This time of year we like to think of our futures and make resolutions. We are off to a fresh start in 2015. It’s a new semester. Keep focused on school as we head to the end of the year.

Beginning February 2, our Cosmetology students will be seeing clients in the morning in our brand new salon. Check out the many services you can enjoy. You may call the instructor, Ms. Mindy Montello, at 440-283-2185, for an appointment.

The Welding and Auto Services students are busy preparing for their upcoming SkillsUSA competitions. SkillsUSA is a career/tech student organization that offers a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. Following a local competition, students will advance to the Regional competitions held at either Stark State (February 21) or Auburn Career Center (February 28) as they compete for the opportunity to advance to the State level competitions. Good luck to all the participants!

This is a busy time of year at the Career Academy. We are in the midst of reviewing applications for the career/tech programs next
year. Interviews will be conducted by the career/tech instructors during the first few weeks of February. There are still a few openings in some of our programs, so any interested sophomore who has not already done so, should see their guidance counselor for an application.

The current Career/Tech offerings in Willoughby-Eastlake include:

- Allied Health
- Auto Collision
- Auto Services
- Commercial Building Trades
- Cosmetology
- Health Information Mgt.
- Hospitality and Lodging
- Landscaping and Turf Mgt.
- Licensed Practical Nursing
- Managerial Business Tech
- Medical Assisting
- Production Welding
- Welding

If you have any questions about any of our programs, feel free to contact my office. I’d be happy to discuss the career/tech options that are available. Or ask a current student. I’m sure they would be excited to share what they love about their experiences at the Career Academy.

Our new Health Information Management program is utilizing the Project Based Learning approach. This allows the students to research topics and create a project to represent their learning and to present it to professionals. Just ask one of the students and they will share their excitement about this new way of learning.

As a reminder, the Willoughby-Eastlake Career Academy will be closed on February 16\textsuperscript{th} in observance of President’s Day and on February 17\textsuperscript{th} for staff professional development.