



# Continental Local Schools

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## CHS Enters Blanchard River Watershed Contest

In an effort to promote community participation, the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership sponsored a rain barrel decorating contest this year. Continental High School's Art and Future Farmer's of America (FFA) groups entered the contest. District art teacher Jenny Hopps graciously helped guide students while they painted the two rain barrels for the contest titled:

promote community participation. Rain barrels help to prevent contaminants from being carried into our streams, rivers, and lakes.



“Starry Night” and “Farmy Night.” Judging for the contest was to take place the weekend of February 27-28 and March 1 at the Findlay Village Mall. The rain barrels were also auctioned off over the weekend during the home show to help raise awareness about nonpoint source pollution and



The students painting "The Farmy Night" are from left to right are Kaitlyn Alvarado, Sydney Eickholt, Gabby Bendt, and Leah Baker (kneeling)

## College Credit Plus to Replace Post-Secondary and Dual Enrollment Classes

Beginning with the 2015 school year, students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to participate in [College Credit Plus](#). In order to participate, students must receive a qualifying score on the ACT or COMPASS test. Students are then eligible to receive college credit for class while also receiving high school credit if they are successful in the class.

Continental High School will have an informational meeting about the program so students and parents will have the opportunity to learn general information and have any questions they may have answered. This meeting will take place on March 9 at 6:30 pm in the high school media center (library). Representatives from Northwest State Community College will also be on hand.

### Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

3/4 Student Council Blood Drive	3/10 Juniors to Northwest State College Fair	3/16-3/20 OGT Testing
3/4 Quiz Bowl @ OG	3/11 JH & HS Spring Pictures	3/20 Jrs to Career Day @ Rhodes St
3/7 OMEA Large Group Comp. @ Celina HS	3/12 Quiz Bowl Tournament @ ESC	3/24 NHS Trip to Cincinnati
3/9 College Credit Plus Meeting @ 6:30 pm	3/15 All-Co. Band/Choir/Art Festival @ PG	3/28 JH Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Elida

## Continental Vantage Student Lands in Trade Magazine

One lucky Continental and Vantage Career Center student has found herself as the subject of a feature story in the March issue of *Techniques* magazine. Erica Sullivan is featured in an article about the STEM equity pipeline – narrowing a wage gap between men and women in STEM related careers. Erica is in the precision machines program at Vantage and is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Sullivan.

*Techniques* magazine is a publication of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). It contains in-depth feature stories on issues and programs, legislative news that affects careers and technical education, profiles educators, reviews new products etc. If you haven't seen the article, check it out [here](#).

Keep up the great work Erica!

## Continental FFA Receives Donation

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) group at Continental just received a late Christmas present. In return for setting up a small display at the Defiance Tractor Supply Company, TSC donated an estimated \$2,500 worth of products to the group. Advisor Amanda Hoover was pleasantly surprised to discover when she went to pick up the donation to see new drills, angle grinders, multi-tools, circular and reciprocating saws, cut off saws, and other supplies. A big thank you goes out to the Defiance TSC for making this much-needed donation!

**Don't forget  
Family Fun Night  
– March 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 6-9 pm in  
the elementary!**

## Last Year for OGT's Later This Month

This year's sophomores will be the last Ohio students required to pass the Ohio

Graduation Tests (OGTs) in order to graduate. Beginning with the this year's freshmen, students will now be required to receive a minimum score as a result of taking a number of end-of-course exams. OGT week is March 16-20.

## New NHS Members Inducted

The Continental chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted new members in February. Congratulations to the following new members: Jaylen Arme, Alicia Dawson, Dean Krendl, Paige Lawhorn, Ashley Mansfield, Kelsey Miller, Gabriel Ridgeway, Melody Weaver, and Honorary Member Marilyn Bohrer. Congratulations to these new members on their induction!



## High School Scheduling Just Around the Corner

Students in grades 8-11 will begin scheduling for the 2015-16 school year in the new future. This process will begin in the middle of March. Students should have a good idea of their schedule before leaving for summer vacation.



Elementary Bldg  
9 am - 12 pm

March 9-13



Officers of the FFA show off donated equipment from TSC.

## Forms Available for New Open Enrollments

Parents wishing to send their students to Continental may begin the process of applying for open enrollment for the 2015-16 school year. Application forms may be picked up at the administrative office (located behind the high school). A separate form is required for each child. Applications should be submitted before the end of the school year. Those students who are already open enrolled to Continental will be given a renewal form April/May to complete and return.