



# DCHS News

## April Newsletter



### Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCHS Families,

I enjoy what I do. Rather than leaving for "work" each day, I leave for school. There is a difference. It is not hard to get out of bed each day when what you do doesn't feel like a "job." I have the students, families and staff to thank for that!

This past week we were able to create 2009-2010 schedules for next year's 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students. The process went well because of the students' patience and persistence and some excellent planning by their teachers and counselor. We will be finishing up 9<sup>th</sup> Grade schedules to complete our goal of having schedules to provide for students when they leave for summer vacation. If you have questions regarding student schedules, do not hesitate to contact our Guidance Office.

Our last **Parent-Teacher Conferences for the year will be held on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Parents and students are invited to attend. Please take this opportunity to hear first-hand about your students' progress. If you would like daily grade reports you may do so by accessing our "Parent Portal". If you haven't signed-up for this helpful service, please contact the High School Office.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me should there be something I can do to support your student.

Sincerely,

Dean Jennissen, DCHS and ALC Principal

### Dean of Student's Message

Steven Schauberger

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful students, families, parents and staff that send their children to DCHS. I am constantly grateful that D-C community members, school support staff and teachers strive to keep a positive perspective about our most important goal: Relating to and caring deeply about kids and supporting them emotionally, socially, physically and academically. As we draw to an exciting and busy end of the school, take time to celebrate all of the good in our students. I tell people anywhere I am that D-C kids are the best!

### Faculty Follies is back!!

The staff of Dassel-Cokato Schools is once again presenting Faculty Follies, a variety show to raise money for local student scholarships. The show will feature music, comedy, skits and a variety of other performances all set around the theme "D-C's Got Talent!" In a spin-off of the TV variety show format, teachers, staff members, administrators and school board members will all be showing their stuff on stage.

Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center

Saturday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

\$5.00

### Calendar of Events

#### April

HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm 20

Talent Show Audition 3-5 pm 22

Fine Arts Showcase 2 pm - PAC 25

#### May

Sarah Panzau speaker 1

Faculty Follies 7 pm 2

Talent Show 1:30-3 pm 8

Academic Awards 8 pm 12

Prom 5 pm 16

#### June

Last Student Day 3

Graduation 2 pm 7



Purchase tickets at any of the school offices, the school activities office, Community Education office, Peterson Pharmacy in Dassel and the Marketplace in Cokato. All seats are general admission. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**Guidance Office News**

- \* April 16, 2009: Local Scholarship Applications Due
- \* May 8, 2009: ACT Registration Deadline for June 13th test
- \* May 15, 2009: PSEO Ridgewater Applications Due
- \* June 1, 2009: PSEO SCSU Applications Due
- \* June 13, 2009: ACT test
- \*\*Current PSEO students: Please send Ms. Vogt your final transcript when available.

If you have questions for Cassie Vogt, Guidance Counselor, please call 320-286-4100 ext. 1805 or email: [cassie.vogt@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:cassie.vogt@dc.k12.mn.us)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

sponsored by Community Education and the D-C Arts Association!

**Shane & Shane Concert**

Two of the Christian format's core artists, Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, will present an uplifting concert enjoyed by the entire family!

Performance: Friday, April 24, 7:30 pm

Tickets: Adults \$20 (\$25 day of show) and Youth \$15

Location: D-C Performing Arts Center

**Information and Ticket Purchases:** D-C Community Education, 286-4120

**Website:** [www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter)

**Ancient Indian artifacts from Dassel area to be featured in exhibit at Universal Laboratories—opens Mar. 22**

A new exhibit, *What's in Your Backyard?: A Collection of Ancient Indian Artifacts from the Dassel Area* opens Mar. 22. The exhibit will be on the fourth level of Universal Laboratories, 901 First Street, Dassel for several months.

The exhibit deals with research that Bob Munter, with the help of Arnie Ruotsinoja, has conducted, documenting 25 Native American sites in the Dassel area, which includes hundreds of Indian artifacts. Twenty-two of the sites were assigned a Smithsonian number by the Office of the State Archeologist. This is significant research since the state of Minnesota had only six recorded Indian sites in Meeker County.

The exhibit will focus on three of the sites that have the earliest artifacts dating back to the Paleo-Indian era, 10,000-1000 BCE (BC). Artifacts from these three sites, as well as four artifacts which have been donated to the Society, will be displayed.

Information about these sites, the artifacts, and the Indians who hunted in this area during those early days will be presented in the exhibit. Also you will learn what to do if you discover an Indian artifact in your backyard. There is no admission charge.

**Upcoming Senior Events:****May 2009**

- 14 -15--- Distribution Cap & Gown — 10:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- 27 --- Baccalaureate — 7:30 p.m.
- 27 --- Scholarship Program — 8:15 p.m.
- 29 --- Senior Breakfast/Practice — 8:10 a.m.

**June 2009**

- 7 --- 2009 Graduation — 2:00 p.m. — East Gym

**Mock Car Crash -**

Please refer to green sheet included in this mailing for

information regarding the Mock Car Crash coming up in May.

**Testing Dates****APRIL 2009**

- 14 --- MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 1 & 2 and GRAD Grade 9 Writing
- 15 --- MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 3 & 4
- 22 --- GRAD Grade 9 Writing (Make-up)

**MAY 2009**

- 1 --- MCA-II Reading & Math, MTELL, and MTAS Reading & Math Testing Ends
- 8 --- MCAII/GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- 19-20 --- MCA-II Science (online) Test
- 22 --- MTAS Science Testing Ends

**JULY 2009**

- 9 --- MCAII/GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- 21 --- BST & GRAD Writing Retest
- 22 --- BST Math Retest
- 23 --- BST Reading Retest
- 24 --- BST (Reading, Math, Writing) & GRAD (Writing) Retests (Make-up)

**Driver's Ed. Behind the Wheel**

Driver's Education Behind the Wheel registration forms can be picked up from Mr. Helget (Room 24) at Dassel-Cokato High School. Students who plan to take Behind the Wheel in the summer of 2009 can hand in registration forms to Mr. Helget once they have successfully completed the classroom phase of their Driver's Education. Please hand in forms by **May 8th**, for scheduling purposes. Students who will be 15 years old by July 24, 2009 may be eligible to register for this summer. Students who will be taking their Behind the Wheel in 2010 can still register for next year. The registration fee for Behind the Wheel is \$150.00 if the student completed their classroom Driver's Education at DCHS.

The student Behind the Wheel meeting is scheduled for May 20th during first student break in the high school gym. Students will receive their Behind the Wheel schedule at this meeting. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Helget either through email at [Brooks.Helget@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:Brooks.Helget@dc.k12.mn.us) or by calling (320) 286-4100 ext. 1836.