

MAKING THE Connection TO Career Technical Education

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Your prescription for success at Fitzgerald

By Kaylynn Kessler and Sandro Odish

At Fitzgerald High School, we offer many Career Technical Education (CTE) courses, including a pharmacy technician class. It is a full-year course that covers the basic knowledge required to become a pharmacy technician and prepares you for the Certified Pharmacy Technician Certification (CPHT).

If this interests you, during the first semester, you can participate in an after-school activity called HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)! This activity is usually held after school every other Tuesday for about an hour, where you can study alone or with others who are also preparing for the same test.

You may be wondering, "What is HOSA?" HOSA focuses on health careers and tests your knowledge.

They offer a pharmacy-based test, along with many other tests and events that could pique your interest, many of which are also covered in the class!

You might be thinking, "Why should I join HOSA?"

Well, when competing in the regional

competition, you have the chance to meet new people, test your knowledge in your chosen specialty, and have a great time with your friends! If you place in the top 7 in your specialty, you will have the opportunity to advance past regionals and move on to the state competition.

The state competition is held in Traverse City, Michigan, at the Grand Traverse Resort, with students from schools across the state. But don't worry—if you don't qualify, it doesn't negatively affect you in any way and still looks good on college or job applications!

Overall, HOSA is a fun experience that can create amazing opportunities for future careers, lifelong memories, and unforgettable connections!

Right: Pharmacy instructor Ms. Kono and HOSA students Sandro Odish, Shafeen Laskar, La'Niya Henderson, Amira Ali, Jaheda Ullah, Kaylynn Kessler, Ce'ryah Stuart-Williams, Raven Turner, Ohi Alam, Zjhane' Milton, Penelope Whorton, Kapri Brown, Ava Day.

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Shaping the future with creativity

By Fatema Chowdhury

The Digital Media class at Fitzgerald High School is offering students an exciting opportunity to explore the world of film and media production.

From creating music videos, and silent films to producing scary movie trailers and stop motion animations.

One of the most exciting aspects of Digital Media is the chance to use professional editing software like Adobe Premiere.

Students learn techniques such as motion blur,

color adjustment, and adding graphics and effects to their projects.

They also get to film school events, which gives students the chance to film real world experience while attending events for free!

After completing the introductory course, students can move up to Advanced Digital Media, where they take on even bigger projects like editing fall and spring events for the schools yearbook.

They are also offered the opportunity to attend various events like Cou-

rageous Persuaders PSA Competition, the STN Horrorfest and the DAFT Student Film Festival to gain hands-on real life experiences.

With the skills gained from either Intro and/or Advanced level class, students are given the chance to attend Student Television Network (STN), which is held in various states every year like Florida.

With engaging projects and real world experiences, Digital Media at Fitzgerald is shaping the next generation of creative professionals!



Sabrina, Quenten, Jaylise, Jayden, Joe, Keandre, and Malik bring creativity to life in the green screen studio as they learn how to stage and film with their phones.

Kick start your future in physical therapy

By Mahima Chowdhury and Renata Rizo

A career in healthcare starts with the right foundation, and Fitzgerald High School's Physical Therapy II course equips students with the skills and hands-on experience to succeed in the growing profession of physical therapy.

Building on the knowledge and experience gained from Physical Therapy I, this advanced course provides real-world training opportunities that prepare students for careers as physical therapy aides, assistants, or physical therapists.

The course emphasizes work-based learning and project-based experiences, giving students practical knowledge that opens doors to work opportunities in various settings including nursing homes, sports rehabilitation centers, and orthopedic clinics.

Students interested in becoming physical therapy assistants, physical therapists, or pursuing other advanced healthcare careers will benefit from the Physical Therapy Aide II program.

While most states require licensing for physical therapy assistants, physical therapy aids typically do not need certification and



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can enter the workforce immediately upon high school graduation.

Fitzgerald High School is committed to shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals, giving students the tools they

need to thrive in this dynamic industry.

Graduates leave well-prepared to make a meaningful difference, whether they choose to pursue further education or enter the workforce directly.

The Spartan school store and marketing class experience

By Gianna Love and Naheema Shumi

The Spartan school store and the Marketing class at Fitzgerald High School give students great opportunities to develop important business and communication skills.

At the school store, students learn how to stock shelves, run a cash register, and talk to customers, giving them real experience in marketing.

This helps prepare them for future jobs. In the Marketing class, students learn about things like target marketing, market segmentation, and distribution channels.

They will also learn how to communicate with customers, present

ideas, and build professional relationships in preparation for the Communication in Business Skills Certification.

The class focuses on teamwork and leadership while teaching real-world marketing strategies.

Together, the school store and the Marketing class help students grow their business skills and get ready for future careers, making them great experiences for anyone interested in marketing or business.

Right: Marketing instructor Ms. Doncic works with students Liam Hall and Brooklyn Williams in the Spartan School Store.



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