

# Networks News

It's hard to believe that September has come to an end. Staff have been busy getting to know the new students and get reacquainted with the previous students.

We look forward to seeing both familiar family faces and new family faces at our upcoming Open House on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30pm. I hope you make some time in your schedule to come and meet your child's teacher and see the various enterprise areas around our school. If you are not able to come and would like further information, please let your students teacher know.

As you will see throughout the school year, Networks will be hosting several fundraising events to fund the school's PBIS program along with the Special Olympics team. All proceeds for our fundraisers go directly back to the students for various events and items for the plus closet and quarterly trips. In addition, each month enterprise area staff can nominate one student that stood out for the month.



## ***Upcoming Dates:***

Please see enclosed calendar for October Dates of Interest

## **NOVEMBER 2025**

November 1 - Special Olympics Fall Festival – St. Andrews School – Middletown, DE

November 3 to 21 – Food Drive Begins

November 10 – Grading Day – No School For Students

November 11 – Veteran's Day – Schools and Offices are Closed

November 13 – Kindness Day

November 14 – Fall Dance 6:00 – 8:30 pm




November 19 & 20 – Professional Dress

November 19 – Parent Conferences

November 22 thru 30 – Thanksgiving Break



# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Community Clean Up Day	School Picture Day <sup>1</sup>	Schools Closed, Offices Open Yom Kippur <sup>2</sup>	½ Remote Learning AM (See Zoom Schedule) PD Day in PM for Staff <sup>2</sup>	
Special Olympics Fall Football Qualifier MOT Football & Cheer Complex Middletown <sup>5</sup>	Exiter Picture Day In Tuxes for Men & Drape for Women <sup>6</sup>	Make Up Pictures Only <sup>7</sup>		Bingo Night 5 - 7 <sup>9</sup>	PD Day Schools Closed <sup>10</sup> 	
		Flu Clinic at School Rain Date for Community Clean Up <sup>14</sup>	Professional Dress Day <sup>15</sup> 	Professional Dress Day <sup>16</sup> 	Hayride at Coleman's <sup>17</sup>	
			Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser Shopping Day <sup>22</sup>			
	PBIS Event #1 Longwood Gardens (Plus Event for Students) <sup>27</sup>		Grand Opera House – Dance (Select Students) <sup>29</sup>		Happy Halloween <sup>31</sup>	Special Olympics Fall Festival - Flag Football St. Andrews

Subject to Change

\*\*Special Olympics Practice is every Thursday after school except during inclement weather



## From the Nurse's Office



Even though the school year just started, I have been very busy in processing what seems to be a staggering number of documents for both the students and staff. As a result of these efforts, students have been able to go out into the community with their enterprise areas or our very own Co-Op department to put skills they have learned in class into real life practice.

### Vision to Learn

As of Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we have already had the Vision to Learn van visit the school twice. During this time, 31 students received an eye exam. 30 students required glasses and were able to pick out their own frames. 16 students already received their new glasses. The students who had their eyes examined on September 26<sup>th</sup>, will be receiving their glasses in about 3 to 4 weeks. We are very thankful to partner with Vision to Learn to assure our students can see and ultimately succeed. As a reminder, students can receive a free replacement pair of glasses should they become scratched or broken.



If you completed a permission form already and your child has not been seen, please remember that the same 12 month rule follows for an eye exam: Only ONE exam every 12 months. Vision to Learn will be returning on November 13 and then an additional day sometime in January. If you already returned your permission form for your child, they will be on the list. REMEMBER: It is not too late to sign up. Nurse Michele will be screening new students to the Networks program in October and will be sending home permission forms if needed. For a blank permission form, just reach out to the Networks Nurse.

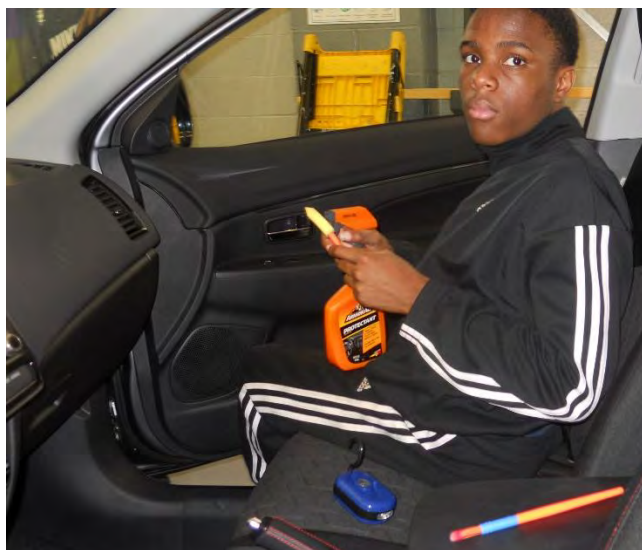
### Good Bye and Thank You

I just want to take a moment to say thank you for allowing me to work with and for your child over the last 8 years here at Networks. Since entering school nursing in the Christina School District some 20 years ago, it has been a pleasure to provide care to each and every student. My belief is and always will be to provide the best possible care and look for opportunities to provide to others. I also believe every person has something unique to share with others and I hope I was able to share something with others. Michele Pancoast-Lockwood is scheduled to start October 1, 2025.



# AUTOWORKS

The AUTOWorks Enterprise Area welcomes our students, both new and returning, to another exciting school year! This September was filled with opportunities to become acquainted with the many Enterprise Area rules and processes for a safe and worthwhile learning experience. The students were eager to learn hands-on safety skills, as well as, everyday people skills to use throughout their life-time. As always, Networks is dedicated to the development of our Student's Employability Skills! Just a quick reminder that our OPEN House is Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing as many parents and guardians as possible!





SEPTEMBER 2025

# BITworks Newsletter



## BITWORKS STAFF

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. I, Colleen Naccarato, am very excited to be at Networks and in BITworks again this year. I am fortunate to have Mrs. Susan Rissolo as my teaching counterpart. Together, we will help your student learn technology and digital citizenship skills, have workplace experiences, and continue to develop their employment readiness.



## TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

Students spent time during the first few BITworks classes learning to work in teams to develop clear communication skills. One project had students building towers out of just marshmallows and toothpicks. Another challenge involved trying to assemble a matching Lego structure from just verbal or signed instructions from a partner, without seeing the partner's original work.

## SCHOOL STORE PREP

Students love spending their hard-earned PLUSes at the School Store. BITworks students price the items, keep the store stocked with favorites, and act as cashiers throughout the year. BITworks will gladly accept donations of individually wrapped candies, bags of chips, and small toys for students to "purchase" at the School Store.



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# BRENNENworks

## Exciting News!

This year we are running a coffee cart for the staff at Networks. Our class is labeling coffee sleeves, making napkin packets, filling drink orders and delivering drinks. We have partnered with MUNCHworks in making breakfast treats to deliver with the drinks and BITworks who is helping our students make drinks. We are so excited about this opportunity. We are calling our cart CoffeeWorks!



## Filling Drink Orders

### Making Labels



### Making Napkin Packets



## Delivering Coffee







## Co-Op Corner

The Co-Op team has been very busy since returning to school in August. We wasted no time in taking students out to old and new sites. In addition to our established sites, we have teamed up with Faithful Friends, CSD Technology, Nerd-IT, and the Foodbank of Delaware. Tasks at these sites include maintaining the “cat condos”, feeding and caring for the cats, diagnosing broken chromebooks, replacing computer screens and batteries, and stocking the healthy pantry with food items. We look forward to our students taking on new challenges and building their professional skills at all of our sites during the 2025-26 school year.





# COPYWORKS

WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!



**COLLATING**



**PROFESSIONAL DRESS**



**COPYWORKS IN BITWORKS**

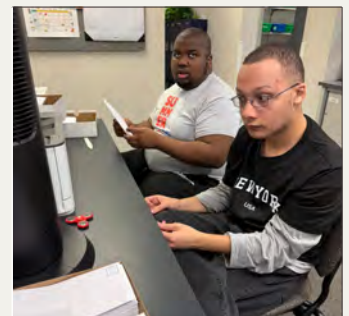
The first month of school in COPYworks has been busy and productive. We've been printing envelopes for the school district and local businesses, as well as preparing newsletters and district paperwork. Along the way, we've been getting to know our staff, classmates, and the various jobs in the COPYworks area.



**SHRED PREP**



**SHREDDING**

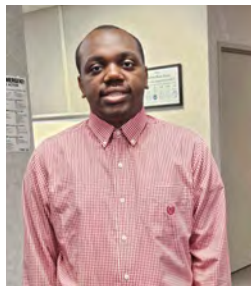


**PRINTING ENVELOPES**

# Etch is Back to Work



This school year is off to a quick start. ETCHworks has restarted their Fit 5 exercise program, participated in Professional Dress and worked on Customer Orders. We are looking forward to a very busy and interesting school year.





FABRICworks

# back to SCHOOL

**We are back and ready to  
work! Check out our group!!**







# NETWORKS

SCHOOL FOR EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

**SHOP**  
**NOW**

## Personalized Halloween Bag

### Sale

**\$10.00**

**NO ORDERS  
AFTER 10.10**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL  
BENEFIT NETWORKS  
SEMI-FORMAL DANCE**



**CLICK ON "SHOP NOW"  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO ORDER**

**ONE DESIGN:  
GHOST WITH NAME,  
SIMILAR TO PIC**

**YOUR CHOICE OF  
FONTS AND THREAD  
COLORS!**

**BAG DIMENSIONS  
13"H, 16"W, 3.5"D**





# FLORALWORKS NEWS

September 2025



## About Our Class

Our class has been diving into some hard work right off the bat. We have been busy here in FLORALworks getting our garden beds ready for the upcoming year. This year, the students will learn how to plant flowers from seed and grow some of our very own flowers to use in arrangements.



## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

The students have started off strong with working as a TEAM! They all participate, encourage and praise each other. Floralworks staff and I are so excited to have these young adults in our class this year!

We are excited to see all that they will learn and be able to do independently by the end of the school year!



This group does not mind getting their hands dirty. We love their enthusiasm and how they volunteer and take the initiative to work on new and challenging tasks.

This is going to be a GREAT year!!!!

## Reminders

Here in FLORALworks, we can use your gently used silk flowers, wreaths and vases of all sizes and colors.

If you have any of these, please let us know. We will make arrangements to either pick them up or you can drop them off at Networks. We appreciate you in helping us keep our costs down. Email Mrs. Farro at [anna.farro@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:anna.farro@christina.k12.de.us)

Let us be your Florist! Call to order and today!  
302.454.2233

# FLORALWORKS FALL SALE

*Hello fall*

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE MADE  
BY MONDAY, NOV. 10TH



ENCHANTED FALL  
\$26

AUTUMN SUNSET  
\$21



ORDERS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP OR  
DELIVERY ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>.



ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL  
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# WELCOME BACK!

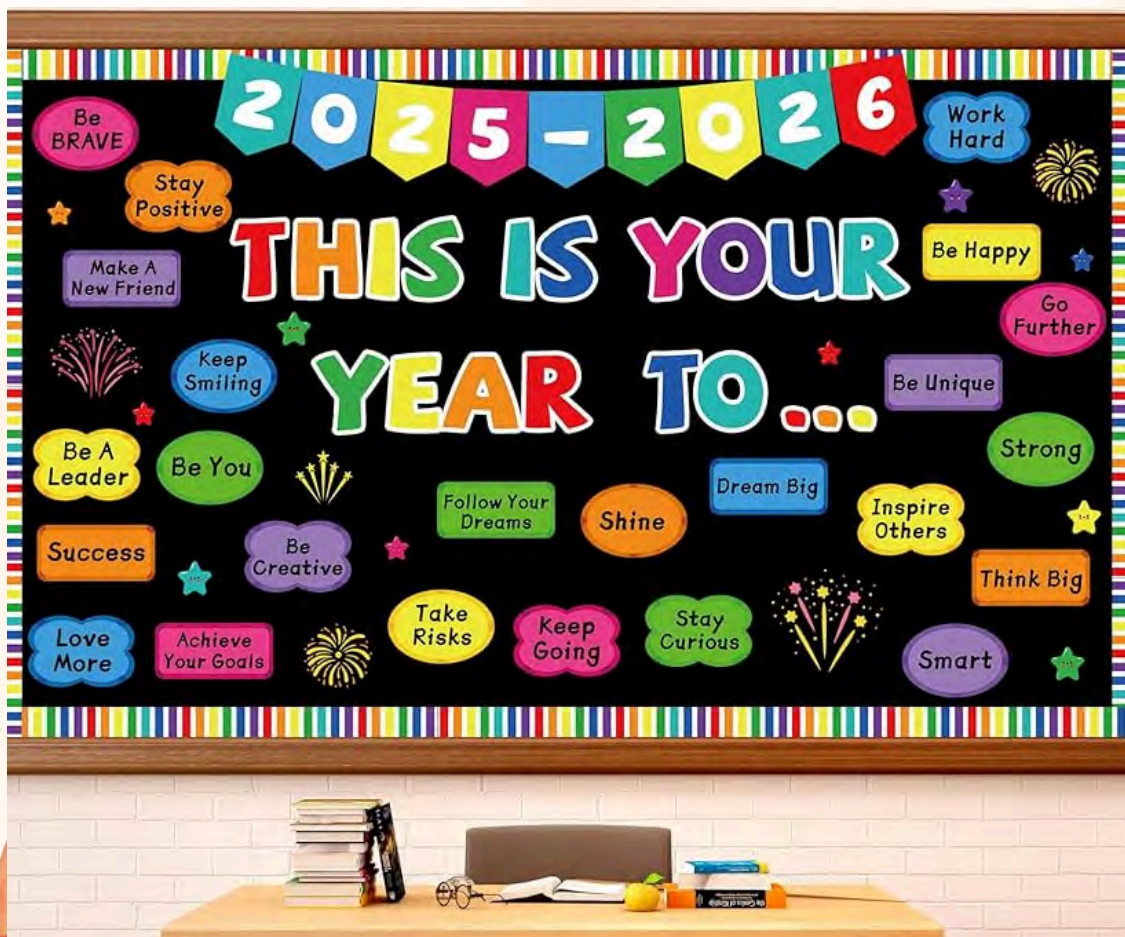
Happy 2025-2026 School Year!!!

Miss Lisa, Mr. Gerard, and Ms. Di would like to welcome you all back to Networks. We are here for you and wish you all a happy and healthy school year!

We would like to let families know that we will continue to offer two programs that we have had great success with in the past. The first is our Networks Care Closet and the second is our backpack program in collaboration with the Food Bank of Delaware. Paper copies were sent home in the beginning of the school year. For further information regarding either program, please contact Ms. Di or Miss Lisa for more information about either program.

We have updated our Amazon Wish List for Care Closet supplies and this is the link for anyone would like to contribute. We greatly appreciate your donations and continued support of our students.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29X2CU5X5VFB3?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/29X2CU5X5VFB3?ref=wl_share)



# Welcome to MERCHANTworks!

## 2025-26

This is an exciting time of the school year! Ms. Julie, Mr. Jason and I, Mrs. Lokey, are thrilled to begin this adventure with the students.

MERCHANTworks is off and running! We have begun to re-organize the classroom and are sorting the many donations which have begun to arrive. The students also are learning about expectations and rules of the classroom. How to be safe in the classroom include: wearing closed toe shoes, listening, following directions, and working as part of a team.

If you have any clothing or household items to donate, please consider donating to our Goodwill Store here at Networks. **Professional dress clothing such as suit jackets, dress shirts/pants and BELTS are especially needed.**



Thank you!



# We Are MUNCHworks!

Students in MUNCHworks have the opportunity to learn the skills needed to enter careers in nutrition, food preparation, catering and other fields that involve work with food. By participating in a full-service catering business, which includes meal planning and food safety in accordance with ServSafe guidelines, students learn basic food preparation techniques, procedures and vocabulary as taught in the food service industry.



The students work on learning how to: read a recipe and follow the instructions to completion, perform calculations to increase or decrease recipe yield and safely use a variety of food preparation utensils, appliances and equipment. Preparation of both hot and cold foods are the focus of instruction.



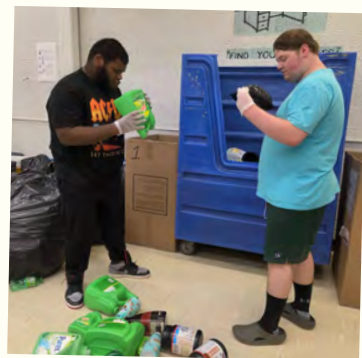
The Munchworks Staff  
Ms. Lewis, Ms. England, Ms. Jones and Mr. Rob



# RECYCLEworks

RECYCLE students started the year learning how to collect and sort recycled products by number and color.

They are also learning to collect data on the weight to determine how much garbage can stay out of landfills and be reused and repurposed in the recycling process.





# TEAMworks



The start of the new school year has been busy for TEAMworks students. Students have learned the basics of the different equipment used to create screen print designs, had a chance to practice making a Networks shirt and helped complete customer orders all within the first month!





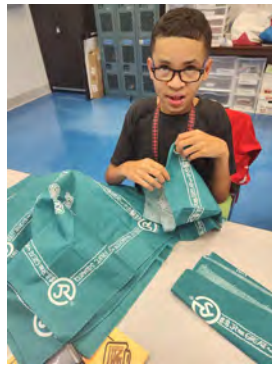
# TRADEworks

## September

Welcome back! It has been a productive first month of school. Our students are working on basic custodial skills in various job site locations. In addition, students have been working on preparing themselves for their assigned tasks by gathering supplies, packing their own job site bag and checking supplies on our work van. We have been focusing on policies, procedures and expectations at Networks. Moving into October, we will begin working on Signs, Warning Labels and Planning a DART Trip



# Vocational Arts



Vocational Arts welcomes back all of our students for a new school year. In Voc Arts, students are introduced to early vocational skills training as well as introductions to the Networks curricula. We spend our days at Shue-Medill Middle School. While there, we work on a variety of skills, such as sorting, collating, filing, shredding and so much more. We also work on social skills training. We want to be able to be responsible citizens for wherever our future lies.





# WOODworks



Students have been introduced to basic woodworking skills such as carrying and transporting wood, taking apart pallets, sanding, painting, using a hammer, using a screwdriver and cutting with a jigsaw.

