

DHS News

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PTA President's Message

WELCOME to the 2013-14 school year! Welcome to the incoming class of 2016, and to the returning classes of 2014 and 2015! A warm welcome as well to our new school Principal, Mr. Will Brown! I look forward to getting to know you as we all begin working together this year to make Davis High School a safe, comfortable and enjoyable place for our students to learn; our teachers to teach; and the staff to provide services as needed throughout the year.

JOIN PTA! I hope that many of you have joined the DHS PTA, and that you will find a way to participate in at least one of the many volunteer roles available through the PTA to support the students and staff of DHS. If you have joined the PTA, I say, "THANK YOU!" If you have not yet joined the PTA, then I encourage you to consider joining - it is not too late! Through our Partners in Education Program the PTA supports field trips and class activities, classroom enrichments such as dissection materials for the science classes, books for the library, projectors for classrooms and so much more. PTA Membership and Volunteer forms can be downloaded from the DHS PTA website at: www.dhspta.org. Once you fill out the forms, they can either be dropped off at the DHS Office or mailed to: DHS PTA, PO Box 1303, Davis, CA 95617-1303.

PTA MEETINGS: PLEASE NOTE that the first PTA meeting of this school year is going to be held on Wednesday, September 11 and not on Sept. 4. DHS PTA meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month in the DHS Library Conference Room, starting at 7:30 pm and ending at 9:00pm. One other PTA meeting that deviates from our standard "first Wednesday of the month" is in January - when we will meet on Jan. 8, 2014, and not during the Winter Break on Jan. 1. There is a complete listing of all our meeting dates on the PTA website.

"THANK YOU" to those of you who have already volunteered your time during Schedule Pick-up, or by providing side dishes and desserts for the DHS Back to School Staff Lunch, and to all of you who have worked behind the scenes doing countless jobs preparing for this new school year! It is my hope that together we can work to build up our community, encourage one another, and always strive to do what is best for each student attending DHS!

Sincerely,

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DHS Calendar

SEPTEMBER

9/11	Collaboration Day Schedule Begins—Late Start DHS PTA Meeting—Library Conference Room 7:30-9:00 pm Last day to add/drop classes
9/13	Friendship Day
9/16-20	CSF Fall Registration, Room P-13, during lunch
9/18	Back to School Night, 6:00 pm Last day to add/drop classes
9/20	1st Quarter Progress Report Period Ends
9/23-27	CSF Fall Registration, Room P-13, during lunch
9/30-10/3	Safety Week

OCTOBER

10/2	DHS PTA meeting, Library Conference Room, 7:30—9:00 pm
10/3	CSU Workshop, Brunelle Theater, 7:00- 9:00 pm
10/4	Homecoming Rally/Assembly Homecoming Dance
10/10	UC Workshop, Brunelle Theater, 7:00-9:00 pm
10/11	Friendship Day Homecoming vs. Monterey Trail
10/12	Advanced Treble Choir—Community Idol
10/14	California Mathematic League Contest 1

Principal's Message

Greetings Blue Devil Nation!

I would like to take a moment to let you all know that I am absolutely thrilled to be your principal and am looking forward to an awesome year. I am having the best time getting acquainted with all of the members of our school community. A good amount of this summer was spent meeting with teachers, parents, staff and families. I would like to extend an opportunity for you all to come in and meet with me to share your hopes and expectations for Davis High. Please contact Kate Prien in the main office and she will schedule an appointment.

I'd also like to invite you to connect with me via social media. I am available on Facebook (DSHS Principal Brown), Twitter (DSHSPincipal) and Instagram (DSHSPincipal). This is a very convenient way for you to become connected with me, stay informed and communicate ideas about our school. Thank you all again, I am looking forward to working with you all to make Davis High a special place for kids... Go Blue!

Very Sincerely,

William A. Brown, Principal
Davis Senior High School
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CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) exists to promote and recognize high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship on the part of students in California schools. Approximately 1000 CSF chapters continue to foster the recognition, motivation, and education of academically talented students, and to promote the CSF ideal of service to their communities.

This fall, the two week registration period for students qualifying for CSF is from MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. Applications may be picked up beginning September 11 at the DHS library counter, the DHS Front Receptionist counter, or in P-13. Detailed instructions on how to fill out the application are listed on the front and back of the pink application form.

To register, bring \$5.00 and your grade report (the report card that was mailed home) from Spring Semester 2013 or a transcript to prove eligibility. If you cannot bring your grade report and must request a transcript from the counseling office, please keep in mind they may not be able to offer same-day service, so plan ahead. Report cards are reviewed and returned to the student. Please note that Q Parent Connection/School Loop printouts are not acceptable.

Registration will take place every day during lunch in P-13. No applications will be accepted after lunch period on Friday, September 27. Students must apply and register in person; applications left in advisor mailboxes will not be accepted. Make checks payable to Davis High School CSF.

Members from last semester who have not yet turned in the green sheet listing community service hours must do so before the Fall Registration period ends on Friday, September 27, 2013. For more information, contact CSF Advisor Fern O'Brien, fobrien@djsd.net

Counseling Corner

The start of a new school year is always a fresh start. Students come excited and motivated to have a terrific year. Having the right “mindset” is the beginning of learning. Student perceptions of what they want to learn, goals they want to achieve, and interest in a subject defines how they approach the learning process.

Learning is a process. It is not just about sitting in a classroom, listening to a teacher, and reading a textbook. Students learn from classroom discussions where they hear various viewpoints and participate in creative problem solving. Students need time to reflect, think of alternative solutions, and process information. If every minute of their day is programmed, they don't have time for this valuable part of the educational experience. Rest is a good thing.

The following are excerpts from an article written by Eduardo Briceno of Mindset Works entitled “Mindsets and Student Agency for School and Life Success:”

Mindset #1: A Growth Mindset: “I can change my intelligence and abilities through effort.” A growth mindset can be learned. Once students realize that their ability to think and do are a result of their behaviors they see effort as what makes people succeed. When they are motivated to focus on continued growth they persist in the face of setbacks. All of us experience setbacks in life. Rather than rescuing your child, look at this as being an opportunity for him/her to learn how to resolve a situation. Some of the greatest learning occurs from failures. An effective approach we have seen parents use in dealing with failure is encouraging self-advocacy.

Mindset #2: Self-Efficacy: “I can succeed.” Students must believe that they can achieve their goals. Share with your child that you have full confidence in his/her ability to resolve situations. It is easier to jump in and solve a situation yourself. By doing this, you are depriving your child the experience of gaining confidence and becoming independent.

Mindset #3: Sense of Belonging: “I belong in the learning community.” When students feel like they belong, they become engaged. At DSHS, participating in sports, clubs, activities, music, drama, etc., is crucial in creating this connection.

Mindset #4: Relevance: “This work has value and purpose for me.” Students engage in learning much more energetically when they value the knowledge and skills they are working on acquiring. Listen to what children are interested in and encourage them to follow their own passions.

As we plunge into the new school year, remember that one of the greatest gifts you can give your child is your undivided attention when he/she wants to speak with you. You are the most valuable person in your child's life. Take time to listen and enjoy your children.

Back to School Night!

Davis Senior High School's "BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT," takes place on **Wednesday, September 18th**. Parents meet in the Joint-Use Gym (new gym) at 6:00 p.m. for a general program featuring the principal and counseling staff. Following this program, you will be asked to attend classes according to your student's schedule. Please ask your student(s) to complete a schedule so that you can attend.

Communication Tools

Welcome to Davis High School! Many parents have found that staying connected to school happenings and events is very helpful as they navigate through the high school years. Below are some ways to stay connected at DHS.

Join the listservs! Our different listservs provide varied information. We recommend you join all that you can, to see which ones provide you with information you need. It is easy to unsubscribe if you decide the listservs are not useful to you. Your listserv options are:

Daily Bulletin Announcements--These are the daily announcements for students, and as a courtesy are sent via email to students and/or parents. Many parents find it useful for reminding students of deadlines and events.

PTA Listserv--Information and announcements meant for parents are sent out as often as needed (but not more than once a day) on this listserv.

Class Listservs--Each class has a listserv that is administered by a parent volunteer. These class listservs share grade level specific information about daily happenings of interest and grade level events. In addition, they serve as a forum, encouraging electronic dialog among families. If you have a question, concern or valuable piece of information, post it to your class listserv, as other parents may have similar questions or concerns. Sometimes this is the best method to find answers to questions you may have. You may only join listservs for the classes in which you have a student. The class level administrator's contact information is below should you have any questions.

Sophomore—Class of 2016	Administered by: Karolyn Ragsdale, dhs2014listserver@gmail.com
Junior—Class of 2015	Administered by: Julie Kuo, dhs2015listserver@gmail.com
Senior—Class of 2014	Administered by: Kris Borowosky, dhs2016listserver@gmail.com

To sign up for any of these listservs, visit <http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/signup>

Check out the **DHS PTA Website**. This is a huge source of information about high school events, including information from the current year and previous years. We are in process of converting our website to a new and more user friendly site in the upcoming months. <http://www.dhspta.org>

Check out the **DHS High School Website**. The official website of the high school, and another great source of information is found at <http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us>

Attend **monthly PTA Association meetings**. All parents are invited to attend PTA meetings. They are normally held in the DHS library the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM. Dates of all meetings are posted on the DHS PTA website.

Read the **DHS PTA monthly newsletter**. This is available on the DHS PTA website around the 3rd of each month, with an announcement sent via the PTA listserv when it has been uploaded.

Read or **subscribe to The Hub**. This student-produced school newsletter is available online and through mail subscriptions.

Join **Q Parent Connection/School Loop**. This is a great way to track your child's academic progress. To logon, visit <https://parentconnect.sis.djUSD.net>

The **Naviance** software system is available to parents interested in helping students manage the career search and college admissions process. Students receive their registration code from their counselor during the fall of 10th grade. Parents are able to obtain their registration code any time thereafter. For more information about the Naviance system, visit <http://www.davisseniorhigh.net/files/counseling/naviance.htm>

Academic Center

The Academic Center is a tutoring center at DHS that provides assistance in all academic subjects, from English to World History and Biology to AP Calculus. In addition, tutors also help in AVID and ACES classes. UCD Tutors can help with essays, math assignments, and class projects. The Center has several computers, a printer, and copies of most textbooks for students to use. Also, tutors can give input regarding college choices, scholarships, and general college life. Tutors work in classrooms and in the Academic Center. The Academic Center is located in M-2, across from the MPR and tutors are available Monday - Friday during regular school hours and for drop-in tutoring Monday—Thursday after school, until 4:30 pm.

<http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us/files/counseling/academiccenter.htm>

SAVE THESE WEBSITES

The DHS PTA:

<http://www.dhspta.org/>

Davis Senior High School:

<http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us/> or www.davisseniorhigh.net

Davis Joint Unified School District:

<http://www.djUSD.net>

PTA NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The PTA newsletter will be distributed around the 3rd of each month during the school year via the PTA Listserv. The first issue is mailed to all families, but succeeding issues will be available online at the PTA website, at www.dhspta.org. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by mail, a \$10 donation is requested; just fill out the DHS PTA Services and Membership Form 2013-14 located on the PTA website and send to the address on the form.

PTA NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The DHS PTA newsletter is published monthly during the school year. Whether in electronic or paper format, it is our primary communication tool for DHS parents and guardians.

Submission Guidelines: The subject must be related to school, PTA or DJUSD. It must follow State and National PTA guidelines for noncommercial, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian policies. Send to DHSPTAmedia@mailman.dcn.org and please include your name, e-mail, and phone. PTA volunteers responsible for the newsletter, listserv, and website will simultaneously receive your message and will help you disseminate it to the DHS community through the appropriate channel(s).

Newsletter issues by mail can be requested through the PTA website. A PDF version of the newsletter is emailed via the DHS PTA listserv and posted on the DHS PTA website. The DHS PTA is solely responsible for its content.

Looking for PTA volunteers

The Davis High School PTA is searching for volunteers within the high school community to serve as the Green Committee Chair and Newsletter Content Coordinator during the 2013-14 school year.

Green Committee Chair – this new position will be the liaison between campus recycling and gardening groups, and the district-wide Green Committee. If you have interest in this position, please contact PTA President Sally Albertson at sallyalbertson@comcast.net.

Newsletter Content Coordinator —this position entails the accumulation of articles submitted for the monthly newsletter, including proofreading articles for accuracy, and adding web links. Finalized articles are then sent to the Newsletter Production Coordinator. You will need to have availability at the end of each month and be able to work in a short time frame. If you are interested in the content coordinator position, please contact PTA Executive VP Elizabeth Tinsley at execVPDHSPTA@gmail.com.

Parent Education

Each year the DHS PTA sponsors programs to provide helpful information and inform parents of pertinent issues facing our students and families. This year the Parent Education Program is headed by Jennifer Creinin and Suzanne Emam. They also volunteer and represent DHS PTA on the Community-wide Parent Education Committee which is composed of representatives from DJUSD schools.

What's coming up at DHS?

“What Colleges May Not Tell You – and You Really Need to Know”, Sept. 25th, 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the DHS Library

The DHS PTA invites you to hear Sally Springer, Ph.D. of Springer Education Consulting, for an informational talk about the college admission process featuring key points that students and parents need to know, no matter what stage of the admissions journey you are facing. She will be sharing some college admissions “backstories” as well as highlighting points that she believes are not included in the information sessions put on by college admission officers. Sally will also be discussing points from the recently released Third Edition of her book, “Admission Matters,” which she co-authored with two other education professionals.

Save the date for the second program of the year—“Race to Nowhere” Viewing and Discussion, October 16th at 7:30 PM in the IPAB

The film is a documentary that calls us to challenge current thinking about how we prepare our children for success. Shown nationwide and internationally in more than 6,000 schools, universities, cinemas, hospitals, corporations and community centers, “Race to Nowhere” has become the centerpiece of a nationwide, grassroots movement for the transformation of education.

Featuring the heartbreaking stories of students across the country that have been pushed to the brink by over-scheduling, over-testing and the relentless pressure to achieve, “Race to Nowhere” points to a silent epidemic in our schools. Through the testimony of educators, parents and education experts, it reveals an education system in which cheating has become commonplace; students have become disengaged; stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant; and young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

A school counselor panel will discuss the film after the viewing and we hope you will be able to attend.

Look for these upcoming Community-wide Parent Education Presentations...

Mike Riera author of *Staying Connected to Your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying* will speaking on December 6th, location TBA.

John O'Sullivan, author of *Changing the Game: The Parent's Guide to Raising Happy, High Performing Athletes, and Giving Youth Sports Back to our Kids* will be speaking on March 21, 2014. A panel of local coaches will also be participating in this presentation.

Both of these speakers will focus on the Whole Child and how our community, as parents, can help our children navigate down a successful path in life. The Davis Media Access will continue to partner with the Parent Education Collaborative in the coming year by videotaping the programs and making them accessible to all at: www.dctw.davismedia.org.

Davis Parents Do

Davis Parents Do, a part of a district-wide PTA effort, seeks to educate Davis adults about the realities of drug and alcohol use by our youth. Our hope is that as parents learn about the prevalence of substance/alcohol use and the risks to teens that use alcohol and drugs, parents will take more active steps to prevent use by teens. In previous years, a pledge form was mailed with your student's back-to-school packet, but now you can pledge online at www.DavisParentsDo.org.

What is the Davis Parents Do Pledge? It's simply a commitment to...

- To host only alcohol-free, tobacco-free and drug-free parties for teens
- To discourage teens from consuming alcohol, tobacco or other drugs in my home; and
- To discourage my teen(s) from attending unsupervised parties.

If you sign this pledge your name will be included on the list of Davis families who are committed to preventing teen drug and alcohol use. Check out the list of parents who have made this pledge last year, at davisparentsdo.org. We had over 1,000 pledges! We hope that you commit to this community effort to reduce substance use by teens. Are you on the list? Look for your name at DavisParentsDo.org. <http://groups.dcn.org/davisparentsdo>

SAT Preparation Workshop

College entrance tests can be stressful and often serve as a major component of a student's eligibility when applying to college. Feel confident and prepared when you go to take the SAT by participating in our SAT Preparation Workshop. Instruction includes a review of vocabulary and math concepts and provides guidance in proven test-taking strategies that students can use to improve their score, even when they don't know the answer to a question.

Class is limited to 24 students. Instruction will allow for small groups and individual support. The class is offered Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, October 9, 16, 23, and 30 in preparation for the November 2nd test date.

There are three ways to register: online at <http://dace.djusd.net> (a \$2 convenience fee applies to credit card payments); in the Davis Adult School office, at the corner of Oak Avenue & 14th Street, 10:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Monday -Thursday; or send a check made out to Davis Adult & Community Education to 315 W 14th Street, Davis CA 95616. Cost is \$85. A 50% refund will be made if requested one week before class begins.

Davis Adult and Community Education also offers community interest courses for adults on a variety of subjects including foreign languages, arts and crafts, and technology. Visit our website, <http://dace.djusd.net>, for class information.

Next PTA Meeting: September 11, 2013

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