



- Attached (below) are two flyers for upcoming webinars from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency's private lending team. They are for parents and students in need of additional assistance with planning for college costs.
- Attention Seniors!  
2026 Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program  
\$2,500 award distributed to the student directly  
Applicants must submit a one-minute video on: *"How Renewable Energy Affects My Future"*  
Open to graduating seniors  
Eligible pathways: 4-year, 2-year, or certificate programs at accredited U.S. institutions (Fall 2026 enrollment)  
Preference given to students interested in renewable energy or STEM, though all eligible students may apply  
Deadline: April 10, 2026  
Additional information is available  
at: <https://ccrenew.com/scholarships> (clickable link, below)

- Mark your calendar and buy your ticket now for CCTI's Designer Purse BINGO which will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026 with a snow date of Friday, March 20, 2026. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00/ticket. We recommend buying now as the event usually sells out. We are also seeking donations for the basket raffle. If you'd like to donate a basket, please contact the main office. The money raised supports our student organizations and events. Thank you for your support!

- Attention Seniors

Please note the following scheduled dates:

- NOCTI Performance Exam – April 29, 2026
- AP English Exam – May 6, 2026
- Prom – MAY 8, 2026 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Senior Bring your Parent to Breakfast – May 14, 2026 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria
- Senior Sunset May 18, 2026 7:30 -8:30 p.m. at CCTI field  
Rain date May 18, 2026 Same Time
- Senior Awards May 20, 2026 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Class Trip MAY 21, 2026 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Knoebel's Amusement Resort
- Last day of classes for seniors May 27,2026
- MANDATORY Graduation Practice May 28, 2026 8:30 a.m.  
on CCTI field
- Graduation Ceremony May 28, 2026 5:00 p.m.  
Seniors Report at 4:00 p.m.
- Graduation Severe Weather Date May 29, 2026 Same Time

- Attention Seniors: Knoebel's Senior Class Trip permission forms and \$26.00 payment is due to Mrs. Kohutka by March 6, 2026! If you do not hand in your permission form and payment, you will not be eligible to attend and will be expected to be in school on Thursday May 21, 2026.
- A Message from the Wellness Committee:  
Spring is right around the corner! Unfortunately, so are those pesky allergies. Here are a few tips to help with allergy symptoms. To reduce environmental allergies, start by limiting your exposure to triggers such as pollen, dust, and pet dander. Keep windows closed during high-pollen days, especially in spring and fall. Use a HEPA air purifier and change HVAC filters regularly. Shower and change clothes after spending time outdoors to remove pollen from your skin and hair. Wash bedding weekly in hot water to reduce dust mites. Vacuum frequently using a vacuum with a HEPA filter. Happy Spring!
- Dress code reminder from the safety team - According to the student handbook, the following footwear is not permitted to be worn at CCTI: rubber flip flops, sandals, slides, and bedroom slippers. They also pose a safety hazard - especially with the recent inclement weather. Please be sure to wear appropriate footwear that abides by the dress code policy.
- Please see the flyer at the end of this message for how you can donate to one of our students and her family members who lost their home in a fire in November. The senior class officers created a flyer with links to donation drives already taking place in our community. Thank you for any support you can provide!

- Attention seniors! Please check the Senior Google Classroom for the form to complete for each senior's section of the yearbook. The information on the form will be included underneath your senior photo. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Johannsen.
- Attention seniors! The Carbon County Community Foundation has announced that their scholarship applications will open this month. You can view and download the scholarship catalog at this link: <https://cccfoundpa.org/scholarships/> (clickable link may be found, below). The applications are electronic and officially open in mid-January 2026. Some scholarships require the student to apply through the guidance department at their school. Selected recipients will be notified via email and officially recognized at their school's senior awards ceremony. Scholarship recipients are also invited to the Community Foundation Awards Program in June. All applicants, including those not selected, will receive notification about their application status.
- For families who may be experiencing food insecurity, the Carbon County Community Foundation has developed a list of all of the local food pantries in our area which can be found on their website: <https://cccfoundpa.org/feeding-our-neighbors-fund/>. Additionally, the Second Harvest Food Bank's website under "Find Food" is also a valuable resource: <https://shfblv.org/find-food/>. They have a zip code locator that shows the nearest food pantry or soup kitchen, their contact info, and distribution hours. (clickable links may be found, below)

- Policy reminder: Students are not permitted to drive to CCTI unless they have a valid parking permit issued by Officer Woods. Students are also not permitted to drive to and from school with other students who have parking permits unless they live in the same household as the student with the permit. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary consequences.
- The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has several scholarships available for Vocational Technical Students who are graduating from an accredited vo-tech school and pursuing ongoing education at either a trade school, college, or other program.  
Link to applications may be found, below.
- Attention Juniors! The Pennsylvania Department of Education is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University is now accepting applications from talented high school juniors for the summer 2026 program. The information as well as application link has been emailed to all of our juniors and is posted in their Google Classroom and on our Instagram page.
- Please note that the CCTI Prom will be held on Friday May 8, 2026, at Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a Junior/Senior Prom only. Guests and under class guests will pay \$56.00/ person. CCTI Juniors and Seniors will be responsible for paying for half of the ticket price this year, which will be \$28.00.

- Our CCTI student store, The Hive, has some new merchandise available for sale during both lunch periods. Stop in to get your trucker hats, beanies, T-shirts, and other CCTI swag as well as some tasty, healthy treats.
- Parents of seniors applying to postsecondary school or the military and needing a transcript sent are reminded that if your student is under age eighteen to please email permission ([ecolosimo@carboncti.org](mailto:ecolosimo@carboncti.org)) or provide a note to Mr. Colosimo, CCTI school counselor.
- The Pennsylvania Student Aid Guide from PHEAA is available online for students and parents of students planning on attending postsecondary school during the 2026-2027 school year. It is available at the following link:  
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/80568904/>  
(clickable link may be found below)
- Student dress code reminder: According to our student handbook, pajama tops or bottoms are not permitted to be worn to school.
- Information for Seniors from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

With the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) opening last month, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has been working to prepare our PA State Grant processing system, GrantUs<sup>SM</sup> for the upcoming award year. We are now pleased to announce that processing for the 2026-27 PA State Grant Program has been initiated.

- New this year, a pre-screening methodology allows us to perform immediate review of the student's FAFSA data to determine whether the student meets initial PA State Grant applicant criteria through pre-eligibility checks (for example submitted a complete FAFSA, is a PA resident, not in default, etc.) If the student's FAFSA data passes these initial checks the student's record will be created in GrantUS.
  - An account activation notice will be sent after the student's FAFSA data successfully passes the pre-screening process if the student does not have an existing account.
  - Activation notices will be sent from [noreply@grantus.pheaa.org](mailto:noreply@grantus.pheaa.org).
  - Activation notices are time sensitive and will expire after 5 days. If the student does not access the link before it expires, they can use Forgot Password on the GrantUS log in page.
  - Students that have an existing account are not required to make a new account but instead should log in with their existing credentials. Students can select Forgot Password on the login page if they do not remember their password.
- Please remember that attendance is extremely important for students at CCTI and eventually in the working world. Poor attendance and truancy at CCTI may result in fines, and loss of privileges. Due to excessive absenteeism (including days absent accompanied by a parent note), students may also experience loss of credit for the courses taken during the school year (20 Day Policy).

- Parents, please ask your student to show you their Google Classroom so you can see what students are working on in their classes. Also, if a student is absent, he/she is expected to check Google Classroom to retrieve and complete assignments to avoid falling behind.
- After school tutoring and clubs and activities are available. Please see Ms. Hyjurick in room 311 for more information about after-school tutoring or see Ms. Benyo in room 203 for more information about staying after school to attend a club/activity meeting. Please consider using our free tutoring resource to maintain a positive grade point average and/or for extra support. Please consider getting involved in a CCTI club/activity.
- Please be aware that our school has installed vape detectors in bathrooms. These detectors are in place to promote a healthy environment and discourage vaping on campus.

#### Key Points to Keep in Mind:

- Detection: The detectors can identify vaping in real-time, meaning that if you vape in the bathrooms, you will be caught. Unfortunately, some students have already been caught as a result of the detectors.
- Consequences: If detected, there will be disciplinary actions, including out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement officials (refer to JOC Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia/Mood Altering Substances, Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependency Policy in the Student/Parent Handbook, and JOC Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – all are on our website).
- Health Matters: Remember that vaping can pose significant health risks, and it's important to prioritize your well-being.

- Parents, please help your student get to school on time by dropping them off no later than 7:40 a.m. This will allow students to get to their locker and get ready to start their day at 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Parents and students- Please review CCTI's Dress code policy (see pages 20-21 handbook).
- Please see the following informational flyers, etc. below:
  - Financial Aide Assistance Webinars – The Financial Aide Timeline
  - Financial Aide Assistance Webinars – Understanding the Offer Letter
  - 2026 Energizing Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship
  - Donation Drives – Fire Victims
  - School in Session April 7, 2026
  - Updated Marking Period Dates

**Sincerely,**

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