

WCHS officials revved by engine donation

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Nissan Decherd has added horsepower to Warren County High School's CTE Maintenance and Light Repair classes. "I would like to thank the Infiniti plant at Decherd for their generous donation to our automotive technology program," said WCHS instructor Earl McClung.

The 2018 model year Infiniti M274 turbo charged 175KW four-cylinder engines were part of a group of engines designated for donation to local schools for training use and technical instruction. "The engine donations will provide students hands-on experiences with a 2018 Infiniti engine which will help them

develop an understanding of engines used in current automobiles," said CTE director Tracy Risinger. "I would like to thank Nissan Decherd for the engine donations and the professional development provided to the instructors at the Takumi Workshop."

Nissan also provided a two-day training workshop for instructors McClung and Bert Sinks. "The workshop is normally only made available to Infiniti employees," said McClung. "I was thoroughly impressed with their workplace ethics and our trainers' depth of knowledge. Nissan's generosity will greatly enhance our students' knowledge and help to further the goals of the program."

The Takumi workshop at the Infiniti powertrain

plant in Decherd is about inspiring and creating a premium-quality mindset, where everyone within the company takes ownership and pride in the product they build. Everyone at the plant gets the opportunity to build engines from the block up.

Trainees assemble the engine themselves, after instruction. While assembling the engine, the trainees also learn what each component is, the function of each component, and how all the components work together as a whole engine.

This training also provides the trainee with a proactive approach to possible defects, because they are equipped with the knowledge to verify quality of each component and its installation.



Warren County High School automotive technology instructors Earl McClung, left, and Bert Sinks were provided a unique opportunity to attend a Takumi workshop offered primarily to Nissan Decherd employees. Along with the class, WCHS was provided six 2018 Infiniti motors for its automotive program.

Walkout

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The local turnout may have been minimized because WCHS officials have been working with the Student Advisory Council for a schoolwide event to remember students killed at school by guns.

Cox said that event has been set for April 20. Students around the nation left class at 10 a.m. local time for at least 17 minutes — one minute for each of the dead in the Florida school massacre Feb. 14.

At some schools, hundreds of students poured out. At others, just one or

two walked out in defiance of administrators, according to the Associated Press.

"Enough is enough. People are done with being shot," said Iris Fosse-Ober, 18, a senior at Washburn High School in Minneapolis in comments made to the AP.

Added Maxwell Nardi, a senior at Douglas S. Freeman High School in Henrico, Va., "We're sick of it. We're going to keep fighting, and we're not going to stop until Congress finally makes resolute changes."

The protests took place at schools from the elementary level through

college, including some that have witnessed their own mass shootings.

About 300 students gathered on a soccer field at Colorado's Columbine High, while students who survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School attack in 2012 marched out of Newtown High School in Connecticut.

In the nation's capital, more than 2,000 high-school age protesters observed 17 minutes of silence while sitting on the ground with their backs turned to the White House.


President Donald Trump was out of town. The students carried

signs with messages such as "Our Blood/ Your Hands" and "Never Again" and chanted slogans against the NRA.

In New York City, they chanted, "Enough is enough!" In Salt Lake City, the signs read, "Protect kids not guns" and "Am I next?"

The walkouts drew support from companies such as media conglomerate Viacom, which paused programming on MTV, BET, Nickelodeon and its other networks for 17 minutes during the walkouts.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



TRAFFIC COURT

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases Thursday in Traffic Court.

Rodney Jackson was given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence for simple possession. He was granted a judicial diversion, meaning the charge can be erased from his record.

Joshua A Lee was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth.

Juan Humberto Munoz Lopez was ordered to serve six days of an 11-29 sentence for driving on a suspended license second offense.

Bobby L. Sanders was given 10 days for failure to appear.

Charles Vanatta was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for driving on a suspended license fourth offense.

Joyce Camacho was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-29 sentence for possession of meth, DUI first offense and shoplifting. She must pay \$1,100 in fines, stay out of Walmart and Dollar General, and perform 24 hours public service work.

Brittany L. Smith was ordered to serve 60 days for violation of probation.

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