

ACADEMIC CENTER NEWS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

WELCOME!

WE HAVE
SEVERAL NEW
STUDENTS
THIS YEAR:

CORAL (MACS)
CHEYANNA
(PACS)
DARREN (APW)
OWEN (PACS)
LEXIEE (SCCS)
ANDREW
(SCCS)
KAYLA (MACS)
DAISY (MACS)
ALEXA (MACS)
MEGAN (MACS)
FAITH (MACS)
PADRIE
(MACS)
CALEB (PACS)
ERIKA (APW)
BRITTANY
(MACS)
KERRI (PACS)
LEXI (APW)

Sept. 21: We invited the counselors and administrators from all our districts to come out and see the AC. We did a brief PowerPoint on the AC's goals, went over the new contract, and enjoyed a tour given by Autumn.

Sept. 29: We had ice cream sandwiches to celebrate Michele's birthday.

Upcoming:

October 25: We will be traveling to OCC for a tour, admissions presentation, and lunch.

Completed Classes

Troy (SCCS): Government and Online PE

Tony (SCCS): US History (online portion)

Andrew (SCCS): Health

Megan (MACS): Economics, English 12

Caleb (PACS): Consumer Math



The PM kids doing a little bonding as the school day draws to a close.

Here We Go!

I cannot believe that I'm starting my 4th year at the Academic Center. We've got a lot planned for 2017-2018. Michele and I are very excited to work with our new and returning students during their quest for a diploma. Here's a little list of what we've changed up so far.

1. Our lesson counter wall has gotten another makeover. This year we have a Pac-Man theme!
2. We will continue to do Biology labs at the AC. Last year, Mrs. McCullough from PACS did an awesome job setting us up to get all of the students' hours in. Mr. Hefti will be helping us with the state-mandated labs this year.
3. We are continuing in our efforts to become a mostly online program. Last year, we started using Doctopus in English class. This year we transitioned to Google Classroom. The students have already experienced all working in the same document (some of them weren't a fan) as well as utilizing Google Drive to type up assignments. We are also continuing to use Schoology and Kahoot! as assessment tools in English class. In addition, I've started to put all of the multiple choice AIS assessments on Schoology.
4. We are currently working with Pulaski to schedule two CPR exposure days at the AC. One of the staff members from Pulaski will be coming down during each slot to make sure our students fulfill this NYS graduation requirement. We plan on doing this once in the fall and once in the spring.
5. Our community service days were so popular last year that we are bringing them back. During the day before December break and the day before April break, the students will have the option of staying at the AC all day to earn 5 hours of community service. We are currently looking for ideas for projects that we can do. If you have any, please pass them along!
6. We've got our fall field trips planned. In October, we will be going to OCC, and, in December, we will be going bowling as part of our PE curriculum. The students voted to bowl instead of do the ropes course.

