

To All Harper Creek Supporters,

The classes are going well and this year and I have an aid helping me in 2 of my classes. Though she is primarily assigned to the special educational students, she has been a real asset to me.

At the end of the last school year SCM donated various pieces of equipment to WoodLINKS schools. We had applied for a jointer and received a 16" Mini Max jointer. We had to order some parts for it and then get the electrical wired and the dust collection system hooked up to it. In September we finally got it up and running. It is a really nice jointer. It is nice to have that extra capacity which we never had before. Attached is a picture of the jointer with one of my classes standing proudly by it.

This year is the first full year we have had our own laptop computers. We now have enough computers for every student to use. I am teaching my first year students to use Alphacam. They have two required projects to do with Alphacam. We are now reaching the point in the class where they are getting self proficient in Alphacam and that is always exciting to see. Their ideas begin to explode on what they can now do. In the advance class I have been teaching more in-depth Alphacam and will soon be introducing 3D Alphacam to them. One of the requirements I am making this year is they must enter a CNC project in the MITES contest in the spring. It will be interesting to see what projects will come up with.

I would like to say a special thank you to Planit for allowing me to attend a 3D Alphacam class this summer. As always the class was excellent and I learned a lot.



This years Advance students have been busy. I have one student that started and completed a writing desk all ready. Tom Thurston is the student who is shown in the picture above. Tom is planning on attending Pittsburg State in Kansas next year and to enter their Wood Technology program. Tom has been an excellent student for me throughout his high school career. Tom was one of the students that participated in the RTA contest at the last IWF show in Atlanta. He also entered a project in the AWFS

Freshwood contest last spring.



The picture above is of another student who has a set of upholstered chairs and sofa at home that needed new end caps on the arms. He created these designs and used Alphacam and the CNC to cut them out.

