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New Castle Community Schools

JUNE 2023 Corporation Newsletter



Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

(Above, Jackson Williams gives us a satisfied smile as he watches his classmates cross the stage with diplomas in hand.) With a class motto of, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door," there is no doubt these students will continue #BuildingBetterFutures.



Dakota Shupperd shared his exhilaration with his fellow classmates after



stepping off the stage.

Dakota, we feel the same way! We are proud of you.

2023 Class Officers (Left to Right), Treasurer Ryan Grieser, Secretary Sacha Shunneson, Vice President Madison Bell, and President Lydia Harvey shared their "Collective Memories" for an unforgettable 360 degree senior address. Go change the world, Seniors.



Adult Basic Education Graduation
Eight students graduated from the ABE
campus Thursday, June 16.
We want to say a special thank you to Lori
Huddleston, Brenda Nichols, Josh
Richardson, Rose Dickerson, and Melissa
Gregory for helping these students achieve
their education goals, and launch them into a
future with greater possibilities!



HYCA Graduates Class #32

Partnering with the National Guard, New Castle High School and the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy graduated 70 students from our twentytwo week program June 10th. Joyfully, two students earned enough credits to graduate as New Castle Trojans! Devon Lake is from Kokomo, and Zoie Watson is from Madison, Indiana. Zoie graduated the program last semester, but diligently continued coursework virtually and came back to graduate with this semester's graduates! Thanks to our beloved teachers, Holly Drummond, Jon Dicken, Vance McDonald, Scott Shurte, Barry Pratt, Karen Fisher, Beth Brown, Teresa Lao, and Josh Richardson, Class #32 will take 476 combined credits back to their respective schools. #DreamBelieveAchieve

(Below) Principal Fulton, Cadet Lake, Cadet Watson, and Dr. Shoemaker bring Trojan Pride to HYCA.



Sunnyside's Final Tour

An inquiring phone call and impromptu Facebook post led to a beautiful gathering of curious graduates sharing endearing memories. Dawn King, Sunnyside's Clerk, opened the elementary school doors for a final look and tour into the school building before it is repurposed into the Sunnyside Education Center.

<u>Remember when...</u>
Click here for the full article.



(Above) Mother Lisa Eversole and daughter Megan Poe both graduated from Sunnyside. (Below) The Class of 1971 enjoyed the giddiness of recess one last time together.





Professional Development



(Above) Lorraine Woodruff, our new Board Certified Behavior Analyst, hosted four professional development sessions for teachers on *Understanding Student Behaviors and Ideas for Classroom Management* (Below) A strong New Castle contingent attended the Ivy Tech K-14 Summit in Franklin, IN. These teachers shared how dual credits courses are saving our NCHS students thousands of dollars!



Alumni Spotlight: Hannah Talbot

A 2019 Career Center graduate shares college studying advice, and who influenced her college choice!

Click here for the full interview.

Summer Renovation Projects



(Above) The retaining wall by the tennis courts was built entirely by our Maintenance Team, saving the school thousands of dollars! They did a great job! (Below) New roofs are being installed at Riley and Eastwood by Simmons Roof Maintenance.



(Below) The Technology Department is installing our new server cluster. A new firewall provides stronger security and faster internet connectivity.





Board Briefs

New student and support staff handbooks, staff compensation scale, and new textbook adoptions were all approved at the June Board Meeting.

Dr. Shoemaker said, "We had a fantastic close to the end of the school year, and our hiring vacancies are the lowest they've been in years!"



Five of our Teaching Retirees were honored at the June Board Meeting. Front row, from Left to Right: Brenda Babcock, Ramona Hacker, Joyce Rhoades, Nic Simmons, Leesa Meyers, and Tina Hittson. We wish them the happiest of retirements with their families and friends!







Safety Training and Emergency Response

Over 200 people participated in safety training at the high school on June 14. School Resource Officer Chase Koger reported a valuable day of crucial exercises.

"The importance of training was monumental for NCCSC, county school corporations, and our emergency service personnel. Watching our law enforcement agencies, the NCFD, NCEMS, EMA, local and county school corporations, the Health Department, Henry Community Health, government officials and many more cooperating together was fantastic to see, and be a part of. It's rewarding to serve New Castle and our NCCSC family. Seeing everyone care so deeply about being prepared and striving to be better at what we do, makes me very proud."

We want to send a big thank you to Tim Welch with Henry County EMA for all his hard work initiating the training and the success on these exercises.



We feel confident in your protection, and are indebted to your daily sacrifices. Thank you. As a corporation, we are excited to make this a routine training. We also want to acknowledge Boar's Head and Jack's Donuts for sponsoring our meals. Thank you for serving our heroes.



The Festival is organized by HOPE Initiative and the Christian Love Help Center. Primary sponsors: Henry County Community Foundation (TASC), Henry County Art Association, Henry County Health Foundation, Walmart, local hair stylists, Stainless Plate, NC Food Service, Lance Malott Eye Center, and Dr. Miller from Raintree Dental.

Back to School Festival-

a celebration of education in Henry County

Monday, July 24 is the 14th Annual Back to School Festival at the Arts Park! 10:00AM-5:00PM Backpacks and School Supplies at the Christian Love Help Center 11:00AM-1:30PM Hair Cuts, Dental & Eye Screenings at the Henry County Library 12:00-2:00PM Vendors and Supplies at the Arts Pavilion

We'd like to say thanks to all of our NCCSC volunteers and community members who join together to serve our families every year on this special day. We are grateful for your kindness and giving hearts.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd







We're gearing up for the Back to School Festival!







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