

Career Tech Matters

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While some things have certainly changed, there's no denying that we are getting back into the rhythm of the school year.

On Monday, students started filling out applications to be in our MADE drug-free club, part of the Drug Free Clubs of America.

Other schools in Ross County that have a MADE club are Adena, Huntington, Paint Valley, Ross County Christian Academy, Southeastern, Unioto and Zane Trace. In Pickaway County, Circleville, Teays Valley and Westfall each have a chapter.

Our chapter was started in 2016 and last year, 71 percent of our on-campus students participated, said Jody French, who is serving as club liaison with Michelle Bochard this year.

As of Wednesday, nearly 75 students had turned in their applications. I look forward to seeing what our final number will be this year.

On Sept. 11, we'll have our first blood drive, which will be set up in Rooms 401A and B near the Superintendent's Complex.

Helping Nurse Mindy Frejkowski with this year's drives is Shaylee Bragdon, a senior in Medical Careers. Shaylee helped Tessa Rodgers organize the blood drives last year.

Shaylee said she's focused on expediting the check-in process and ensure COVID-safe protocols, one reason that the drive is by the Treasurer's Office.

"We still have a goal of 56 donors but we're limiting the amount of students in the area at any



Nurse Mindy Frejkowski (left) is getting help with this year's blood drives from senior Shaylee Bragdon. Shaylee staffed a table Monday to register students and staff members for the Sept. 11 drive.

one time," Shaylee said.

Signups for the drive were initially scheduled to take place during the lunch periods over four days. But that changed after the first day.

"Shaylee did in 20 minutes what we scheduled for four days," Nurse Mindy said proudly.

Our lunch periods certainly will be busy this year: Today, students who drive to school will be issued their parking passes

New this year, Pickaway-Ross window decals are available to drivers (and others who may like one). Call or send an e-mail to Erika Konowalow if you want one.

We now have two full weeks of the school year under our belt; let's celebrate by enjoying the Labor Day weekend!

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