



DCHS News

March Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

DCHS Families,

It is pretty amazing to think we are on our last Trimester of the 2009-10 school-year. Trimester III, in my experience, goes by the quickest because it is jam-packed with many important and exciting events! In this newsletter you will find additional information regarding some of these events.

*Arena Scheduling for Grades 9-11 from March 16-23. This is an important opportunity for students to create the best possible schedule for themselves within the confines of what we can offer. We wish for students to think critically about the classes they need based upon the future they hope to have. Having a post-high school plan as early as possible is becoming increasingly important. Students are encouraged to consult with their parents and Guidance Counselor, Mr. Mannie if they need assistance and information with these decisions.

*Test Prep and State-wide testing – it is critical that your 9th – 11th grade students are in school for our April 8th, 9th and 12th Prep Sessions and then the two testing days: April 13th and 14th. Additionally, our Biology students will take the MCA Science Test on May 18th. These are high-stakes tests that are a hurdle all students must clear in order to graduate. Parents, we thank you in advance for the encouragement and support you provide your students.

*Trimester III Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, April 19th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet with your student's teachers to gather first-hand information regarding their progress in the classroom. Of course, we encourage parents to contact teachers any time they have a question or concern.

*Academic Awards – Tuesday, May 11th @ 8:00 p.m. in the PAC. I always enjoy this evening because it highlights students that have placed a priority on excelling in the classroom. Talk about having your priorities in order!

*Senior Breakfast and Commencement Practice on Friday, June 4th from 8:10-11:00 a.m. This is an exciting day for us to honor our Seniors and practice for the BIG DAY when they receive their diplomas (and I don't think the students mind an afternoon off either)! I look forward to this day because the students are so genuinely excited. They have just about completed all of the required steps to a big milestone in their lives!

*Commencement – Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the East Gym. The Class of 2010 has earned the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive their diplomas – enough said!

Our final Trimester is truly packed with excitement, challenges and achievement. I cannot wait to see our students rise to the occasion. They always do.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Jennissen, Principal, dean.jennissen@dc.k12.mn.us

Calendar of Events

March

Blood Drive	16th
MN Student Survey 9:00 - 9:45 am	18th
Driver's Ed Teen & Parent Night - PAC 6:30 - 8:00 pm	23rd
Spring Break	3/29 - 4/2

April

PSEO Student Deadline for Academic Awards 3:05 pm	9th
Parent/Teacher Conferences - West Gym - 4:00 - 7:00 pm	19th

May

Academic Awards Program 8:00 pm PAC	11th
Prom - Grand March 5:00 pm West Gym	15th





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Dean of Student's Message

Steven Schauberger

Greetings from DCHS! This is an exciting time of year to be working with students, families, and staff. I share and celebrate the accomplishments of our students in academics, activities, attendance and attitude during second trimester. I "see" and "hear" students taking responsibility for their success in and out of the classroom. The two most important factors that contribute to this success are that "we" communicate, work and listen as a team and that we remain positive when seeking solutions to concerns. Keep up the good work! Please review the following notices with your students for a successful spring.

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 before/after school and schedule any family vacations during Spring Break which is March 29 through April 2nd.

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 (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 and 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

Note: Please note the two rescheduled dates for the GRAD Math and Reading re-tests in early April and June. We are providing students with two opportunities to re-test rather than the one opportunity that had been previously scheduled in May.

MCA-II Testing in Writing, Reading and Math on April 13 and 14th:

It is important that all students attend school on these dates. Please avoid making student appointments, especially before noon, during these testing dates. It is a great idea to talk with your student about any potential test anxieties and call Mr. Schauberger if you need assistance. Get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast on both days. A granola snack and drink will be available to students.

Spring Testing Dates:

March 2010:

26: ELL Testing End
29: MTAS Reading, Math & Science Begins

April 2010:

6: GRAD Math Re-test (Online)
7: GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
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:

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 2010:

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 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)



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Senior Schedule for Testing Days –

Tuesday, April 13th and Wednesday, April 14th

Tuesday, 4-13-10: 8:10 – 10:40

“Senior Seminar” (topics subject to change)...

1. Reflect on Sophomore Health Class Letter and advice for next year's freshmen
2. Self-Defense/Personal Safety
3. Chemical Issues, Personal Health, Accessing Health Care
4. Finance, Credit Cards, School/Personal Loans
5. Basic Auto Care

Senior Wrap-Up - Important information for Graduates on a variety of topics

Schedule:

8:10-9:20 – 3 Sessions of 20 min. w/3 min. of passing time

9:20-9:30– Break in the Commons

9:30-10:40 - 3 Sessions

Wednesday, April 14: 8:10 – 10:40 - “Senior Sleep-In”...report for Period 3 @ 10:40 a.m. or Seniors may use the Media Center during Periods 1 & 2

***Help us keep the Academic Wing quiet for testing...Please use the Commons entrance and wait in the Commons if you arrive at school prior to 10:40 a.m.**

Drivers Ed. Behind the Wheel

Drivers 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 education. Please hand in forms no later than May 14, 2010 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.

The student behind the wheel meeting for students is scheduled for May 26 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.



Guidance Office Message

Upcoming Events

2010 ACT Test Dates: April 10 & June 12

March 16: Begin Arena Scheduling for 2010-2011 school year

April 2010: 2010-2011 Schedules to be mailed home

Senior Dates to Remember:

April 15: Common Scholarship Applications due in Guidance Office

(Common Scholarship Application will be available online at : <http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/hs> under Guidance Office or in the Guidance Office on **March 22, 2010**)

June 2: Baccalaureate (7:30 pm)

June 2: Scholarship Program (8:15 pm)

June 6: Graduation (2:00 pm)

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



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Let the Energy Assistance Program **HELP!**

What is Energy Assistance? Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a program designed to assist income eligible households with their energy costs during the winter months.

How and when do I apply? Contact WCCA for an application. EAP begins on October 1st and the last day to submit an application is May 31st. Apply as soon as you can, this program has limited funding.

What if I get a disconnect or final notice or need more assistance? Contact our office. If you are in this situation, you may be eligible for additional assistance.

If I am over income is there another program I could qualify for? YES - The Reach Out For Warmth Program (ROFW) has higher income guidelines.

Where or How do I get an application? You can contact our office at (320)963-6500, or applications are available online at www.energy.mn.gov

2010 EAP Income Guidelines

Family Size	Maximum Three Month Income
1	\$5,423
2	\$7,092
3	\$8,761
4	\$10,430
5	\$12,099
6	\$13,768
7	\$14,087

2010 ROFW Income Guidelines

Family Size	Maximum Three Month Income
1	\$6,508
2	\$8,511
3	\$10,513
4	\$12,516
5	\$14,519
6	\$16,521
7	\$16,897

Enjoy some great food while supporting DC Schools. Mention this ad when you order on any Tuesday from now through April 27th and we'll donate 20% of your full price order to DC Schools. Thank you for supporting Jimmy's & Thank you for helping our schools.

(No other coupons or specials are allowed with this promotion.)

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**Hours: 4-9pm Sunday - Thursday
4-10pm Friday & Saturday**



Senior Events:

March 22: Common Scholarship Application available in Guidance Office and online on the DCHS Guidance website, under Scholarships

March 24: Distribution of Josten's Senior Products:
10:45 - 12:30 in HS Commons during lunch

April 15: Common Scholarship Applications Due

May 20-21: Distribution of Cap/Gown: 10:45 - 12:30 in HS Commons during lunch

June 2: Baccalaureate: 7:30 p.m.

June 2: Scholarship Program: 8:15 p.m.

June 4: 8:10-11:00 am Senior Breakfast +
Commencement Practice

June 6: Graduation: 2:00 p.m.

