



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



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## **Cincinnati to Host National College Fair**

When:Sunday, September 14th—1:00-4:00 p.m.Where:Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati Ohio

225 two-year and four year colleges, nursing schools, business schools and trade schools will participate. This is a great opportunity for our high school students and parents to explore their post-secondary options.

## LOCAL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SKILLS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

an Antonio, Texas – More than 7,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, advisers, alumni, and guests from across the country gathered in San Antonio for the 2014 National Leadership Conference. The East Central/Sunman Dearborn Middle School FCCLA recently returned from the National Leadership Meeting. This year's student-originated theme for the annual national meeting was "SOAR". During the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth is-

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## News from the Physical Education Department

he Physical Education department at East Central High School has an experienced staff consisting of Tim Behlmer, Mark Foster, and Pam Shively. The PE department believes that every student needs to be physically active to enrich the academic process. We are committed to assisting all students in the developing life skills essential to lead successful lives.



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## **FCCLA GOES TO NATIONALS**

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sues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, traffic safety, and cancer awareness were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

East Central FCCLA had a team of Kierstyn Mortimer, Laura Kuebel, Anya Polito, Rylie Seaver and Elizabeth Hamersly compete in the FCCLA Family and ConCareer, & Community Studies Early Childhood & Human Development Food Sciences, Dietetics, & Nutrition Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation **■**Fashion & Housing Design **FCCLA** Knowledge. The East Central FCCLA FACS Knowledge Bowl team qualified for the National Contest by placing first at the National Cluster Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina last November then they moved to final level of competition in

Childhood Education, Job Interview, and Sports Nutrition, among others, represent college and career readiness skills taught in Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. Members compete at the District, State and National level. This year, there were over 4200 STAR Event



Front row: Rachel Rosskopf, Laura Kuebel, Elizabeth Hamersly Second Row: Emily Taylor, Haley Badescu, Katelynn Osman, Samantha Richter, Lucy Herth, Meredith Struewing, Erin Wilhelm, and Keirstyn Mortimer Third Row: Ellie Bonner, Lea Hornberger, Jenna Stewart, Ashley Newhouse, Rylie Seaver, Abby Laudick, Shelby Lake, Lindsay Bischoff Fourth Row; ECHS Co-Adviser, Mrs. Brenda Osman, Kaitlyn Mortimer, Payton Waltz, Anya Polito, Abbie Alig, Lizzy Weigel, Lauren Deddens, and Sarah Lehman and Ms. Ashley

sumer Sciences Knowledge Bowl contest. This is a three -level, team competition that challenges students' knowledge of all aspects of Family and Consumer Sciences. The categories of questions include: ■Family, San Antonio, Texas where they competed against another 18 teams and finished 3rd in the Nation!

FCCLA offers 32 STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events. These events, which include Early participants who competed in San Antonio. This is the largest number of competitors at any National STAR Events competition.

Several members of the East

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# **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT READY TO START 2014-15**

he English department is wellrested, well-read and more than ready to start the new school year! In addition to the fa-

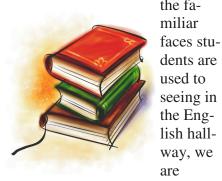
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pleased to have one new teacher and one returning teacher. To help get students familiar with all of us, and to help them make their first AR picks of the school year, we thought we would introduce ourselves and give our book suggestions to get students off to a great start!

#### Mrs. Shelly Anderson:

Over twenty first days of school later and I still get a little nervous about meeting my new classes! Teaching Honors Sophomore English, English 11 and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

keeps me always on the look-out for great new books and this summer I read Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. It is a work of historical fiction and was an absolute page turner!

#### Ms. Mary Bauer: I have

been teaching English (off and on) for 25 years. I have taught 9th grade English the past 2 years. I would have to say To Kill a Mockingbird is still my favorite book.

#### Mrs. Debby Berry: I

have been in education for 24 years as a librarian and English teacher. I have also worked in corporate health and wellness for 15 years. I love The Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon.

Mrs. Liz Cecil: This is my third year teaching at East Central High School. I teach inclusion 10th grade English with Mr. Mosure and inclusion 11th grade English with Mrs. Trossman. I recommend that you read the book, If I Stay, and try to do it fast so you can go watch the movie when it comes out later in August!

### Mrs. Jeannette Hines:

I have been teaching for 17 years; 16 years at East Central High School. I am a fan of narrative nonfiction. I am currently reading "The Mockingbird Next Door."

Ms. Jill Jansing: I have been teaching here at EC for 20 years. Every one of those years, I have taught English 9, and still love it!

My favorite novel that I teach is To Kill a Mockingbird. Currently, I am reading Moneyball by Michael Lewis.

Mrs. Susan KetCham: I am a graduate of Purdue University, an ECHS alum, have been teaching at East Central High School since the Fall of 2002. This year I am teaching Honors English 11 and Genres of Literature. A lover of books, I spent my summer reading over 40 Young Adult novels. My favorite summer reads were I Hunt Killers, a psychological thriller, by Barry Lyga and We Were Liars, a suspense novel, by E. Lockhart. I hope to en-

courage my students to become lifelong learners and never accept mediocrity



Mr. Jake Meiners: This year will be my second year teaching. I will be teaching English 9 Honors, English

# **READ A BOOK!**

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Mr. David Mosure: This is my third year at East Central. I teach English 10, and I recently read Insignia by S. J. Kincaid. I'd highly recommend the book to fellow video game enthusiasts and any fans of dystopian literature like Divergent and Ready Player One.

## Mr. Blaine Schmidlapp: I

have taught for 21 years, 19 of which were at East Central High School where I taught English 9, Journalism and Yearbook. I am currently filling-in for Mrs. Stanley while she is on maternity leave. My favorite book: The Stand by Stephen King.

### Mrs. Marcie Trossman:

I have taught for 15 years, fourteen of those years at ECHS. I teach Junior American Lit and Senior AP English Literature. I am obsessed with any book I can find related to the first World War. Since 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, I would recommend Sebastien Japrisot's novel A Very Long Engagement. It has something for everyone – love, mystery, war, art, politics, and more.

## Mrs. Jenny Tucker:

This school year marks my thirtieth teaching English. The classes I am teaching this year are English 9-Honors, Technical Communications, and ACP English. My favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird; in fact, I just named my twin boxer puppies Jem and Scout after the children in that book.



## **Business** Academy is Taking Care of Business

ave you ever watched the television series *Shark Tank*? *Shark Tank* is a reality competition series that features aspiring entrepreneurs who present their business plans to a panel of potential investors.

#### The Maverick Challenge of-

fers this same type of competitive atmosphere to young students in the southern and southeastern counties of Indiana. This is an opportunity for students to show off their creativity and ingenuity as a young entrepreneur.

Each year, AIM, Young Professionals of Greater Dearborn County, contact the three area high schools looking for students to compete in Bartholomew County's Maverick Challenge. It is an opportunity for high school students to present a business idea, invention or product to a panel of experienced business professionals.

Two years ago, East Central High School's, A.J. Waltz won both the district, and shared in the \$10,000 regional victory cash prize. A.J. is the owner of Waltz Photography LLC, located at 134 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Professionals representing AIM will award a lucky young Dearborn County student up to \$2,000. This award will automatically advance them to the regional competition held in Columbus, Indiana. There they will compete against other southeastern Indiana local winners for the grand cash prize (up to \$10,000). Any East Central High School student interested in competing in *Indiana's version of Shark Tank....The Maverick Challenge*, stop by and see Mrs. Waechter for the necessary information and paperwork. Visit www.maverickchallenge.com to surf the online materials and data.

County-wide competition brought to you and funded by AIM - Young Professionals of Greater Dearborn County

# BEINNOVATIVE THE MAVERICK CHALLENGE Business Planning

Business Planning Competition

Do you have a great idea and want to see it turned into reality?

High School age students are eligible to participate.

Up to \$2,000 Cash Prize (local competition)

Up to \$10,000 Cash Prize (regional competition)

The competition aims to further develop the innovative spirit in Dearborn County by reaching out to high school students and showing them viable career opportunities through entrepreneurship.

Registration is open through September 19th on the Maverick website. Get started on your plan NOW!

www.maverickchallenge.com

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AIM Contact: Hollie Stoops (513) 284-3350 or hos@landconsul.com

# MORE PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

eginning in 2014-2015 the fitness testing in PE courses will be taking a new direction. The Physical Education instructors have designed the Sunman Dearborn School Corporation Health Fitness Award. Depending on the grade level students will participate in the following fitness test: aerobic capacity, percent body fat, body mass index, trunk lift, curl-ups, modified pull ups, 90° pull ups, and shoulder stretch. Each grade level will administer tests appropriate for the age level. East Central High School students will take all the tests. Any student who passes the standards on each test will receive the new fitness award.

Students of Miss Shively, as well as their parents, should regularly check her website at www.schoolrack.com/echspe for information, documents, assignments and due dates. This website may also be accessed via the East Central website.

Miss Shively's Advanced Fitness and Mr. Foster's Lifetime Fitness classes are looking forward to a field trip to "Go Ape".

This activity is an obstacle course in the tree tops and also involves ziplining. Check it out at www.goape.com!



## East Central Physical Education Mission Statement

Physical Education is to empower all students to sustain regular, physical activity as a foundation for a healthy, productive, and fulfilling life. A sequence of learning experiences designed to fulfill the growth, development, and emotional needs of each student to equip him/her with the life skills necessary to live a healthy and active life while also instilling in students a positive attitude toward life and respecting other people to improve the social conscious of our society.

## East Central Physical Education Vision Statement

All students will improve their understanding of physical movement through a variety of activities which will promote physical, mental, and emotional health while teaching social skills which can be utilized to develop a healthy, active lifestyle.

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Central and Sunman Dearborn Middle School FCCLA also participated in the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events competition at Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's 2014 National Leadership Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

From Sunman Dearborn Middle School, Ellie Bonner and Makyla Ludwig participated in the **Environmental Ambassadors** event that focused on recycling and they received a silver medal. Lea Hornberger and Jenna Stewart competed in Chapter Service Display where they made blankets for the local fire department and they received a silver medal. Receiving a gold medal in the Focus on Children Jr. Event for teaching 2nd graders about not bullying was Rachel Rosskopf and Emily Taylor.

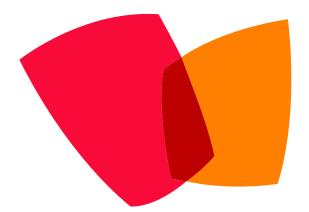
Competing from East Central High School were Lauren Deddens, Sarah Lehman and Laura Kuebel in the Advocacy Occupational Event where they brought awareness to the problems of cyberbullying and received a gold medal. Elizabeth Hamersly, Lucy Herth, and Abbie Alig participated in the National Programs in Action Sr. Event, describing how they taught many groups about the importance of handwashing and received a gold medal. Abbie Laudick, Rylie Seaver, and Haley Badescu competed in the Advocacy Jr. Event where they brought awareness to their peers about the importance of nutrition and exercise and they received a gold medal. Ashley Newhouse and Katelynn Osman competed in the Chapter Showcase Jr. Event, where they put together a scrapbook about the chapter's happenings, and received a gold medal.

Lizzy Weigel and Kaitlyn Mortimer competed in the Focus on Children, Sr. event by talking to first grade students about bullying and its effects. They received a gold medal. Samantha Richter also competed in the Focus on Children event in the occupational category and she received a silver medal, she helped students in the kindergarten learn how to make healthy choices about eating fruits and vegetables.

Anya Polito competed in the Recycle and Redesign Event and created a skirt from a recycled tshirt and received a gold medal. Receiving a gold medal in National Programs in Action, Jr. Event was Erin Wilhelm, Meredith Struewing, and Lindsay Bischoff where they taught 6th graders about the importance of saving money, using the Financial Fitness National Program. Shelby Lake competed in the Teach and Train event by teaching third grade students about respecting each other and she received a silver medal.

The STAR Events program of FCCLA is based on the belief that every student is a winner. Competition, evaluation, and recognition all stress cooperation as the basis of success. Both youth and adults work together as managers of the events and as evaluators of the participants.

Mrs. Sarah Alig, Mrs. Angela Goldstein, Mrs. Tina Weigel, Mrs. Donna Lake, Mrs. Kathy Polito, Mrs. Lisa Newhouse, Mrs. Sue Wilhelm, Mrs. Cathy Lehman, Mrs. Lori Kuebel, Mrs. Brenda Stewart, Mrs. Marcia Hornberger and Mrs. Terri Rosskopf accompanied the FCCLA members to the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting along with the East Central FCCLA Advisers, Mrs. Brenda Osman and Ms. Ashley McConnell.



Throughout the year, FCCLA members tackle issues such as career exploration, youth violence prevention, traffic safety, family relationships, and much more. FCCLA programs enrich student learning, improve selfesteem, and serve students with a range of ability levels, economic situations, and cultural influences.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 200,000 members and nearly 6,500 members from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only national in-school organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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