

CTE CHATTER

New Faces in the CTE Department

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April Ryan



Mrs. April Ryan graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology then received her teaching certification from Lamar University the following year. Mrs. Ryan taught 7th and 8th grade science before having the opportunity to stay at home with her children when they were young. She spent the last four years as the technology aide at Ridgewood Elementary. This past spring she received her Business & Finance certification and is now teaching BIM at PNGHS. Her two children, Thomas, 11th grade, and Nancy, 9th grade, attend PNGHS and her youngest daughter, Molly, just started 4th grade at PNE! In her spare time, she likes to be at home with family and she really likes to shop!

Zach Skinner



Coach Zach Skinner begins his first year at PNG High School as the new CTE Computer Maintenance teacher and also teaches Psychology/Sociology. In addition to his teaching assignment, Coach Skinner coaches football and track. This is Coach Skinner's 9th year overall with previous stops at Livingston then East Chambers. He earned his bachelor's degree from Lamar University and was a member of the Lamar football team. Coach Skinner is married to his wife, Kara, and has two children, Noah and Maysie.

Mark Brevell



Coach Brevell graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur. After graduation, he attended Alvin Jr. College on a baseball scholarship. From there, he transferred to Lamar University. Coach Brevell has been teaching and coaching for 30 years, of which 25 of those years have been in Texas public schools. Coach Brevell is married to his beautiful wife, Brenda, who is a science teacher at Groves Middle School. They have been married 26 years and have two beautiful daughters Bailey and Britney. Bailey is a 22-year-old medical school student in Fort Worth and Britney is a 17-year-old senior at PN-G High School. Britney is planning to go to med school also. This is Coach Brevell's first year away from coaching and he is "very excited to join the CTE program at PNG."



Mike Tobias



Mr. Mike Tobias is the NDN Press advisor, teaching advanced courses in journalism and photojournalism. On the journalism side, Tobias advises a staff of students charged with creating the annual *War Whoop* publication. A second staff is charged with producing printed issues of the *Pow Wow* newspaper. Each of those publications receive images from the advanced photojournalism classes. Mr. Tobias came to PN-G after 16 years of professional journalism experience, working in varying newsroom roles — most recently as the sports editor of *The Beaumont Enterprise*. Among his more memorable career moments are covering the area's hurricanes and tropical storms, NCAA and professional sports — including the Texans, Rockets and Astros — and many nights of high school athletics. He has made a career living on deadlines and instills the same level of urgency from his students. When he manages to pull himself away from work, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Paige, his daughters Addison and Andie and is an avid guitar and music enthusiast.

Heidi Woodall



Mrs. Heidi Woodall teaches Pharmacology and Biology at PNGHS. This is Mrs. Woodall's 4th year at PNG and her 17th year of teaching Life Sciences. She enjoys teaching and learning. In her spare time, she loves to travel, swim and ride horses.



New CTE Programs

PNG CTE has two new programs this year. Pharmacology offers our students a start in the growing healthcare field. Students will be able to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE) at the end of the school year allowing them to go directly into the pharmacy workforce.

The PNGHS Journalism program is transitioning to CTE! The new CTE courses offers students opportunities to build strong communication and application skills for today's workplace. Mr. Tobias' journalism students have won statewide achievements in multiple categories from the UIL's Interscholastic League Press Conference and a regional award from the Press Club of Southeast Texas. We look forward to many more accomplishments!



Flavoring medicine in Pharmacology class

NDN Press students and Administration: From left, PNG Superintendent Dr. Mike Gonzales, B. Batson, T. Chance, P. Lee, H. Rhoades, and Asst. Superintendent Julie Gauthier

CTE Mission Statement

The PNGISD CTE Mission Statement has been updated for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

The mission of PNGISD Career & Technology Education (CTE) is to empower students to be successful citizens, workers, and leaders in not only the organizations and communities in which they work and live, but also in our global economy.

PNGISD CTE programs provide opportunities for all students to acquire the necessary skills needed for entry into a global workforce through industry certifications and/or for continuing their education at the post-secondary level.



Industry Certifications

PNGISD CTE students earned a record number of 212 industry certifications for the 2018-2019 school year which is a 63% increase from the previous year! Certifications were earned in the following areas:

- Certified Nurse Aide = 18
- AWS D1.1 Welding = 7
- Microsoft Office Specialist Word = 18
- Microsoft Office Specialist Word Expert = 7
- Microsoft Office Specialist Excel = 14
- Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint = 17
- Microsoft Office Specialist Outlook = 8
- Cosmetology, Operator License = 2
- NCCER Core = 68
- Adobe Photoshop = 12
- Adobe InDesign = 10
- Adobe Illustrator = 6
- Adobe Premiere Professional = 9
- Refrigerant Handling EPA 608 = 8
- Educational Aide I = 8

Congratulations to our CTE students who earned industry certifications! A special "thank you" goes out to their CTE teachers who prepared them for their certification exams! We look forward to great things in 2019-2020!

CTE Advisory Committee

The PN-GHS CTE Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity to provide leadership in and promote the development of the CTE program as it relates to and meets the needs of the students, the community, and the public.

The first meeting of the year was held in October.



Cosmetology Services



Cosmetology students are taking appointments on Thursday and Friday each week.

All appointments are in the afternoon from 12 – 2 p.m. Schedule appointments by calling 729-7644 ext. 239 or see any cosmetology student.

COSMETOLOGY PRICE LIST

Shampoo & Style/Set	\$ 5.00
Haircut	\$ 4.00
Perm Wave.....	\$ 12.00
Color (short hair) \$10.00 & (long hair) \$ 20.00	
Foil Highlights (up to 6 foils).....	\$ 10.00
Foil Highlights (7 or more foils)	\$ 15.00
Eyebrow Wax/Arch.....	\$ 2.00
Eyebrow Tint	\$ 3.00
Hot Oil Manicure.....	\$ 5.00
Manicure.....	\$4.00
Pedicure	\$ 6.00
Facial.....	\$ 6.00

Thank you, Mrs. Oleksy, for giving us a shout out on Facebook!



Amber Fontenot Oleksy

October 4 at 3:00 PM · 🌐

BEFORE: what a bob looks like after growing out for a year because you had a 3rd child and do not have time for anything that doesn't involve children being around

AFTER: You decide to give the cosmetology department a try by letting a student even it out during your conference period. Not too shabby!



Criminal Justice Happenings

The PN-GHS Criminal Justice Club recently received a \$500 donation from the Port Arthur Police Department for their help with the annual Guns and Hoses fundraiser event. Criminal Justice students helped with the Port Arthur Police and Fire Benevolent Fundraiser clay shoot tournament. CJ students staffed the stations launching the clay targets for the contestants to shoot. Students were also in charge of the official scoring. "They were a tremendous help and much appreciated" according to their sponsor, Mr. George Navarro. Criminal Justice officers, B. Edwards, A. Guerra, and L. Harrington received the check for the Criminal Justice Club from Officer Wendy Billot, PAPD.



Cranking it up at GMS!



Look for exciting things to happen at Groves Middle School with Coach Mark Brevell leading the way in the shop! Shown to the left: K. Kidwell uses the drill press (far left) and C. Williams uses the lathe machine (right) in Coach Brevell's Industrial Tech class at GMS!



SkillsUSA Washington National Leadership

Two of PN-G's finest two students participated in SkillsUSA Washington National Leadership in September. Lexus Wilkerson and Stephanie Barron earned the privilege to attend by participating in Texas Summer Leadership, completing a number of assignments, and earning their Statesman Pins. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these students. Not only were they able to participate in leadership training, they were able to visit monuments, museums, and sites that tell the incredible history of our country. They also received Library of Congress cards, took a private tour of the Capitol building, and met and interviewed Congressman Randy Weber and Senator Ted Cruz.



District 7 SkillsUSA Officers at our nation's Capital



Stephanie & Lexus with Senator Ted Cruz



District 7 SkillsUSA Officers visiting with Congressman Randy Weber



Two of PN-Gs brightest stars! These young ladies could hold this position one day!



Visiting the underground staff tunnels during a private tour. They both said the capitol tour was the highlight of their trip.



Holding up the monument!

Thanks to the CTE teachers who provided information for this newsletter!