



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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ISD 728 CTE NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school!

At ISD 728, we are thrilled to kick off the new academic year with a renewed sense of purpose and an array of exciting opportunities for our students. Our Career and Technical Education Programs are gearing up to provide experiences that not only enrich students' education but also set them on a path towards future success. Staying focused on the mission to **educate, inspire & empower** our diverse learners, to shape their futures, to accomplish their dreams and to contribute positively to our local and global communities.

This year CTE Programs are going through an approval process through the MN Department of Education. CTE Teachers continue to increase ways to build student leadership skills, employability skills including collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking and industry technical skills. CTE programs support ISD 728 seven core values; 1- ALL people have value. 2- Valuing and respecting differences strengthens the individual and the community. 3- People thrive when they feel connected, supported and affirmed. 4- Everyone can learn. 5- Hope inspires and empowers. 6- Lifelong learning is essential for personal growth. 7- Change is an opportunity for growth.

Looking forward to an amazing 2023-24 school year with strong community partnerships to prepare students for their future. Please see all the great events and activities coming up this Fall.

October is Manufacturing Month - ISD 728 schools will be doing tours of local manufacturing facilities to learn about the high tech careers in our communities. The evening COOL JOBS TOUR is expanding...



The first Rogers Cool Jobs Tours will be on October 5, 2023 4:00 - 7:30 PM. You can choose your tours at 4:00 and 5:00 when you register and at 6:00 tour Graco and stay for a panel presentation and a light meal.



Elk River will host their 4th Cool Jobs Tour October 26, 2023 4:00 - 7:30 PM. You can choose your tours at 4:00 and 5:00 when you register and at 6:00 tour Metal Craft and stay for a panel presentation and a light meal.

We are encouraging middle and high school students to sign up with their parents and friends to tour several local manufacturing companies. Both events are open to the public but must register using the QR Codes on the left.

Events and Requests



Anoka Technical College and Anoka Ramsey Community College will host our 8th Graders for college tours and Career Fair. **September 29** (Rogers, Salk, Ivan Sand and Online) and **October 13, 2023** (Prairie View, VandenBerge and Zimmerman) 8th graders will be taking field trips to both campuses. They will complete interest assessments and talk about careers prior to the visit and afterwards will begin planning high school registration. We are still looking for businesses in a few areas to provide hands-on experience to increase awareness of careers in **business and marketing, the arts and information technology**. If you can help us in these areas please view our [invite](#) with a link to register.

Mock Interview for Juniors- This is an opportunity for students to sit down, face to face with an adult who can provide them with feedback about their interviewing skills. **Please help us** provide this wonderful opportunity to our young adults by volunteering to be a mock interviewer. [Sign up here](#)



- **Elk River** - October 25, 2023
- **Rogers** - November 10, 2023
- **Zimmerman** - March 14, 2024

Job Shadow for Juniors- I believe this is the most impactful event for career exploration in our school district. Job shadowing helps students explore their career interests and network with professionals. It also helps students make a connection between what they learn in the classroom and the real world. Please help provide this wonderful opportunity to our young adults by volunteering to host a student or two. [Sign up here](#)



- **Rogers** - December 1, 2023
- **Elk River** - December 14, 2023
- **Zimmerman** - February 29, 2023



Volunteers for Rogers High School Reality Fair: It will provide a “real life” simulation for 9th graders to practice budgeting and make financial choices based on their life scenario on **Nov. 8, 2023**. We need volunteers at the different stations (housing, utilities, childcare, banking and more) If you are interested in volunteering or know someone that is, please register [here](#) or email amy.lord@isd728.org. Instructions will be provided prior to the event.

Are you hiring? We are always looking for internship opportunities for students. Please email me at amy.lord@isd728.org if you are interested in CTE Internships - paid, unpaid or project based. Also visit www.ISD728.org/CTE for more information.



Advisory meetings are scheduled September 21, 2023. If you would like to join one of our committees to provide industry updates, learn about the curriculum and help us align what is being taught with what is happening in the “real world” Please email Amy Lord amy.lord@isd728.org for more information: Advisory Committees are: Business & Marketing, Hospitality & Education, Construction & Cabinetry, Transportation, Manufacturing & Welding, Healthcare and Communications (Photography, Graphic Design, Film).

Recognition & Thank You!

We appreciate the CTE teachers that make a difference every day! Here are a few great things that happened over the summer:

- Three teachers obtain their CTE licenses in the pathway they are teaching. CTE licenses ensure they have the foundational skills of career and technical education as well as the content and technical skills required for their curriculum. It also opens doors to additional funding with Federal Perkins Grants and Career & Technical Revenue. (Last school year we had five other CTE teachers obtain their CTE License. Perfect example of Lifelong Learners.)
- A CTE teacher and a counselor completed an externship with local employers to expand their knowledge and develop curriculum for students to stay relevant with industry and build partnerships. Thank you to SPIRE and ZeroZone for hosting Mrs. Weiler and Mrs Morrison.
- Several teachers and counselors toured local employers to build partnerships as part of their On-Demand Professional Development. Thank you to Minneapolis Electrical JATC, Performance FoodService and Guardian Angels.



Special THANK YOU to Decimet Sales in Rogers for helping us move in a new Torchmate CNC Plasma Cutting Table into the Welding Lab for students to continue to learn industry standards and technical skills.



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