



DCHS News

March Newsletter

Promoting positive relationships, personal responsibility and academic rigor to prepare students for success in a changing world.

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Principal's Message

Dean Jennissen

DCHS Students and Families,

Third Trimester is underway and it will go fast. I wanted to mention a few things as we look forward to warmer temperatures, melting snow and wrapping up another successful year at DCHS!

Testing

It is critical our 9th, 10th and 11th Grade students are in school on April 12th and 13th for MCA Testing. Students are expected to meet minimum requirements on these tests in order to receive a diploma. We will also be offering prep sessions for students on April 8th and April 11th. Mr. Schauburger's section of the Newsletter details the testing plan for April 12th and 13th. Finally, Biology students will take the Science Test on Wednesday, May 18th.

Senior Schedule on Testing Days

Seniors will not be testing on April 12th and 13th. On April 12th all seniors are required to be in school to participate in a Senior Seminar from 8:10-10:40 a.m. On Wednesday, April 13th, Seniors will be given the privilege of sleeping in and not reporting to school until 3rd Period which begins 10:30 a.m. (Advisory Day)

Conferences

Our last Parent-Teacher Conferences of the year take place on Monday, April 18th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing parents and students and providing progress updates for Trimester III.

Student Schedules for 2011-12

The Guidance Office is working hard on individual student schedules for 2011-12 and hope to have all schedules ready for distribution to students around May 1st.

Sr. Breakfast & Commencement Practice

The Class of 2011 will have their Commencement practice along with a special breakfast starting at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, May 27th in the Middle School Commons. Seniors will be released from school at approximately 10:45 a.m. as a special privilege and opportunity to help at home with graduation preparations. Commencement will be on Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the East Gym. We are looking forward to this BIG day!

Baccalaureate and Scholarship Program

Wednesday, June 1st is an important evening for our Seniors. At 7:30 the Baccalaureate service will take place in the PAC. Immediately following will be our annual Scholarship Program. We are looking forward to a great evening honoring the Class of 2011!

As always, do not hesitate to stop by or drop me a line if I can provide you with more information or help increase the success of your student.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Jennissen, Principal

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Calendar of Events

March

Driver Education Teen & Parent Meeting 6:30 pm PAC	22
Spring Break	28-4/1

April

Jostens Ring Delivery During lunches HS Commons	6
PTA Meeting HS Media Center 6:30 pm	7
Music Booster Meeting HS Choir Room 7:00 pm	11
FFA Meeting HS Ag Room 7:00 pm	11
Faculty Follies PAC 7:00 pm	16
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences West Gym 4:00-7:00 pm	18
No School (Good Friday)	22

May

Academic Awards Program PAC 8:00 pm	10
Prom	16
Senior Breakfast & Commencement Practice MS Commons 8:10-10:45 am	27



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Dean of Students Message**Steven Schauberger**

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I am sure ready for Spring—and that's coming from a snow lover! As the warmer weather approaches, please note the following important reminders about attendance, parking, dress code and conferences. It is our goal to have a safe and successful springtime. Therefore, we all need to team up to remind our students to communicate well and meet important due dates. Students benefit when a team of adults provides a consistent, constant and clear message of their expectations for academics, attendance, activities and attitude. The result is achievement!

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 18, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. I would love to hear your ideas about our school.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

MCA-II Testing in Writing, Reading and Math on April 12 and 13th: 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Note: Please note the two rescheduled dates for the GRAD Math and Reading re-tests in early June. Both of these retests will take place at the high school on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 8:20 a.m. In order to take this retest, students are required to attend the remediation session (see below) for either retest. Please make sure that your student has completed this important step.

Math Remediation: Tuesday, 5/31—General Use Computer Lab (2 sessions): 7:30 am—Carlynn Lundeen, 3:15 pm—Sara Nelson

Reading Remediation: Tuesday, 5/31, 7:15 and 3:15--- Mr. Gilmore's room; Wednesday, 6/1, 7:15 and 3:15--- Mr. Gilmore's room



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APRIL 2011

- 6-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)
- 7-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)
- 11-- MCA-II Reading & Math and MTELL Begin
- 12-- MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 1 & 2 and GRAD Writing Grade 9
- 13-- MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11: Segments 3 & 4
- 19-- GRAD Writing Retest (Seniors Only) and GRAD Writing Grade 9 (Make-up)
- 20-- GRAD Writing Grade 9 (Make-up)
- 20-- MCA-II Reading & Math Grades 10 & 11 (Make-up)
- 26-- GRAD Writing Retest (Seniors Only) (Make-up)
- 29-- MCA-II Reading & Math, MTELL, and MTAS Reading & Math End

**DCHS 2010-11
Mandated MN
State Testing
Schedule**

MAY 2011

- 17-- Practice for the MCA-II Science (Online) Test
- 18-- MCA-II Science (Online) Test
- 19-- Makeup Date for the MCA-II Science (Online) Test

JUNE 2011—NEWLY UPDATED!

- 7-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)
- 7-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

JULY 2011

- 7 -- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online) for Students that did not pass the MCAII Reading in 2009/10/11
- 13-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online) for Students that did not pass the MCAII Math in April 2011
- 19-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12
- 20-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12 (Make-up)

Senior Schedule for Testing Days – Tuesday, April 12th and Wednesday, April 13th

Tuesday, 4-12-10: 8:10 – 10:40

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

Schedule:

8:10-9:20 am – 2 Sessions of 30 min. w/3 min. of passing time

9:20-9:30 am – Break in the Commons

9:30-10:40 am- Presentation “Making College Count”

Wednesday, April 13: 8:10 – 10:30

“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 10:30 a.m.**

PTA Information

Please join the PTA for their next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 in the High School media center. Joining us for this meeting will be Mr. Dean Jennissen, High School principal to discuss high school class options and offerings. He will lead us through the high school Registration Guide and go over college options, graduation requirements and high school planning that will prepare students for their next step after high school. We will also have a school board update and have an open forum for questions and comments to the PTA.

If you are interested in becoming a PTA member or wish to learn more about PTA please contact Melissa at 275-3394 or email chargerpta@yahoo.com to request a membership form.

We hope to see you at the meeting!



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Senior Information

- **Common Scholarship Application** available in Guidance Office and online
- **April 6:** Distribution of Jostens Senior Products: 10:45 - 12:30 p.m. in HS Commons during lunch
- **April 8:** Common Scholarship Applications Due
- **Mid May:** Distribution of Cap/Gown: 10:45 - 12:30 p.m. in HS Commons during lunch
- **May 27:** 8:10-11:00 am Senior Breakfast & Commencement Practice
- **June 1:** Baccalaureate: 7:30 p.m.
- **June 1:** Scholarship Program: 8:15 p.m.



Guidance Counselor Message

Ryan Tool

To contact Ryan Tool: Please call 320-286-4205 or email ryan.tool@dc.k12.mn.us

2010-2011 ACT Test Date: DCHS Code: 240-500: Register online: www.actstudent.org

June 11, 2011 (Register by May 6, 2011; May 7-20, 2011: late fee required)

2011 Scholarships

Local Common Scholarship Application is available on the Guidance website and in the Guidance Office. Applications are due April 8th in the Guidance Office. We strongly encourage all applicants to attend the Scholarship Program on June 1, 2011 immediately following the Baccalaureate Service.

2011-2012 Schedules

We are currently working on next year's schedules. If conflicts arise in the students schedule, we will refer to their alternates first. If we are unable to find a solution, we will contact the student to discuss their options. We plan to mail home final schedules by May 1st.

Financial Aid/FAFSA

You should begin receiving financial aid packages including grants, loans, work study, etc. soon. You still have time to complete the FAFSA if you have not already done so. Most schools begin awarding Financial Aid in March.

Graduation

This is important to all students, but especially senior parents. Your student must pass 58 of 60 classes and complete all testing requirements in order to graduate. If you have concerns regarding your students' progress, please contact me as soon as possible.

College Visits

This spring and summer is a great time for juniors to start taking college visits. Students wanting to visit during the school year, should get a permission slip from the Guidance Office. Also check the Guidance website to find out when college representatives will be here this spring.