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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

An Introductory Note regarding the Common Core Standards to DHS Educators and our Community:

The Common Core Standards is such a benign name for a movement in education that was designed with international measures and global implications in mind. As our nation has become more aware of our shared global impact, so citizens have become more aware of the importance of looking to our educators for direction in educating this next generation of future leaders and citizens.

Unlike the previous standards movement, this shift in thinking is based on understanding how students think and how they learn. A fair amount of this information has come to us through the last twenty years of brain and learning research.

Teachers' response to reforms: Teachers respond to educational reform in a myriad of ways. This runs the gamut from "this too shall pass; therefore, I will do nothing differently" to . . . "I will learn the context, content, and philosophy behind this reform and ensure I teach it in a way that improves students." Finally, "I will measure its efficacy and make adjustments."

Most of us understand by now that our information age does not need a "just the facts" approach to education. Rather, we are looking to develop our students' ability to think in ways that are deeply analytical and innovative.

We can see these efforts in student work, student conversations, and student questions.

In a meeting last week, a staff member voiced a concern about the fact that students are always working to get better grades, but they do not seem to care as much about what they learn. My response, "Well, then, let's ensure our grading system is designed to assess learning and nothing else." This reform movement encourages this approach and shows us multiple ways to ensure learning happens.

Our perceptions shape our reality: My grandfather, who was a chemical engineer, used to say, "You can no sooner do that than put a man on the moon!" Some of us still have those phrases: "That student cannot do quantitative work. . . She is incapable. . . He just can't get math. . . The ideas behind chemistry are just too difficult for her. . . He can't learn to sit still. . . That child can't read."

Current Brain Research: . . . indicates that just as we can build muscles through physical training, we can also build neuron growth, myelin coatings, and synaptic connections just by thinking. All of us are in a state of learning and perhaps, we don't get it . . . yet. Innovation thrives on the belief that things can be learned. Ideas can become reality; this is powerfully evident in our world today.

This reform asks that all of us as educators push our students' thinking beyond mere facts and formulas to a place of initiative, inquiry, perseverance, innovation. In order to do that, we must first believe it is possible.

I am hoping that the community and the high school can form a partnership that understands these salient concepts and works toward these goals in the interest of our children.

A great New Spring to all of you!

Respectfully,

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DHS Calendar

3/1-17	2013-14 Online Course Selection (ZANGLE)
3/6	EAP Testing (Juniors Only) PTA Meeting, 7:30 pm, DHS Library
3/7	Davis High School Choir Auditions: Pre-Audition Meeting; 4:00 pm, Room P-8 Articulation Day – 12:30 release
3/8	Friendship Day
3/8-16	DHS Drama Department Presents The Breedless Kitch, (check for times), IPAB
3/9	Parent Education: How to Help Your Kids Say No, 9:00 am, IPAB The DHS World Language Fair - 12:00 - 3:00, South Gym, Free Admission A Night at the Coconut Grove -DHS, Harper & DEH Jazz Bands, Emerson MPR, 5:30 pm
3/11	Davis Madrigals Benefit Golf Tournament, 11:00 am, El Macero Country Club
3/11-13	DHS Orchestra Program Placement Auditions, PA-3
3/15	DHS Blood Drive (students and staff)
3/18-20	Davis High School Choir Auditions, IPAB
3/19	Youth IN Government Shadow Day Health Awareness Lecture: Unblemished Truth for your Skin Care, Room S-5, Noon
3/21	Youth IN Government Mock Meeting
3/23	Wennberg Music Festival (Mondavi Center), 3:00 pm
3/27	Mondavi to Globe Shakespearian Workshop, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Mondavi Center
4/01-05	Spring Break
4/09	PTA Meeting, 7:30 pm, DHS Library

Counseling Corner

Program planning is well underway. The Zangle portal will be open from March 1 to 17 for students to select their courses online for the 2013-2014 school year. For the first time, students will be able to enter their alternates as well as their first choices. For students who want to challenge prerequisites, there will be a form available at the counseling office. Decisions about these requests will be made the week of March 25.

Thanks to the efforts of one of our parents, Dawn Furie, arrangements have been made for Dr. Victor DeNoble to speak to students on March 14 at 1:00 in the IPAB about the addictive harm of tobacco. Dr. DeNoble is a research scientist who worked for Phillip Morris and was fired because his work showed how addicting cigarettes are. He testified during the Clinton years in the hearings congress held that ultimately led to the billion-dollar lawsuit settlement with the tobacco companies. He is a fascinating speaker who engages kids. Kaiser is paying his fee for speaking at schools. One student commented: "We really need to bring him to DSHS. So many people I know smoke cigarettes because they think it is cool and so many people are using drugs."

Students know the substance abuse activities among students better than parents and staff do. Whether it is hearing conversations at school, viewing Facebook, or confiding with friends, discussions about who is doing what are common. We know that the greatest influence on young people's decisions to begin drinking or experimenting with drugs is the world they live in, which includes their families, friends, schools, the larger community, and society as a whole. We also know that adults often make alcohol available to youth. After all, teens cannot legally buy alcohol because they are not 21 years old. To assist parents in having information to share with their children, the Davis Parent University is offering a lecture on "How to Help Your Kids Say No" on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM in the IPAB.

The following are terms to assist you in understanding the gradual process that leads to addiction. These excerpts are from "No Matter What the Consequence: A Guide to Help Teens Recognize and Understand Addiction," The Weiner Nusim Foundation:

"A non-user is defined as a person who does not use addictive substance or show addictive behaviors at all. Experimenters can be divided into three categories: someone who tries something a few times, doesn't care for it and returns to non-user status; someone who tries something and doesn't like it, but keeps experimenting due to peer pressure; or someone who tries it and likes it. A user voluntarily takes substances or indulges in an action for curiosity, pleasure, to reduce pain or tension, or to escape from unpleasant surrounds, conflicts or feelings. An abuser is someone who becomes preoccupied with the action or substance. Finally, an addict indulges in a particular action or needs a particular substance just to feel normal. The addict has a continuing physical need and craving, which can only be satisfied with increasingly large amounts of the substance or action."

At DSHS, one of the concerns we have is the binge drinking that occurs outside of school. Binge drinking is defined as consuming 5 drinks or more on a single occasion. As seniors near graduation, the celebratory partying increases. This is one of the reasons it is critically important that you feel comfortable in having discussions with your child before a serious situation occurs. Let your child know that you will always pick him/her up, no matter what the situation is. Remind your child to never get into a car with any driver who is intoxicated. If a person is passed out or non-responsive, let your child know s/he needs to call 911. One year, this parental advice saved the life of one of our seniors.

We commend Davis Parents DO for their efforts to provide realistic information about drugs and alcohol. You can go to their website to download tips for talking to your teen. So far, 1040 families have signed the following pledge :

To talk with my child(ren) about substance use. To not allow teens to possess or consume alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in my home; and To discourage my teens from attending unsupervised gatherings or getting into a vehicle with anyone who has been drinking/smoking.

As counselors, we want to continue to promote wellness, balance, and making healthy choices. We are here to support you in your efforts to provide safe environments for all of our children.

Career Center News

TESTING INFORMATION

Early Assessment Program (EAP) Assessment: Juniors who signed up to participate in the EAP will take the essay portion of the assessment on Wednesday, March 6th at 7:45 am in the Old Gym (students are encouraged to arrive at 7:30 am). The EAP is a voluntary program, offered in collaboration with California State University (CSU) and the California Department of Education. Students participating in the EAP will receive a score report indicating whether they are:

- College ready at the end of grade 11
 - Exempt from taking CSU's placement test
 - Exempt from remediation upon enrollment
- Not yet ready for college
 - Needs to take mathematics in grade 12
 - Needs to take grade 12 Expository Reading and Writing Class Access to CSU's English and Math for Success Website
 - Needs to take CSU's placement test

Students in this program are required to participate in the essay assessment and in the entire STAR testing series to receive a valid score. Families can find information and additional resources about the program by visiting www.calstate.edu/eap, www.csuenglishsuccess.org, and www.csumathsuccess.org.

If your Junior didn't sign up for the program's essay writing assessment, but would like to sign-up for the program, contact testing coordinator Megan Lewis at (530) 757-5400 x107 or mylewis@djud.net by the end of school day Monday, March 4th.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

The next DHS blood drive will be taking place on Friday, March 15th. Students will be given the opportunity to sign up beginning Monday, March 11th. Giving blood takes about an hour from start to finish. Donations are used to help people who need it urgently: children with leukemia, mothers and their newborn babies, burn victims, transplant patients, accident victims, and more.

There are just a few requirements for blood donors. Students must be at least 16 years old (with a signed parent consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health – no cold or flu symptoms for at least 48 hours, no tattoos within the last 12 months (piercings are okay if performed with disposable needle and new, sterile jewelry)

For more information about the drive, contact the school nurse, Rhona Youtsey, at ryoutsey@djud.net.

PTA PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (PIE) GRANT AWARDS

The PTA collected over \$25,000 in donations to our PIE funds this year. Thus far, PTA has granted staff requests for support in attending teacher conferences for math, science, world language and leadership. PTA has provided consumable supplies for the art department (ceramics materials and film) and science (dissection materials). PTA continues to help Café Diablo with needed furnishings, and to support the counseling office by paying for the Naviance license. PTA has purchased parent education videos and books. Finally, we have met technological needs for the art, career tech, English and social science classes through the purchase of hardware and software. PTA will be considering another round of teacher requests in March. Come find out how the rest of your donations will be spent at the PTA meeting on March 6.

AP Test Sales will be March 11-15 at lunch only in the Large Conference Room. Bulletins with information went home in February. Tests are \$92.00 each, no refunds. Cash or Check payable to DHS or Davis High. NEW: Purchase online at the web store now thru 3/15. Contact Megan Lewis, mylewis@djud.net for more information.

Summer Activities and Scholarship Fair - the annual Summer Activities and Scholarship Fair will be held outside the Career Center during lunch on Tuesday, March 12. At the fair, students will have an opportunity to pick up applications for jobs, volunteer opportunities, internships, and college scholarships. There will also be flyers and brochures available for various summer programs and activities. We look forward to seeing your student at the fair!

STAR testing information will be going home this month. We have a new testing format this year, please see new STAR schedule. Parents choosing to opt their child out, please read instructions for process. Phone calls are not accepted.

Local scholarships are now available for graduating seniors of a high school in Davis – this is the time of year when the local Davis community offers scholarships to seniors who are graduating from a high school in Davis. Be sure your student checks the Scholarship Bulletin and applies for these scholarships! Scholarship Bulletins can be found in the Career Center, on the Career Center's Webpage (go to the DSHS website, click on "Counseling", click on "Career Center", click on "Scholarship Bulletin") or on Naviance (click on "Colleges", click on "Scholarship List").

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

DHS Drama Department presents

The Breedless Kitsch: The Davis High School Drama Department's spring show, The Breedless Kitsch, is an original production written by Davis High and UC Davis graduate, Ben Moroski, regarding issues of racism in a small town similar to Davis. The show focuses around an incident of a noose being hung from the football goalpost. Some speculate the hate crime centers on the fact that the new quarterback is African American. The goal of this production is to raise awareness of the presence of hate crimes inspired by race, particularly at a high school, in a small town just like ours. The dates of the production are March 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 @ 7 pm and March 10 @ 2 pm.

The DHS World Language Fair: will take place on Saturday, March 9th, from 12-3 pm in the south gym on campus. FREE ADMISSION. This is a collaboration of diversity with eight different language groups in participation last year. Students, their families and community members are encouraged to join us for cultural booths, specialty foods, a wide variety of musical, linguistic and dance performances as well as international goodwill! Students and young people can enjoy collecting passport stamps at each booth. See the Chinese dragon! Feel the Taiko drums! Taste the German and French special desserts! Learn to salsa! Don't miss this educational experience.

DHS Bands Present "An Evening at Coconut Grove" on Saturday, March 9, in the Emerson MPR. Join us for a family friendly evening of music, dinner (catered by Dos Coyotes), desserts, tropical mocktails, and silent auction with fabulous prizes. Featuring the Davis High School Jazz Band, Harper and DEH (DaVinci, Emerson, and Holmes) Jr. High Jazz Bands, The J Street Jazz Cats, Sax by Popular Demand, and the Crazy Eights. Reservations are required and a reservation form can be found at: <http://groups.dcn.org/dhsbandboosters/can-you-help-with-coconut-grove>.

Upcoming Health Awareness Lecture: Is your student interested in a career in the medical profession, topics in health, and/or just interested in taking good care of your skin and body? Then they will not want to miss the upcoming jam packed, well thought out, and visually engaging lecture/ PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Eric Fromer.

On Tuesday March 19th Dr. Fromer will discuss "Unblemished truths for your skin care" covering information about skin

cancer/melanoma, impact of tanning, skin aging, acne, and other common concerns such as tattooing, piercing, nail care and common rashes. Dr. Fromer practices dermatology at the Kaiser Vacaville Medical Center and teaches residents as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the UC Davis Medical Center.

The lecture will be held at lunchtime in room S-5; he will also discuss his career and past research at UCSF. **Both students and parents (please check in at the office) are welcome!** Healthy snacks will be provided!

Youth IN Government: Students who recognize that government can make a difference in their lives have the potential to become effective citizens and voters. DHS Juniors and Seniors participating in Davis' Youth in Government Program will learn the roles of the City Council, city staff, School Board representatives and citizens in dealing with a wide variety of challenges in our community. Students will spend March 19th shadowing City and School Board officials and staff. On March 21st students will participate in a Mock City Council meeting, which will be televised on Cable Channel 16.

The Bodil Wennberg Music Festival: Award-winning Davis public school orchestras, from elementary through high school, perform classical music selections on Saturday, March 23 at 2:30 pm at the Mondavi Center under the direction of Angelo Moreno, Greg Brucker and Kim Cole. The festival provides an annual opportunity for orchestra musicians from Davis public schools to celebrate their musical achievements with our community. This concert is an impressive and uplifting showcase of the over 1000 students in the DJUSD strings program. Proceeds from the concert go to the Davis Schools Orchestral Music Association, which supports the activities and outreach efforts of the orchestra program.

This year's concert will feature 450 students in the following orchestras: Elementary All-District Strings Orchestra, Emerson/Harper Combined Junior High Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras, Holmes Junior High Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras, and the Davis High School Baroque Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra. Special guest 2013 Davis High School Concerto Competition Winner Jacqueline Liu will perform her winning piano concerto with the Davis High School Symphony.

Tickets: Adults \$14.00 - \$17.00, Children and Students \$9.00, Seniors \$10.00 - \$13.00. To buy tickets, visit http://mondaviarts.org/events/event.cfm?event_id=1277.

Mondavi to Globe Shakespearian

Workshops: Mrs. Spangler is looking for students who would like to participate in an interactive Shakespeare experience at UC Davis's Mondavi Center. The workshop is free and open to any student who wishes to fill out a permission form. Students can contact Mrs. Spangler at hspangler@djsud.net to ask for details. The next workshop is Wed., March 27th from 4:00-6:30 pm; light snacks will be provided. There will also be an April workshop at a date and time to be determined.

Davis Madrigals Benefit Golf Tournament:

The Davis High Madrigal Singers are pleased to announce that they will host a benefit golf tournament and raffle at El Macero Country Club on Monday, March 11th to support their historic tour of Italy and Vatican City this spring. This exciting event features Mary and Phil Mickelson, Sr. — who will hold a golf clinic following play discussing the fundamental techniques and strategies of the game and provide the keynote speech at the evening's banquet emphasizing how they inspired interest and passion for the game in their children, PGA Professional Golfer, Phil Jr.; ASU Golf Coach, Tim; and Teaching Pro /Golf Commentator, Tina — while instilling important values and perspective. For additional information, registration forms and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rafael Soler at respvs@comcast.net, (530) 220-0007 or visit <http://www.davismadrigals.com/madrigal-benefit-golf-tournament-march-11-2013.html>.

DHS Orchestra Program Placement Auditions: will be at the DHS Music Building in PA-3 from 3/11-3/15. Check the music rooms this week for sign-up sheets to choose audition times. The final audition schedule will be posted on March 5 with audition times. Email Mr. Moreno with questions or if you need an extension at amoreno@djsud.net.

Davis High School in Washington DC: A trip to Washington DC is planned for spring break 2014 (March 24-28, 2014). Students will travel with Smithsonian Travel to Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Holocaust Museum, Kennedy Center, Capitol Hill, National Archives, Smithsonian museums, and Washington DC monuments. For more information or to sign up on a monthly payment plan, go to: <http://www.smithsonianstudenttravel.com/>, tour #1355775. At DSHS, contact Kevin Williams or Courtenay Tessler.

Senior Information

DHS Senior Panoramic Photo: On March 12th during 5th period your senior will participate in the DHS Senior Panoramic Photo (which will appear in the yearbook and can also be purchased from LifeTouch Photography). In order to participate students must wear DHS appropriate clothing and we prefer no hats as they tend to shade the face which makes it hard to see their expressions. If you would like to purchase a copy of the photo, order forms are available in the front office. The photo will also be in the 2013 yearbook, so please make sure to purchase your yearbook to see the photo! Contact Mrs. Thomsen at KThomsen@djud.net for more info.

Graduation Tickets: On June 7, DHS will hold its graduation ceremony at Halden Field in the Ron and Mary Brown Stadium. Seniors have received information explaining how they can request tickets to the event. The ticket request form is due by March 15. You will find a Class of 2013 Graduation Letter, a Ticket Request Form, and an updated FAQ about the event at www.davisseniorhigh.net

2013 Grad Night: The annual all-night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration for all Davis graduating seniors will be held Friday, June 7th from 9:00 pm through 5:00 am Saturday morning, June 8th at Emerson Junior High School. The event promises to be an unforgettable night and perfect sendoff for our seniors including music, dancing, casino games, outdoor activities, a hypnotist show, photo booth, refreshments, a huge raffle where everyone is entered and a safe place to hang out with classmates. Grad Night is a gift to graduating students from their parents and the entire Davis community.

If you're the parent of a senior, make sure you have purchased your student's ticket and turned in his/her kindergarten photo for the always popular "Kindergarten wall." Tickets are priced at \$90 through May 31st and may be purchased by sending in the ticket form found on the grad night website, www.davisgradnight.org, with payment to the address indicated. Scholarships are available by contacting DHS counselor Courtney Tessler (ctessler@djud.net). Please also either scan or mail a photo of your student from kindergarten as directed on the same Grad Night website. Questions about kindergarten photos should be directed to kindergartenphotos@davisgradnight.org.

If you are shopping the upcoming sales, please consider donating a special item to Grad Night 2013. This is a great time to donate your Tax Deductible item and likely get a deal. Davis Grad Night hosts a "Boxer Bingo" game with boxers as the prize. Please donate new boxers of all sizes (XS - XXL). Also, we give away 200 raffle prizes throughout the night-every graduate is automatically entered if they are present. Raffle prizes (new or gently used-something your senior might want).

Donations Needed: Please consider donating a special item to Grad Night 2013. This is a great time to donate your Tax Deductible item and likely get a deal. Donations can be dropped off any time in South Davis at the Leck's house 5403 Rogers St. (South Davis) or Kam Stanley (East Davis) at 2945 Prado Ln. or Sharon Opfell (North Davis) at 807 Harrier. Feel free to email info@davisgradnight.org to let us know your item was delivered. If you would like a tax donation receipt please email before dropping off.

- Boxers: in all sizes and a variety of fun patterns and colors.
- Raffle prizes:-\$10 to \$20 gift cards (prefer more smaller \$\$ amount cards than fewer larger \$\$ cards). Items valued \$15 to \$30 to go in gift packs such as: sports packs (bike, running, yoga, golf), camping kit and ice chest pack, study kit (hot pot, coffee brewer), games, music gifts, small electronics, dorm accessories, dining gift cards, small electronics, mini-fridge, bike light, basketball, bed & bath items, desk lamp, headphones, etc. Be creative! Every graduate is automatically entered if they are present. Raffle prizes (new or gently used-something your senior might want). Raffle prizes can be delivered to Linda at laws999@gmail.com or 757-6424.
- Beverages: donations of Brand-Named sodas and Gatorade (small 8 oz size). Please donate a case of brand-named soda or Gatorade. Any flavor!
- Casino Prizes: - Class of 2013 novelty items
- Sophomore games area: Stuffed animals (extra large to beanie baby size), flip-flops (any size, singles are fine, any condition), leis, sunglasses, fun foam (even scraps), beachy head gear, and anything small and beachy. Ping pong balls, battery operated toothbrushes (used, new or not working). Powdered drink mixes (Koolaid-strawberry, lemonade, & pineapple) and sugar. Please email barbara@mcnurlin.com for drop-off address and instructions.
- Candy: variety of "penny" or snack- sized candy
- Jewelry Making: - Cording – linen, stretchy, beading wire, fishing wire; Findings – headpins, eye pins, jump rings, clasps, crimp beads, beading needles, tools, earring wires; Any beads – especially blue.

DECORATING COMMITTEES: - Chicken wire, old paint brushes, clean and empty gallon-and quart-size paint cans, one gallon chalkboard paint and one gallon white tempura paint. Michael's coupons found in the Sunday paper, large used wooden or metal picture frames 12" x 12" or larger. Old travel posters (2' x 3'), old suitcases – broken are fine, empty cereal boxes, globe, and travel postcards.

Future Dates: Donation Drop Off (DHS) and Sea Crate (DHS-behind IPAB) Open Houses (closed if raining):

- Sat, March 16 3:00-5:00 (if raining - Jen's house 5403 Rogers St)
- Sat, April 13 9:30-11:30 (if raining - Jen's house 5403 Rogers St) - open house for Sea Crate tentative
- Sun, May 5 3:00-5:00 (if raining - Jen's house 5403 Rogers St) - open house for Sea Crate tentative

PTA President's Message

There have been so many changes in the school district since my first child started in 1997, and so many changes at the high school since that same child started here at DHS in 2007. More changes are ahead, too. Our school will be implementing the nationwide Common Core standards for English, Math and Science next year. Our school has made some changes to class prerequisites and procedures for enrolling in classes where prerequisites are not met.

As always, there will be parents questioning these changes. I would like to offer two observations. First, these are changes that have been considered from every angle and are made with students' educational interests in mind. Second, adapting to change is a life skill now critical in a world where change occurs at a pace we parents could not have imagined in our childhoods. So we parents have an opportunity to model how to adapt to change—find out what the change is, understand the reasons for it, and consider that there may be unknown benefits to a system we have not seen at work. Then, if we still don't like the change, respectfully communicate our concerns through proper administrative channels.

Your PTA will be with you through all these changes. Please let us know if there is information you need, or any other way we can support you. And remember the words of Stephen Hawking: "intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

We will be discussing Common Core standards and the changes to the prerequisite process at our next PTA meeting on March 6, at 7:30 pm. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about how DHS will be changing next year. Come find us in the library.

Cathy Farman, 750-0321 or davishighpta@gmail.com

PARENT EDUCATION

Parent University lecture series continues with **How to Help Your Kids Say NO: Prevention & Understanding of Minors and Drugs and Alcohol** on Saturday, March 9th, 9-11:30am, Brunelle Theater, Davis High School. The Davis Community-Wide K-12 Parent Education Collaborative is a community partnership with DJUSD Climate, Davis Police Dept., Kaiser Davis and Davis Media Access.

This is not only about teens; it is about starting appropriate interventions to help our children say No to drugs and alcohol. You will learn about effective communication with your children, how to prevent drug and alcohol use & abuse, the impact of substances on the developing mind.

Featured Speakers include Dean Blumberg, PhD, LMFT - Adolescent & Family Programs Manager, Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Chemical Dependency Recovery Program. He is an expert in the field of adolescent development. Dean uses humor and years of clinical experience to teach about healthy and unhealthy risk taking and the adolescent mind. Also speaking will be Jon Daily, LCSW, CADC II - Founder & Clinical Program Director of Recovery Happens Counseling Services of Fair Oaks. Author of: "How to Help Your Child Become Drug Free" and "Addiction". Jon will educate us on trends, friends, family history, drugs of today and alcohol and the brain.

Only 500 seats are available. TICKETS ARE REQUIRED. To obtain FREE tickets go to: <http://helpyourkidssayno.bpt.me> (note: do not use www in address) Please email questions for the speakers to DavisParentEd@gmail.com. The moderator will review all questions before the day of the program.

The DSHS PTA recently hosted a **College Funding Presentation featuring Beatrice Schultz, CFP**. Ms. Shultz has made the information available on her website, at www.WestfaceCollegePlanning.com. You can also contact her directly at bschultz@westfacecollegeplanning.com or 650-587-1559. Due to the interest in her presentation, the PTA is planning to ask Beatrice to return next year to present again.

Last month, Davis Parent University hosted **An Evening Featuring Madeline Levine, PhD**, author of "The Price of Privilege" and "Teach Your Children Well". The presentation was taped and is available to view at <http://dctv.davismedia.org/dpu-home>, or go to Facebook under "Davis Parent University," to get the latest on Parent Education events and tools.

Davis High School Choir Auditions: The audition coordinators will notify all students who returned applications last month by email on or before Monday, March 4th. A pre-audition meeting will take place Thursday, March 7, at 4:00 pm in the IPAB, room PA-8 to answer any questions. Attendance is optional. Choir auditions will be held at the IPAB Monday, March 18 thru Wednesday, March 20:

MONDAY: Sight Singing and /Pitch Matching & Solo Auditions
TUESDAY: Solo Auditions
WEDNESDAY: Call-Backs

For further information or questions, please contact the audition coordinators: Advanced Treble Choir: Dori Anderson, doriander-son@hotmail.com; Jazz Choir: William Zinn wzinn@djud.net and Madrigal Singers: Debbie Coppinger djdcoppinger@att.net.

BECOME A PTA BOARD MEMBER!

Can you believe that in a few short months this school year will be ending? As you reflect upon this year, have you taken advantage of any volunteer opportunities available here at the high school? If not this year, how about next school year on the PTA Board? At this time every year, the PTA's Nominating Committee searches for volunteers within the high school community to become a PTA Board member.

Many parents have found that staying connected to school happenings and events is very beneficial as you navigate through the three high school years at DHS. We welcome parent involvement in PTA as there are many opportunities to help our school, teachers and children through PTA board positions and committees.

You don't need to already have served on a school PTA or committee, though that experience would be welcomed. We have seasoned parents staying on next year's PTA Board who can answer your questions and concerns. Please consider inquiring and volunteering for an open PTA Board position for next year, which are:

- President
- Second Vice President (programs)
- Financial Secretary
- Auditor
- Listserv Manager

This year's Chair of the PTA Board Nominating Committee is Bob Darragh (BBALinDavis@gmail.com; 530-753-9049), presently the PTA Parliamentarian. If you would like more information about a particular Board position or have general questions about PTA, please feel free to him. We are required to present nominees to the PTA general meeting in April for a vote, so we ask that you that you inquire soon -- call or email today!

Next PTA Meeting: March 6, 2013

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