## **HOW ARE WE USING OHIO MEANS JOBS?**

Ohio Means Jobs is a no-cost, career planning system which offers comprehensive, career exploration tools, online training and resources specifically for students, teachers and school counselors. Members of Ohio Means Jobs are able to register and complete surveys to investigate career pathways that fall within their personal interests and skillset. In addition to these tools,



Ohio Means Jobs assists disabled members of our schools and the community to obtain services guaranteed under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Now more than ever, students need to see a connection between what they are learning in the classroom and in their future careers. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, Ohio law requires that local boards of education adopt a career advising policy. In order to address this mandate Willoughby-Eastlake students are receiving assistance to create profiles and learn to utilize the pertinent resources on the Ohio Means Jobs website. Some students, such as those at the Career Academy, have used the website to discover career interests, identify local employment opportunities and apply for positions in the community.



Ellen Flint spoke with some of our students about graphic design.

In the Willoughby-Eastlake Middle Schools, students have recently had opportunities to engage in conversations with members of our community during Career Days. These conversations allow students to increase their understanding of various occupations and use that knowledge to assist with their academic choices as they prepare to enter high school. These activities directly align with the recent Ohio mandates to improve career awareness in all schools in the state.

Steve Waite had an opportunity to answer student questions about being a funeral director.





Firefighter, Mark Slavic also addressed our students.