

My Turn

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Each August when another school year starts, the end of the year seems a long way off. And yet, here we are planning the May events that signify the completion of another school year.



The big event is the Senior Ceremony, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at Ohio Christian University in Circleville. More than 250 students — wearing the cap and gown of their home schools — will receive a Career Passport, a portfolio that details their career technical skills and experience and contains their resume.

Principal Shara Cochenour, who oversees the ceremony's planning and execution, said the event is an exciting culmination of the students' hard work.

"They take a lot of pride in taking part in the ceremony," she said.



Incoming juniors and their parents meet with PRCTC instructors during our annual Dinner with Your Teacher night.

The accomplishments of our students are evident at the annual Awards Ceremony, scheduled for 9 a.m. May 15, at Pickaway-Ross. During this event, we'll recognize students who have received awards and scholarships. Awards are given to recognize citizenship and attendance and for involvement in student programs and honor societies. In addition, recipients of the Career & Technical Excellence awards, Presidents' Awards, Awards of Merit and the 2013 Student of the Year will be announced.

But the end of the year isn't just for seniors. The annual Spring Fling celebration on May 22 rewards juniors and seniors who have taken part in Renaissance, a program that recognizes academic excellence and improved attendance. Students who qualify get to enjoy games, a pizza lunch and prizes outside on our campus.

And last week we held our annual Dinner with Your Teacher, at which hundreds of our incoming junior class and their parents were able to spend time with instructors and learn more about what awaits them as students at Pickaway-Ross.

The dinner provides an opportunity for students and instructors to connect and for parents — who may not be familiar with our school — to get questions answered.

As always, it's an exciting time at Pickaway-Ross and we look forward to celebrating everything that our students have achieved.

