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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

CUT-A-THON & TOY DRIVE GENERATES DONATIONS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

The first half of our school year was a busy time. However, it was met with strong accomplishments and exciting events, and I am confident that the second half will be no different. As we prepare for winter break, I hope everyone has the chance to enjoy some down-time with family and friends. Be safe and have fun. I wish everyone a happy holiday!

Upcoming Events / School Spirit Alert

- SCVTHS PTO has been established! All are welcome to participate.
- 1/3/18 - Jaguar Day
- 1/3/18 - Alumni Night

Athletics

- 12/22 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 2 at 3pm
- 12/27 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 3 at 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm
- 12/28 - Holiday Basketball Tournament - Day 4 at 9:30am & 11:30am

Check out our sports schedule on our website and come on out in a show of support and cheer our teams on. Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



On December 2nd, Cosmetology Instructors Julie Francis and Paige Garruto, along with their students, held the yearly Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Cut-A-Thon & Toy Drive.

"This year was the most successful Cut-A-Thon that we have held to date," said Cosmetology Instructor Julie Francis. "We are extremely proud of all of the students who participated. They all worked with the highest level of professionalism and technical skill.

We raised \$879.00 for childhood cancer research and we received 18 toys!"

All proceeds from the event are being donated to CureSearch for Childhood Cancer Research. Toys are being sent to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Pediatric Cancer Center in memory of Ms. Francis' niece, Mackenzie. At age seven, Mackenzie Wright of Delaware Township lost her battle with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer of the connective tissues typically found in children.

The Toy Drive at SCVTHS continued to run until mid December. A delivery was made to Sloan Kettering Pediatric Cancer Center on December 19th.



SCVTHS Cosmetology student Rylin Baker of Branchburg works on a client during the annual Cut-A-Thon & Toy Drive.

To make a donation, please contact Cosmetology Instructors Julie Francis or Paige Garruto at (908) 526-8900, x7260 or email jfrancis@scvths.net or pgarruto@scvths.net.*

For more information, contact James Strickhart at jstrickhart@scvths.net or (908) 526-8900, x7169.



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HOMECOMING GAME

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Girls Game - 5pm • Boys Game - 7pm

SCVTHS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 3, 2018

9 am to 12 noon



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VETERANS VISIT SCVTHS FOR FOURTH ANNUAL "AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE" EVENT

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On November 21st, the Linkages

Department (funded by the NJ Department of Children and Families), the Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club, along with staff and students at SCVTHS, welcomed a group of US veterans and four Gold Star Mothers to their fourth annual "An Attitude of Gratitude" event.

Organized by Linkages staff members Elaine Howe and Bridget Donovan, the SCVTHS Friends of Rachel Club, and Social Studies Instructor & Army veteran Ed M. Graf, students created thank you cards and interacted with the veterans and Gold Star Mothers.

In addition, students from the SCVTHS Culinary Arts Program created and served a meal for the veterans in the school's TradeWins Restaurant. The veterans, who have served in various branches of the US military and in different wars, were from various posts including the Connecticut Farms American Legion Post 35 and the VFW Kelly Post 2433, both located in Union, New Jersey.

Earlier in November, at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) teachers Convention in Atlantic City, Mr. Graf was presented with a certificate from NJEA recognizing his efforts for the work he does with veterans and the annual Proud To Be An American Day.

"An Attitude of Gratitude" event is very important for our veterans," said Mr. Graf. "Creating relationships between students and veterans is beneficial to all involved." Mr. Graf and his students are currently hard at work preparing for the annual Proud to be an American Day which will be held in May 2018.✱

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(back, l-r): SCVTHS Principal Diane Ziegler and SCVTHS Social Studies Instructor and Army veteran Ed M. Graf with veterans during the An Attitude of Gratitude event.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nicole Haurey

Nicole Haurey, a senior in the Cosmetology Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for December 2017. Nicole is the daughter of Daniel and Shirley Haurey of South Bound Brook.

SCVTHS English Instructor Brendan Downey nominated Nicole for the Student of the Month award because she is a stellar student. "Nicole's contributions to the classroom climate are both welcomed and valued. She is an 'A' student who strives to improve with each assignment."

At SCVTHS Nicole has been chosen for Principal's Honor Roll and was recognized as the Cosmetology CTE Stellar Student for the first marking period of this year.

Outside of SCVTHS, Nicole works at Hairport Salon in Raritan. She also volunteers at the assisted living center where her grandmother lives. When she has free time Nicole enjoys writing and gaming. Additionally, she likes researching new technology in the gaming industry.

After graduating, Nicole plans to attend Raritan Valley Community College for video game development. Afterward she plans to continue her education to obtain a bachelor's degree.✱



Nicole Haurey