

Career Tech Matters

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Welcome back!

I hope – despite an unseasonably cold June and a disappointingly rainy July – everyone enjoyed the summer months.



Before the school year ended, members of the LAMPS committee had spent several meetings discussing the frequent disruptions to the school day.

LAMPS Chairman Mr. Krebs compiled a list of interruptions that disrupted the learning day and the number was staggering.

But the activities for which students are called out of class are not unimportant. I feel that school must be more than classes. As a career-technical center, we offer a different type of education and we do it in a different format.

As such, we need to find ways to ensure that the “fun” stuff continues to be offered.

In a daylong meeting in July, LAMPS members discussed grouping activities when possible and having an activities day once a quarter.

Primarily, activities days will take place on Fridays or, in the

case of a week where there is no school on Friday, a Thursday.

For example, our first official activity day will be Thursday, Nov. 5. Most career and technical student organizations will meet that day, and the first Renaissance Assembly will be held. If you have an activity that needs to be scheduled, see Mr. Nash.

Ahead of Nov. 5, however, will be our annual 9/11 Memorial and the 8th annual Battle of the Bands/Student Tailgate Party/Student Car Show on Friday, Sept. 11.

The 9/11 memorial is organized by Mr. Ryan and his Criminal Justice students.

Following this solemn remembrance, the Battle of the Bands will take place, with home school marching bands competing for the Pickaway-Ross Cup.

The Student Tailgate Party and Student Car Show take up the rest of the day, with students able to take part in volleyball,



Each year, Mr. Ryan’s Criminal Justice students present a 9/11 Memorial (left). Following that, members of our home school marching bands take part in the Pickaway-Ross Battle of the Bands (above).

horseshoes, baseball, basketball and cornhole.

This is a fun day for students and, I hope, a fun day for staff members, too. School – and work – should be about more than academics and labs and the opportunity to shake our schedule up once in a while is necessary.

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