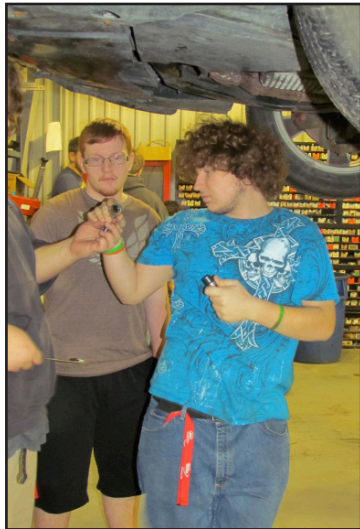


"Getting dirty" is all part of the job for students Daniel Jacoby, senior, and Daniel Zahn, junior, who work on greasing brakes. "I like getting dirty and I like working on cars," Jacoby said.

**Far Right:** Junior Race Newsome, assisted by junior John Miller, explains the brake lathe in the auto shop to a group of visiting 8th graders who are checking out some class options during their orientation tour of the high school. Students can earn up to 12 hours of college credit to Ivy Technical College following their completion of two years of auto maintenance classes.



**TRANSPORTATION: AUTO SERVICES  
AVAILABLE @ HUNTINGTON NORTH**

# Auto Maintenance Skills

## Students tackle variety of practical jobs every day



KARSTEN GOLDNER, JUNIOR  
DONOVAN FREEMAN, SENIOR

### COURSES:

Auto Service Tech I  
Auto Service Tech II

### DUAL CREDITS:

Ivy Technical College  
12 credits possible  
AUTC 101, 109, 113, 122

### COMPETITIONS:

Troubleshooting Contest  
sponsored by SkillsUSA

*"This is real world. You have to have the right information from the customer to make a correct diagnosis - just like a doctor."*

- Dan Niebauer,  
10th year instructor

A teacher quickly pulls in his car through the garage door entry to Huntington's Vocational Technical Center. Three male students swarm the vehicle. The driver's side door won't close, and the teacher says he had to hold it closed all of the way to school today. "I am not mechanical

at all," says high school art teacher Dominick Manco.

"These guys help out all of the teachers when we have a problem with our cars. We just send them an email."

Senior Daniel Jacoby says he enjoys his time in auto services class because he "likes getting dirty and working on

cars."

There's plenty of cars and opportunities this day as 280 8th graders are visiting the class for an orientation, and the auto students are scattered throughout the garage engaged in everything from balancing the tires to greasing brakes.

"I'm doing what I love, hanging out with other

kids, working with my hands," says junior Codie Smith.

Classmate Trey Wuen-sch is in agreement. "I like learning all of these things. No two jobs are the same. You never get bored because there's always something new to learn."

Instructor Dan Niebauer feels that whenever a student understands and is able to perform another task that "they gain confidence in knowing they can fix something."

"I really like it when you can see their lights go on. 'Gosh I can do that,'" says Niebauer.

"If they can learn a skill in auto class, they can apply their skills to all sorts of areas - like heating and air conditioning."

"They don't know it but it's pure physics," Niebauer said.



Formerly with GM for 19 years, instructor Dan Niebauer explains his auto services program to visiting 8th graders.



Junior Nick Wilburn balances the tire for a better ride, assisted by junior Wesley Smith in Auto Maintenance I at Huntington North High School. Wilburn said he took the class s'o that he would know what to do with his own vehicle should it ever break down.



CTE Cooperative Serving Adams • Blackford • Huntington • Jay • Wells Counties  
1/24/2013

For more information:  
KEVIN KELLER, AREA 18 DIRECTOR  
KKELLER@BHMSD.K12.IN.US