

Career Tech Matters

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Recently I wrote about the importance of showing off what we do at Pickaway-Ross.



A few weeks ago at our October board meeting, we did just that when we showed board members our new learning lab in the library.

Next week, we'll do something similar with principals and assistant principals from our home high schools and middle schools.

The principals' visit, held twice a year, traditionally takes place with lunch in the Tecumseh Room and presentations from administrators and staff members.

This year, Principal Shara Cochenour has revised the format slightly to incorporate tours into the principals' visit.

In addition to touring the learning lab, the visitors will get to see our career labs.

"It will be similar to sophomore tours," Shara said. "They'll see four labs on Thursday and then we'll add programs each year."

In addition to lunch – prepared



Scott Snyder, far right, tells board members about the tutoring lab. Renovations last summer allowed for the creation of a dedicated tutoring area.

and served by students in Kevin Krebs' Commercial Food Careers – reports will be given on Adult Education, middle school programming and career advising, public relations, satellite programs, the project house and a review on the Carl D. Perkins standards.

"There are always updates that have to be covered, but the new format will provide for a change," Shara said.

"It is just different from sitting the entire time and they'll be able to participate."

The tours will be an opportunity for our home school partners to get a look into some of our career labs and see what our students get to experience during their two years at Pickaway-Ross.

Principals aren't the only ones who will enjoy a different format for their visit to Pickaway-Ross.

After last year's harsh winter disrupted our sophomore tour schedule, we rescheduled the tours over several weeks.

The results were positive and this year, the tours have been scheduled for four days – Dec. 8, 9, 10 and 11 – instead of two.

Our students will be in school and the labs will be operational, allowing sophomores from the 10 home schools to get a true feel of what a day at Pickaway-Ross is like.

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