



DCHS News April Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCCHS Families,

We are heading into the busiest months of the year at DCCHS and looking forward to all of the exciting events that will cap off another great year!

Our last Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Monday, April 19th and we encourage you to attend so that you can hear first-hand the successes and challenges of your student this trimester. Several of our staff members have unique circumstances that will impact their attendance Monday. Please refer to page 2 of the newsletter for the list of these staff members and their availability. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

This is also an important time for seniors and senior PSEO students to pay close attention to their grades and credits. We do not want a student to be caught off guard and miss commencement due to a failed grade or by falling short on credits. Be sure to monitor your grades in each class and contact Mr. Mannie (320-286-4205) in the Guidance Office if you want to re-check your credits and status for graduation.

Finally, the nice weather and upcoming events such as Prom have me thinking of student safety. Let's continue to encourage our students to stay focused on their academics, that the texts can wait when they are driving and that consistent, good choices are the best way to stay safe in all situations.

Dean Jennissen, DCCHS and ALC Principal

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Dean of Student's Message

Steven Schauberger

Greetings from DCCHS! Things are "gearing up" at school as we head into the last two months of school. I appreciate the communication (calls, emails etc.) that all families consistently send to me. I believe that trust is a vital element of relationships—whether they are with students, families and staff or between parents and their children. Therefore, please feel free to let me know how I can better serve you and your family. I care. Finally, please note some of the end-of-the-year celebrations in our calendar. These are special traditions that engage everyone and recognize the efforts given by all shareholders. In conclusion, please refer to the testing calendar as we conduct testing through late July/summer for which I/we have high expectations for near-perfect attendance at those sessions. Thank you!!

Attendance: It is extremely important for your student to be in attendance every day through the last day of school. Please contact the high school office in the event that your student is sick or if he/she is going to be absent. Also, follow the call with a written note as soon as possible. Finally, please try to schedule student appointments after/before school and schedule any family vacations when school is not in session. Please note the summer testing dates.

Parking: Permits are required for students to park at DCCHS. If you recently received your drivers license and/or began parking at DCCHS, 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 DCCHS dress code section of the student handbook (p.25) with your student. "...Attire, which is unsafe, unhealthy, disruptive, obscene and/or offensive to generally accepted community standards, is prohibited."

Conferences: I am always available to speak with families, parents, students about any concerns during conferences. This trimester's conferences are held on April 19, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. I would love to hear your ideas about our school.

Calendar of Events

April

HS Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-7 pm 19
(HS Gym)

May

FFA -Chapter Benefit 7
6:30 pm (MS Commons)

Fine Arts Showcase 8
7:00 pm (PAC)

Academic Awards 11
Program 8:00 pm (PAC)

Prom/Grand March 15
5:30 pm (West Gym)

All Sports Banquet 18
7:00 pm (W. Gym &
PAC)

Driver's Ed Teen/Parent
Night 6:30-8 pm 20
(HS Choir Room)

HS Pop Concert- Band 22
& Choir 4:00 pm (PAC)

Independent Art Show 22
3:00 pm (PAC)

Senior Breakfast /Com-
mencement Practice & 28
Skip Day (8:10-11:00 am)

No School -Memorial Day 31

June

Baccalaureate/Scholarship
Program 7:30 pm & 8:15 2
p.m. (PAC)

Last day of school -
End of 3rd Trimester 4

Graduation 2:00 pm 6



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Guidance Office Upcoming Events

2010-2011 Schedules: In April

2010 ACT : May 7 ACT Registration Deadline for the June 12 Test (**not offered at DCHS**)

A reminder to Senior PSEO students: Baccalaureate and Graduation are fast-approaching (**6/2/10 and 6/6/10**), so if you are at all concerned with your high school credit situation, or are struggling in any current college class, be sure to stop in the Guidance Office ASAP to discuss the necessary steps required to graduate on time.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Mannie at 320-286-4205 or email chuck.mannie@dc.k12.mn.us.

Senior Dates/Events:

***May 20 & 21** Cap/Gown Distribution (HS Commons during student lunches)

***May 28** Senior Breakfast (MS Commons) & Practice (East Gym) 8:10-11:00 am

***June 2:** Baccalaureate 7:30 pm (PAC)

***June 2:** Scholarship Program 8:15 pm (PAC)

***June 4:** Last day of school/End of Tri 3

***June 6:** Graduation 2:00 pm (East Gym)

Prom Information

Theme: **"Shores of Venice"**

Date: May 15, 2010

Grand March: 5:30 PM; West Gym; Admission: Adults: \$2.00 Students and Children: Free

Cost: DC Juniors/Seniors: \$85 Guests: \$90

This includes dinner, dance, transporting from school to venue, and after prom. Prom and after prom is all inclusive this year - no going home.

Sign up dates: April 26th through May 7th. 7:30 to 8:00 AM and 3:15 to 4:00 PM most days in Mrs. Nyquist's room. All forms and payments must be with student upon registration. Please, **NO SIGN-UP DURING CLASS TIME HOURS OR BETWEEN CLASSES.** Extra forms will be available in the high school office.



Upcoming Testing:

MAY 2010

18-- Practice for the MCA-II Science (Online) Test

19-- MCA-II Science (Online) Test

20-- Makeup Date for the MCA-II Science (Online) Test

JUNE

2-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)

3-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

JULY 2010

8-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online) for Students that did not pass the MCAII Reading in 2008/09/10

14-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online) for Students that did not pass the MCAII Math in April 2010

20-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12

21-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

HS Parent Teacher Conferences

April 19, 2010: 4:00-7:00 pm HS West Gym

Please note the following teachers schedules:

Amanda Berg, Drew Gilmore, Brian Johnson & Jon Ring will be unavailable. Parents that desire to be contacted may sign-up at the teacher's table.

Brooks Helget & Derek Levno: Available from 4:45-7:00.

Mark Peterson: Available from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Becky Thielsen: 4:00-5:45 p.m. ALC / 6:00-7:00 p.m. HS for conferences

Stephanie Savoy, David Pennertz & Ginny Grosser:

4:00-5:30 pm @ HS Conferences / 6:00-7:00 p.m. @ ALC for conferences

Tom Spudic: Available from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

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 2010 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 14th**, for scheduling purposes. Students who will be 15 years old by July 24, 2010 may be eligible to register for this summer. Students who will be taking their Behind the Wheel in 2011 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 26th 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 or by calling (320) 286-4100 ext. 1836.