



JAGUAR NATION

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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Our HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club is working on a service project – currently students and their teacher/advisor Mrs. Kim Vasaturo are collecting coats through December 20th.

Students in our Carpentry Program, under the direction of instructor George Lee, are putting the finishing touches on a special item. The students have designed and created an oversized toy chest that will now be used to collect Christmas toys by our boys' basketball team. Under the direction of Head Coach Ahmed Mackey and Assistant Coach Mike McClain players will be collecting toys for residents of the Matheny Medical and Educational Center in Peapack.

Recently our Boys and Girls soccer teams had a banquet in our Trade Wins Restaurant to close out a very successful season. The boys finished the season with a 9-11 record and the girls had their best season in school history with a 16-7-1 record. Special shout out to our Seniors: Chris, Micah, Ashish, Neil, Soham, Darius, Rodrigo, Stephanie, Ariel, Janelle, Gemma, Emma and Regine! Go Jags!

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



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New Paint Booth Puts SCVTHS Auto Body Program Ahead of The Class



(left to right): Auto Body students Brandi Gill, Alexandra Santa Maria, Giannie Cintron, and Andrew Grimaldy pose for a picture in the new paint booth.

A new and exciting addition has recently been installed into the SCVTHS Auto Body program. At the center of the program, a new paint booth with mixing room has replaced an out of date, inefficient, and sometimes non-functioning booth. With backing from the SCVTHS Auto Body Advisory Committee the new state-of-the-art paint booth was purchased with funding made possible by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act Grant.

The new booth has been completed with a large focus on increased safety and added health benefits. It includes a cutting-edge ventilation system and air apparatus, which filters in Grade D breathing air through a rotary compressor system so that the students will not breathe in harmful fumes caused by the spray paint. By providing Grade D breathing air, the booth meets all of OSHA's strict safety standards and complements additional safety features such as the fire hazard and cabin pressure systems.

A true quality teaching and learning environment, the booth provides a sizeable increase in learning and

work space. The days of cramped areas where only a few students are able to take part in a lesson at one time are now a thing of the past. Also by having the larger booth, students can now work on larger vehicles, which will increase their skill sets.

SCVTHS Auto Body instructor Mr. George Byrd commented on the new booth by saying, "It's a wonderful thing. The new booth has really moved us into the 21st Century where we should be. By replacing the old unreliable booth, we will get the students to where they need to be."

In addition to the safety features and added space, the

new facility is set up for both waterborne and solvent-based paints. Because the industry is moving towards waterborne paints, it is important for students to learn what they will be using in the industry upon graduation.

"This was something that was needed for the future of the program and teaching students so they are ready for the workplace," Mr. Byrd remarked.✱

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• December 1 – 20
Annual HOSA Coat Drive

• December 7
Breakfast with Santa



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SCVTHS Names Peter Sansom 2013 Business Partner of the Year

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(left to right): SCVTHS Culinary Arts Instructor Chef John Vingara, 2013 SCVTHS Business Partner of the Year Peter Sansom, and SCVTHS Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Mark Mastrobattista.

For over twenty-five years, Mr. Sansom has consistently dedicated and volunteered his time as a presenter, SkillsUSA technical advisor, and mentor to the students at SCVTHS. In addition, Mr. Sansom has contributed valuable information through product demonstrations and presentations, which have proven to improve the program and stay in line with industry trends. Beyond Mr. Sansom's business relationship with SCVTHS, he also personally donates towards a Culinary Arts scholarship on a yearly basis. For all these reasons and more, SCVTHS is proud to honor Pete Sansom as their 2013 Business Partner of the Year. ✨

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Peter Sansom, a Marketing Associate from the food services company Sysco, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical School District's 2013 Business Partner of the Year.

Mr. Sansom was selected for the award because of his continuous contributions to the Culinary Arts Program and longstanding relationship with Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Cailin Toole

Cailin Toole, a junior in the Gifted and Talented Honors Theater Arts Program, has been selected as Student of the Month for November 2013. Cailin is the daughter of Arthur and Lisa Toole of Bridgewater.

Joseph Mancuso, SCVTHS Gifted and Talented Theater Arts Program Coordinator, nominated Cailin because, "Cailin has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a willingness to take on additional tasks. As a SkillsUSA delegate, she performs her duties with great enthusiasm and seriousness." In addition Mr. Mancuso added that, "as an emerging leader in the program, she is off to a terrific start that is deserving of this recognition."

At SCVTHS, Cailin serves as a SkillsUSA delegate and has held major roles in the Theater Arts productions for the past two years. This year, Cailin is preparing to fulfill her role in the upcoming performances of *Avenue Q: School Edition*, where she will play the character Gary Coleman.

Outside of school, Cailin has enjoyed many personal performance-related accomplishments. Cailin was a Top 12 Finalist in QSAC's (Quality Services for the Autism Community) Got Talent contest held at the Midtown

Theater in New York City; she won first place in Bridgewater's Got Talent contest; and is a Preliminary Champion Irish Dancer. In addition to these accomplishments, Cailin has been the opening act for two sold-out shows in New York City. Finally, Cailin just recently performed at the "Be the Voice against Bullying" benefit with former contestants from the NBC television show "The Voice." Filled with all original songs that she has written, Cailin is expecting to release her very first record this December. In the future, Cailin's wish is to continue writing, recording, and performing music. ✨

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Cailin Toole, the November 2013 Student of the Month at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School.

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