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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATORS ADJUST TO ONLINE INSTRUCTION

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for adjusting to emergency remote learning and its schedule. This was a curveball that was thrown at everyone. To say that the world wasn't prepared for the virus and mandatory remote learning is an understatement. However, at Somerset Vo-Tech High School we rolled up our sleeves and took on the challenge. We are doing the best we can with the available resources.

Starting April 14th we will be adhering to an A/B Day schedule. Periods 1-5 will be on A Day and 6-10 on B Day. Period 10 is for staff only. It is our hope that this new schedule will help stakeholders with the pressures of remote learning. If you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to the teachers and counselors.

Lastly, I want to stress that we all take a well deserved break starting at noon on April 3rd and ending on April 13th. Students who need to catch up on assignments are encouraged to use this time wisely to improve their grades. As a reminder, the 3rd marking period ends April 17th.

Thanks for all you do and continue to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and others.

Sincerely,

Hector Montes



While the instructors at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School have been adjusting to a new online delivery format of learning, many have taken the challenge to the next level. SCVTHS instructors are finding fun and exciting ways to incorporate activities into their daily teaching and learning.

In-Class Support Instructors Ms. McNerney and Ms. Sorter, with the help of many other SCVTHS staff members, have organized a "Selfie Scavenger Hunt." The Scavenger Hunt tasks students to take selfies with a variety of items related to their various subjects. Examples include students taking a selfie with an object that has a 45 degree angle for their math class, and students taking selfies with electrical outlets or panels for their Electrical Construction class. Ms. McNerney and Ms. Sorter's intent is encourage the students to have fun while they learn because, "we don't know how long we will be out of school and so much of their regular lives have been put on hold."

Students in Mr. Johnson's Culinary Arts classes have been treated to daily virtual field trips. This past week, at the end of his Zoom class sessions, Mr. Johnson has included a daily trip on one of Disney World's rides. Rides included "Space Mountain", "It's a Small World", "Peter Pan's Flight" and others. Next week, Mr. Johnson will be taking his students on tours of a museum.



A screenshot of Mr. Schade teaching a guitar lesson to SCVTHS senior Automotive Technology student Nick Piano of Branchburg.

Finally, Special Education Instructor Mr. Schade is offerings students and staff the ability to take virtual guitar lessons. Mr. Schade is currently teaching eight students, providing individual weekly guitar lessons. Mr. Schade has also inspired interest among some staff members who are also lining up for lessons.*

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SCVTHS HONORS DANCE STUDENTS WIN CONTEST

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First Place Winner - Newsletter Category

Students in Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's (SCVTHS) Gifted & Talented Honors Dance Program recently won the Instagram contest #ForTheLoveOfDanceNJ sponsored by Dance New Jersey. "The idea behind the campaign was to spread the love of dance and make dance heard," said SCVTHS Dance Instructor Maureen Glennon Clayton.

Dancers were tasked with taking and posting pictures throughout the state of themselves dancing. SCVTHS junior Dance students Juiana Hassouna of Bridgewater and Sophia LeBron of Hillsborough were two of the winners of the contest. Both students were awarded with free one year memberships to Dance New Jersey. Additionally, because the SCVTHS Dance Department also received free



SCVTHS Dance student Juiana Hassouna's (Bridgewater) winning post for the #ForTheLoveOfDanceNJ contest sponsored by Dance New Jersey.



SCVTHS Dance student Sophia LeBron's (Hillsborough) winning post for the #ForTheLoveOfDanceNJ contest sponsored by Dance New Jersey.

memberships, instructors Maureen Glennon Clayton and Sheila Sullivan decided to donate back the memberships, as a gesture to the organization

SCVTHS Dance Instructor Maureen Glennon Clayton spoke of the students' accomplishment saying, "I am happy that my students participated in this campaign and am proud of the two students who also entered the contest on their own! They all did exactly what Dance NJ asked of them, to spread their love of dance and make dance be heard!"*

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Tyler Caulfield

Tyler Caulfield, a junior in the Carpentry Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for March 2020. Tyler is the son of John and Debi Caulfield of South Bound Brook.

SCVTHS Spanish Instructor Mr. Guillermo Reina nominated Tyler for the Student of the Month Award because Tyler is "a role model student who is exceptional, always on target, shows great enthusiasm for the subject with excellent participation, and is an amazing team player. Tyler used his carpentry skills to design and construct a guitar out of wood. His problem-solving and creativity skills are the finest. Kudos for Tyler!"

At SCVTHS, Tyler takes honors classes in English, math and history. While uncertain of what he would like to do in the future, Tyler has considered the possibility of becoming an engineer.

Outside of school, Tyler works at QuickChek in South Bound Brook, where he creates food orders, manages the coffee stations, as well as prepares soups and other bakery items. During his free time, Tyler enjoys relaxing by playing video games and watching shows on a variety of apps.

"I would like to thank the teachers at SCVTHS," said Tyler upon receiving the Student of the Month award.*



Tyler Caulfield