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Dear Parents and Students,

<https://tinyurl.com/yzhmeysd>

Welcome to the **Painting & Interior Finishes** program at *Lancaster Career & Technology Center*! My name is **Erick Leiva** and I am thrilled to guide students through this hands-on learning experience. As a *former student of this very program and the 2004 SkillsUSA Painting Competition State Champion*, I know firsthand how rewarding this trade can be. My goal is to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the painting industry and beyond.

What We Will Be Learning

Students will gain hands-on experience in:

- Hand and power tool use
- Painting techniques & surface prep
- Drywall repair, hanging, and finishing
- Wallpaper & Flooring installation
- Wood staining & furniture refinishing
- Spray painting (HVLV & airless sprayers)
- Job site safety & professionalism

We will also emphasize **teamwork, leadership, and career readiness** through *real-world projects, field trips, and industry connections*.

Expectations For Students:

- Be on time and ready to learn
- Follow all safety protocols
- Respect classmates, staff, and equipment
- Demonstrate a strong work ethic and willingness to learn
- Take responsibility for their progress and participation

Expectations For Myself:

- Providing hands-on learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment
- Offering guidance and industry insights to help students grow in their skills
- Connecting students with job shadowing, internships, and workforce opportunities
- Encouraging teamwork, leadership, and personal development
- Preparing students for success in the painting and construction industry

Parent Involvement & Communication

I believe that student success is a team effort, and I encourage open communication. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to discuss opportunities for your student, please feel free to reach out to me at eleiva@lancaster.edu

Thank you for trusting me to be part of your child's education and future. I look forward to an exciting and productive year!

Uniform Requirements for Painting & Interior Finishes Students

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Welcome! I'm excited to meet each of you and spend the year teaching valuable skills that will prepare you for success in the painting industry and beyond.

As part of our program, a **uniform is required to start on the first day of school**. Below are the approved uniform options for students:

- **CHARCOAL Short Sleeve Tee**
- **CHARCOAL Long Sleeve Tee**
- **CHARCOAL Crew Neck Sweatshirt**
- **CHARCOAL Hooded Sweatshirt**
- **CHARCOAL Zipper Hooded Sweatshirt**

- **White or Tan Painters' Work Pants (Can be purchased at Sherwin Williams)**
- **BLACK Polos** (optional but recommended for job interviews or special occasion events)

CTC logo hats are available as a new addition and are permitted in class, **or industry partner hats. Work boots are required to be worn every day**. Since we spend long periods on our feet, I highly recommend investing in a comfortable and supportive pair of work boots.

Additionally, there will be times when we work in cold environments, so it's important to have **long sleeve shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, or hooded sweatshirts** available to stay warm. Because paint and other materials can stain clothing, I strongly suggest purchasing **multiple sets of the uniform**. Having extras will ensure you always have a clean set available. **Uniforms must be washed on a weekly basis**, which is why having more than one is helpful. I look forward to working with all of you and helping you develop skills that will serve you well in the future!

See you soon!

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