

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We know that all of you are working with your student(s) to prepare them for a great future career, but what about also preparing them with great **real life skills**? Would you like your student to know how to budget money, take care of a pet, prepare a family meal, fix a light switch, make clothing repairs, or obtain the skills needed to work with people in the workplace or family? We invite you to investigate a variety of opportunities in the Career and Tech Ed (CTE) Department by browsing the [Guidance website](#) and watching a short [video](#) (Guidance/Registration Info/CTE video) before your student completes the course registration process for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Career and Tech Ed Department offers many classes that not only prepare your student to live on his or her own someday but also connect with many different possible careers. According to the Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs (www.hoosierhot50.com), 90% of the jobs in high demand in Indiana have a related introductory class that is offered within the CTE Department. Listed below are the various sub-groups within the department along with a brief summary of the exciting offerings available to students. Angola High School is a great place to explore possible career opportunities and hone 21st Century Skills (problem solving, collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity) by signing up for a class within the CTE Department.

- ❖ Agriculture and Natural Resources: lead in FFA, practice land and farm management, engage in small animal care, and create landscaping design projects
- ❖ Business, Marketing, Information Technology: code computer programs, create web pages utilizing HTML/CS, become proficient with spreadsheets and databases, incorporate financial management strategies, start a business, manage companies, and practice business law
- ❖ Family and Consumer Sciences: prepare and serve a banquet, design and construct costumes, remodel a room, develop a menu and budget for it, visit child care facilities, understand relationships, and make a difference
- ❖ Engineering and Technology Education: create and design residential structures, utilize CAD software to produce various parts needed in an assembly process, demonstrate hands-on skills, create and run a company, design and construct various types of vehicles
- ❖ Health and Human Services: HOE students experience many aspects of health care (senior year only)
- ❖ Work Based Learning (ICE) and Internship Opportunities: work for pay or work/observe for learning opportunities (Jr. and/or Sr. year)

Many of the classes found in CTE are **project**-based; consequently, students work at solving a problem that may be duplicated in real life situations. Students use **in-class** time to work and collaborate, thus enhancing their **work ready** skills. What an exciting time to be a student at Angola High School! We hope to see your student's name on our rosters when he/she registers for next year's class schedule. If you have questions about a particular class, please do not hesitate to call the appropriate teacher or your student's Guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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