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### Mr. Michael Procaccini - Career/Tech Ed. Coordinator

The Career and Technical Education Department of Durfee High School is at the forefront in the schools efforts to allow students to explore career paths and succeed in the 21st Century. Presently, the program offers five traditional vocational paths. Also, every student can choose from nine career education pathways that can be accessed through elective choices. The department is in the process of developing 3 more vocational pathways from the existing career education curriculum.

## Building Technology

### WHATS GOING ON IN ROOM 55

Students in Mr. Griffin's shop classes have been changing things around and getting things ready for the construction craft laborer course that will start next school year. Different than the traditional wood shop classes, this new approach will focus on preparing students for the world of work in commercial construction.

This year's students are being trained in safety practices and construction terminology with the aim at OSHA safety certification. First semester students will be taking a qualifying exam in January for their OSHA general industries cards. The shop and classroom areas have been reconfigured to allow larger projects to be brought in and worked on. Students have been learning framer's shorthand, basic floor wall and roof layout and have showcased their talent by framing up a mock wall system. by learning age old techniques along with building for today's energy conservation and green building needs students will have a great knowledge and hands on experience base for potential employers.

Much of the classroom instruction is based on the national center for construction education and research curriculum for core construction laborers. This course work meets national standards that are recognized across the nation. Students can bring an element of Durfee pride into the workplace knowing that their high school provided them with essential fundamental knowledge for a meaningful career in construction. Come check us out in room 55 and have a look at what the students of Durfee can accomplish, and look for us around the school next year as part of the expanded program.

**Have hard hats will travel!**



### Shed Raffle to benefit Skills USA

**Tickets are \$10 are available from any Skills USA member, in the Tradewinds Restaurant or Vocational Office.**

8ft X 10ft Storage Shed - Specifications - 2X6 floor with 3/4" OSB subfloor, 2X4X7ft high framed walls with T-111 exterior sheathing, 4ft wide X 6ft-8in double door, window with flower box, asphalt shingled roof, 1X3 pine corner and rake trim, modified fascia and soffit.

# Cosmetology

## Cosmetology Holiday Mannequin Contest

The Holiday competition is for the enhancement of artistic skills in cosmetology. Each competitor competes on the identical mannequins and all work must be done at the school. The students were judged based on originality, creativity and technique. The mannequins are judged by teachers in the Career and Technical Education Department and also professionals in the Cosmetology Industry. The Senior and Junior class participated in the competition first, second and third place awards were given.

The senior class winners are as follow:

Deliette Melendez won first place for her angel design. Deliette even had lights glowing thru the angels dress made out hair. Second place went to Raquel Camara for her green Grinch. Raquels ability to braid made the Grinch special. Third place went to Kayley McNulty for her spectacular Christmas tree; it was a real eye catcher.

The junior class winners are as follow:

Alana Moniz won first place for her Christmas tree design. Alana created a tree skirt made up of braids, showing her creativity. Dazzlin Jordan won second place for her snowflake design. The snowflake had many details all created with hair only. Third place went to Michaela Arruda for her Cindy Lou Who, which displayed neatness and detail, mimicking the character itself.



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## News from the Tradewinds

Where can you go to get a great dinner for a great price on Friday night in Fall River? The Tradewinds Restaurant at BMC Durfee High School is the place to go, of course! Take a moment to reread that last sentence if you need to. Although it flies in the face of all conventional logic, The Tradewinds is now open at a time when people traditionally go out to eat.

Thanks to a new program that has partnered students from the RPS with students from Durfee's Bridge program, Chef Walker is making culinary arts accessible to more students, but the real winners are the people of Fall River, who now have a new Friday night favorite.

Students in Chef Walker's "Culinary Academy" receive one day of classroom work per week, along with one day of hands-on practical learning, leading up to Friday nights where these students try their hand at running restaurant open to the public.



*Students from the RPS program are pictured above.*



As of December 16th, the Tradewinds restaurant has been open on Friday nights for a three-course dinner for the incredibly low price of \$8.95. The meal includes a complimentary Amuse Bouche (French for "Happy Mouth") which is a single serving bite sized Hors d'oeuvre in addition to the other three courses. The Amuse Bouche featured on January 6th was an individual shrimp cocktail with fresh salsa (pictured to the left)

All guests have their choice of a soup or salad as their first course; an Entrée with two side dishes for their second course and a dessert. The also price includes a beverage and coffee or tea. Previous menus have featured a Classic Caesar Salad, Minestrone with locally Raised Heritage Ham, New England Clam Chowder with homemade oyster crackers (pictured below),

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Spinach Salad with shaved Bermuda onion, marinated mushrooms, tortellini and crispy bacon, (Pictured below.)



Entrees in the past have included Fish & Chips with Hand-Cut French Fries, homemade cole-slaw and homemade tartar sauce and Chicken Mozambique with rice pilaf and broccoli with cheddar sauce (both pictured below.)



## **DON'T FORGET.....**

*Seating is from 4:30 pm until 7:00pm every Friday night that school is in session.*

*Kid's meals and takeout meals are also available.*

*So next time you are looking for a great deal on a great meal, consider supporting our students, our schools and our community by dining at The Tradewinds.*