



# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

December 2018



December 17, 2018

Toys for Tots Deadline

December 18, 2018

Skills USA District Competition

Dec. 22, 2018 – Jan. 1, 2019

Winter Recess – No School

February 7, 2019

Open House for Prospective Students



Since 1947, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots has been collecting toys to distribute to children nationally. If you are interested in donating a toy you can simply bring your donation to Central Westmoreland CTC to help support our Painting, Restoration & Design program as they will be taking donations through Monday, December 17. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Richards at (724) 925-3532 ext. 1356.

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## Programs of Study Offered

- Automotive Collision Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry
- Commercial & Advertising Art
- Computer & Information Science
- Construction Trades Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Occupations Technology
- Graphic Design Communications
- Health Occupations Technology
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Horticulture
- Logistics & Warehouse Management
- Machine Trades Technology
- Masonry
- Painting, Restoration & Design
- Plumbing
- Powerline
- Protective Services
- Robotics Engineering
- Sports Therapy & Exercise Science
- Welding



## SkillsUSA District Competitions

Career and Technology Centers from Western PA will soon compete to earn the opportunity to advance to the state competition in Hershey, PA. This year Western Area CTC and Greene County CTC will be co-hosting the District 9 Competition on Tuesday, December 18. Central Westmoreland CTC has been leading the way the past three years; sending dozens of students to the state competition and at least one student each year to the national competition in Louisville, KY. CWCTC is very proud of our SkillUSA Team and competitors!

by: Ms. Beth Butala  
Mr. Jay Elder  
Mr. Lon Hayes

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## Open House for Prospective Students

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 6:00-8:00PM, (snow date is February 21), to come see our 23 CTE programs, talk with staff members, and learn what all is available for you or your child here at CWCTC! This is the last opportunity for potential students and their families to visit our building prior to scheduling at the high schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**Use 2017 Tax information:** Students and families must complete the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using their 2017 tax information. You DO NOT have the option to report 2018 tax information. If the family experienced a loss of income since the 2017 tax year, talk to the college's financial aid office. There, they can look at the family's situation and make adjustments, if appropriate. The family will also need to notify PHEAA.

**Apply for a PA State Grant:** In order to be considered for a PA State Grant, students must first complete the FAFSA. First-time applicants must also complete the State Grant Form (SGF), which gathers additional information needed for determining eligibility and financial need. The SGF User Guide is available at <https://www.pheaa.org>.

## The CWCTC Annual Turkey Bowling



Central Westmoreland CTC's Annual Turkey Bowl was held on Monday, November 19. This activity, co-hosted by SADD and Future Builders, helps to support the Westmoreland County Food Bank. The food bank is very active in Westmoreland County and they also provide all the food for our Backpack Program.

A school-wide food drive was held and students could either donate money or non-perishable food items as their "fee" for bowling. Bowling was held in the Wellness Gym. Winners were awarded the coveted Turkey Bowling Trophy. Electricity students won the AM contest, while Powerline students won in the PM.

The programs collected five boxes of food, as well as \$1,000 for the Westmoreland Food Bank. CWCTC faculty and students are proud to carry on this tradition and give back to our surrounding communities.

The Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Inquiries may be directed to the Administrative Director, Title IX Coordinator, or the Section 504 Coordinator at 240 Arona Road, New Stanton, PA 15672, [belwood@cwctc.org](mailto:belwood@cwctc.org) or 724.925.3532 X1306.