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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your student is currently enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences course at Santa Maria High School. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education prepares students for family and work life and helps them learn to balance their roles and responsibilities. This course will help your child learn about specific content such as nutrition, basic food preparation, career choices, real world skills, economics and management, family relationships, child development, as well as decision making, communication, work-life balance, and more.

Leadership development is an important part of the Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum, because young people need leadership skills to succeed in the workplace and in the home. As a student in any FCS course, your student will participate in a chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). FCCLA builds leaders for healthy families, successful careers, and strong communities. It is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

All students enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences coursework will participate in FCCLA chapter projects. Many of these activities will also take students beyond the classroom through assignments and/or service projects in the community. These projects and activities are an important part of your student's total learning experience. Your student will be encouraged to pay dues and become an affiliated FCCLA member.

Paying dues opens a wide variety of opportunities and offers the pride of belonging to an important national organization. FCCLA opportunities and advantages include leadership development, community service, recognition, scholarship opportunities, travel, and expanded learning. Members of FCCLA have served as state officers, won numerous awards, and attended state and national meetings. These experiences expanded students' school-based learning experiences, and we are delighted to be able to offer similar benefits to your child. There is no cost to join FCCLA this year.

I believe FCCLA can be of benefit for every student.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to email me at npedeliski@smjuhsd.org I hope we will have future opportunities to speak and work together to support your student's school, family, career, and community success.

Sincerely,

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