



DCHS News June Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCHS Families,

The atmosphere at DCHS as I write today seems a bit weird. The energy has left the building! Without the students and staff it is too quiet!

As mentioned in Mr. Schauberger's message below, preliminary results of our MCA reading, writing and math tests are very encouraging...gains were made on all three! I believe solid results are a bi-product of effective collaboration between excellent students, families and teachers. Our staff has made a concerted effort to align teaching practices with essential skills identified through the State Standards and on the tests. We have implemented building-wide initiatives that has teachers in all departments emphasizing reading, writing and math skills. We believe our efforts have helped raise student achievement, but the real key to our success starts at home. Our parents and families have high expectations for their children's attendance, behavior and academics and it shows in their accomplishments at school!

Now I do want to interject some realism. We are not perfect. Our scores and our performance are not perfect. We can improve our collaboration, communication and achievement. We can each become better in our role in the education of our students. We can become an even better school—that is what is expected.

I wish for each of you a safe summer filled with family time. Please do not hesitate to contact me during June or August should you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

Dean Jennissen, DCHS and ALC Principal
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Dean of Students Message

Steven Schauberger

Summer greetings from the high school! Although summer is in full swing and graduation is a memory, we continue to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff. Preliminary results from April's MCAII math, writing and reading demonstrate outstanding growth in learning and instruction at DCHS. In addition, our staff will analyze the testing data this summer and begin plans for remediation to assist students that need to re-test. In terms of the big picture, I am very proud of the efforts that families, staff, students and administration take each day to strengthen relationships in our D-C community. I am especially impressed by how we listen to each other with open eyes and minds. Congratulations on a great school year!

Calendar of Events

Summer Testing Dates

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)

Fall Testing Dates:

OCTOBER 2009

- Early date TBA-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- Early date TBA-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)

NOVEMBER 2009

- 3: GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12
- 10: GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

DECEMBER 2009

- Early date TBA-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- Early date TBA-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)

2009 Open House

The DCHS Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Please mark this on your calendar and look for a mailing in August that will give you specific information on Open House activities.



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Important Information

Report Cards: In this mailing, you will find your student's report card.

Fines, Fees & Lunch Accounts: If you haven't received your child's report card shortly after June 15th, it could be due to money owed for a media center book, class, sport/activity fee, or overdue lunch account, etc. Report cards will be held in the office until the fines are paid. Payments should be made to ISD 466 and can be mailed or dropped off in the High School Office. If you are aware that a fee is owed, please make payment as soon as possible.

Class Information: After viewing your student's schedule for the fall you may wish to visit the teacher's website to learn more about the classes he or she will have. This would also be the location for information on school supplies that are needed. You will find links to teacher websites by visiting: www.dc.k12.mn.us.

Summer Hours: The DCHS office will be open through June 12, 2009 and the last week of August and the first week of September.

Funds for Student Activities: It is awesome to be able to support student activities by using fund earned through Target store's "Take Charge of Education" program. When you use your Target charge card and designate DCHS as your school of choice DCHS receives a percentage donation from the Target Corporation. Last year we received just over \$2,000 to use for student rewards, awards and scholarships to pay fees for students in need. Thanks for your support!

Graduation 2010: Commencement for the Class of 2010 will tentatively be on Sunday, June 6th at 2 p.m.

Mock Car Crash: The Mock Car Crash was a success on May 22. In our last newsletter we inadvertently left out two sponsors: State Farm-Peter Bortnem and the Cokato Lions.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who made this event possible.

Breakfast on the Farm: Saturday June 20, 2009 - 7 am – 11 am - Howard Lake/Waverly/Winsted HS
A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, and milk will be \$2/person, children 5 and under are free!
For more information, visit <http://www.hlwwffa.com/breakfastonthefarm>

Guidance Office News

2009-2010 ACT Test Dates:

September 12, 2009, October 24, 2009, December 12, 2009, February 6, 2010, April 10, 2010 and June 12, 2010

Guidance Office Summer Hours:

June 15-August 21: Out of office (email and voicemail will be checked weekly)

August 25 - September 3 : 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

After Hour Transcript Requests:

To request a transcript, please use one of the following options: Email: cassie.vogt@dc.k12.mn.us or jennie.borg@dc.k12.mn.us

Phone: 320-286-4100 Ext 1805 or 1817

Thank you for making my first year at DCHS a wonderful experience. Enjoy your summer! ~Cassie