

Law Enforcement class

Offering students a first-hand look at police work

By Jamie Garrett

Do you sit up at night and watch "Cops"? Do you wonder how it feels to be one of them? If so, the Law Enforcement class is for you.

Mr. James Robson teaches the class at Center Line High School. In addition to teaching about law enforcement, the class aims to improve character development and leadership skills.

The Center Line law enforcement program helps students get a first-hand look at what being a police officer is all about. This class gives students a preview of a possible career choice and helps them look toward the future and get ideas on what they want to do when they grow up. Students learn many different things in the Law Enforcement class, such as how to handcuff someone, how the law really works, the pros and cons of being a police officer. Students even practice patrolling in squad cars.

Mike Goggins, a student at Center Line High School, and an active member of the Law Enforcement class, said "It's a



The Warren Police Department's narcotics K-9 team, Officer Randy Baird and German shepherd Atos, perform a demonstration for students in the Law Enforcement class at Center Line High School.

great class to take. It's a great learning experience, and if I decide to go to Macomb Community College, I will receive college credit for taking this course, which will be a big help to me."

In fact, every student that takes this class will receive col-

lege credit if he or she decides to attend Macomb Community College in the future. This is a big money and time saver for the students and it gives them a head start on all the other students at the college.

Many guest speakers visit to talk with students. The class

recently had an up-close experience with the police drug dog.

The Warren Police Department's narcotics k-9 team, Officer Randy Baird and German shepherd Atos, visited the class for a demonstration.

They got to see what the canine officer does with the police dog on a daily basis. This was a good experience for students because they gathered information on a different, and very important, branch of the police department.

Other guest speakers have visited from agencies such as the Macomb County Sheriff's dive team, the Secret Service, the FBI, the Center Line Department of Public Safety, the Federal Air Marshals, and the Warren Police.

Students do not necessarily have to want to be a police officer to take this class, but it takes students through the daily tasks of real law enforcement officers. "Law enforcement is one of my favorite classes, and the information I learned will greatly help me in the future," Goggins said.



EMS student Katelyn Hafner and instructor Dominic Calderone show off the new ambulance in the Center Line homecoming parade.

EMS class gives student hands-on experience, rewarding skills

By Rita Wojnowski

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a class offered at Center Line High School for those who are interested in the medical field. Taught by retired firefighter Mr. Calderone, the class offers basic emergency medical training to high school juniors and seniors from Center Line, East Detroit, Fitzgerald, Lincoln, Warren Woods Tower, and South Lake. Mr. Calderone has been teaching at Center Line High for four years. This is the second year for his assistant instructor, Ms. Godwin. Equipped with medical equipment and an ambulance, the EMS room has the perfect learning environment.

New to the EMS class this year is a freshly painted ambulance. The décor is orange and black and it has panthers on the side doors. Mr. Calderone, his wife, and his neighbors came up with the design. The refurbished ambulance is 12 years old, and was donated to Center Line High School by Universal Ambulance. The ambulance is used for instruction, especially in the areas of packaging and loading a patient for transport, and was even featured in the Homecoming Parade this year. The new ambulance replaced a previously donated red and white ambulance and arrived at CLHS in late September.

Painting the ambulance school colors was something Mr. Calderone wanted to do since last year. He said, "I decided to paint the ambulance because it's personalized for students and it shows ownership to not only them, but for the class." It helps the program by showing how to use stretchers, back boards and transporting. Ms. Godwin

said, "Not many EMS classes really have an ambulance. I think kids like getting to see what is inside of one."

Mr. Calderone and Ms. Godwin hope that more students sign up to take the National Registry Exam and earn their EMT-B license. EMT-B stands for Basic Emergency Medical Technician, and that license allows graduates to work on an ambulance or in a hospital. They also hope to take home the victory in the two competitions they will participate in this year: Skills USA in February, and the

Macomb County Competition in May. Last year, Center Line took home the gold and won all the events for the Macomb

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competition.

This year EMS has about 80 students. Travis Hlavaty is a senior at Center Line High School, and is one of the students in first hour. Travis said, "EMS is a fun class, and I like doing the hands-on activities." He plans on participating in the upcoming competitions this year and may take the National Registry in the spring.

EMS is a fun, but challenging class that is for kids who are serious about joining the medical field, or want to see if it would be for them. According to Ms. Godwin, "This is the same class that is offered at local community colleges and private schools, with the same level of instruction and testing, but without the \$1,000 to \$1,500 price tag." EMS is a hands-on experience with fun and rewarding skills such as CPR and AED training. Students get real-world experience when they ride along on an ambulance, or assist in a hospital as a clinical student.

Visual Imaging class makes its mark on students and school fashions

By Dany Antoon

Here at Center Line High School there are many fashions. Some kids wear trendy brand names, such as Hollister or American Eagle, and others "scrub" by wearing comfortable clothes like sweatpants and hoodies. What some people might not notice is that there is another trend of clothes: spirit wear. Take a look and you will notice that many students wear various Center Line shirts for things like basketball, baseball, soccer, and even class t-shirts for specific grades.

Many of these shirts are made right here in our school in the Visual Imaging room. These shirts are seen in the hallways and classrooms, and many students wear them during pep rallies to show their school spirit. The students in Visual Imaging take pride in making these t-shirts. Take, for example, senior Joe Vandro, who has been in the class for two years. He worked hard and quickly learned his way around the shop, and now he is considered a veteran in the class. Asked about the process of making shirts, he quickly responded with a run-down of what happens.

"First you have to actually draw out the design in Adobe Illustrator. After the design is complete, you must print out the design on a transparency paper. This will allow you to

burn the picture on a screen, which is the next step in the process. Then you go to the t-shirt printing press where the actual making of the shirt occurs. You take the screen and attach it to the t-shirt printing press, then add the ink, and swipe it through the screen with a squeegee. This means you carefully force the ink through the screen onto the shirt. Finally, you proceed to heat the shirt, in order dry it and it is ready to wear."

Vandro has won awards for his work in the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society (M.I.T.E.S.) competition. He won first place in the region for his two-color printed notepad. He also won second place in the state for the same work.

Another dedicated student who has excelled in the class is Chelsea Robinson, a junior. She has been in the class since her sophomore year. Her awards include first place for a four-color design, which also won the grand award at the M.I.T.E.S. state competition, and another first place award in the one-color print category.

"My favorite part of the class has to be designing, and showing my artistic point of view. I enjoy making designs for shirts, calendars, notepads, tickets and programs for the school plays, and more," Chelsea said. She plans to attend Kendall University and



Mrs. Donna Giacona shows students in her Visual Imaging class how to prepare a screen for making a t-shirt.

get a degree in Graphic Design, and hopes to get a job making designs for magazines.

Instructor Donna Giacona has been teaching the class for five years now. Mrs. Giacona attended Cass Technical High School, which is where her passion for Visual Imaging began. Cass Tech is a college prep school so every student had to choose a major, and Mrs. Giacona chose Graphic Arts. At first, she was nervous when she saw the big machinery, but then she met Mr. Williard, the Visual Imaging teacher, her view of the class changed. Mr. Williard was very nice and supportive, and that is what got her interested.

"I fell in love," Mrs. Giacona said. After graduating from Ferris State she worked in industry for a few years while she obtained her masters degree for teaching. Mrs. Giacona then accepted a job at Center Line High School. She

teaches Visual Imaging I and II, and loves the atmosphere of learning, and watching the kids grow up.

There to assist Mrs. Giacona is Mrs. Jackie Hilden, para-pro. Mrs. Hilden actually attended Center Line High School, and years later when she heard the job was open, she eagerly took it. Things have changed since she was at the school, according to her.

"The programs we have are great compared to what we had when I was in high school, now we have a silk screen press which is great for the students to learn even more skills," Mrs. Hilden said.

Students who take Visual Imaging at Center Line High School not only create a great portfolio of projects, they learn skills and techniques used in the industry, and are prepared to take the next step toward a career.

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