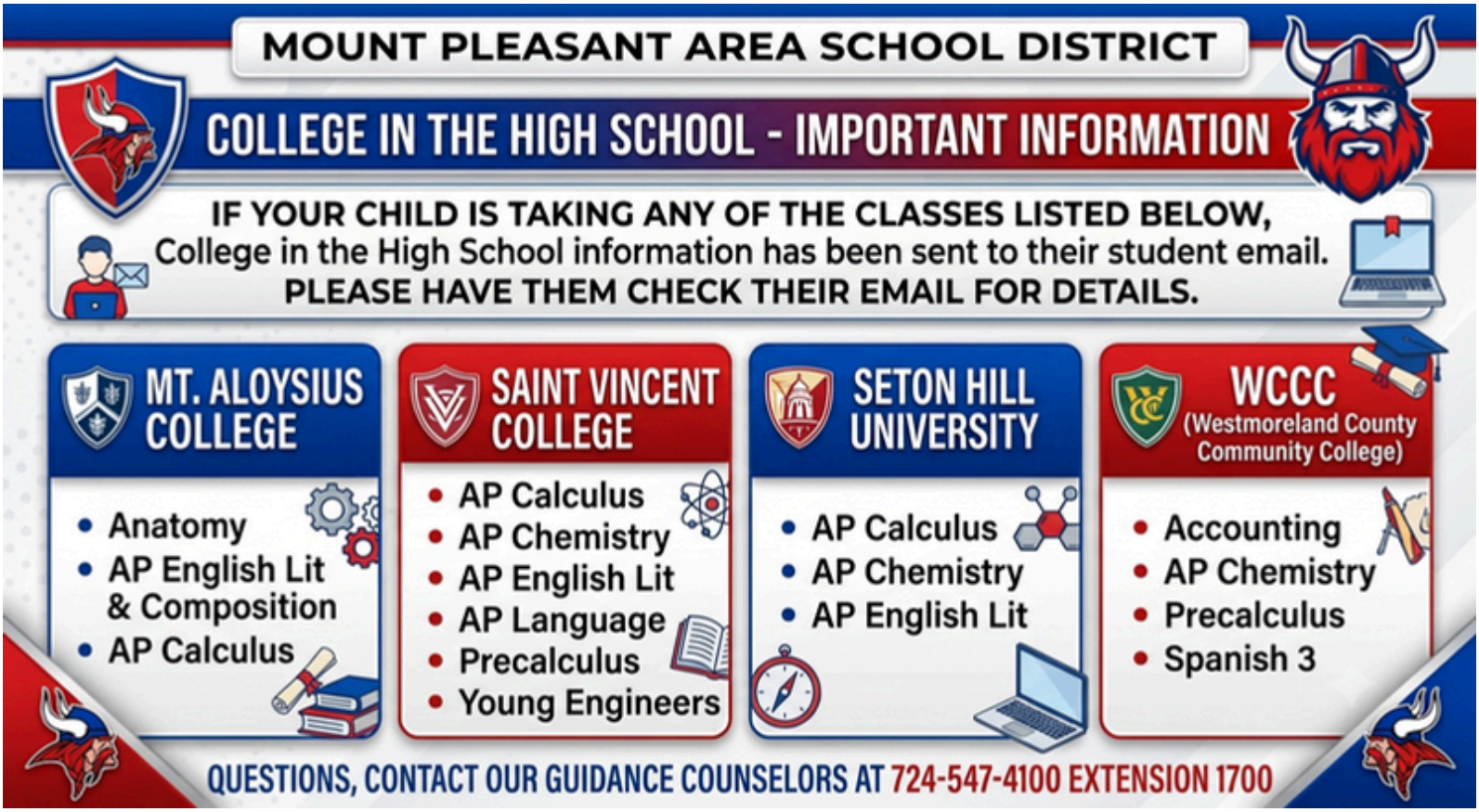


Dr. Campbell and Mr. Gumbita joined PA Representative Eric Davanzo and leaders from four other regional school districts for an important conversation about key educational issues facing Pennsylvania. Collaboration and shared advocacy help strengthen opportunities for all students.

Great collaboration at today's Annual Title I Schoolwide Program Meeting at Norvelt Elementary! Families and educators working together to support student success and ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.



College in High School

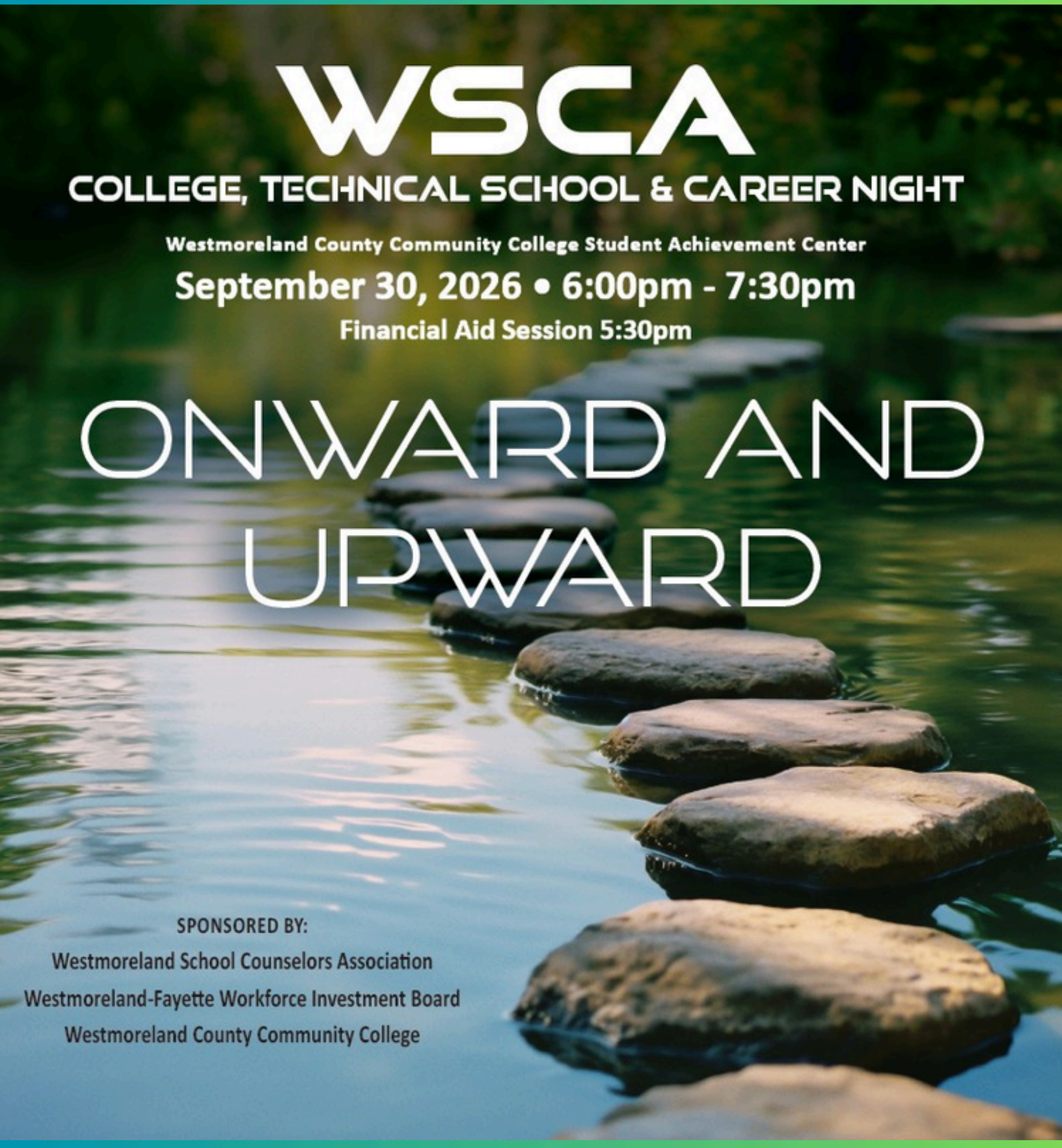


Did you know you can earn official college credit right here at Mt. Pleasant?

Through our College in High School (CHS) program, students have the opportunity to earn college credits from four different partner universities, getting a jump start on their degree, saving money on tuition, and boosting their college applications.

Important Details & Action Items:

- **Check Schoology**: All detailed course offerings, registration links, and instructions have been posted directly to your students Schoology Career Readiness Class.
- **Check Your Email**: Essential updates and step-by-step registration guidelines have also been sent to student email accounts.
- **Mind the Deadlines**: Because we partner with four separate universities, each institution maintains its own strict registration and payment deadlines. Missing a deadline means losing the option to earn credit for that specific course, so please review the dates carefully for each university you are taking classes through.


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Westmoreland County Community College Student Achievement Center
September 30, 2026 • 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Financial Aid Session 5:30pm
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