

Steel Center for C.T.E.

DAILY BULLETIN

Monday, March 30, 2020: ALL SESSIONS

Day 131

TODAY'S DAILY C.T.E. FUN FACT: From our Collision Repair & Refinishing Instructor, Mr. Canavan: You may have watched as-seen-on-TV devices and Internet videos that claim that with a special tool or some household items, a body panel can simply be popped back into place. In reality, when a body panel is bent, it stays that way, whether that bend was from a press at the factory or from an impact. To remove a dent from a panel, body technicians have to use a range of tools and techniques to gently bend and reshape the metal back to the shape it should be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcome back, students! The administration, faculty, and staff of Steel center are exciting to resume career and technical education using the distance learning model. Information regarding this is posted to our school homepage: www.steelcentertech.com. Instructors will be in regular/daily contact with students to ensure continuity of educational services. If you encounter any issues, please feel free to contact administration and faculty directly. Contact information is available on our website (www.steelcentertech.com).
- Distance learning tips: We could not be more proud of how our faculty and staff has come together in preparation for distance learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Their commitment and innovative thinking will only prove beneficial to students, despite a less-than-ideal situation. In order for your sons and daughters to fully benefit from distance learning, educational experts and the Steel Center team advises the following:
 - Create family schedules that accommodate distance learning;
 - Get dressed in regular school clothes, as to helping normalize a non-normal situation;
 - Practice time management—remember to take breaks, move around, and grab snacks;
 - Connect and talk with friends remotely to socialize, share ideas, and talk about experiences.

We are optimistic that our staff and students will persevere through this new and unexpected phase, though staying home and not having direct access to CTE labs and shops will likely become frustrating. We have to remember that we are not the only ones encountering this, and this too shall pass. We promise to do everything possible to meet the needs of our students and to make sure this is a worthwhile educational experience. We are in it together!

- Marking periods: The 3rd Quarter marking period closed on Monday, March 16. More information is forthcoming regarding grade calculation and incompletes. The 4th Quarter marking period opens today, Monday, March 30. Standard percentage grading procedures will remain in effect for the duration of distance learning.
- Distance learning grading expectations: Steel Center will maintain standard percentage grading for both the 3rd and 4th quarter marking period. Grading procedures will remain unchanged for the duration of distance learning. Refer to the *Student/Family Handbook* for more information regarding grading.

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- Distance learning attendance expectations: All students are required to attend and participate in distance learning daily. Attendance will be recorded every school day. Attendance procedures for absences will remain unchanged for the duration of distance learning. Students must participate per the specifications of program instructors in order to be marked present and to receive credit. Please refer to the Attendance section of the *Student/Family Handbook* for details. **Excuses (including those from physicians) are to be submitted directly to instructors for the duration of the building closure.**
- Distance learning rules and procedures: All school rules and procedures, as outlined in the *Student/Family Handbook* and applicable to distance learning will be enforced in accordance with the policies governing Steel Center Tech. Students are expected to be attentive, cooperative, and productive for the duration of distance learning.
- Attention seniors: Per the Pennsylvania Department of Education in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all state-required standardized exams, including NOCTI have been waived and cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be no NOCTI exams this school year.
- The Cedar Point trip scheduled for June 1 has been cancelled. Those who already paid for the trip will receive refunds upon reopening of the school building. Those who participated in the hoagie fundraiser are to inform and return collected money to buyers. Steel Center is no longer authorizing the hoagie sale. Please contact Dr. Frioni, if you have any questions regarding this.
- Faculty and staff are reminded of the following:
 - Approved Program Evaluation (339) and CATS: Instructors are encouraged to continue working on both. Consult with Dr. Frioni, if you have any questions.
 - Anticipate Zoom staff meetings being scheduled for the duration of the building closure.

HAVE A GREAT DAY, STEEL CENTER! STAY HEALTHY!