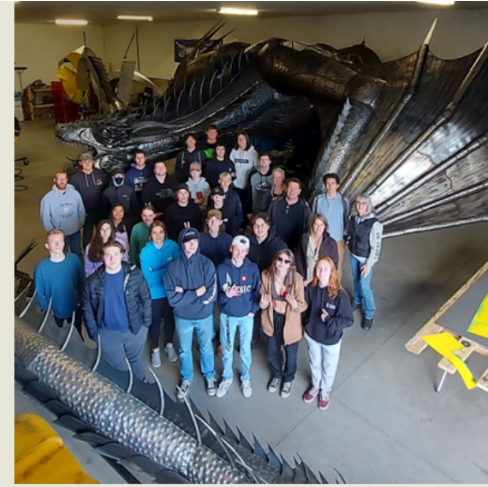




CAREER CONNECTIONS



GW GRAHAM - GRADES 10 - 12

GWG has invested in a second Career Advisor, Sheri Bawtinheimer, whose primary focus is on increasing supports for students as they transition from high school to the work force. This process begins in grade 10 when Sheri meets with every grade 10 student to get a sense of their passions and possible career plans. She asks questions like, "What are you interested in? What are you good at? How can I help you become this?" When those prompts are used, the student's whole demeanor changes. They climb inside their soul and share - there's a visual change at this moment. Sheri is mindful of the underlying goal of helping each student build upon their strengths to create value in today's society.

Following the interviews, Sheri helps connect students with resources in our building or the community that relate to their interests. She also plans trips and brings in guests from the community to connect with students. Sheri has brought in BC Lions member Nathan Rourke for the "Be More Than A Bystander" presentation. Students from GWG also attend "Women in Welding" sessions at Sardis Secondary, strengthening ties in our district. Sheri attends these sessions with the students.

"I'm trying to do things for our students, our school, and our community. I want to put our district on the map for workplace opportunities for students" - Sheri Bawtinheimer

The [CWB Welding Foundation](#) came to GWG and donated money to our programs for welding equipment. Their new project is "Women of Steel" and Trish Trenter came to visit our school and wants to help us build opportunities for women in trades.

[Construction Foundation/Skills Ready](#) have come out to work with our students - their last project with students was hammering sheet metal and they visited several classes throughout the day.

"We ensure students find meaningful pathways, throughout secondary school and beyond graduation, including post-secondary, apprenticeship, college and workplace."
- SD 33 Strategic Plan