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From the Administrator

There are only a couple of weeks left in the semester and then we begin our 5th term on Wednesday, June 1st. I thought I would explain the 5th term again so there is no misunderstanding on the part of parents or students.

Our charter at Construction Careers Center calls for 200 student attendance days. This schedule is to make sure we fully prepare our students for their opportunities after graduation. Therefore, we have 23 days in the month of June where students will take two classes. Each class will meet every day for three hours and students will earn ½ credit for each course with a passing grade. For students who have failed classes, it is a chance to make-up those credits. For students on track for graduation, they have a choice of several electives. If they are a junior or senior, they can try to secure an internship and earn credit while earning some money. Students or parents with any questions about their student's fifth term schedule should contact Mr. Wilson, our guidance counselor.

There have been more incidents of violence to and from school over the last two weeks. As we try to work with the police and Metro it is evident both our students and Vashon students are attacking each other. Unfortunately, it is sometimes the student not involved who is caught in the wrong place at the wrong time who is attacked. We must, in my opinion, prosecute those involved to the fullest extent, and we must try to stop this cycle of violence. Since many of these incidents have occurred when students are going to the Saavis Center bus and Metro stops after school, we are providing a bus after school directly to the Saavis Center. The bus will leave school at 2:10 and will make a couple of trips until 3:30 pm. Those students staying for tutoring, getting help from a teacher, school activities, or in detention can get a ride to that location. While I think this will help, students still must make wise decisions as we have students traveling to all parts of the city.

I hope you will encourage your student to do their very best these last few weeks of the semester. Students can earn 3 credits from their six courses they are taking and we would like to keep more students on track for graduation. Please contact us if we can assist your student in reaching this goal.

2005-2006 Recruitment Efforts

Construction Careers Center is now accepting applications for freshman and sophomore students. If you have a friend or family member who may be interested in coming to CCC for the 2005-2006 school year please have them call 314-588-9991 to have an application sent to them in the mail. There will be an Open House on Thursday, May 12, 2005 and on Thursday, June 9, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at CCC in the cafeteria for all interested in learning more about Construction Careers Center.

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CCC Represented at SkillsUSA Conference in Jefferson City

On Thursday, April 7, 2005, two students from CCC went to Jefferson City, Missouri to compete in the SkillsUSA State Competition. Marquisha Hill, freshman, competed against other high school students from across Missouri in Prepared Speech.

Aaron Miller, senior, competed against others on the Professional Developmental Plan written exam. Aaron served as CCC's President and the East District's Vice President, while Marquisha will serve as an East District Officer for the 2005-2006 school year.

Congratulations to both of them, for they have both put in a lot of work this past year to make CCC a growing and successful chapter within the SkillsUSA organization!!!



Left to right: Aaron Miller, Ms. Snelson, and Marquisha Hill at SkillsUSA State Competition in Jefferson City, MO

3rd Quarter Honor Roll!

The 3rd Quarter Honor Roll celebration was held on Friday, April 22, 2005. The following students exhibited a grade point average of 3.00 and above. Brian Cox was the only student to have a perfect 4.00. Congratulations to all!!!!



Pictured above are students enjoying their hard-earned Honor Roll Student Lunch in the CCC Cafeteria.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS:

Kelly Young, Branden Williams, Kris Wells, Matthew Walker, Dwight Sloan, Rachel Shelton, Dwight Sloan, Rachel Nashara Robinson, Barry Robinson, Anthony Richie, Garland Patton, Devine Patterson, Antoinette Oden, Alicia Moore, Crystal Montgomery, Aaron Miller, Jerome McLemore, Marshall Matthews, Jeremiah Love, Shaun Lane, ReAngelo Kilgore, Candace Keith, James Jordon, Joanna Jacobs, Christopher Jackson, Craig Higgins, Erica Harwell, Brandi Harris, Daniel Glenn, Sherika Gant, Danielle Furman, Gabrielle Fields, Kentrall England, Kendrec England, Michael Dahl, Antonio Conway, Nicholas Conner, Stephanie Cheeks, Deloris Cairo, Ebonee Ali, and Brian Cox.

Sports Field Update

The construction staff and students have been busy lately. Currently, we are about 50% complete with the concrete curbing around the track. The concrete block storage building is 95% complete with the roof being constructed in the next week to two weeks. The plants have arrived and will be put into the ground within the next two weeks also.

Many of the students enjoy working outside especially on the warm sunny days. It lets them be a part of something that will be here for many years to come.



Pictured right: Jeressa Moore as she works on completing the block storage building for the new Sports Field.

Junior/Senior Prom

CCC's first annual Junior/Senior Prom will be May 21, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Two Hearts Banquet Center in South St. Louis County. A full buffet will be served promptly at 7:30 p.m., followed by a night of dancing and mingling with friends. Prom Court will be announced at 9:30 p.m.

Horizon Photography will be there to capture the night with several picture packages available.

Tickets are \$40.00 and available to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Do It Big Then!! Activities

CCC's senior class of 2005 received their "Do It Big Then!!" t-shirts last week. The seniors will be busy for the next two months getting ready for graduation:

- There is a senior outing in May to experience the fun of Paintball.
- The senior panoramic picture will be taken on Friday, May 20, 2005.
- Graduation rehearsal will be on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 2:15 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. at the Millennium Student Center on the UMSL Campus.



Seniors displaying their Motto!



Annual Awards Ceremony

CCC's annual Awards Ceremony will be on Thursday, June 23, 2005 in the cafeteria. The ceremony will start at 2:30 p.m. promptly. All students and families of awards recipients will be invited.

The ACE Students visited the SIUE Campus on April 27, 2005. From left to right: Dr. Narayan Bodapati, Kentrell England, Craig Higgins, Jesse Page, Kendrec England, Tony Arnold, Gwen Crimm, Fred Davis, Nicholas Conner, DeAndre Boyd and David Irving

Construction Careers Center Calendar of Events

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May	6	Student Government Barbeque (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
May	10	Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast CCC Cafeteria (7:30 a.m.)
May	11	ACE Mentoring Session New Cardinal's Stadium (3:00 p.m.)
May	12	Open House CCC Cafeteria (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
May	20	Senior Panoramic Photo Scheduled
May	21	Junior/Senior Prom Two Hearts Banquet Center (7 – 11 p.m.)
May	25	ACE Mentoring Session Lambert Airport Expansion (3:00 p.m.)
May	27	End 4 th Term (45 days)/End 2 nd Semester (88 days)
May	30	Memorial Day, No School
May	31	Teacher Workday, No School

JUNE							
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June	1	Begin Term 5
June	8	ACE Mentoring Session Alberici Headquarters
June	9	Open House CCC Cafeteria (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
June	14	Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast CCC Cafeteria (7:30 a.m.)
June	20	Graduation Rehearsal Millennium Student Center UMSL Campus (2:15 – 4:15 p.m.)
June	23	Annual Awards Ceremony CCC Cafeteria (2:30 p.m.)
June	28	Graduation Millennium Student Center UMSL Campus (7:00 p.m.)

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July	1	End 5 th Term (23 days) Last Day of School
July	4	4 th of July Holiday
July	5-9	Teacher Workdays

Pictured are students at the Honor Roll Luncheon on Friday, April 22, 2005. Seniors pictured left to right: Crystal Montgomery, Shaun Lane, Dwight Shelton, Alicia Moore, Kendrec England, Kentrall England and Aaron Miller





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LIBRARY PROGRESS REPORT

Dear CCC Community,

I am writing to you to inform you about the appreciable progress we have made toward having a functional school library. Thanks to the hard work of the construction teachers and students, as well as Mr. McMahan we now have suitable shelving securely set up in the library. Thanks to the diligence of many students and staff we have begun sorting and shelving the several hundred books that have already been donated to the school.

Special thanks to Anthony Richie, who has been absolutely tireless and 100% dedicated to this endeavor. Also thanks to Dillon Billings and several other CCC students who have worked in the library to fulfill their community service requirements.

We aren't done yet, in fact we are just getting started. We are again attending numerous local book fairs and sales to acquire more books. We are also asking you to consider donating books or time to help us complete this project this spring.

By the end of this school year, we hope to have created a warm, inviting place where students and staff can go to check out books or conduct research. We hope to begin planning soon for the formal grand opening and dedication of the CCC library. Please look forward to more information and invitations soon.

Sincerest Thanks,
Ms. Hirsch (aka The Book Lady)

May Day Parade

Several Students participated in the Annie Malone May Day Parade on Sunday, May 15th. Pictured left to right, standing are Brittney Henderson, Deona First, Toron Wiley, Marquita Allen, Ms. LaDonna Henderson, Rhonda Russell, Alicia Moore, and Courtney Parker; in the front row are Tiarra Gines, Louis Chatman, Jessica Johnson, and Coy Kariuki. Those not pictured are: Ms. Elizabeth Crumrin, Brandi Hughes, Marquisha Hill, Takeesha Jefferson, and Kiara Carter.



Student Government Barbeque

CCC Student Government sponsored a Barbeque at CCC on Friday, May 6, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will help fund the Student Government. Hotdogs, bratwursts, and hamburgers were made available, along with potato salad and chips.

Yearbook Sales

CCC's first annual yearbooks are still on sale!!! Yearbooks are colored, hardback, and full of memories from this year, as well as the previous three. Don't miss out on your opportunity to collect memorabilia from your time here at CCC.

The yearbook staff is selling ad space in the yearbook. If you or your company are willing to purchase an ad or donate money to the yearbook fund, please contact Ms. Snelson at 314-588-9991 ext 106.



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