

Vocational Report

Family and Consumer Science Program Information

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The Family and Consumer Science (FCS) program at Holden High School (HHS) has continued to work towards the restructuring of the program. A new course, Creative Foods, has been added while existing courses such as Career and Family Leadership, Child Development, Fashion and Housing Design, and Foods I/II continue to focus on career readiness skills. Students continue to be held to a high standard in regards to work-place decorum and academic achievement. The courses currently available, and those which will be offered during the next academic school year, are contingent on current enrollment numbers as well as interest in current classes and the learning activities conducted in them.

The current enrollment numbers for each individual course is as follows:

- Career and Family Leadership - 48
- Foods I - 33, Foods II - 27
- Child Development - 10
- Fashion Design - 12, Housing and Interior Design - 5

Although the numbers are lower than last year's totals, there is logical reasoning for this. Career and Family Leadership (C and F) continues to be a culmination of an exploratory FCS course and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) approved career readiness course, Career and Family Leadership. This course is the prerequisite for all other FCS course. Therefore students must earn a grade of "C" or the standards based grade equivalent of a "2" or "3" to enroll in the other courses. Last minute schedule changes also affected the enrollment numbers this year. Changing the course to semester long sections may have also affected the numbers but does offer flexibility with schedule planning as other practical arts course are also semester long courses.

Students who where enrolled in FoodsI/II (formerly Culinary Arts), expressed a desire to have a "next level" foods course. Creative Foods was offered to those students exclusively and provided them with valuable service experience. Those enrolled prepared more advanced dishes and planned, prepared, and served several meals to the Holden Optimists and HHS Football Team. Students in Foods I/II this



year continued to bake and cook their way through many ingredient specific recipes. They also participated in the second annual Cupcake War and a chili cook-off. Food science and preparation methods were practiced and mastered.



The Child Development (CD) I/II class studied extensively human development and developmental theorists. They will go to area childcare centers to observe and present early learning activities at the Eagles Nest and All About Kids. Eagle's Nest instructor, Melissa Scholljegerdes, is very excited to host the CD II students once again this year. A new partnership with Jaime Seaman will provide further opportunity to students enrolled in this course.. It is still a future goal that CD II students have a practicum class available and receive dual credit through their study of early childhood education and experience through a partnership with State Fair Community College and or the University of Central Missouri.

The Fashion Design (FD) and Housing and Interior Design (HID) continue to learning about the fashion and housing industries through the study of history and the design process. The students in FD created their own fashion lines and created architectural portfolios by photographing homes and their details within the community. They will be working on a designer simulation by creating a living space to meet the needs of a "client". They all be required to create a presentation board and sell their ideas in an oral presentation.

Aside from self-exploration and learning through doing, students continue supporting each other and their community while building leadership skills. Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) students continued to do great things! In November, the club officers traveled to Indianapolis, IN, with the



help of the Holden Optimists and F & C Bank, to the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting. They met new people and gained new ideas on how to help and influence in their community. They also held their second annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive, while partnering again with Yoss Bros. Grocery and provided 19 families with a double-portion Thanksgiving meal. In December, they catered and served the Chamber of Commerce After Hours meeting. In February was a busy month as the members partnered with the students in Creative Foods by preparing and serving food for the Youth Wrestling Tournament held at HHS and traveled to Jefferson City along with FFA and FBLA for MO ACTE



Legislative Day. They met with and spoke to state

representative Denny Hoskins and state senator David Pearce. March, April, and May will continue to be busy for the club, as they work with Theresa Moore from *A Passion for Nails and Hair* to host a “Prom Boutique” that will offer free prom dresses and accessories to girls in and around Holden. They will also work with *PRISM* to plant flowers around the community and have several things planned to honor their teachers in May for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Overall, the FCS program at continues its evolution to meet the needs of the students. The FCS program is focused and will continue to focus on providing students with lessons, activities, and opportunities to teach life and career readiness skills.