



# NEXTECH NEWS

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A new year is often viewed as a new beginning, and at NexTech we see it the same way. We don't like to do resolutions, but we do like to encourage the idea of starting over. With our staff we often talk about the success or failure that occurred in our day, and then we mention that the following day we have the chance to start over. It works when things are going great, and we have the chance to push the boundaries and make the next day even better. This mindset also works when things don't go as planned. We get the chance to start things fresh with a new approach the next day.

Use this approach with your students as well. Encourage them to start over with the work they have been doing and strive for a new level of success than they ended the year with. And the best thing by using this approach? It can be done on a daily basis!





# Paint an Ornament/Canvas Family Night Featuring Student Art Work

*Thank you to everyone who donated and came out to support our school and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!!!*

On December 14th, Nextech held an Art Night! This night was a collaboration of NHS, student event planning committee, student artists, and our NexTech PTO.

During this event we held a showcase for our student body to display their artistic talents to friends and family. Many of our student artists raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, by selling baked goods and artwork.



The Society provides financial aid to find a cure for cancer and we are ecstatic to be able to donate over \$100 to this cause.

Many students and their families also came out to paint an ornament or a canvas of a winter snowman. It was a great time and the proceeds of these activities will help support our student activity fund.

## NEXTECH PTO

Members of the NexTech PTO have been very busy. They volunteered their time and goods to our paint night event, facilitated a small group volunteer session at the Kids Food Basket and have many exciting events in the works.

If you would like to join the PTO or just volunteer some time, please contact the school. We will be needing parent drivers for an upcoming large group volunteer session at the Kids Food Basket as well as support for a Valentine's Dance. Please share with us any opportunities or events that you would like to see the school participate in.



## COUNSELING CORNER



The FAFSA is now available as of October 1, 2018. If your student is planning to attend college during the 2019-2020 school year, you must fill out this application to be eligible for financial aid. There is still plenty of time to fill out the FAFSA. If you have questions, please see Ms. Kuczera.

### Senior Update

We will be having a Senior Graduation Meeting on Wednesday, January 30 during seminar. During this meeting, we will discuss final steps for seniors to complete the year successfully as well as share all information needed to order graduation supplies, such as caps and gowns, and announcements.



**Graduation is Wednesday, May 22, 2019.**

Stay tuned for further information!

### KCTC Program Visits

KCTC Program Visits are open!

Visit a program you are interested to see if it is a good fit. At KCTC, you can earn high school credit while learning on the job and college skills. Schedule your program visit with Ms. Kuczera today!



KentCareer  
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### Low-Cost Counseling Services

Are you considering counseling for your family or your student but are concerned about cost? Dr. Nikia Belcher is providing NexTech families with counseling services at \$10-15 per session. If you are interested in setting up a consultation, you can email [doctornb724@gmail.com](mailto:doctornb724@gmail.com) or call 616-446-0692

## CALENDAR NOTES

### CONFERENCES



Parent Conferences for the second Trimester will be held on Monday, January 14th from 8am-7pm. These are set up by your student's mentor teacher and you will receive a link via email to sign up for a conference time.

Our goal is to have 100% of our families attend conferences, whether it is in person, over the phone, or through email. We believe your student is most successful when we are all a part of your child's education. Please email, call, or come by on Monday.

### TABLE AT THE CAPITAL

*The week of January 20th is National School Choice Week. This year, along with items at the school throughout the week, we will be sending a group to Lansing. Our goal is to get a small group of 8-10 staff, students, and parents to make the trip to spend the morning in the Capital, with the goal of speaking about our program, and what we enjoy about it. We will be looking to set up a group that can go on Wednesday, January 23rd for the morning, and coming back after lunch time. Please let your mentor teacher know if you are interested.*

