
Construction Careers Center Charter High School

NEWSLETTER

November 2001

Snow Watch

Information regarding school closing all day, delay the start of school, or early closing will be available on Channel 4 and 5 as well as on KMOX AM 1120, KTRS AM 550, and The Beat FM 100.3. A delay of start means that we will begin our school day at 10:00 a.m. and dismiss at 2:50 p.m. This will afford us the necessary number of hours for full day attendance yet enable staff and students extra time to make a safe arrival to school.

Absences/Early Dismissals

On the day of return to school following an absence, the student needs to turn in to the main office a parent note, a doctor's/dentist's statement, a court appearance document, etc., to verify his/her absence. Students will be given the work missed because of an absence but to receive credit for the missed assignments, the absence must be verified. If your student needs an early dismissal, send a written request, including a contact phone number with your son/daughter to be dropped off in the main office when he/she arrives. This affords us the opportunity to verify by phone your request.



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Message from Lanette Meyer, Administrator

Our job as parents and educators is to assist the young people to make the right choices in this world of freedom to choose. The community of family, friends, and acquaintances is a powerful force affecting the decisions our students make but unfortunately many of their choices are made alone and may be bad ones that can have adverse effects. As influencing adults there are a few things we can do to help students make good choices. Because our young people have limited knowledge and experience we must help them view their options and alternatives and the advantages and disadvantages of choices they face by first listening to their views. We must help them see and understand the positive and negative consequences of an action. Part of our task includes sharing the positive outcome of coming to school, of studying, and working with diligence. May we not lose sight of the reason our young people make certain choices. Only as we understand their situation well enough can we be influential in their lives. Students may know right from wrong and know the choice they should make; however, peer pressure, being harassed, rejected, or ridiculed may negatively impact their decisions. Through dialogue and modeling we give them actions they can use.

Welcome, Mr. Sokora!

Construction Careers Center welcomes Mr. John Sokora to the staff as math instructor. He brings to us experience as a teacher in San Antonio, TX and at Hazelwood East High School. Mr. Sokora is also involved with video production, has interest and experience with Indy cars and enjoys photography. Welcome!

E-MAIL

You may communicate with the CCC staff via e-mail using the first letter of the instructor's, counselor's, administrator's or secretary's first name followed by the last name @constructioncareerscenter.org. (i.e. Mrs. Dodson: hdodson; Mr. Fink: jfink; Ms. Henderson: lhenderson; Mr. Johnson: ljohnson; Mrs. Meyer: lmeyer; Mrs. Remaklus: nremaklus; Mr. Sokora: jsokora; Ms. Unger: runger; Mrs. Washington: gwashington; and Mr. Wilson: gwilson.)

Mentoring

An article in the Nov./Dec. *Techniques*, the journal for vocational educators, addressed the topic of Mentoring, something we are already working on with individuals from the construction industry. "... there is plenty of evidence to show that a single caring adult can make a difference in a child's life, even if this person is not a family member." We believe that connecting each of our students with an adult from the trade area will have a positive effect as they prepare for the industry. Parents/Guardians, you will be notified when a mentor has been identified for your student.

Important Calendar Dates

Thanksgiving Break
Mid-Term
Winter Break
Martin Luther King
End of 1st Semester
Teacher Work Day

November 22 & 23, 2001 (School Closed)
December 12, 2001
December 24, 2001 - January 1, 2002 (School Closed)
January 14, 2002 (School Closed)
January 31, 2002
February 1, 2002 (No Classes)

Should Thanksgiving Be Considered A Holiday?

Thanksgiving should be considered as a holiday. Thanksgiving is the day of all days to give thanks. I am thankful for my mother and father because they keep a roof over my head.

People are thankful for many different things. Some are thankful for their cars, gold, etc. One thing that I am really thankful for is people like Ms. House that teaches me the things that I need to learn to get somewhere in life.

Thanksgiving is the holiday I like the most because you get to see people you have not seen in a while. Also, you get to eat a lot of turkey.

You should not just be thankful on Thanksgiving but you should be thankful each and every day of the year. Thanksgiving is the time for your family to come together and all of you should give thanks to each and everyone. Thanksgiving is a holiday that I will never forget.

Calvin Miller

How to contact us:

The address of our new facility is 1224 Grattan, St. Louis, Missouri 63104. Our telephone number is (314) 588-9991. If the automated attendant responds to your call, a directory of extensions is available enabling you to leave a message for a particular staff member. Your contact is important to us and we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

Thanksgiving

I am thankful for many things. One thing I am thankful for is my family. My family helps me and supports me. They listen to me and my troubles.

Another reason I am thankful is for the great feast we have. My grandma makes dressing that is to die for. My aunt brings strawberry cheesecake. We also have turkey and ham

I am really thankful for my mom. I love her dearly. Without my mom there is no me. I thank her for the warm love and kindness. I thank her for always being there when I need her.

A final reason I am thankful is my country. My country allows me to be me and celebrate holidays. America allows us all to love and share

Tamela Hubbard

Thanksgiving

. . . Thanksgiving is also a time for being thankful for what you have. I am thankful for family and friends. I am thankful for my home, health, and the money I have to buy things.

Thanksgiving is a time for sharing. On Thanksgiving I try to invite some of my friends over. My Grandmother tries to invite her closest family over.

Thanksgiving is my favorite [holiday] because I love to eat. The holiday also reminds me to be thankful for many blessings.

Shari Oden

Thanksgiving

There are several things that will make Thanksgiving good. First, everyone will go to Grandma's house. My Mom, Dad, brothers and sister will be there too. This year my new nephew will be there.

Another thing that will make Thanksgiving good is the food. We will have a nice big turkey with lots of gravy. I hope someone remembers the cranberry sauce this year! My grandma makes the best chocolate pie in the whole world.

Watching television will help make Thanksgiving good too. First we will watch the Macy's Day Parade to see Santa Claus. Then we will watch some football games. I will end the day with "Nick at Night."

Being thankful for all my blessings will make a happy Thanksgiving. . . I am also thankful for my great grandma. Most people don't have their great grandma alive. If my grandma comes to visit on Thanksgiving I will be very happy. She lives far away and can't always make it. When she does come, it is always happy and joyful.

Aaron Miller

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we have. People are blessed everyday and we should share and give thanks with others.

Thanksgiving is a time for families to get together to give thanks and their blessings with others. During holidays families get together to have fun but on Thanksgiving families get together to appreciate and recognize their many blessings.

Thanksgiving is not a time to eat turkey and food and not know the reason for celebrating. Thanksgiving should not be spent filling up on turkey and dressing, but to fill up with warm feeling of sharing your blessings and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving is one reason why people should be grateful and appreciate all they have. People often forget the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is two words, thanks and giving. The "thanks" part means being thankful for what we have. The "giving" part means to give thanks. Thanksgiving means giving thanks.

Jesse Page



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