



DCHS News

January Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

DCHS Students and Families,

Trimester II is well under way and hopefully your students are finding success in their new classes. I want to extend an invitation to all parents and students to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, January 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the West Gym of the High School. In past years we have had excellent attendance and we hope to continue this trend. If a Progress Report is included in this mailing, this is a specific invitation from a teacher or certain teachers that would like to discuss your student's work in their class or classes. If you cannot attend, we strongly encourage you to be in contact with your students' teachers. Please do not let an important question go unanswered.

One focus over the next couple of months will be registering students for their 2010-2011 classes. Please see the timelines for registration in the Guidance section of this newsletter. Our goal is to ensure that each student has a complete schedule in their hands prior to the last day of school. Please check with your student to see that they have a plan and a purpose for the classes they will be taking. These are important decisions for your student. Here are some questions for your student to consider: "Am I meeting the credit and testing requirements to graduate?" "Am I taking coursework that will best prepare me for my post-high school plans?" Finally, "Am I taking classes that will challenge me to reach my greatest potential?" If you or your student have specific questions, contact our Guidance Counselor, Mr. Mannie.

Another focus over the next few months will be State-Wide Testing preparation and remediation (re-teaching for students that have not passed a test). This has become a crucial function of high schools because the tests are required for Graduation. Here is a quick review of the tests that will take place April 13th and 14th of 2010: 9th Graders will take a writing test that they must pass to graduate. 10th Graders take a reading test that they must pass to graduate. 11th Graders take a math test that they must pass to graduate. If Juniors do not pass the math test, they are required to participate in re-teaching sessions and re-take the test at least two more times to meet the Graduation requirement. Finally, each student must take a Science Test sometime prior to Graduation (typically their Junior or Senior year once they have had Biology). Students do not have to pass the test, but, as with any challenge, we expect our students rise to the occasion and perform very well because they expect to do their best. This test will be given Wednesday, May 19th. As you can see, this is a focused, intense process that is indeed high-stakes. I am thankful for dedicated teachers and outstanding students that take these Graduation requirements seriously. If you have questions regarding the testing requirements do not hesitate to contact Mr. Schauburger, our Testing Coordinator or myself.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Jennissen, Principal

Calendar of Events

January

Teacher Workshop No School	18
Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 - 7:00 pm HS West Gym	21
Snowball Week	25-29
Josten Class Ring Delivery 10:45 - 12:30 HS Commons	26
Financial Aid Meeting - 7:00 pm DCHS Choir Room	28
Yearbook Order - Final Deadline	29
February	
Harvard Speech Trip	11-16
President's Day No School	15

Dean of Student's Message

Steven Schauburger

Brrr! It is time to thaw out from the deep freeze. Welcome to 2010 and the news of some exciting opportunities at DCHS:

- Please note that I am always available to speak with families, parents, students about any concerns during conferences. This trimester's conferences are held on January 21, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. I would love to hear your ideas about our school.
- **DCHS Snowball Week is January 25-29, 2010.** Student Council is planning dress up days, lunchtime activities, and the Winter Pepfest in the PAC. Also, a change from previous years is that **the 2010 DCHS Student Talent Show takes place at 1:30 p.m. on January 29 before the pepfest** in the PAC and the public is welcome to attend.
- **Student Council Candy Gram Sales and Delivery, February 8-12, 2010.** Send a treat to that special someone!



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Parent Teacher Conferences: January 21, 2010: 4:00 - 7:00 pm HS West Gym

Please note, the following teachers schedules:
Amanda Berg: 4:00-5:30 will be at conferences
Bryan Clemen: 5:00 - 7:00 will be at conferences
Virginia Grosser: 4:00-5:30 HS conferences, 5:45-7:00 ALC conferences
Dan Kyllonen: 4:00-6:30 will be at conferences
Derek Levno: 5:00 - 7:00 will be at conferences
David Pennertz: 4:00-5:30 HS conferences, 5:45-7:00 ALC conferences
Stephanie Savoy: 4:00-5:30 HS conferences, 5:45-7:00 ALC conferences
Becky Thielsen: 4:00-5:30 HS conferences, 5:45-7:00 ALC conferences

Guidance Office Message

2010-2011 Registration Timeline

1/14/10: All students received 2010-2011 Registration materials

1/19/10, 7:00 pm, MS Commons:

8th Grade Parent 2010-2011 Registration Meeting

1/21/10: Mr. Mannie will be in HS office during P/T conferences to assist with registration or any other questions

1/21-1/22: 9-11th Grades Pre-Registration (1/25 - Makeup day)

1/26: 8th Grade Pre-Registration

3/16: Registration for 2010-2011

April 2010: 2010-2011 Schedules to be mailed home.

Upcoming Events

Financial Aid Meeting: Jan. 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm HS Choir Room

2010 ACT Test Dates: February 6, April 10 & June 12

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

School Nurse Message - Christine Lawyer

September was National Head Lice Awareness/Prevention Month. It is important to periodically check your child at home for head lice. Head lice do cause scalp itching and seem to prefer the warmth of the scalp above/behind ears and in the hairline at the back of the neck. A lice infestation should not be a source of embarrassment to either parent or child since lice can and do infest anyone. The important thing is to treat promptly and correctly.

Important Points: *Head lice do not spread diseases like ticks and mosquitoes can *Head lice are "host specific", they will not infest your pets *Head lice and their eggs soon die if separated from the human head *Direct physical head to head contact is the usual method of transmission *Head lice do not jump, hop or fly but can crawl quickly *Lice are fragile, and the chance of being transmitted on hats and combs is unlikely.

Please call or e-mail me or the Health Assistant in your child's school to let us know if your child has head lice. We can assist you with the identification of lice or their eggs and treatment options. If we do find head lice on a student during school hours, the student's parents will be notified and the student will be sent home. The student can return to school after treatment and my Health Assistants or I will recheck their scalp.

Sincerely,

Christine Lawyer RN, BSN, Licensed School Nurse, ISD # 466, 320-286-4100 ext. 1804, Christine.Lawyer@DC.k12.mn.us

Health Assistants: Mary Vollen, Cko Elem (ext. 1305), Barb Holly, Das Elem (ext. 1506) or Jo Bender, MS (ext. 1605)

Winter/Spring Testing Dates:

Note: GRAD Reading re-test remediation will be held in Mr. Gilmore's room on February 2nd and 4th from 7:00 to 7:45 am and 3:15 to 4:00 pm on both days.

February 2010:

8: GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

9: GRAD Math Re-test (Online)

March 2010:

8: ELL (English Language Learner) Testing Begins

26: ELL Testing End

29: MTAS Reading, Math & Science Begins

April 2010:

13: MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 1 & 2, GRAD Writing Grade 9

14: MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 3 & 4

20: GRAD Writing Retest (Seniors Only), and GRAD Writing Grade 9 (Make-up)

27: GRAD Writing Retest (Seniors Only) (Make-up)

30: MCA-II Reading/Math, MTELL and MTAS Reading & Math end

May 2010:

11: GRAD Math Re-test (Online)

12: GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

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

July 2010:

8: GRAD Reading Re-test (Online) for students that did not pass the MCA-II Reading in 2008/2009/2010

14: GRAD Math Re-test (online) for students that did not pass the MCA-II Math in April 2010

20: GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12

21: GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Makeup)

Charger Closet Hours

Tuesdays: January 12, 19 & 26: 7:30-8:05 am, 10:35 am-12:30 pm

*Thursdays: January 14, 21, 28: 7:30-8:05 am, 10:35 am-12:30 pm
3:10-3:45 pm (1/14 & 1/28 only)*

4:00-7:00 pm (1/21 only)

Charger Closet is located down the hall from the high school office, Room 204. On your way to the District Office on Right Hand Side. Look for the Charger Closet Banner.