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### Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

Dear DCCHS Families,

It is hard to believe September has zipped by so fast! It was a great month overall. We ended the month with a very successful Homecoming Week! What made it successful? That is easy...the students. Student participation in the different dress-up days, competitions, Coronation and athletic events during the week was outstanding. The students were positive, respectful and full of School Spirit. This atmosphere is a tribute to their positive spirit and to the leadership of our Student Council and their advisor Mr. Schauberger. Hats off to all for a job well done! My highlights: the Coronation that all of the students were able to see...The Powder "Tuff" volleyball and Powder Puff football games...and most of all, a safe, fun bonfire that approx. 250 students attended! Parents, students and staff, if you have ideas on how to improve Homecoming Week, please contact a Student Council Rep, Mr. Schauberger or myself.

We are looking forward to Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday and Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Parents, this is a great opportunity to hear about the successes and challenges for your students in their current classes as well as an opportunity to ask questions and get to know our teaching staff. Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

You may find included in this newsletter an updated Progress Report detailing concerns in classroom performance that can be discussed at Conferences. Parents, remember you can request a Progress Report or information on your student's performance from their teachers at any time. Conferences are an opportunity to do this, but we also do not want to wait if there is a question or concern.

Sincerely,

Dean Jennissen, DCCHS and ALC Principal

[dean.jennissen@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:dean.jennissen@dc.k12.mn.us)

### Dean of Students Message

Steven Schauberger

It has been an awesome start to the 2009-10 school year! I want to thank students, families, staff and our excellent Student Council team members listed below for a great Homecoming. Please remember that communication with school staff and vice versa is the key to success at DCCHS. Please call the school and write a note for your student if he/she is/will be absent from school. Please refer to the section below regarding testing dates as we continue to assist students in passing the GRAD test requirements.

### Fall Testing Dates:

**OCTOBER 2009:** 8: GRAD Math Re-test (Online)

**NOVEMBER 2009:** 3: GRAD Writing Re-test Grades 10-12

10: GRAD Writing Re-test Grades 10-12 (make-up)

**DECEMBER 2009 :** 8: GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

9: GRAD Math Re-test (Online)



### Calendar of Events

#### October

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm	12 & 13
College Fair 4-8 pm HS Commons	12
HS Fall Concert 7:30 pm PAC	12
MEA Break	15-19
Yearbook - Pre-orders due	30
Picture Retakes	30

#### November

Veteran's Day Assembly 2 pm	11
FFA Food Drive	16-20
Fall Musical 7 pm PAC	13-14 & 21
Fall Musical 2 pm PAC	22
Thanksgiving Break	26-29

#### December

HS Holiday Concert 7:30 pm PAC	17
Senior Portraits Due for Yearbook	18
Winter Break	24- Jan. 3



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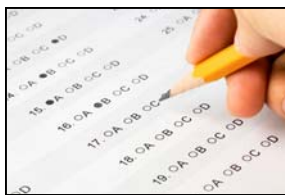
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### Guidance Office News from Mrs. Cassie Vogt

Start planning your future! Here are some helpful websites to explore careers, colleges, and job opportunities: [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org) and [www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org)

Reminder to all **seniors**, start applying for college now!

**Seniors** that would like to re-take the ACT should be sure to register for the December 12, 2009 ACT Test. The registration deadline is November 6, 2009. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or pick up a registration packet in the Guidance Office.



### Upcoming Events

#### **2009-2010 ACT Test Dates:**

October 24, 2009,  
December 12, 2009,  
February 6, 2010, April 10,  
2010 and June 12, 2010

**October 9, 2009**

World of Work - Ridgewater College, Hutchinson

### 2009-2010 School Year Long-Term Substitutes

**Chuck Mannie:** Mr. Mannie will be substituting for Mrs. Vogt beginning in December through the end of the school year. Chuck is from Richfield, MN and has a background in Business and Technology prior to becoming a Counselor.

**Rita Moravec & Becky Strand:** Ms. Moravec & Mrs. Strand will be substituting for Mrs. Impola from September through mid-December. Ms. Moravec is an Annandale native and has 3 years of experience. Mrs. Strand is a Dassel native and taught for 8 years in Colorado.

**TJ Anderson:** Mr. Anderson will be substituting for Mrs. Thielsen beginning in October. A DC native, Mr. Anderson was a long-term sub for DCHS this past year.

### **Cold & Flue Season 2009-2010**

#### **Just the facts from the Nurse's Desk**

During this school year many children and adults will get sick with a cold or flu (influenza). For most, treating these illnesses at home with lots of rest and extra fluids will be the best approach. The symptoms of a cold or flu are similar. Cold symptoms include a runny nose, sore throat and sneezing and usually develop slowly. Flu symptoms develop more quickly and tend to be worse than cold symptoms.

#### **Common signs & symptoms of the flu**

##### include:

- Fever over 101°F in adults and often as high as 103°F-105°F in children. Anyone with a fever greater than 100°F must stay home from school.
- Chills & sweats
- Headache
- Muscular aches & pains, especially in back, arms & legs
- Fatigue & weakness
- Nasal congestion
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhea & vomiting in children

Influenza viruses travel through the air in tiny droplets when someone with an infection coughs, sneezes or speaks. You can inhale the droplets directly, or you can pick up germs from an object, such as a telephone or computer keyboard and then transfer them to your eyes, nose or mouth.

#### **Ways to stay healthy during cold & flu season 2009-2010**

- Wash your hands
- Eat & sleep right
- Exercise regularly
- Avoid crowds during flu season
- Annual flu vaccination



### **TARGET Red Card:**

When you use your Target Charge Card and designate Dassel-Cokato High School as your school of choice; 1% of your purchase will be donated to our school. This past month we received a check for \$1,100 from this program! This money is used to provide fees for students in need and rewards for student achievement.



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### 2009-2010 Class Officers & Student Council

	9th	10th	11th	12th
President	Anna Semanko	Caroline Kivisto	Luke Dahlman	Jeremiah Reynolds
Vice-President	Luke Dotseth	Nicole Nelson	Logan Benda	Angela Duncan
Sec./Treasurer	Quinton Barnes	Colee Jennissen	Kristen Haider	Megan Nyquist
S.C. Rep.	Shawn Anderson	Samantha Larson	Quinn Impola	Evan Babekuhl
S.C. Rep.			Jasper Asplin	

**Student Council meets every Tuesday morning at 7:40 am in the district board room.**

We are very excited to announce that the Reward Zone program for Schools is up and running in our area! This program will give current Reward Zone Members the opportunity to donate their Reward Zone Points to the School of their choice. The donated points will accumulate in the account that has been set up for the School. The Reward Certificates can be used to purchase technology products for your school in our store or from BestBuy.com. All a customer has to do is tell the cashier which school they would like to donate their points to. It's that simple!

We are asking for your help in spreading the word to your school about this option. The Midwest market is piloting this program and the future of the program depends on the response the program receives. Whether it is a flyer given to the students to take home or an article in the school's newsletter, the more people we are able to reach, the better! Please free to contact me for any support you may need or any questions you have at 320.214.1112. For more information, check out our local website: [stores.bestbuy.com/1106](http://stores.bestbuy.com/1106).

It is our sincere hope that the partnership between your school and Best Buy is long lasting and beneficial to you, your students and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Heather McCarthy

[Heather.McCarthy@BestBuy.com](mailto:Heather.McCarthy@BestBuy.com), Best Buy #1106 Willmar, MN



### Yearbook Orders

Reserve your 2009-2010 yearbook now for the pre-sale price of \$55.00 plus tax. After October 31, 2009 prices increase to \$65.00 plus tax. After January 31, 2010 the only way to purchase a yearbook is to pay \$75.00 plus tax and enter a lottery for any remaining books. **DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THIS YEAR'S MEMORIES!** Reserve your book today to ensure that you receive this valuable book. Make your check (cash is not accepted) payable to: **ISD 466, Memo: 09-10 Yearbook** and turn in this order form and your check to the high school office.

**BETTER YET:** Order your yearbook ONLINE using your credit card by October 31, 2009. This pre-sale offer expires at the end of October as prices increase at that time. To order online use the link at the high school webpage or go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and type in DASSEL COKATO as the city.



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### Upcoming Arts Association Events:

#### **Todd Green in Concert**

Todd has astounded audiences across the country with his diversity on a multitude of string, flute and percussion instruments from all over the world. His performance will be enhanced by digital samplers, which allow him to record and over-dub instruments one by one, making him a one-man-orchestra of unique and exotic instruments. As fascinating to watch as to listen to, Todd intersperses his playing with entertaining explanations of the music and the instruments. His performance will be enjoyed by the entire family. Prepare to be amazed!

The D-C Arts Association is also bringing Todd into the school on October 29 for educational student clinics for all middle school students as well as the high school music students. The concert is a totally different program than the clinics, which are show-and-tell-type demonstrations of the instruments themselves. Todd's concert complements the clinics but is a musical adventure exploring the musical styles of many different cultures.



**Public Performance:** Sunday, November 1, 3:00 PM

**Tickets:** Adults \$12 and Youth \$5

**Location:** D-C Performing Arts Center

**Information and Ticket Purchases:** D-C Community Education, 286-4120

### Adult Enrichment Opportunities Through Community Education

The following upcoming courses are offered through Community Education. Please call 320-286-4120 for a Fall Brochure or for more information.

**First Aid** - Monday, October 5, 6:30-9:30 pm, \$35

**Your Happy & Healthy Pregnancy** - Monday, October 25, 6:30-8:00 pm, \$10

**Introduction to Essential Oils** - Thursday, November 5, 7:00-8:30 pm, \$5

**What a Crock! (slow cooker ideas and recipes)** - Monday, October 5, 7:00-9:00 pm, \$29 (includes cookbook)

**Go Green, Live Clean, Save Money** - Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 pm, \$15

**Scandinavian Baking** - 2 Thursdays, October 8 & 22, 7:00-9:00 pm, \$25

**Quilted Purses** - Saturday, October 3, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, \$20 (see samples in the Community Ed. office.)

**Deer Cutting for Dummies** - Monday, October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm, \$46 (includes reference book)

**Adult TaeKwonDo** - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:40-8:40 pm, \$60/mo.

**Instructor-Facilitated Online Courses** - Choose from more than 250 classes! Visit [222.ed2go.com/dc](http://222.ed2go.com/dc)

### Love & Logic

**Workshop for parents of Middle & High School Students.** This class will be a one-night crash course for parents of middle school and high school students to learn effective ways to **raise kids who make responsible decisions even when no one is watching.** The Love and Logic instructors will walk parents through common parenting issues such as; curfew, driving, handling peer pressure and alcohol use. This class is FREE and FREE childcare is also available. Participants must be a resident of the D-C school district or Meeker County to attend this class.

Offered by Meeker County Public Health

Tuesday, October 6

6:30-8:00 pm

FREE but pre-registration is required

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 2

Call Community Education to register at 320-286-4120