

EDUCATION

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MBIT offers adult evening classes

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology offers evening courses for adults who want to learn a new skill or increase existing skills.

Classes are scheduled to begin on Feb. 4.

Instruction is a combination of classroom and hands-on activities using the school equipment and labs. The courses teach skills that may lead to entry level jobs or advancement in employment.

Adults can enroll in courses such as automotive, carpentry, residential electricity, plumbing, small engine repair, AutoCAD, SolidWorks, machining, CNC, dental assisting and computer topics. Classes are now forming for courses offered February through May.

MBIT is offering a new evening technical writing course for adults.

Topics will include how to write proposals, reports, business correspondence, word orders and other employment related documents. Students will become comfortable with technical vocabulary that is used in nearly all fields of employment as well as how to structure their formal writing.

The technical writing course runs for six Tuesdays beginning Feb. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$145.

Course descriptions are available at mbit.org. For information, contact 215-343-2480 x218 or x108.

BCCC hosts Financial Aid Information Night

Bucks County Community College hosts Financial Aid Information Night 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Gateway Auditorium on the campus at 275 Swamp Road, Newtown.

At the free forum, parents and students will learn how to complete federal forms to apply for financial aid at any college or university, according to Donna Wilkoski, director of financial Aid.

"FAFSA" explain the details of the "FAFSA," Wilkoski said, referring to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. "People look at the form and may find it's overwhelming the first time they do it. But it's the best way to find out if you qualify for aid, and the earlier you file, the better."

The FAFSA must be filled out annually by college students and

their parents to determine eligibility for federal financial aid. In addition, many states and schools use the information on the form to decide non-federal aid awards, such as institutional grants and scholarships.

Tobias Bruhn, executive director of the Bucks County Community College Foundation, will speak about scholarship opportunities available should a student choose BCCC.

Representatives from Bucks' Financial Aid office will discuss the types of aid offered through both the federal government and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

For information, call 215-968-8200. In case of bad weather, the program will take place Wednesday, Feb. 12.



Musical high notes

New Hope-Solebury junior Logan Mohr is participating in District Band, Feb. 6 to 9 at Upper Moreland High School. She will play the tenor sax. Junior Hannah Jordan and senior Andrea Detefsen will participate in the PMEA District 11 Orchestra competition, which takes place Jan. 23 to 25 at Pennsbury High School. They both will play the violin. From left are Mohr, Detefsen and Jordan.

Workshop for teens examines "Tough Choices"

The Family Support Organization of Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties (FSO) offers a workshop, "Tough Choices - Beyond Anger Management," at Spring Run School at CEA in Flemington, N.J. The free, eight-week course begins Jan. 27 and deals with social and emotional competency and is

offered for youth ages 13 to 17 who need a diversion program or who may need extra help as part of a treatment program.

Topics covered include forgiveness, self-esteem, stress relief, coping mechanisms and empowerment. It also discusses using strengths and talents to give back to the community.

Bucks teams to compete in Mock Trial Competition

Beginning this month, 338 teams from 284 high schools across Pennsylvania will compete in district and regional levels of the Statewide Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Pennsylvania's mock trial program, now in its 31st year, is one of the largest in the nation.

During the competition, eight-member student teams are given the opportunity to argue both sides of the case in an actual courtroom before a judge. The students, who play the roles of lawyers, witnesses, plaintiffs and defendants, are assisted by teacher coaches and lawyer advisors in preparing for competition. Lawyers and community leaders serve as jurors for the mock trials. The juries determine the winners in each trial based on the teams' abilities to prepare their

cases, present arguments and follow court rules.

The district and regional levels of the competition will continue throughout February and March. At the conclusion of the local competitions, 12 high school mock trial teams will advance to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Statewide Mock Trial Championships, March 28 and 29, in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Cable Network will record the final round of the competition for later airing statewide.

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Monday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. through March 24. There will be no meeting on Feb. 17. A light dinner will be provided.

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This year's hypothetical case is a civil trial to determine if a parent or a high school track coach is liable for the death of a student athlete who was taking performance-enhancing drugs.

The case was written by Jonathan A. Grode of Philadelphia, Paul W. Kaufman of Philadelphia, and Koltash, adapting, with permission, a mock trial case created by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education and the Young Lawyers of Arizona.

Bucks teams participating in the 2014 Statewide Mock Trial Competition are from the following schools: Archbishop Wood High School (two teams), Bensalem High School, Bristol High School, Central Bucks High School East, Central Bucks High School South, Central Bucks High School West, Council Rock High School North, Holmcroft Middle School, Holy Ghost Preparatory School (two teams), Lenape Middle School (two teams), New Hope-Solebury High School and Pennridge High School.

During Catholic Schools Week, St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Ottsville hosts its annual Spaghetti Dinner and School Open House Jan. 25.

All of the festivities begin at 4 p.m. and the entire school will be open for guests to visit. Teachers, faculty and the principal will be on hand for guests to meet.

The school is at 4040 Durham Road, Ottsville. For information, visit the school's Facebook page or call 610-847-5523.

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