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ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTING TECH NIGHTS

Ashwaubenon, WI – October 16, 2017 – Ashwaubenon School District’s Technology & Engineering Education department is hosting a series of Tech Nights during the 2017-18 school year. The Tech Nights offer opportunities for Ashwaubenon School District families to experience and learn about the basic skills that are taught in the District’s Technology and Engineering courses. These sessions are open to all ages, but parent supervision is required. **The next Tech Night covers Welding and takes place Wednesday, October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ashwaubenon High School, Room 148.**

Wednesday’s Tech Night on Welding is timely since October is Manufacturing Month in Wisconsin. The state-wide and nation-wide shortage of people to fill skilled trade positions has prompted schools to focus on introducing and training the future workforce in technical areas. Ashwaubenon High School’s (AHS) work in this area is exemplified by their continuing development of the Beau Mettler Innovation Center. Early stages of this collaborative project between AHS, NWTC and the NEW Manufacturing Alliance have resulted in new welding equipment at AHS.

That welding equipment, which was donated by NWTC, is being put to good use. This school year AHS has nine sections of their new Welding courses. Each section has about 20 students, totaling 180 students. Students completing the courses can earn NWTC credits.

Many other interesting topics are covered in this year’s Tech Nights as shown below. According to AHS Technology and Engineering Teacher Dave Stroud, “The Ashwaubenon School District Technology & Engineering Education team started the Tech Night program to increase awareness of district students and parents about future educational and career opportunities in S.T.E.M., manufacturing, and the construction trades, and to develop the skills employers are looking for in Northeast Wisconsin.”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 18	Welding 101	AHS Automotive & Welding Shop, Rm 148
November 15	3D Printing Basics	Parkview Middle School, Rm 214
December 20	Woodworking101: Holiday Decorations	AHS Woodshop, Rm 155
January 17	CNC Basics	AHS Beaux Mettler Innovation Center, Rm 142
February	Design Process to Solve Problems	AHS Beaux Mettler Innovation Center, Rm 142
March 21	Lawnmower Tune-up	AHS Automotive & Welding Shop, Rm 148
April 18	Car Care Basics	AHS Automotive & Welding Shop, Rm 148
May 23	Woodworking 101: Tic-Tac-Toe Game	AHS Woodshop, Rm 155

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