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Construction Careers Center Charter High School

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From the Administrator

Good communication with parents/guardians must be two-way to be effective. The alliance we establish with each parent/guardian is the best investment of our time. It is important that we communicate with the adults responsible for our students seeking support for our efforts in teaching our children. Our communication is meant to assure the responsible parties of our commitment to and interest in each individual student. Know that we are student advocates and a partner with the parent/guardian. Let staff members know when potential problems/concerns are anticipated just as we initiate calls for these same reasons. Our mutual silence may send the message that everything is okay when that may not be the case. Let's share the responsibility of a student's welfare by two-way communication.

NEW CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OFFERS

STUDENTS SPECIALIZED PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL TRAINING

St. Louis, Missouri (October 30, 2003) – The Plumbing Industry Council (PIC) in cooperation with Plumbers and Pipefitters' Local #562 are launching a new career and educational enrichment program at the AGC Construction Careers Center Charter High School beginning November 3. This new three-week program is modeled specifically for 39 junior level students in an attempt to expose them to the various facets of the union plumbing and mechanical industries. The goal of this program is two-fold. First, the program will teach students the importance of applying academic disciplines to further their educational and career potential. Students will be encouraged to pursue a career path by continuing their education through a union construction apprenticeship training program, community college or four-year college or university. Second, the program is designed to create an environment of exploration and discovery to demonstrate the various career fields and educational training required in the plumbing and mechanical industries. The curriculum for this hands-on program was designed by the Plumbing Industry Council and Plumbers and Pipefitters' Local #562. Teaching strategies will focus on developing discipline, necessary skills, attitude and work ethic to be successful in a union construction apprenticeship program or other career fields.

“This program will help provide an opportunity for minorities to learn about the construction industry,” said Malcolm J. Sweet, Jr., President of the Plumbing Industry Council Board of Directors. “We have no problem recruiting older qualified minorities, but this program will help us to recruit younger students.”

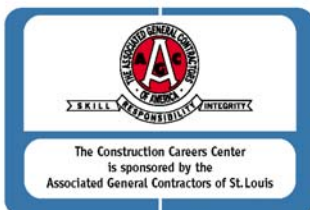
Campus Beautification Begins

Through the physical efforts of several of our junior construction class students under the direction of Ms. Lori Sommer,



Tech Prep Coordinator, the north side of our building has come alive. A Fireglow Maple Tree, several holly bushes, azaleas, and boxwoods are but a sampling of the plantings. As funds become available we

will continue to dress our property attractively along the northern-most edge of the parking lot.



The Construction Careers Center
is sponsored by the
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School Closing Information



In case of inclement weather or a school emergency necessitating the late start of a school day or closing Construction Careers Center will be announced on the following media sources. A **“delayed start”** or **“snow schedule”** announcement

indicates the school day will begin at **10:00 A.M.**

The Beat
KTRS 550 AM

100.3 FM
(Call 314-550-5811, listen for the voice prompt, and enter the 4 – digit ID number 1015.)

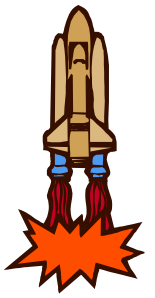
KMOV-TV
KSDK-TV
KTVI-TV

Channel 4 (CBS)
Channel 5 (NBC)
Channel 2 (FOX)

No days are built into the school calendar for inclement weather.

Science Club

Mr. Tonnies and Mr. Prost are in the process of establishing an official “CCC” Science Club, starting 2nd quarter! Students will be invited to stay after school one day a week to conduct physics and science experiments, do battle with inter-class physics “competitions” and work on longer-term fun projects involving the laws of physics and nature! The club will also serve as a way for students to work on those particular concepts that they may be struggling with during their regular class.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thanksgiving Break:

Nov. 26 – ½ day, dismissal at 12:00 P.M.

Nov. 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving Break

December 05, 2003 – Mid-term 2nd quarter

The Construction Class is Out and About at the Sheet Metal Workers JATC



On October 9, 14 students from CCC visited the Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship Training Center and were all treated to a great field trip full of activities. The students were greeted by Mr. Ed Casper, instructor and 2nd generation sheet metal journeyman. Mr. Casper introduced the students to the world of sheet metal work, through a lecture and video format. He introduced Paul Marechek, instructor and three apprentices, Alicia Lewis, Kobe Radford, and Wendell Gray, all of whom

accompanied the students and chaperones on a tour of the training facility.



The tour was extensive and very informative. After the tour, the students were asked to don their safety glasses and Mr. Casper and the apprentices instructed and assisted the students in construction of a small sheet metal tool box which the students assembled.



Lunch was provided by the SMJATC and was catered by Hodak’s restaurant on south Gravois Avenue. Wendell Gray, 3rd term apprentice, provided an in-depth viewpoint of the work involved in sheet metal, and of the work ethic requirements asked of all tradesmen. Leaving nothing to question, Wendell set the students straight on the world of work in the trades, and provided an excellent picture of older gentlemen who started raising a family at 16, and who realized that the importance of knowing a trade and

being a skilled worker was the best way to provide for his family, and at 35, he was completing his apprenticeship. Ms. Lewis provided insight into the difference in working at fast food for 9 ½ years, and getting nowhere in it before deciding to learn a trade and earn a better income with better benefits.

