



DCHS News June Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCHS Families,

When the 202 graduates of the Class of 2010 received their diplomas this past Sunday, it signaled the end of a successful school year! This is the third graduating class I have had the privilege of working with and I don't think I will ever lose sight of the fact that this is a big deal! Graduation represents a minimum of 13 years of formal education, but also a lifetime of learning for each student. Each year when I visit with parents and families at graduation parties I realize why I love Dassel and Cokato so much... it is the people that make the difference. I am proud to be a Charger because the people here are the "salt of the earth" kind of people. They raise children that become the young adults we have the pleasure of working with for four short years. The African Proverb certainly applies; it indeed takes a village to raise a child. Speaking on behalf of all of the educators and support staff of ISD 466 Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade, we want to thank you, the families and communities of Dassel and Cokato for allowing us the great honor of partnering with you in raising our children!

As we began the 2009-10 school year we did so with a clear mission in mind: Promoting positive relationships, personal responsibility and academic rigor to prepare students for success in a changing world. We truly want to emphasize relationships first because without the positive interaction between the people that make a school, we cannot accomplish anything of lasting value. Personal responsibility is really about taking ownership for the choices we make. Many times we think of this in terms of poor choices that are made and the consequences that follow, but it is really about celebrating the great choices that are made by both students and staff in our school-community every day! Students and staff that have high expectations of themselves, are willing to pay attention to the details and go the extra-mile are common occurrences at DCHS! And last, but certainly not least: Academic Rigor. We truly believe our students and staff will achieve at their full potential when the first two "R's" are in place. Relationships and Personal Responsibility combined with a sound curriculum, varied course-offerings, quality instruction and student effort and engagement will result in academic achievement we can all celebrate! As a school, for both students and staff, these "3 R's" became our reality and will continue to be as we approach the upcoming years.

I hope this letter finds your students enjoying a different schedule. I think this is one thing I enjoy most about the summer months... a bit more variety. I am still here and busy, but it is a different kind of busy, a different schedule and most importantly, I can wear shorts and flip-flops most days!

I want to thank each of you for making 2009-10 a fantastic year and for making DCHS a very special place to come to each day! Have a great summer!

Dean Jennissen, DCHS and ALC Principal



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Important Information

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

Fines, Fees: If you haven't received your child's report card shortly after June 12th, it could be due to money owed for a media center book, class, sport/activity fee, 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.

Summer Hours: The DCCHS office will be open through June 11, 2010 and the last week of August and the first week of September. Messages for the office will be answered weekly. If you need immediate assistance, please contact the District Office.

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.

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 DCCHS as your school of choice DCCHS receives a percentage donation from the Target Corporation. Last year we received just over \$1700 to use for student rewards, awards and scholarships to pay fees for students in need. Thanks for your support!

Information for PSEO students: Grade values for all PSEO classes starting in 2010-11 will be unweighted. This change was adopted based upon feedback from students, staff and parents and supported by the following rationale: 1) PSEO classes are not audited through the ISD 466 Curriculum process; therefore we cannot determine their rigor 2) PSEO students have a clear advantage in terms of potential class rank over DCCHS students creating an uneven comparison between the two groups of students. 3) Students who go PSEO do so understanding that academically, they are now a college student. Accordingly, they may not be considered for certain high school awards and rewards but may qualify for academic honors and awards at their school.

2010 Graduation Pictures: The 2010 Graduation pictures that were taken during the ceremony will be available in the District Office by mid-July. This is a complimentary picture of each graduate receiving their diploma.

2010 Open House: The DCCHS Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 from 4:30-7:30 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.

Graduation 2011: Commencement for the Class of 2011 will be on Sunday, June 5th at 2 p.m.



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Dean of Students Message

Steven Schauberger

Congratulations on another great school year! Success in life is often measured by the quality relationships and connections that we make not only with family and friends but also with people that we may meet only once. As I reflect upon our common experiences at DC, it brings me great joy each day to be a part of an inclusive community that multi-tasks and “multi-cares” about the needs and wants of each student, family and staff member at DC schools. Have a great summer and enjoy time with your family.

SUMMER TESTING DATES:

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)

FALL 2010 TESTING DATES:

OCTOBER 2010

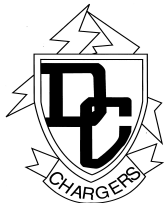
- Early date (6th?) TBA-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- Early date (7th?) TBA-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)

NOVEMBER 2010

- 2-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12
- 9-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

DECEMBER 2010

- Early date (8th?) TBA-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- Early date (9th?) TBA-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)



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Guidance Office News

2010-2011 ACT Test Dates:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7 – 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

***October, February and April ACT Tests are offered at DCCHS**

***DCCHS ACT Code: 240-500**

Guidance Office Summer Hours:

June 11-August 16: Out of office
(email and voicemail will be checked weekly on Monday's)

Summer Transcript Requests:

During the summer, to request a transcript, please contact:

Jennie Inselman, Guidance Secretary at:

jennie.inselman@dc.k12.mn.us or

Phone: 320-286-4100 Ext 1817



Message from the new Guidance Counselor, Ryan Tool:

I have had many wonderful experiences as a school counselor, but am thrilled to be coming home to Minnesota. Because my wife, Anna, has done some college volleyball coaching, we have moved around a bit. I am a 1993 graduate of Delano High School. I received my Bachelors' degree in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota, Morris. After teaching 4th grade for two years in Tracy, MN I got my Master's degree in School Counseling at South Dakota State University. We made a big move out east to Raleigh, NC where I was a counselor at a High School with 1,600 students. Then I became a guidance director at a high school in Chesapeake, VA with nearly 2,200 students. Our next move was to get back to the Midwest. I became a counselor at Maryville High School in Missouri. Now we are thrilled to be coming to Dassel-Cokato. It is a great size and location to work in, and will be an excellent community to raise our children in. My son Carter will be starting 2nd grade and my daughter Taylor will be in Preschool. My main focus outside of work is keeping up with my kids. Over the years I have coached football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. My family enjoys being active and we look forward to being involved in the DC community.