



DCHS News

March Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCHS Families,

Busy, busy times... We started a new Trimester this week. With Spring Break only a week away, March will be a blur. As you are probably aware, April and May are months jam-packed with activity! Spring sports and activities; MCA Testing, Prom, Senior Activities and many other events will push the pace right up to Graduation Day!

These are busy times but also exciting times as we watch your students continue to make progress and use their talents in unique ways. We are thankful for each day we get to spend with them. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers or the High School Office should you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

Dean Jennissen, DCHS and ALC Principal

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Upcoming Events

Websites

With the beginning of Trimester III, parents may be interested in information regarding their student's classes. Please consider viewing information on teacher webpages. You will find course descriptions, grading scales, teacher expectations and much more! Check them out at:

<http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/hschool/Staff%20Webpages/StaffWebs.htm>

Dean of Student's Message

Steven Schauberger

Hopefully you and your family have had an opportunity to "recharge your batteries" as we head towards a strong finish during third trimester at DCHS!

Please note the following announcements as warmer weather approaches.

Parking: Permits are required for students to park at DCHS. If you recently received your drivers license and/or began parking at DCHS, see Mr. Schauberger and purchase a parking permit tag. Please switch/display your tag on your rearview mirror if you drive an alternate vehicle to school.



Dress Code: Please review and discuss the DCHS dress code section of the student handbook with your student.

Recycling Program: DCHS Student Council will be working with Meeker County and the Tobacco Free Youth Crew this spring to start a viable and ongoing recycling program at the high school and middle school. We will need volunteers and your ideas to make this a successful program.

Mock Crash: Many Meeker County and Wright County agencies and school staff members are planning a mock car crash scheduled for May 22, 2009 at 12:45 p.m. on the football practice fields. The rain date is May 28, 2009.

Prom: Prom and the After-Prom Party are scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009.

Talent Show

An annual tradition and Third Trimester Highlight is the DCHS Student Talent Show! We are looking to highlight the talents of our students! Parents, please encourage your children to take a risk and try out! Try-outs are on April 22th from 3-5 p.m. Performance Date is May 8th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We invite parents and students to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, April 20th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the West Gym.

Teen/Parent Driver's Ed. Night

In collaboration with Safe Communities of Wright County, the Dassel-Cokato Driver Education Department will be hosting a **"Teen/Parent Night" on Date for all DCHS teens and parents to attend.** Attendance is **required** for students currently enrolled in the Driver Ed. class, unless they have already attended one of the presentations earlier in the school year. For questions, please contact Mr. Helget by phone (320) 286-4111 ext. 1836 or by email at Brooks.Helget@dc.k12.mn.us. Date: 4/2/09

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center

Calendar of Events

March

Blood Mobile 17

Spring Break 23-27

April

Driver's Ed
Teen/Parent Night 2
6:30-8:00 p.m. PAC

ACT Test 4

PSEO Student Dead-
line Academic Awards 10

HS Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-7 pm 20

May

Faculty Follies 2

Prom 16

Guidance Office News

Upcoming Events

- * April 4, 2009: ACT Test
- * April 16, 2009: Local Scholarship Applications Due
- * May 8, 2009: ACT Registration Deadline for June 13th test

Registration 2009-2010

*Early April: Arena Style Scheduling (9-11 grades)

Scholarships

Stop in the Guidance Office for scholarship opportunities.

If you have questions, please contact Cassie Vogt, Guidance Counselor, by phone: 320-286-4100 Ext. 1805 or by email:

cassie.vogt@dc.k12.mn.us

Senior Events:

- April 16: Local Scholarship Applications Due
- April 14: Distribution of Josten's Purchases: 10:45 -12:30
- May 14: Distribution of Cap/Gown 10:45 - 12:30
- May 27: Baccalaureate: 7:30 p.m.
- May 27: Scholarship Program: 8:15 p.m.
- June 7: Graduation: 2:00 p.m.



UPCOMING TESTING DATES:**MARCH 2009**

31 --- BST Writing Retest (Seniors Only)

APRIL 2009

1 --- BST Math Retest

2 --- BST Reading Retest

3 --- BST Math Retest (Make-up)

7 --- BST Writing Retest (Seniors Only) (Make-up)

8 --- BST Reading Retest (Make-up)

13 --- MCA-II Reading & Math and **MTELL* Testing Begins**

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 20091 --- **MCA-II Reading & Math, MTELL*, and MTAS Reading & Math Testing Ends**

19-20 --- MCA-II Science (online) Test

22 --- **MTAS Science Testing Ends*****JULY 2009**

21 --- BST & GRAD Writing Retest

22 --- BST Math Retest

23 --- BST Reading Retest

21 --- BST (Reading, Math, Writing) & GRAD (Writing) Retests (Make-up)

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

(sponsored by Community Education and the D-C Arts Association)

“More Fun Than Bowling “

This Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre production, directed by Dave Metcalf, is a comedy that looks at bowling as a metaphor for life, death, love!

Recommended for ages 13 to adult.

Performances: Saturday, March 28, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm

Friday, April 3, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 4, 7:30 pm



All Tickets: \$15 (includes dessert)

Location: DAHS Universal Lab Building, Dassel

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 & Ticket Purchases: D-C Community Education, 286-4120**Charger Closet**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Tuesdays: 3:15 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 10:45 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Location: HS Commons—please sign in at the cash register when visiting during these hours.

Monday, Apr. 20—Parent/Teacher Conf.**4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.***Health Office News**Ms. Kelly O'Fallon - LSN**When it's more than just a cough...**Minnesota is experiencing an increase in reported cases of pertussis (whooping cough), including Wright county and most recently, Cokato. Pertussis can be a serious illness, especially in young, unvaccinated children. Adults and older children with pertussis may be the source of infection for infants and young children.**Pertussis is caused by the bacteria: Bordetella pertussis. Symptoms start with a runny nose, sneezing, possibly a low-grade fever and mild cough. After a week or two, a persistent cough develops, which may occur in explosive bursts, sometimes ending in a high-pitched whoop and vomiting. Coughing attacks occur more frequently at night. The illness is spread when a person with pertussis coughs and tiny droplets expel into the air and another person breathes them in.**Treatment for the illness involves antibiotic therapy. People are considered contagious until 5 days after treatment has begun. If your child has had a persistent cough, which has gone on for a week or two, please follow up with your doctor. Testing for pertussis involves obtaining a culture by swabbing the back of the throat and nose.**Prevention. Pertussis can be prevented with the pertussis vaccine, which is part of the DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) immunization. DTaP immunizations are routinely given in five doses before a child's fifth birthday. It is also now included in tetanus boosters. As is the case with all immunization schedules, there are important exceptions and special circumstances. Your child's doctor will have the most current information. Don't forget how effective covering your cough and thorough hand washing are in preventing the spread of infectious disease.****Please notify the school nurse if your child is diagnosed with pertussis!!!!****For more information, check out the Minnesota Dept. of Health's website:**<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/pertussis/hcp/schoolfacts.pdf>*