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Fall Newsletter

Paul M. Hodgson Vocational Technical High School
Home of the Silver Eagles!

Greetings Silver Eagles,

Hello Parents! It has been a successful and rewarding first marking period of our school year. In this short time, our school has had many important and rewarding accomplishments I would like to share.

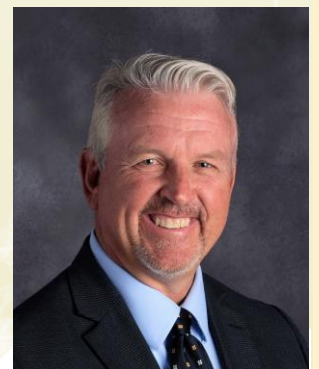
The first marking period of the school year was filled with academic and extracurricular highlights. All 11th grade students participated in the PSAT assessment on October 19th. College Applications week ran from October 25-27 in which seniors apply to college, speak with university, military and trade school representatives. We have a tremendous amount to be proud of, and we are looking forward to continuing our success.

Our academic growth reminds the focus of Hodgson's learning community. Teachers are participating in weekly and monthly professional development, to provide students with standards-based instruction that will increase student achievement and prepare them for the SAT/PSAT and End of Course assessments. Effective and rigorous instruction is one vital piece of the puzzle. Another essential piece is parent involvement. We are asking that you continue to have your child attend school every day they are able. We also encourage you to check the Home Access Center and contact the instructor directly if you have questions about the course. It is also highly recommended that you talk to your child about the learning that is taking place in his/her classes.

Hodgson Vocational Technical High School is a great place to be! We are excited about providing a safe, orderly, and productive learning environment for each of our outstanding students. Be sure to contact us with any questions or concerns. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for their work and commitment in making Hodgson an enjoyable, learning environment!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerry Lamey



HVT Welcomes New Staff Members

Mr. Boone-Masonry

“I’ve taught 3 years of Special Education and entering my 7th year of teaching Masonry. I’ve also served in the Delaware Army National Guard for 17 years with 2 combat tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. I enjoy coaching wrestling, participating in sports, warm days on the beach and spending as much time as I can with family and friends.”



Ms. Brown-English

“I come to Hodgson Vo-Tech with over 14 years of teaching experience in ELA. I have taught all grades at the high school level. I love reading and traveling with my two children and I enjoy being a part of the welcoming staff here at Hodgson!”

Ms. Cylc-School Psychologist

“I’ve been fortunate to have had great experiences with students in different age groups and school districts during my tenure as a school psychologist. As a former teacher in the Vo-Tech district, however, I am happy to return in the role of psychologist at Hodgson. Both faculty and students have been very welcoming, and I have greatly enjoyed the school year so far.”



Mr. Kern-Paraprofessional

“I am a Howard graduate of the CNAP Program (’04), as well as a UD graduate in Geology, with a concentration on Computer based Mapping using GIS. In my spare time I play and teach tennis. I am also a Broncos fan!”

HVT Welcomes New Staff Members

Mr. Pearson-Science

“My name is Stephen Pearson and this is my 3rd year in education, but my first here in Delaware. I grew up in Wilmington, but made my way to York College of Pennsylvania for college and continued to work there after graduation. I like to spend my summers exploring saltwater fisheries, so I am glad to be back in New Castle County!”



Ms. Singer-Learning Support Coach

“I am excited to start my 9th year in the NCCVT School District as a Silver Eagle. Prior to starting at Hodgson Vo-Tech, I spent my time at Delcastle teaching in the Freshmen Transition Academy. I am also looking forward to graduation from Wilmington University in January with a Masters in Special Education.”

Mrs. Volturo - Science

“I have been teaching for 13 years (11 at St. Mark’s High School, 1 year at Dickinson High School). I have taught Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, Forensics, Environmental and Integrated Science. I am married and have 2 cats. I love movies and classic rock music, especially the Beatles.”



Mrs. Williams-Math

“I am Kim and I am originally from NJ. I have been in Delaware and married for 9.5 years. I have 3 beautiful little boys; Jacob, 6, Jordan, 2, and Jonah, 4 months. My husband is also a teacher in NJ. Before I was married, I was a huge basketball player. I played in the NCAA tournament and I played semi-pro basketball in PA where I was Rookie of the Year until I blew out my knee. I even tried out for the WNBA. These days I love being outdoors with my family whether it’s playing tennis, going for bike rides or just hanging out.”

Nurse's Office

Welcome to all new students and families of Hodgson Vo-Tech! Thank you to all those who turned in their ORANGE Emergency Cards! If you are in need of additional cards, or have any contact changes during the school year, please contact the Nurse's office and Guidance.

Please contact us if your child has Diabetes, Seizures, Asthma or Food/Insect allergies. These students are required to have an annual Emergency Action Plan. Emergency plans require us to have on hand a 3-day supply of medication for a serious medical condition such as Diabetes, Seizures, or Asthma. A physician and a parent/guardian must sign these written orders.

Parents/guardians please be advised that all 9th graders will have hearing, vision, and postural/gait screenings performed this year. If you do NOT want your child screened, please notify the nurse's office in writing.

If your child has had any major changes in his or her health status such as injuries, surgeries, major illnesses, or medication changes; please contact the nurse's office. If your child will be taking any prescription medications in school, please contact our office. All over the counter and prescription medications (excluding asthma inhalers and epipen) must be stores and dispensed in our office. Medications MUST be sent in a correctly labeled prescription bottle and accompanied by a parent note. You can access our Nurse's Office website at hodgsonde.com under Student Services.

The cold and flu season is approaching quickly. The CDC recommends these steps to decrease the spread of the flu virus. We encourage you to reinforce these strategies with your child to keep them healthy this year. The CDC recommends:

- *WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water!! If soap and water is not available, use alcohol sanitizers. Students may bring in their own cough drops.
- *Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and dispose of it properly. If tissues are not available, sneeze or cough into your elbow or sleeve.
- *Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes. This is how germs are spread.
- *Do NOT share personal items such as phones, cups, lipsticks, utensils, etc.
- *Clean surfaces such as computers, phone, and doorknobs.
- *STAY HOME if you're ill or experiencing flu-like symptoms (aches, cough, fatigue, and/or fever over 100F). A student may return to school when they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- *Keep tissues, juices, fever-reducing medications, etc. at home in case of illness.
- *Develop a contingency plan for pick up, if your child is ill and you are not available for transportation.
- *Practice good health habits such as getting enough rest, eating a well-balanced diet, exercise and stress reduction techniques.
- *STAY INFORMED: visit www.flu.gov , www.cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most up to date flu information.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful school year!

Pamela Diksa, RN
Tracy McMullen, RN



Social Studies



The Social Studies department has been very busy this fall. We have met in PLC (Professional Learning Community) groups in the mornings on Wednesdays and Thursdays and, because of those meetings, have been incorporating more and more technology into our lessons overall. We have also been implementing new Mini DBQs and DBQs (Document Based Questions) in the Global Studies, Economics, and U.S. History courses and, by doing this, we are teaching students to reach the Social Studies standards, read more critically, and write while citing evidence. We also enjoyed the District Tech Conference Professional Development Day in October that allowed us to learn more information about technology to incorporate in our classrooms. The October Social Studies Student of the Month was Diara Garnett from Kelly Bench's Economics course.

Early Childhood

The Early Childhood Program is off to a great start for the new school year. Preschool began on September 27. The program is currently full with a waiting list. The high school Early Childhood students are busy planning and preparing developmentally appropriate activities to implement with the children. It will prove to be an exciting year for all!



National Honor Society

The National Honor Society and Advisor, Mrs. Bench, inducted 38 new Honors Society members on October 11th and 250 people attended the ceremony! Thanks to Tina Reynolds for speaking as the 2016 Teacher of the Year and to the administration for all their support of NHS!

Congratulations to all the new 2016-2017 NHS inductees:

- Katarina Austin
- Michelle Briceno
- Gianna Cabrera-Jimenez
- D'Andrea Church
- Dillan Couden
- Skylar Dowlin
- Gena Eleias
- Jessyca Flores
- Connor Fuenty
- N'dea Hardy
- Jaquan Harley
- William Hart
- Damien Hollyday
- Brooklynne Johnson
- Tyanna Kearney
- Kailey Klein
- Ny'Asia Lea
- Makayla Love
- Kaitlyn Madron
- Briya Miller
- Andrew Ndichu
- Samantha Norris
- Brianna Pavkovich
- Brianna Pennell
- Sophia Rogers
- Diasia Ryals
- Michael Schulte
- Da'Jha Smith
- Megan Smith
- Elise Thompson
- Jaems Traynor
- Darah Tucker
- Destiny Walker
- Tayja Ward
- Tayla Wibecan
- Vaughn Wood
- Tashira Malave-Espinosa
- Saul Noquez Perez



HVT Students Participate in ACE Mentoring Program

Hodgson's Technical Drafting sophomore, junior, and senior students are participating in the ACE Mentoring Program for the fourth year in a row. This nationwide program is designed to introduce them to the wide range of career opportunities open to young people in the fields of architecture, construction, engineering, and related areas of the building design and construction industry.

At weekly meetings, student teams work directly with professionals from leading area firms, who volunteer their time to mentor the teams as they design hypothetical projects, tour local construction sites, and visit architectural, engineering and construction offices.

For students, it's a unique chance to discover and develop new skills, solidify future goals and get on track to exciting, rewarding careers. In addition, many students form positive relationships with industry professional who can provide important references for obtaining college admissions, scholarships, internships and full-time employment.

Students in the ACE program work closely with their mentors on projects that provide hands-on experience in solving the types of design, engineering and construction challenges industry professionals confront every day. The teams learn the basic fundamentals of a construction project from site selection, to design, procurement and finally construction. In addition to the basic fundamentals students are also exposed to advanced computerized design tools, such as AutoCAD, Revit, and BIM (Building Information Systems).

This year's design challenge is to develop open space in the new Town of White Hall in Middletown, DE. Students were given a tour of what the existing site looks like and asked to develop ideas to fill the surrounding space.

Through the yearly project and related activities students quickly learn about the industry's demand for young people skilled in math, physics, economics, art and other disciplines.

Students will work throughout the year to prepare and deliver comprehensive development plans for the site. The culmination of this preparation is the year-end presentations. These presentations are delivered to various industry professionals, state legislators, NCCVT personnel, and parents at an end of the year breakfast in March.

Each year the mentors and Board of Directors identify exemplary students and award scholarships to those deserving individuals to assist in furthering their career development through college or trade school. To date ACE Mentor of Delaware has awarded \$30,000 in scholarships! Last year ACE awarded Hodgson students over \$7500 in scholarship money.

ACE website for more information:

www.ACEmentor.org

Silver Eagles Sports

Thank you to all of our fans for coming out and supporting fall athletics! Although our Football, Boys Soccer, Field Hockey and Volleyball teams missed the post season this fall, many of them enjoyed big wins and were competitive in every game. Congratulations to all of our All Conference fall athletes!



Field Hockey All Conference

**Cecilia Massey
Desiree Guevara
Julie Clark
Jasmine Wagner
Riley Walters
Mackenzie Lea**

Football All Conference

**Greg Tucker
Xzavier Chandler
Vaughn Wood
Clay Purnell
Jalik Heyward
Will Hunter
Oladayo Adeleke
Steve Small
Josue Lopez**



Boys Soccer All Conference

**Edwin Garcia
Angel Enriquez
Donald Weaver
Gabriel Romero
Kevin Love
Christian Alonso**

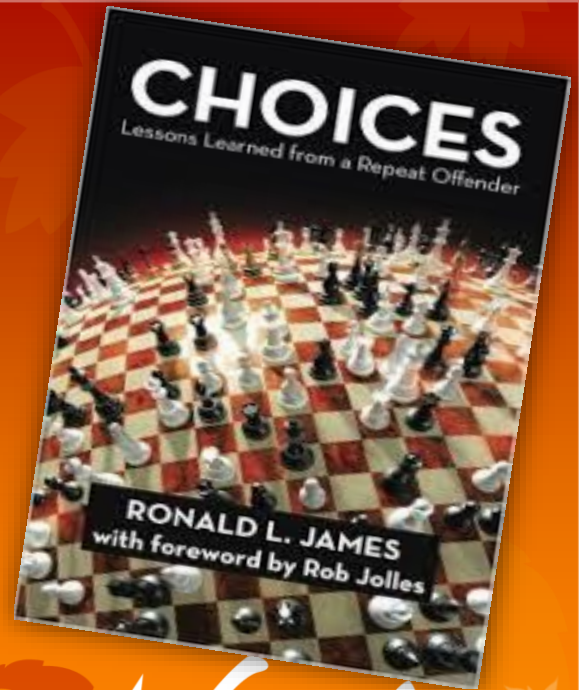
Volleyball All Conference

**Brooklynne Johnson
Jessica Shaw
Felicia Shahan
Elise Thompson**



Health Class Presentations

On November 18, 2016 the Hodgson Vo-Tech High School Fall 9th grade Health 1 classes participated in an assembly/presentation by Ron L. James (Author of the Book "Choices"). In the presentation, Ron L. James shared real life experiences illustrating the legal and physical consequences of "Substance Abuse". The students also got to participate in an interactive "Question and Answer" segment with the presenter at the end of the program. We look forward to having Ron L. James return in the Spring 2017 semester for a second presentation to reach the rest of the 9th grade freshmen students at Hodgson Vo-Tech.



2016 Student Leadership Conference

On November 16, 2016 three students from Hodgson Vo-Tech, 10th grader Chelsea Anokye-Agyei, 11th grader Vaughn Wood and 12th grader Cecilia Massey, attended the 2016 Student Leadership Conference! Student leaders from each school attended the event where they learned about ways to incorporate both leadership and sports within our schools. This conference was a partnership between the Special Olympics Delaware and DIAA.



Class Of 2020

Freshmen

The Class of 2020 is planning a fundraiser during February 2017 with Joe Corbi's. Freshmen are reminded that half of individual student profits will go into individual student accounts and may be used toward career area expenses, field trip fees, fan gear purchases, or yearbook purchases. This year's class advisors are Mrs. Bonita Green and Ms. Christine McCann.



Sophomores

Class Of 2019

The Class of 2019 is looking forward to their ring ceremony coming up in February. The Herff-Jones representative was at Hodgson in the mall area during lunches to take ring orders. Students who purchased a ring will be invited to attend the ring ceremony. It's not too late to order, contact Herff-Jones at 215-245-8660, our representative is Gary Lehman.

This year's sophomore fundraiser is the sale of Joe Corbi's pizzas in the spring. Also, recall that half of the individual student profits may go toward funding career area expenses, field trips, fan gear purchase, or yearbook purchases.

Lastly, calling all artists to design our Class of 2019 T-shirt! We will be ordering/selling the T-shirts in February. All sales are final. Show your support for our class by sporting a new look!

This year's class advisors are Dan Omangi and Barbara Casarino.



Class of 2018

Juniors

The Class of 2017 just completed the fall fundraiser! Kudos to those students that participated. They are building up money in their student accounts that can be used for school expenses like career-area materials, homecoming or prom tickets, and senior dues. We are hoping to have another fundraiser in the spring so stay tuned for more information!

The junior class is in charge of planning the prom and planning is underway! Save the date—prom will be May 19th at the Riverfront in Wilmington. Ticket prices are still to be determined. Before you buy the perfect outfit, please refer to the Hodgson website for more information about dress code.

If you have any questions, please contact the junior class advisors, Mrs. Rachael Smith (Rachael.smith@nccvt.k12.de.us) or Mrs. Tina Reynolds (tina.reynolds@nccvt.k12.de.us).

It's hard to believe that we are in our final chapter as Silver Eagles! Our senior year has been off to a great start with a tremendous pep rally and Homecoming weekend! We have completed our final Yankee Candle fundraiser during November, took our class picture, and got measured for our cap and gown. We are currently taking pre-orders for our senior class signature t-shirts and hoodies, pre-orders can be placed by December 22, with delivery coming in early January. Order forms can be picked up in the main office and should be turned in to Mr. Collins or Mrs. Bench. The class of 2017 is also in the process of planning a Senior Trip and are seeking student ideas. As we approach the second semester please remember some important dates!

- Senior Dues, are due by January 25. The cost this year is \$175
- Prom is Friday, May 19 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Chase Center on the Riverfront
- Senior Recognition is scheduled for Friday, May 12 at 1:00pm in the gymnasium
- Graduation is Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00pm at the Bob Carpenter Center

If you have any questions about senior class accounts, t-shirts, or any other senior information please contact the senior class advisors, Mrs. Kelly Bench (Kelly.bench@nccvt.k12.de.us) or Mr. Dave Collins (dave.collins@nccvt.k12.de.us).

Seniors

Class Of 2017

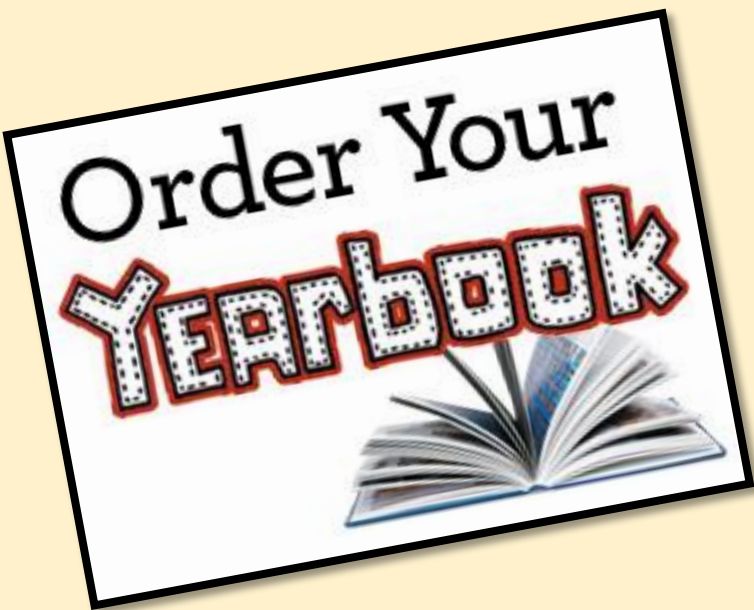


Attendance Reminders

PARENTS-A Few Reminders from the Attendance Office, please reference "Section IV: Attendance" beginning on page 27 of the Student Parent Handbook.

1. Please remember if your child requires an early dismissal, he/she must turn a note into the Main Office BEFORE 9am.
2. If your child is late to school, he/she will not be considered tardy unexcused. Four **unexcused** lates will result in a detention. An **excused** tardy is given when the student provides, at the time of the tardiness, a written note of explanation from the parent/guardian for reasons listed in the handbook.
3. Upon returning from an absence, a student must submit a written note from a parent/guardian **citing the reason for each absence** to the Attendance Office. Recently, we have received a large number of absence notes without the reason listed. **We cannot excuse an absence without a reason.** If a student does not present a note containing an approved excuse within three days of returning to school, the absence will be considered unexcused. Please also make sure that your child's absence note includes their first AND last name and the date of the absence.

Yearbook



The 2016-2017 Yearbook will be for sale this year at the cost of \$70 and pre-orders will be accepted until March 1, 2017. Students can find the order forms in the main office or the Yearbook bulletin board, which is located outside of room 132. Seniors DO NOT need to order Yearbooks as it is included with senior dues. Yearbook delivery for seniors should be on the day of the senior breakfast, and for underclassmen/faculty in early June. Senior Ads for the Yearbook are due by February 1, 2017.

You can also place an order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com and Hodgson's school code is 5162.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Randi Pro at Randi.pro@nccvt.k12.de.us and she is located in room 132.

Cosmetology Students Visit A.J. DuPont Children's Hospital

Once a month, 11th grade students from HVT Cosmetology program visit A.I. DuPont Children's hospital. The cosmetology students convert the Family Resource Center, located on the 3rd floor of the hospital, into a make shift salon where students perform salon services on the patients and their family members. The students perform a variety of services ranging from manicures, pedicures, facials, haircuts, and styles. The visits provide the students with more than just real world experience. The visits provide life lessons that go beyond the classroom.

One 11th grade cosmetology student stated, "I had the opportunity to become a part of giving back to those who are faced with hard obstacles. This opportunity was in the form of giving back to battlers who fight various illnesses. The children at A.I. DuPont are warriors because they fight every day to live while the rest of us take for granted life, and do not understand how precious it is."

