

Cooking up the grades

The Food Services program at E. C. Drury High School is designed to meet the individual needs of each student, and the courses are offered to all students at all levels of ability.

The first year programs are exploratory, becoming more extensive the second year with specialization in each area in the final two years. The food school department is divided into three distinct, separate areas: baking, quantity cooking and restaurant services. Students may elect to choose courses in any or all of the three areas of study.

Food school students prepare all food items and operate the staff cafeteria and dining room at the lunch hours. The students prepare two complete entrees every day plus soup, salads and sandwiches. The students from the baking class prepare all dessert items and are responsible for all bread baking. Students look after short order cooking, as well as service to the customers.

Although the food school is a High School program, we are integrated with the School for the Hearing Impaired and have many of their students working in our classes and actively involved with food production.

The department was especially busy during the pre-Christmas season. Special Christmas dinners were prepared and served to all students and all staff on the campus. Altogether there was over one ton of turkey prepared and served!

The baking class also held a huge bake sale just before Christmas which was successful and greatly appreciated by all. Mrs. M. Walker, the baking teacher, and her senior baking class students are to be congratulated on their hard work and success.

Sandi Stewart, a baking student said it best, "When you put together a dedicated teacher, wonderful kids, and an interesting course you get success — and that's what the E. C. Drury baking class is all about. The baking classes are never boring!"

Student Annette Sevenster stresses that our classes thrive on and depend on working

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together as a team, which she admits is not always easy to do. Annette summarizes her feeling about the classes in four words — fun and hard work.

This week, the senior students are preparing for the coming exams, which in our area includes extensive practical testing. Since evaluation includes measures of skill as well as knowledge, the practical tests make up a good part of their marks and the students approach these tests seriously.

The practical testing in the bake shop actually turns into a competition among the students. Several staff members are invited to judge the baked goods and announce the winners. In a competition like this, there are never any losers.



It was a time to show off their culinary capabilities last week when food services students at E. C. Drury underwent practical exams. Desserts created were more like works of art. Bruce Williams displays his tempting creation. He and fellow Grade 12 student Joyce Anderson stand before the competition.

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