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## Principal's Message

## Dean Jennissen

Dear DCHS Families,

In my opinion, the 2010-11 school year has gotten off to great start! Two weeks ago we wrapped up an exciting, safe and successful Homecoming Week. Our Student Council and their Advisor, Mr. Schauberger put together an awesome week of activities that really built school spirit and momentum right up until game time. After the big win, approximately 300 students celebrated with a bonfire under a beautiful, clear, October sky. It was a great way to end an exciting week at DCHS!

We are looking forward to **Conferences** next week and meeting with parents to share good news and challenges so far during Trimester I. In this newsletter we have included a list of conference schedules for our part-time DCHS staff and coaches. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience created by their absence. If a teacher is not in attendance, be sure to leave your contact information so they can get back to you.

During the second week of October we began a **Student Advisory** period. Based upon input from students, parents and staff, we identified a need for students to have directed study time during the school day. Every Wednesday and Thursday we shorten our classes, lunch and student breaks to create this time. Each Advisory is a smaller group of students that will have the same Advisor through their senior year. During Advisory, students will have time to complete homework and visit their own teachers for additional support. Ultimately, our goals are that each student has a strong relationship with a staff member that is looking out for them and secondly, that they have a post-graduation plan.

Our **Campus** student services system is up and running and has been serving us well. As with any new program, it takes getting used to. Parents, if you haven't signed up for Campus Portal and would like to, please contact the High School Office and we can walk you through registration so that you have on-line access to your student's academic progress, attendance, lunch account and so much more! You may also sign up for Campus Portal during Fall Conferences in the High School Office.

We look forward to connecting with you next week at Conferences! Until then, do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,  
Dean A. Jennissen  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

### October

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm	18/19
College Fair 4-8 pm	18
HS Fall Concert 7:30 pm PAC	18
MEA Break	21-22
Picture Retakes	27
Yearbook - Pre-orders due	29

### November

Veteran's Day Assembly 2 pm	11
FFA Food Drive	15-19
Fall Musical 7 pm PAC	12/13 19/20
Fall Musical 2 pm PAC	21
Thanksgiving Break	25-26

### December

HS Holiday Concert 7:30 pm PAC	20
Senior Portraits Due for Yearbook	22
Winter Break	23- Jan 2



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### Dean of Students Message

**Steven Schauberger**

It has been an awesome start to a great school year! The students, staff and families did an outstanding job with homecoming, coronation and the pepfest to kickoff what has been an exciting fall activities season. With that said, it is important to recognize the value of putting in everything we do in our lives, in school and in our families into a balanced, positive perspective.

Every day we balance tasks and relationships. A system of constant and open communication is a definite strength of the D-C school district and I thank each and every family and staff for doing such a great job of listening to and celebrating our students' accomplishments and challenges.

Another way of seeing the "balance" or appreciating the complexity of relationships at D-C is to examine the words "urgency" and "intensity." Urgency could be defined as the speed at which we work together to resolve a challenge or seize an opportunity. Intensity could be defined as the strength of our response and the tools that we use to reach our goal(s). Whatever the issue/opportunity at hand (discipline, attendance, programming etc.) is, let's keep on working together, as we have, to move at a speed that is quick yet careful and considerate. Responding to people's needs in a time-sensitive manner and following through are hallmarks in building trust.

Second, when we respond, let's keep in mind that we are in the business of teaching and learning. The goal is to learn & to change/adapt to new information while learning new behaviors. Sometimes, we must examine what "tool" will do the best job of reinforcing the new information or behavior. One of my favorite quotations by Abraham Maslow is, "If you only have a *hammer*, you tend to see every problem as a *nail*." Another quote by Haim Ginott sums it up best, "In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized." Let's act on behalf of all students. Have a great fall!

### DCHS Fall Testing Calendar

#### NOVEMBER 2010

2-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12

9-- GRAD Writing Retest Grades 10-12

#### DECEMBER 2010

8-- GRAD Reading Re-test (Online)

9-- GRAD Math Re-Test (Online)

### 2010-2011 Class Officers & Student Council

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

	9th	10th	11th	12th
President	Trent Kregelberg	Quinton Barnes	Caroline Kivisto	Luke Dahlman
Vice-President/Historian	Sarah Irvin	Anna Semanko	Nicole Nelson	Logan Benda
Sec./Treasurer	Sarah Kivisto	Meghan Haider	Colee Jennissen	Kristen Haider
Representative	Tori Marschall	Brooke Danielson	Hailey Schminke	Jasper Asplin
Representative			Katie Salden	Quinn Impola
Representative			Kelsey Jacques	Amber Hancock



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## Guidance Counselor's Message

**Ryan Tool**

**Scholarships:** Seniors please check the Guidance Office page of the High School website. National and Local scholarships will be posted there. Another good scholarship website to visit is [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

**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). For MNCIS our **username** is dchs and **password** is chargers.

Seniors start working on your **college applications** now! Most scholarship money is awarded from the colleges themselves. Many colleges have a December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to apply to be considered for all of their scholarships. You should be applying to a minimum of three schools. Give yourself some options.

**College Visits:** The best way to decide if a college is right for you is to get on campus and take a tour. With no school on October 21 and 22, these are great dates to go take a look. Students may also have excused absences (up to 2 per year) for college visits by picking up a pre-planned absence form in the Guidance Office. If you don't want to go visit them, many colleges are coming to visit us. This is a great opportunity to ask a few questions and get more information. You have to start somewhere. Come and check it out. The full schedule of college visits is on the Guidance Page of the High School website.

The **ACT** is one of many criteria colleges consider when reviewing students' applications. Your ACT score can impact your acceptance as well as your eligibility for certain scholarships. Seniors that would like to retake the ACT should be sure to register for the December 11, 2010 test. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or pick up a registration packet in the Guidance Office. Fee waivers are available to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch in the Guidance Office.

**World of Work Career Fair:** On October 29<sup>th</sup> all Sophomores will head down to Hutchinson to gain some valuable career information. Our students will hear a keynote speaker and be involved in 4 small group sessions about careers they registered for. With the whole Sophomore class taking the trip we are looking for a few extra chaperones. If any parents are interested please contact Mr. Tool.

Please feel free to contact Ryan Tool with questions about any of the above information: 286-4100 ext. 1805 or [ryan.tool@dc.k12.mn.us](mailto:ryan.tool@dc.k12.mn.us).

### ACT Test Dates

**Please note: February and April ACT Tests are offered at DCHS**

**\*DCHS ACT Code: 240-500**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
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



The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DC College Fair hosted by the FFA will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the High School commons. Students and parents are encouraged to stop and ask any questions they have to any of the colleges. Representatives from eighteen colleges from all over the Midwest will be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## School Lunch Update

Starting in November, students will be able to purchase 2nd entrée for \$1 if they purchase a full meal first. Students on Free and Reduced only get one meal at their rate and must pay \$1 for the 2nd entrée. During the time of purchase, lunch accounts will be charged accordingly. Students will continue to be able to purchase a 2nd lunch, but will have to go back in line to do so. Our new system does not allow them to purchase double-lunch their first time through the line and waiting to purchase a 2nd lunch will allow them time to digest their food and maybe decide the additional lunch isn't necessary.

Additionally, students who wish to purchase only milk will be able to do so from the cash line so they do not have to wait in line.

### Charger Closet

September through November Hours

Location: Room 204

#### Tuesdays:

7:45am - 8:05am, 10:45am - 12:30am, & 3:05pm-3:45pm

#### Thursdays:

7:45am - 8:05am, 10:30am - 12:10pm, & 3:05pm-3:45pm

#### Events:

Monday, Oct. 18: Fall Music Concert, Location: PAC,  
7pm to Concert Start

Monday, Oct. 18: HS Parent/Teacher Confer-  
ences, Location: Room 204, 4:30 - 7:30

Tuesday, Oct. 19: HS Parent/Teacher Conferences,  
Location: Room 204, 4:30 - 7:30

#### Website:

<http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/hs/index.html>, Click on  
Charger Closet Icon

### Conferences Schedules

October 18 & 19—4:00—7:30 pm

HS West Gym

Student Schedules will be available in the HS Office.

Please note the schedules below for part-time teachers  
and/or coaches:

#### October 18

Dan Krause: HS conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Dan Kyllonen: HS conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Michael Lajko: HS conferences 4:00-6:00 pm

David Nord: HS conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Eric Sawatzke: HS conferences 4:00-7:00 pm

Brian Veith: HS conferences 4:00-6:00 pm

#### October 19

Bryan Clemen: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Andy Hegdahl: ALC Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Drew Gilmore: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Todd Goudy: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Ginny Grosser: ALC Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Brooks Helget: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Dan Krause: Unavailable 4:00-7:30 pm

Dan Kyllonen: HS conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Michael Lajko: HS conferences 5:00-7:30 pm

Eric Sawatzke: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Stephanie Schlangen: Unavailable (coaching) 4:00-7:30 pm

Laura Sellner: ALC Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Becky Thielsen: ALC Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Megan Van Zuilen: HS conferences 4:00-7:30 pm

Brian Veith: HS conferences 5:30-7:30 pm



### **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 \$2,273 from this program! This money is used to provide fees for students in need and rewards for student achievement.



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## School Nurse Message

**Kelly Krueger**

Vision and hearing screening took place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, with re-screens on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Minnesota Department of Health screening recommendations were followed to screen all students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade .

Referral letters will be mailed out in the upcoming week. If you do not receive a letter by the end of November, your child has passed and no follow up is necessary.

The screening process is not diagnostic; only an indication to whether a possible problem may be present. Further evaluation by your health care provider will be needed to determine if a problem exists. If you have specific concerns regarding your child, please call me at x1804.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with this process! If you would like to help out in the future, please call me and I will add you to the volunteer list. Thank you in advance!

### Yearbook Orders

Reserve your 2010-2011 yearbook now for the pre-sale price of \$55.00 plus tax. After October 31, 2010 the price will increase to \$65.00 plus tax.

Make your check (cash is not accepted) payable to ISD 466, Memo: 10-11 Yearbook and bring this order form and your check to the drop- box in the high school office. **DON'T FORGET TO ADD THE TAX!**

**One yearbook plus tax is \$58.78.**

**BETTER YET:** Order your yearbook ONLINE using your credit card for the discounted price of \$53.00 plus tax. To order online use the link on the high school webpage or go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and type in DASSEL COKATO as the city.

## Upcoming Arts Association Events

### The O'Neill Brothers Holiday Show

**Sunday, December 12, 4:00 pm**

**A HOLIDAY SHOW FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!** The O'Neill Brothers are nationally-known pianists who have sold more than two million CDs and have toured across the country. Their holiday show is sure to please audiences of all ages, including traditional Christmas songs as well as favorites on two grand pianos. Katie McMahon, the original voice of Riverdance, some incredible guest musicians and Irish dancers will also join Tim and Ryan for a few songs onstage. Enjoy the warmth and humor of The O'Neill Brothers as they present a spectacular afternoon of holiday entertainment that's fun for the whole family! Visit their website for more information: [www.pianobrothers.com](http://www.pianobrothers.com)

**Tickets:** Adults - \$25, Youth - \$8

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

**Reserved Seating at the PAC**

**Public ticket sales begin:** October 4

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