



SCVTHS STUDENTS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING BY GIVING BACK

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As the Thanksgiving Food Drive draws to an end, once again I am proud of the generosity our school community always displays in these types of events. Deliveries to our families are being arranged for this week. Everyone who participated should take pride knowing you were a part of making a difference to an SCVTHS family this Thanksgiving. I wish everyone a happy holiday!

Upcoming Events / School Spirit Alerts

- 11/25- FFA Holiday & Citrus Fruit Sales begin
- 11/1-12/3-HOSA's Annual NJ Cares Coat Drive
- 12/2-12/16-TOPS Program Toy/Gift Drive benefiting the Agape House in Somerville
- 12/7- Cosmetology Cut-a-Thon & Toy Drive
- 12/20- School Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater Day for Students & Staff
- 12/20- Linkages Volleyball Challenge event - grade level competitions and winning team plays the staff team

Athletics

- Week of November 25- Try-outs begin for Cheerleading and Girls & Boys Basketball.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



During the month of November, SCVTHS students and staff participated in several events which give back to the community.

On November 13th, students and staff welcomed over 20 US military veterans and five Gold Star Families to the high school's sixth annual "An Attitude of Gratitude" event. Veterans in attendance were from various posts including the Connecticut Farms American Legion Post 35 and the VFW Kelly Post 2433 in Union, NJ. The veterans served in different branches of the military and in different wars.

Social Studies Instructor and Army Veteran Ed M. Graf organized the event to enable his students to interact with the veterans and Gold Star Families. "The event is great because the students benefit from the families and the families benefit from the students," said Mr. Graf. "It's wonderful to see the sharing, laughing, heartfelt memories and giving thanks that occurs," he added.

In addition to the "An Attitude of Gratitude" event, SCVTHS continued a 20-year tradition by holding its Annual Holiday Food Drive and creating food baskets to support local families in need. Efforts for the drive were led by the SCVTHS SkillsUSA Chapter, Class Advisors, and Principal Diane Ziegler.

Twelve families in need were provided baskets filled with a complete Thanksgiving meal including a turkey, fresh pie created by the Culinary Arts students and the trimmings.



(left-right) SCVTHS students Sarah Strano of Branchburg, Ari Carousso of Neshanic Station and Madison Weinberg of Hillsborough pose with former Union County American Legion Commander John Blank during the Attitude of Gratitude event.

"Our annual Thanksgiving food drive really highlights the extended learning components embedded in our CTE programs. When students take an active role in giving to others, it truly provides them with more opportunities to learn and grow beyond the walls of our school," said Principal Diane Ziegler.✱

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Linkages Substance Abuse Counselor Donna Lenox, SCVTHS Academy for Health & Medical Sciences sophomores Nabiya Chaudhry of Bridgewater, Christopher Masiello of Hillsborough, Rima Amin of Bridgewater and Linkages staff member Rose Murtagh in front of the exhibit, *A New Spin on Vaping*.

On November 21st, Academy for Health & Medical Sciences sophomores Paul Kanyuch of Manville, Christopher Masiello of Hillsborough, Nabiya Chaudhry of Bridgewater and Rima Amin of Bridgewater, with the help of the Linkages Department (sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families) at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, held a student led presentation entitled *A New Spin on Vaping*.

During the presentation, students learned the dangers of vaping, while taking an informative quiz

and playing the “Vaping Wheel of Truth.” Students who spun the wheel or took the quiz were awarded with a prize.

Linkages Substance Abuse Counselor Donna Lenox organized the event, while Linkages staff member Rose Murtagh created the “Vaping Wheel of Truth.” Lenox and Murtagh also commended the students on the presentation and their efforts in creating awareness on the dangers of vaping.*

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EDWARD CUNNINGHAM NAMED SCVTHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Edward Cunningham, a sophomore in the Mechatronics, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (MEAM) Program, has been selected as SCVTHS' Student of the Month for November 2019. Edward is the son of Richard and Susan Cunningham of Skillman.

SCVTHS Science Instructor Ms. Denise Gotti nominated Edward for the Student of the Month award because, “Ed is always helpful to his fellow classmates and teachers. We can always count on him to contribute to class lessons and offer teachers helpful tips. Ed has an easy-going personality, which makes him a daily pleasure to be around. He takes pride in his workmanship and excels on projects (solo and team).”

At SCVTHS, Edward is a member of the boys' soccer team, a constant Principal's Honor Roll student and a previously named Stellar Student. This past soccer season, Edward received the Coach's Recognition Award. At his sending district of Montgomery, Edward is a member of the wrestling team and has volunteered at Montgomery High School's summer school program for students with disabilities.

Outside of school, Edward enjoys fishing, biking, wood working and running. Additionally, Edward has been working at the Montgomery Friends of Open Space Farmers' Market for the past two years.

Edward's future plans include furthering his education at MIT and attending the Marines' Officer Candidates School.*



Edward Cunningham

