

# Family and Consumer Sciences

## Adult Living

1<sup>st</sup> semester- Family Living & Personal Responsibilities

2<sup>nd</sup> semester- Parenting & Child Development

### Mrs. Callahan's Classroom Rules & Expectations

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE READY

#### Course Description:

(Grade 12) This class is set up in 2 different semesters. First semester, students will learn more about the family. They will also learn how to strengthen relationships, including communication and conflict management skills, decision-making, their own personal development and becoming independent. Students will also learn money management and many financial literacy skills. They will experience balancing their checking account and learn more about debit card and credit cards. Students will also be introduced to identity theft and credit scores. Students will learn more about careers, specifically thinking about a “dream” job and will learn about resumes and employability skills. Towards the end of the semester, we will go back to the concept of family, specifically the choice of marriage. Students will learn the definition of marriage and cohabitation.

In the second semester, we will continue to focus on the aspect of marriage and roles and responsibility of parenting. We will cover prenatal development, the baby's arrival, ages and stages of child development, and careers with children. Students will choose one weekend in the spring that works into their schedule to bring home the “Baby Think It Over” infant simulator. This will show students how challenging being a parent to a newborn can be. There is also an empathy belly to show students a realistic view of pregnancy. We will be taking a visit to Mercy and will have a tour of a birthing facility. We will also cover the family life cycle, along with age, death and dying to end the course. If time allows, we will also take a tour of a funeral home.

#### Question Jar:

*In this class, we will talk about a lot of personal issues. It is important to keep your opinions to yourself as everyone has their own beliefs and values about different things. I want everyone to feel like we can talk about anything in class. This is our FCS family, and we need to treat everyone with respect. If you have a question, but don't want to ask in front of class, you can put your question in the question jar and I will periodically check it and we will discuss the questions in class. Feel free to come in whenever you have free time to put a question in the question jar. With this, also know that I care about all of you, and you can always come in and talk to me about anything that is going on in your life.*

## Materials:

- Always bring something to write with and paper. It may be to your benefit to keep a section in your notebook just for this class. That way all of your notes and assignments will be together.
- Textbooks will be left in the classroom after class discussions. If you don't finish an assignment in the given class time, you are able to check out a book. Please sign the check out sheet and bring the book to class the very next day. If you damage and/or lose the book, you will be charged to replace the book.
- Second semester, you will be taking home an infant simulator. At that time, you and a parent/guardian will be sent home a letter with the consequences of damaging and/or losing the infant.

## Make-Up Work

- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get any make up work you have from the teacher. Please do not ask me to look up what you are missing. You have access to your grades and can see what you are missing. You will have the number of days you were absent to turn in your make-up work. For example, if you missed 2 days of school, you will have 2 days to turn in all of your make-up work. *Any work that would have been due on the day of your absence is due the first day you get back.*
- How do I know what I missed? By the classroom door there will be a sheet with the assignments/homework that was assigned during class. This will be posted at the end of the day. The daily assignment will also be written on the whiteboard. If you miss more than one day of class, do not check the whiteboard, you need to check the assignments listed by the door, as the only assignment on the whiteboard will be the current one that was assigned for that day.
- When you turn in a late assignment, whether it was from being sick, a sporting event, or you simply did not hand in your assignment, you must staple a "Late Assignment" slip to the top of the assignment. You will then place this assignment in the "Late Assignment" box instead of the inbox on my desk.

## Grading:

- This course is based on a total number of points. Each assignment has a number of points that will be mentioned before the assignment is given. If you come to class prepared and ready to learn, you put thoughtfulness and creativity into the classroom discussions, activities and projects, you will do great in this course.

## Cell Phone Policy

- **ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRONICS (besides your laptop)** are allowed! (cell phones, ipods, etc.) You know you cannot have it in class, so don't have them out during class. If I see it or hear it, I will take it.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Verbal warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: I keep your phone for the rest of the day.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: I turn your phone into the office.
- *Keep in mind that as the teacher, I can change this rule if too many people are abusing the rule, and I can take your phone if I see it, even if it is the first time you have it out.*

## Laptop Policy

- I am so excited that Van Meter has the opportunity of having the new laptops for all of the students to use. This is wonderful and will make access to computers very easy. We will do a lot of things in class that will require us to use our computers (Pages, Numbers, KeyNote, Videos, WebQuests, etc), but please do not take out your computer unless I ask you to **OR** you ask permission.
- **IF** you would like to take notes on your computer, that is fine. If I see you checking your email, Facebook, Myspace, I-Chat, etc., I will ask you to put away your computer and you will not be able to take notes/work on an assignment/homework for the rest of the class period. Please wait to use these features when you are not in class. This disrupts others from learning and takes away our class time together.
- **If you continue to abuse your time on your laptop and do things not related to class, you will lose your privilege to use your laptop during FCS class time and will have to do assignments on your own time.**

## Assignment

- For all assignments, in the upper right hand corner, you need to use the following format in order to receive full credit for the assignment:

First Name, Last Name  
Period  
Date  
Assignment (Page Number & Questions Assigned)

- Points will be taken off if this format is not followed. It takes me longer to sort through and grade assignments if they are not labeled.

## Classroom Expectations

1. Come to class ready to participate and learn!
2. Be in your seat before the bell rings.
3. Listen to and respect others opinions.
4. Respect the teacher and your classmates.
5. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
6. Follow all safety and clean up procedures during a lab.
7. You are not allowed in the kitchen unless it is time for lab or I have asked the class to go to the kitchen. You may NOT grab any dishes/food without asking my permission (grabbing a glass for water).
8. Only one person at a time will be allowed to leave the room at a time and you need to ask permission before leaving the room.
  - \* If you MUST use the restroom, you will be allowed to during individual work time. You are expected to use the restroom/get a drink before coming to class.
9. No put-downs/swearing/negative language will be tolerated! If so, you will be sent to the office for such behavior.
10. Come prepared! ALWAYS bring a writing utensil and paper to class.
  - \* You will not be allowed to go to your locker because you should have all of your materials with you. Borrow from a neighbor if you don't have something.
11. ALWAYS have your work done on time before class!

12. Chewing gum is okay, but no food (other than lab foods) such as candy or pop is allowed unless it has already been cleared by the teacher in advance!
13. You are in the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. Please do not work on homework for other classes. When you are done with an assignment for my class, you may then work on other assignments if you have them.
14. Please do your own work! No cheating or copying on daily work, tests, and projects/activities is allowed. You will receive a "0" for the assignment, and will NOT be allowed to turn it in again. Please ask if you need help, I am always here and want you to succeed.
15. Be respectful of substitute teachers. If I get bad reports, I can double any punishment that the substitute may have given you.

*If you need help...*

- I am more than willing to help! See me before or after school with any questions concerning projects, assignments, or upcoming exams.
- I am also available during 7<sup>th</sup> period. If you have an emergency and need to contact me outside of school time, my home phone is 986-4119. Please do not call me after 10pm.