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Dates to Remember

- Senior Citizen Valentine's Day Dance 60 and over & R.S.V.P. REQUIRED Feb. 10
- Heskett's Literacy Night - Feb. 13
- School Board Meeting Feb. 15
- Heskett's Conferences Feb. 15
- High School Conferences - Feb. 15
- President's Day- Feb 19 NO SCHOOL
- Glendale Conferences Feb. 20 & Feb 28
- Heskett's Soul Food Dinner & African American History Program - Feb. 23
- Choral Black History Program - Feb. 28



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The Growth of Career Technical Educational Programs



Teacher Mr. Frank Mcgroarty with the auto technology students

Career Technical Programs (CTE) provide students with a strong foundation of technical knowledge and employability skills to complement their academic studies and prepare them for both college and career options. The Ohio economy is experiencing a gap in skills training needed for jobs in Ohio. These jobs are requiring more education than high school but less than a four year degree. CTE programs can fill these gaps in Ohio key industries. Indeed, The Bedford City School District is excited about the expansion of our CTE program. Bearcats in CTE can earn industry certifications and licenses, postsecondary certificates and associate degrees. It is worth noting that CTE associate degrees can pay \$10,000 more per year than associate degrees in other fields, and can even pay more than bachelor's degrees- while limiting student debt.

Current CTE Programs

- Auto Technology
- PLTW BioMed
- Business Administration Management
- Clinical Health
- Cyber Security
- Marketing
- Teaching Academy



Future CTE Programs (2024 & 2025)

- Audio & Visual Production
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary
- Engineering
- Sports Medicine & Exercise

Meet Chef of the Week.....Lon Lofton



*One way to avoid procrastination on difficult tasks is to set small goals and attach a reward to meeting each goal.
- Advice from Chef Lon*

Lon Lofton is a senior at Bedford High School who has been studying Culinary Arts for two years in a collaborative Career Technical Educational Program with the Bedford City School District and Warrensville Heights City School District. Lon takes his Culinary Arts curriculum at Warrensville Heights High School and his remaining academic courses at Bedford High School.

In Lon's quest for independence, he saw a career pathway in culinary arts as a way to ensure that he would not need to depend on anyone to prepare his meals. Independence was Lon's initial motivation, but this journey has taught him so much more. Lon has learned the progression of each stage of The Culinary Arts program, everything from sanitization of kitchen tools to how to manage a restaurant.

A highlight of the program is the opportunity to become chef of the week and prepare a full course meal for school staff, teachers, and administrators to purchase and enjoy at Café (Warrensville's dining hall). Chef Lon's mouth watering meal did not disappoint. Chef Lon prepared the following for his guests: chicken Alfredo, cheese ravioli with marinara, cannoli and chocolate mousse.



*Chicken and Macaroni and Cheese
prepared by Chef Lon*



*Dr. Threat, Ms. Lewis, Mrs. Dillard and Mrs. Robinson
attended Lon's dinner. The ladies enjoyed their meal and
were happy to support Chef Lon.*

Interactive Career Fair Sparks Excitement in Budding Glendale Bearcats

Career exploration can start early, sparking children's excitement to connect interests to future jobs. Aligning with Ohio's Social Emotional Learning Standards on career development, the Bedford City School District hosted its first career fair for Glendale Elementary preschool through second graders. The goal was for students to see how they can take pride in doing good work, support themselves, their family and contribute to their community.

The young Bearcats delighted in learning firsthand from professionals in various fields like mechanics, nursing, cosmetology, law enforcement, and engineering. Students engaged interactively with each presenter, getting to ask questions and trying equipment relevant to the careers.

Exposing primary grade students to hands-on, real world career experiences plants important seeds. It nurtures their curiosity around how school learning links to life paths, while building knowledge of job options. Most importantly, it empowers children to recognize their immense potential to pursue their passions. Initiating career education early allows students to discover talents and interests, guiding both academic and technical skill growth in their formative years.



School Board Member Mrs. Turner Birch taught young Bearcats about being a cosmetologist.



Principal, Angela Siwick; School Counselor & Event Organizer, Mrs. School; and Dean of Students, Mrs. Lipford



Caryn Martin is a Glendale parent, and as a medical assistant and patient navigator for University Hospital, she had a wealth of knowledge to share with our young Bearcats.



The students listened intently as Bedford City School District alum and technologist, Antoine Corbett showed them the mechanics of a computer's motherboard.

Employment Opportunities in our Communities

Benefits of Employment

~**Socialization:** It can connect you with others, which can help you learn more about the world by interacting with customers, clients or coworkers to feel more connected to society.

~**Fulfillment:** You may feel you achieved a goal within your career or personal life with the job you are currently working.

~**Income:** A job may make you financially secure at the moment and in the future by providing resources to pay for necessities.

~**Skills:** A job offers an opportunity to learn new skills such as customer service, organization or public speaking.

~**Wellness:** Some jobs offer an opportunity to move our bodies throughout the day, which may contribute to overall health.

If you are looking for employment, visit these websites:



**Bedford City
School District**



City of Bedford



**City of Bedford
Heights**



Oakwood Village



**Village of
Walton Hills**



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School Community Resource Room Open to Students, Families, and Senior Citizens

If you are in need of clothing, food, school supplies, and/or toiletries, contact your school's social worker and set up an appointment to visit our Community Resource Room!

**We're here
to help!**

Our students, families, and all senior citizens in our district are welcome to use the Community Resource Room!