



CATCH THE EXCITEMENT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CTE DEPARTMENT

September has been an exciting and productive month for the CTE Department! Our students have participated in field trips, earned industry-recognized credentials, and gained valuable hands-on learning experiences in their CTE classes. We also kicked off Career Development Plans (CDPs), helping students begin creating a roadmap for their future education and career goals. We are excited about the opportunities ahead as we continue preparing students to be college, career, and future ready!

CTE in Bertie—Catch the Excitement!

SEPTEMBER'S COOLEST TEACHER EVER



Congratulations to Ms. Christy Bradley, our September CTE Teacher of the Month! Ms. Bradley brings passion and dedication to the classroom as a Health Science teacher, helping students build the knowledge and skills needed for future careers in healthcare. Beyond the classroom, she also serves as a mentor to beginning teachers, providing guidance, encouragement, and support. Her commitment to students, colleagues, and CTE makes her truly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations, Ms. Bradley! Thank you for making a difference every day!

CTE WING OPENING



Bertie High School opened their Career and Technical Education (CTE) wing in August, providing students with modern, hands-on learning spaces for programs such as welding, cosmetology, automotive, HVAC, agriculture, and carpentry. The new facility maximizes instructional time and provides access to updated equipment. The expansion supports students in earning valuable skills and industry-recognized certifications that prepare them for success in the workforce after graduation.

CAREER CONNECTION CHAMPION



Ms. LaQuanda Leary, Career Development Coordinator, has been selected as the Career Connection Champion for Northeast North Carolina. A Career Connection Champion (Triple C) is a regional leader and ambassador appointed by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Triple C Champions work to connect K-12 education with local workforce needs, helping prepare students for high-demand careers. As Career Development Coordinators (CDCs), they support student career programs locally while also leading regional workforce development and career-readiness initiatives.

Congratulations, Ms. Leary, on this incredible accomplishment!

CREDENTIAL CORNER



Students in Mrs. Ashley Moore's Foods & Nutrition I class have begun the certification process! Students enrolled in the course have the opportunity to earn their Food Handler Certification, providing them with valuable skills and credentials for the food service industry.

We are excited to celebrate their progress! Currently, 82% of students in 2nd period have earned their certification, while an outstanding 89% of students in 4th period have successfully earned theirs. Congratulations to Mrs. Moore and her students on this achievement!

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERNSHIP

Mrs. Michelle Roulhac's Early Childhood I students have officially begun their internship at Windsor Elementary School! During this exciting hands-on experience, students will serve as classroom assistants in grades K-2, gaining valuable experience working alongside educators and interacting with young learners. This opportunity allows students to put their classroom knowledge into practice while exploring careers in education and early childhood development.



LEVEL UP & DRESS UP THURSDAYS

Mr. Jáir Cooley and Mrs. Charlene Taylor have introduced "Dress Up Thursdays" on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. This initiative encourages students to dress professionally while learning the importance of making a positive first impression in the business world. Through this experience, students are developing valuable career-readiness skills and learning how professional attire can help build confidence and prepare them for future workplace opportunities.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CTE is encouraging Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)! CTOSOs provide students with exciting opportunities to strengthen their leadership skills, gain real-world experience, develop career-ready skills, and prepare for future success. Through participation in CTOSOs, students can build confidence, connect with their peers, participate in competitions and activities, and explore careers related to their CTE program areas. We're excited to see our students get involved and take their CTE experience beyond the classroom!



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



To help students gain valuable real-world experience, juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to participate in internships. These experiences will allow students to explore potential careers, develop workplace skills, build professional connections, and apply what they have learned in the classroom to authentic work environments.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Ms. Leary has begun working with Bertie Middle School students to complete their Career Development Plans (CDPs). Career Development Plans are a requirement for students in North Carolina and serve as an important tool for career exploration and future planning. Through the CDP process, students identify their interests, strengths, career goals, and educational pathways, helping them create a personalized roadmap for their future. This early career planning helps students make informed decisions as they prepare for high school, postsecondary education, and future careers.



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