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CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER



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Upcoming Student and Parent Information Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will hold its annual Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for high school students and their families to learn more about the specialized career and college preparation opportunities available through the nearly 30 career-technical programs offered at CVCC. Attendees will be able to see programs, meet instructors, and ask questions. The Student and Parent Information Night helps with the decision-making process in choosing to enroll at the career center. Many CVCC programs offer industry certification opportunities and have career-technical credit transfer options, enabling students to earn college credit while at CVCC. Visit www.cvccworks.edu, or contact Kelli Casini, CVCC Admissions Counselor, at 440-746-8286 or kcasini@cvccworks.edu with any questions.



Wreaths Across America

CVCC is so proud of our students who volunteered at Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 14, at Rittman National Cemetery. Their dedication and service in honoring our nation's heroes remind us of the power of giving back. Thank you for representing our school with such heart and respect.

Learn more about Wreaths Across America by visiting their website at:
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>.



Holiday Buffet at CVCC

The Culinary Arts program served up holiday cheer at their annual Holiday Buffet on December 18 & 19! Guests filled the Valley Inn both days, with 75 attending Wednesday and 90 on Thursday—no advertising needed! Community members from Valley View, Independence, Brecksville, and Broadview Heights joined CVCC classes and staff for a festive dining experience. Awesome job, Culinary Arts!



CVCC Students Build Gingerbread Houses

Holiday cheer was in the air as Culinary Arts students, accompanied by Sales & Service Fundamentals students, decorated gingerbread houses! A sweet day filled with creativity and fun.



Cosmetology Students Volunteer

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Preschool Moms Club hosted a festive Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning, December 7. Ms. Fox's junior Cosmetology students brought extra holiday cheer by offering hair tinsel and nail painting! It was a delightful day full of fun and served as a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the program.



10th Grade Exploration Visits

The 10th grade Exploration visits to CVCC are in full swing! 10th graders from all eight of CVCC's associate districts will tour CVCC and receive information on each program. All 24 of CVCC's programs had current students or instructors speak to the groups, as well as had displays in the hallway for the groups to see. Visiting students now have the information needed to prepare for CVCC's Student and Parent Information Night that will be held on Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the current offerings. Thank you to the entire CVCC staff for assisting with these visits!



For further information on the quality high school programs CVCC offers, please visit:
www.cvccworks.edu/high-school/.

Air Force Recruiter Visits Dental Assisting Program

Technical Sergeant Caleb Olkiewicz, a recruiter for the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, spoke to our Dental Assisting junior class on Wednesday, December 18, about career opportunities within these military branches. He discussed the roles, responsibilities, and benefits available to dental assistants, emphasizing key aspects such as:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Training and Development
- Career Advancement
- Job Security and Benefits
- Unique Opportunities
- Service to the Country

His presentation highlighted how the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force provide dental assistants with specialized training, career growth, and the chance to serve the nation while maintaining job stability. The students were actively engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and gained valuable insights. We extend our gratitude to Sergeant Olkiewicz for his service and wish him continued success!

Nursing Open House

The School of Practical Nursing hosted an open house and hot chocolate bar on December 19 for our CVCC staff! Guests enjoyed free blood pressure screenings and health education provided by a few of our current nursing students and faculty, making it a cheerful and educational morning!

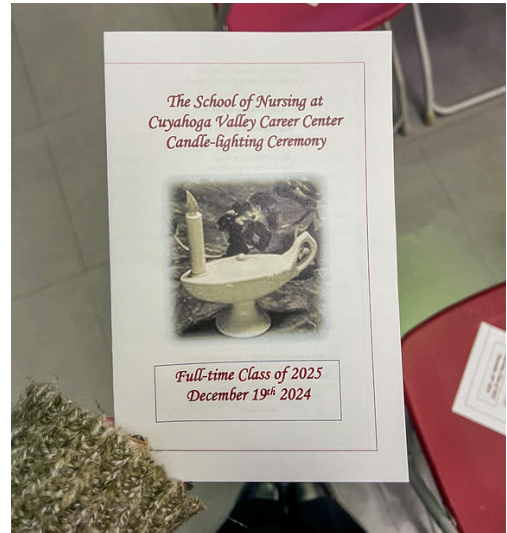


Nursing Candle-Lighting Ceremony

On December 19, CVCC proudly hosted the Candle-Lighting Ceremony for the Adult Education Full-Time Practical Nursing Class of 2025! This special tradition celebrates the students' completion of the Basic Nursing Program, marking the halfway point of their journey. Inspired by Florence Nightingale, the ceremony honors her legacy and the dedication of future nurses. Surrounded by family, friends, and faculty, students celebrated this incredible milestone. Huge thanks to the amazing nursing staff for making it all possible. Congratulations, Class of 2025—you're halfway there!

Adult Education Success

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is proud to have partnered with Cook Paving & Construction, Co., Inc. for construction blueprint training through our Adult Education program! Thank you to Dr. Lameck Onsarigo and Dr. Anthony Mirando for sharing their expertise. Supporting workforce development and industry growth is what CVCC is all about!



Shop With a First Responder Event

On Saturday December 7, Brecksville First Responders held their first Shop with a First Responder event—and it was a huge success! Thanks to generous community donations, 51 children were able to shop and experience some extra holiday joy. A special thank you to our School Resource Officer, Officer Maxwell, along with staff members Kathy McCafferty (High School Administrative Assistant), Leah Bierman (Educational Aide - Health Careers), and Claudette Knestrick (Adult Education Student Support Services), for volunteering their time to shop and wrap gifts. We're so grateful to everyone who supported this meaningful day. What a wonderful way to spread holiday cheer!



Exploring Futures at R. B. Chamberlin Middle School

December was an exciting month at R.B. Chamberlin Middle School as students participated in Career View Exploration Month. This initiative aimed to ignite curiosity about various career paths and help students envision their futures. Throughout the month, the school's counseling team partnered with the career specialist to host interactive Lunch-n-Learn sessions. A standout feature of these sessions was the use of Career View XR headsets, which immersed students in virtual environments showcasing over 60 career options. Each student explored two unique careers, gaining insight into the skills, responsibilities, and daily tasks associated with those roles. This innovative approach captured students' interest and encouraged them to imagine new possibilities for their futures. The integration of advanced VR technology added an exciting, hands-on element, making the experience both engaging and impactful. Special thanks to Toni Close, CVCC Career Specialist for the Twinsburg school district, for her dedication in organizing this successful event!



Independence Culinary Immersion Project

The fourth-grade culinary immersion project at Independence Primary School (IPS) kicked off with a festive holiday brunch crafted by 16 talented IPS Jr. Chefs. This hands-on learning experience was led by Amanda Jaronowski, the CVCC Career Specialist for the Independence school district. A special thanks goes to Independence High School Food Services staff members Tiffany Cullison and Tammy Cwalina for their invaluable guidance in teaching students essential skills like knife handling, food safety, and menu planning. Congratulations to the IPS Jr. Chefs and everyone who contributed to making this project a success!



Important Dates



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

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, January 16: Student Parent Information Night
- Friday, January 17: Staff In-Service - No School
- Monday, January 20: MLK Day - Building Closed
- Tuesday, January 28: BPA Regionals at CVCC
- Monday, February 3 - Friday, February 7: Career Tech Education Week
- Tuesday, February 4: Bring Your Parent to School Day
- Friday, February 14: Blood Drive - Sponsored by HOSA
- Monday, February 17: President's Day - Building Closed
- Thursday, February 27: Board of Education Meeting