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Introduction to Construction Careers Students Raise a Barn

A particular image is conjured up in the Lancaster area when you mention “barn raising”. Students from the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center’s Mount Joy campus are doing their best to challenge that image.



About 15 students in the Introduction to Construction Careers class swarm over the construction site. They are building a storage pole barn adjacent to the soccer field in Cove Outlook Park on Old Market Street. Blue safety helmets bob this way and that as the students bend to their tasks. All of this activity is overseen by their instructor, Aaron Adams.

“The students in this class are here to learn the basic skills of a variety of construction careers. So a project like this one with a variety of necessary skills is absolutely perfect for them,” Adams said. He explained that the project was a collaboration with Donegal Youth Soccer to build a large storage shed for the equipment. The location of the site was ideal for the Construction program students at Mount Joy campus across the street. Adams said that the project was meant to be done in the spring, but the pandemic shutdown hit before construction could begin. He said that the Lancaster County CTC occasionally works with local groups to provide labor for construction and improvement projects.

“The students get on-site work experience and we are able to save some local organizations some expenses,” Adams said.

Instructor Adams resumes explaining to the group how to install structural timbers. Small knots of students, properly masked, peel off to make their measurements, saw to length, and screw the struts in place.

Gage Watt, another LCCTC junior from Manheim Central, snapped a straight chalk line to mark positions for the coming cut lumber. He said that he was hoping to become a local construction worker after high school.

“I came to the CTC for the hands-on learning and here we are,” Watt said, holding up a construction tape measure.

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“Working out here is great!” exclaimed CTC student Javan Vargas, a junior from Manheim Central School District. “We’ve been in school for two weeks and we are already out here building a 24-foot barn.”



Vargas kneeled on a piece of lumber in the parking lot adjacent to the construction site and measured out a length while his classmates offered opinions and advice. Vargas said that he had worked on small construction projects before coming to the LCCTC but he had never worked on something this large before. He said that his favorite part of the project so far was busting through the parking lot blacktop and pouring the concrete for the corner posts of the barn.

“It’s really cool to know that you’re building something that is going to be here for a long time. Something that a lot of people will use over the years,” Vargas said.

Brian Engle, the Fields Coordinator from Donegal Youth Soccer explained that the new shed will house all the materials that the group uses during meets – from jerseys, to line equipment, to the goals.

“The LCCTC had built a small shed for us on the same location. Over the years, we outgrew that shed and then some,” Engle said. “I really look forward to having a large, secure place to store our material and we really appreciate all of the work from the CTC students,” he said.

Free Lunch Waiver Extended to All Students Under 18 through 2020

The LCCTC has been approved to serve 1 free lunch per student, per day, until December 31, 2020. Students will continue to obtain their lunch meal at their assigned times in the cafeteria. Students are required to take a full meal, including milk.

Federal waivers that allowed schools to continue distributing meals to students back in March have been extended to the end of the calendar year. This means that now anyone under 18 qualifies for a free meal, regardless of need, at participating school districts until December 31.

Money will have to be applied to the student’s account to purchase an extra meal, a la carte items, drinks, and snacks.

If your sending school is participating in this nationwide waiver program, you are only eligible for 1 free lunch per day. You cannot receive a free lunch at the CTC as well as picking up a free lunch at your sending school. Student lunch accounts will reflect their paid, reduced, and free status on January 1, 2021. We encourage families to download the School Café App and apply for the free/reduced meals to ensure the proper account status when this transition takes place.

If you have any questions, please call the food services department at 717-464-7050 ext. 7084

LCCTC FFA Officers Selected

The 2020 Lancaster County CTC FFA (Future Farmers of America) Officers have been selected! The candidates went through an application and interview selection process last week. Congratulations to the following Willow Street campus students:



LCCTC Launches Mobile App



The Lancaster County Career & Technology Center is pleased to announce its new app! It's everything Lancaster County CTC, in your pocket. View announcements, see current happenings, check out lunch menus, access important documents, and more!

Download the app on Android:

<https://bit.ly/2USUAdv>

iPhone:

<https://apple.co/2YjEXNa>

LCCTC 19-20 Annual Report Released

The Lancaster County Career & Technology Center's Annual Report for the 2019-2020 school year has been released. The report features a short, student profile of a student from each of our sending school districts plus one from each of our main adult education departments. Other material in the report includes information on the post-graduation plans of some of our students, enrollment data, the 2020 Skills USA team, LCCT Foundation information and more. It can be viewed at the weblink below.

https://lancasterctc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/19_20_LCCTC_Annual_Report-compressed.pdf



Deep Clean/Hybrid Instruction/Virtual Instruction Options for LCCTC

The LCCTC published the following online and was sent home with students on August 31. These are options that the LCCTC may enact if they become necessary.

To the Lancaster County Career & Technology Students and Families,

The LCCTC is a hands-on learning institution. Our Joint Operating Committee chose to open for in-person classes because they believe in hands-on instruction. We are working constantly to maintain as safe an environment for our students and staff as possible. However, throughout the pandemic, the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center has learned that change comes swiftly and usually without warning. We have no plans to change instructional format right now. However, we want to make sure that the community is informed of what may happen if we find ourselves needing to move to a different instructional model or perform a deep clean due to COVID infection.

We want to stress again that we have no plans to change our instructional method at this time. Our students are still coming to school, in-person, each school day. This letter is only intended to provide LCCTC families with information about how our campuses would function under a hybrid or virtual instructional model if we need it in the future.

Should we need to move to a different mode of instruction, the LCCTC would alert all students and families, LCCTC staff, and sending school districts via all communication pathways – One Call voice calls, email, social media, and website alerts.

Possible Scenarios

LCCTC's Deep Clean:

- In case of limited exposure, the LCCTC might close for up to three days in order to conduct a deep clean of facilities. If this occurs, we will follow the CTC's adverse weather protocol and the missed days will be made up during the school year.

LCCTC's Hybrid instruction model:

- Day 1 – No school for students. Faculty will have that day to prepare for online instruction.
- Instruction is delivered in both online and in-person formats via an alternating schedule in order to reduce the number of individuals present in the buildings, classrooms, and buses.

- Students will be divided as follows: (Students with hyphenated last names should use the first name in the hyphenated last name.)
 - Group A – Last Names A through L
 - Group B – Last Names M through Z
- Full-Day and Half-Day students will be sorted into one of two groups and attend according to the Hybrid schedule
 - Group A attends in-person classes on Mondays and Thursdays and has online activities Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - Group B attends in-person classes on Tuesdays and Fridays and has online activities on Mondays and Thursdays.
 - Wednesdays will consist of online learning activities for both Groups A and B.
- Health and Safety Plan protocols will continue to be in place during Hybrid Instruction.

Hybrid Instruction Model Schedule

Wednesday Virtual Learning				
Lancaster County Career and Technology Center				
Hybrid Schedule - Full Day Program				
Group A - Last Names A through L			Group B - Last Names M through Z	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A: In School/In Person	Group B: In School/In Person	Group A and B: Remote Learning. Students will not be physically present. Area will be cleaned and disinfected	Group A: In School/In Person	Group B: In School/In Person
Group B: Remote Learning	Group A: Remote Learning		Group B: Remote Learning	Group A: Remote Learning
Hybrid Schedule - 1/2 day programs				
Morning Session				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A: AM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group B: AM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group A and B: Remote Learning. Students will not be physically present. Area will be cleaned and disinfected	Group A: AM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group B: AM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person
Group B: AM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning	Group A: AM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning		Group B: AM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning	Group A: AM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning
Afternoon Session				
Group A: PM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group B: PM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group A and B: Remote Learning. Students will not be physically present. Area will be cleaned and disinfected	Group A: PM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person	Group B: PM Class 1/2 of the class In School / In Person
Group B: PM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning	Group A: PM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning		Group B: PM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning	Group A: PM Class 1/2 of the class Remote Learning

LCCTC's Virtual instruction model:

- Day 1 and 2 – No school for students. Faculty will have two in-service days to prepare for online instruction.
- Day 3 – Students should log onto the Canvas Learning Management Systems and get further instructions from their instructors.
- Day 4 and beyond – Students and faculty will continue to follow the online curricula until further notice from the LCCTC.

The first days of our new school year have passed as smoothly as we could hope. The students are settling into their routines amid the school's rigorous health and safety protocols. The full-time, in-person start to the school year may have provided an anchor for families to plan for the fall, but we must remember that we remain in a fluid situation. We must all be prepared for a swift change to instruction if circumstances demand it. We hope this information helps your family plan for the school year.



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For inquiries regarding other nondiscriminatory policies and programs, or for information regarding services, activities, programs and facilities that are accessible to and usable by both disabled persons and national origin minority persons who lack English language skills, contact the Supervisor of Student Services and Coordinator for Title VI, Title IX and Section 504, 1730 Hans Herr Drive, PO Box 527, Willow Street, PA 17584. Telephone: 717-208-3124.