

Career Tech Matters

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2017 is off to a busy start. This week, juniors and seniors learned about the Asus tablets that they will receive next week; Medical Careers seniors took their WorkKeys test – one requirement for graduation; and the National Technical Honor Society will host a Flashback Dance fundraiser this afternoon.

Next Friday, about 40 students will compete in the Physics 250, racing their derby cars in a double-heat elimination format. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers and to the student whose car wins Best of Show, as voted on by several administrators. The spring Physics 250 will take place May 12.



Each year, the track for the Physics 250 is set up by students in Bob Edwards' class.

In February, Pickaway-Ross will welcome superintendents from our 10 partner schools for the annual Superintendents' Brunch.

In March, students who have been accepted into the NTHS will go through the induction ceremony. Later in the month, students who have been accepted to Pickaway-Ross for the 2017-18 school year will visit our campus and get to meet their future instructors.

Student Council will host prom April 1 and The Buck Fifty relay race will take place April 7-8. The race is a new event created to fund the M.A.D.E. drug-free clubs that are in all Ross County schools. Pickaway-Ross' M.A.D.E. members will be encouraged to volunteer at checkpoints at the race. After those events, spring break – April 14-17 – will be welcome.



In May, the LAMPS committee will re-introduce Community Day under the Pickaway-Ross Central Ohio Expo banner. The revamped event, scheduled for May 6, will combine aspects of Community Day and Senior Citizens Day.

May wraps up our school year with the preschool graduations May 19 and 25 in the commons; the Awards Ceremony mid-May, where our Student of the Year will be announced; and the Senior Ceremony on May 25 at Ohio Christian University.

Those events are five months away but in four months we'll be saying, "Where did the year go?"

Welcome back and enjoy the rest of the school year.

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FAR LEFT: The NTHS induction features a candle-lighting ceremony.

LEFT: Last year's Student of the Year nominees wait to hear who won.