Networks News

October 2022

Upcoming Dates:

October 5—Schools Closed, Offices Open
October 14—Professional Development Day, School Closed
October 28th—Fall Dance (@Networks)

November 7—Grading Day, School Closed
November 8—Election Day—Schools & Offices Closed
November 11—Veteran’s Day—Schools & Offices Closed
November 21st—25th—No School
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#3 Take the flu seriously.
Remember, the flu is a serious illness. It can potentially make you very sick, put you in the hospital, or even cause death. Prior to the rare pandemic year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated the flu caused millions of people to get ill and resulted in thousands of hospital stays and thousands of deaths.

#4 Prevent the spread of germs and the flu virus.
Stay home and try not to interact with others if you are sick—and avoid people you know are sick. Even if you feel fine, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often and clean frequently used surfaces, such as desktops and door handles.

#5 Take care of the people you care about.
If you are responsible for someone else’s well-being—children, parents, elderly neighbors, and so forth—make sure they practice tips 1-3 too! Start with making sure they get a flu vaccine, and if they need it, assist them with getting to a vaccination location.

Get more flu facts at flu.delaware.gov and ask your employer if you can get a flu vaccine at work

From the Nurse’s Office

FIVE WAYS TO OUTPOWER THE FLU THIS SEASON
Start by finding a location to get your flu vaccine and making an appointment. We have great news for you … we are partnering with ACME / ALBERTSON’s and will have this year’s FLU shot as well as the latest COVID 19 Vaccine Booster available for students and staff right here at NETWORKS during the school day on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th as well as on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th. All you need to do is complete the vaccine permission form. For questions or consent forms, please contact Nurse Michelle @ 302-454-2233 or email @ Michelle.gayeski@christina.k12.de.us

FIND OUT WHERE TO GET YOUR FREE FLU VACCINE
The first—and best—line of defense for everyone 6 months and older.

This year, the flu is making a comeback. So we’ve teamed up with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) to make sure every person we serve—and every person they care for—does what they need to do to remain flu-free and healthy! Here are five top things to know and do.

#1 Get the flu vaccine as soon as possible.
The flu vaccine is the first and most important step you can take to protect yourself against the flu. The flu vaccine is safe for individuals 6 months and older; free to most Delawareans, even if you do not have insurance; very important for groups at higher risk, such as seniors, women who are pregnant, young children, and people with chronic health conditions; and something you should get every year

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

One of our main focuses since the start of the school year in AUTOworks has been teamwork. Just about every day in AUTOworks it takes everyone on the team doing their part in order to complete the task by the end of the day. Students learned about helping each other out, being respectful, communication and problem solving on the fly through a variety of lessons and hands on activities.
Welcome to BITworks!

2022-23

This is an exciting time of the school year! Formally called TECHworks – now we are called BITworks. “BIT” in BITworks stands for Business Innovation Technology. Mrs. Wagner and I are thrilled to begin this adventure with the students.

We began our school year learning about expectations and rules of the classroom. Ways to be safe in the computer lab include: wearing closed toe shoes, listening, following directions, not allowing food/drinks in the lab and most importantly keeping your personal information PRIVATE.

The students have been busy updating the school store with fall decorations and products! Other activities include shopping for our GRAND Re-Opening of our school PBIS store. Students will learn about handling $$$, giving change and providing good customer service. We are also excited that BITworks will be going out to community sites as an extension of our Co-op department.

Any ??? please do not hesitate to call or email!

Thank you!
Mrs. Lokey
&
Mrs. Wagner
Welcome back to another great year at BRENNENworks. With the new start, we welcome some new students, a new classroom location and a new staff member, Sheena Garnett. All of this is taking some getting used to, but it appears that everyone is making great efforts to start the year off well.

We have already begun our Brennen vocational trips. We have students going to the University of Delaware to work on a custodial cleaning crew in one of the dormitory common areas. We are also going to the Delaware School for the Deaf to work in their kitchen/cafeteria area.

We have also begun going to the D.A.P. group home where we are learning to vacuum, sweep, dust, make beds and put laundry away.

We continue to access multiple Networks enterprises and our students have started making connections in AUTOworks, FLORALworks, TEAMworks, TRADEworks, BITworks and MERCHANTworks. Our students remain very busy.
COPYworks students got busy right away with an annual order of 1,000 calendars! This takes us several weeks to complete. The students were great learning new machinery and working together to get the job done. Great TEAMWORK.

We printed the covers, inserted the calendar pages, hole punched the packet then added on coil binding. Last, we had to put them back in numerical order.
Welcome to ETCHworks

ETCHworks has started this year off running. We have created nameplates for new staff members, plaques for Special Olympics and coffee mugs for customers. The students have been very busy learning how to use the equipment in the area. We have been learning to play Bocce along with some other enterprise areas. We plan to have students represent NETWORKS in the Special Olympics event during the school day on Thursday, October 13th.
In FABRICworks, we have already been hard at work. Students might come home from school to say that they “hooped a shirt”, “uploaded a design”, “trimmed backing”, “packaged an order”, or “checked in an order” amongst other things.

It is always encouraging at the start of a school year to see our veterans mentoring our newbies!

We are off to a STUPENDOUS start!
What a great start to our new school year!

FLORALworks students have been learning to use the helium tank to fill latex and Mylar balloons.

Remember to call 302-454-2028 or email at barbara.lomas@christina.k12.de.us for floral arrangements and fruit/snack baskets.
The MERCHANTworks Enterprise Area welcomes back 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’s rules and processes for a safe and worthwhile learning experience.

Parents/guardians were able to partake in the “Open House” which provided them a chance to meet our Networks staff.

MERCHANTworks students started to gain work experience helping at local businesses. We look forward to another GREAT YEAR!

Mr. Madigan, Ms. Janin, and Ms. Pettyjohn
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.

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.

We welcome Mr. Jason Lomas, our newest Munchworks staff member!
Welcome back to TEAMworks!! We have started a new school year and everyone is either learning new skills or refreshing their old ones. We are all learning new things and making t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants for our customers. We think it is going to be a very busy year and our goal is to develop quality products for our customers.
Welcome to TRADEworks!

We have started our community work in TRADEworks! We will be providing our cleaning services to REACH church, St. Thomas Church, Special Olympics and the offices of CTL. Our program provides hand-on experience in basic custodial and maintenance skills. We will focus on choosing and using proper tools and supplies for a specific job, completing multi-step tasks and communicating with our peers and customers appropriately.
Cooperative Education

The CO-OP Department is excited about the 2022-23 school year and all of the community sites where students will be working.

Some of the CO-OP sites include: Goodwill, Klondike Kate’s, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark Natural Foods, OLD NAVY, Richardson’s, Walgreens.

CO-OP will begin training students on using both DART and Para-Transit.

A goal of CO-OP is helping students participate in paid employment and internships. In order to help facilitate employment, CO-OP is collecting copies of the front and the back of students’ Social Security cards, State IDs and/or birth certificates.

Please send them in with your student or contact us at 302-454-4793 to make arrangements for acquiring these materials.
Counselor’s Corner

WELCOME BACK

Happy 2022-2023 School Year!!! Mrs. Lisa, Mr. Gerard, and Ms. D 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 hope you will always remember:

Dear Students
Always Remember...

1. You are important.
2. You are special.
3. I believe in you.
4. I trust you.
5. You are listened to.
6. Your opinion matters.
7. I care about you.
8. I respect you.
9. You are a winner!
10. I will help you succeed!
Networks  Halloween Specials

Please place your order by Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Customer Information:

Name:______________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________
Daytime Phone:___________________________  E-mail:____________________________________________________

Order Information:                      Price     Quantity.     Total

3 Spooky Cats                                $12.00
Happy Halloween                             $23.00
The Great Pumpkin                          $8.00

Select:                  Price     Total
Delivery (District)   $3.00     (Residence) $8.00
Pick Up                      No Fee

Order Total + Delivery Total: $_____________________

Pick Up or Delivery (On or Before Monday, October 31, 2022) (please circle one)

Recipient Information (if different from above):
Name:______________________________________________________________
Location:_____________________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number:___________________________  E-mail:____________________________________________________

Don't forget a card message for your order!

Payment Information:              Cash___________  Check (payable to Networks)____________

To order or for more information, please E-mail barbara.lomas@christina.k12.de.us or call 302-454-2028.

** Please note: Flower type/color may vary.

Thank you for supporting our students!
Networks Coming Events:

Friday, October 28th

School Pictures

Tuesday, November 1st & Wednesday, November 2nd

Be on the lookout for additional information via flyers during the month of October