

DHS News

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PTA President's Message

As we head into the second half of the school year, I am pleased to report that some really great things have already happened this year! Here is a glimpse—the PTA has provided three programs to support the parents of Davis High School and their students; we've raised approximately \$24,000 and have granted those funds directly into items and programs to support the education of our students THIS school year; the hospitality committee has hosted events such as a back to school lunch and several Wednesday morning breakfasts for the staff of DHS. It has been an exciting and productive year, and I feel that the true beneficiaries of these “good things” are the students of Davis High School.

As we look to the second half of this year, the PTA will be looking for new people to join the Executive Board to take on a variety of open positions. If you are interested in getting involved, then we would love to hear from you! Please contact our PTA Parliamentarian, Darcie Houck at darcieh@sbcglobal.net. Darcie would be happy to see what areas you are interested in and seeing if there is an available position that matches your interests and talents. The nominating process begins in February, so please consider getting more involved in helping support the Davis Senior High School PTA.

I send a personal and heartfelt THANK YOU out to each person who has somehow contributed to the Davis Senior High School PTA. Whether you sent in a donation of funds, or brought an item to serve at the lunch or breakfasts, or if you came and volunteered your time to help stuff envelopes or sit on an interview panel – each of these “contributions” add up to create a whole lot of GOOD for our students! I continue to believe that TOGETHER, we can and will do great things!

Sincerely,

Sally Albertson
DHS PTA President



Thank You DHS PTA!

On behalf of Dan Ariola and myself, we just want to thank the PTA for the support and funding for our new PE equipment! We were able to purchase basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, jump ropes, badminton birdies and fitness equipment. The students will get a lot of great use out of our new purchases. Please share our gratitude with the rest of the PTA members. Thanks so much!

Julie Crawford
Davis Senior High, Physical Education

Principal's Letter

Greetings Blue Devil Nation,

Welcome to the second semester - the high stakes semester of CAHSEE, CSTs/SBAC, AP Exams and graduation. It is imperative that we stay focused through college acceptance letters, upcoming deadlines for financial aid and residence confirmation documents. Through this home stretch, please remember there is a lot of important work being done right here at Davis Senior High School. There are still projects, homework assignments, finals, and much more to finish up right here. Please keep the lines of communication open between families, students, teachers and the school. Let's finish strong.



With the winter athletic season wrapping up, I'd like to thank all of the students, coaches, parents and support people for making this year special for our kids. We offer many awesome options for the young people of our community. People here understand how important these options are for the development of all of the students in Davis and it is inspiring to watch. Your work is noticed and admired.

It is never too early to begin thinking about and planning for a safe and sober graduation night. Plans are in motion as we speak to make this a fantastic night for our graduating seniors. Every student eligible to walk in the ceremony is eligible to attend this event. The price is \$90 as we get closer to the end of the year the price goes up until the day of the event when the price reaches \$110. If you are on free or reduced lunch you are eligible for a reduced price; hardship cases should be brought to your counselor for consideration; we would like to see as many students attend as possible.

I would like to wish you all well and remind you all that you can connect with me on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. I am having a blast here at Davis High and am working to share my experiences with the community. DSHS Principal Brown... and, as always, remember that TOGETHER we can accomplish ANYTHING... Go Blue!!!

Will Brown

DHS Principal

HOW WE FUND OUR SCHOOLS: A BRIEF LOOK AT THE NEW LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA

California state law sets out the system for funding public schools. State leaders largely decide how much money is available to schools each year as part of the state budget process. In 2013, California adopted a new formula for deciding how much money each school district gets, called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

School districts will decide how to use the funds, but under the new system they must get input from their local communities. They also have to tie their budgets to improvement goals by creating a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

This CA PTA link provides a very brief explanation of these new requirements and what local PTA leaders can do to begin making their voice heard in this new process. http://downloads.capta.org/edu/e-school-finance/LCFF_Basics_and_PTA.pdf

DJUSD information regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan: http://www.djUSD.net/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1390734543156

Scholarships: Scholarship season is here! Local community scholarships offered to Davis Senior High School students only will be announced in the Scholarship Bulletin in February and March. Students are encouraged to apply for these local scholarships! The Scholarship Bulletin can be found in the Career Center, or on the Career Center's webpage. All scholarships listed in the Bulletin can also be found on Naviance.

FAFSA/Cal Grants: This is the time of year to apply for federal and state financial aid. To be considered for federal aid and Cal Grants, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2. To apply, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. For Cal Grants, the high school electronically submitted all senior GPAs to the California Student Aid Commission. This means students do not have to complete a paper GPA verification form to be considered for a Cal Grant; they will only need to submit the FAFSA.

PSAT Results: Many students who took the PSAT in the fall have still not picked up their test scores. Test scores are available in the Career Center.

School Pictures: The Career Center has many unclaimed school pictures. Students who haven't received their school pictures can come to the Career Center to pick them up.

Summer Activities: It's not too early to start thinking about summer activities. Some summer programs have early spring deadlines. Information about summer programs, study within the U.S., study abroad, travel, recreation, conservation programs and volunteering opportunities can be found in the Career Center.

DaVinci Charter Academy

There are a few openings next year for class of 2015 and class of 2016 students, in addition to many openings for the class of 2017. Applications are available on the website at <http://davincicharteracademy.net/>

Da Vinci Events: Open House/Student Presentations--Thursday March 6th 6:00-8:30 PM; Parent Information Nights--Tuesday Feb. 25th and Thursday Feb. 27th on our campus, 1400 East 8th Street, Davis, CA 95616. Call 530 757-7154 for more information. (Students may live in neighboring communities and attend Da Vinci.)

Counseling Corner

February is a busy time for our counselors. The mid-year transcripts are reviewed for repeated courses, failed courses, and approved for submission to private colleges for our seniors. We start the program planning process for the 2014-15 school year with the first event being Parent Night on February 6th for our incoming sophomores (Class of 2017). Program planning presentations will be given to all our current 10th and 11th graders as well as going to the junior highs to present to 9th graders. The new catalog is available for review online by going to our counseling website and going into the document library. (Go to: dshs.djUSD.net and then click on the Counseling tab. Scroll down to Counseling Locker and then Counseling Documents.)

There have been some changes for the 2014-15 school year:

- Senior college prep English classes will now be called: British Literature, English 12, and Science Fiction. Senior writing is integrated into these courses. We will continue to offer English Literature & Composition AP to seniors.
- Gate was changed to AIM, so we now offer English 10 AIM
- Yolo County no longer has funding for ROP (Regional Occupational Program) courses. Our district will continue to offer these courses but we have taken off the ROP designation. ROP Environmental Science is now called Environmental Science. ROP Auto Technology has been changed to Advanced Auto Technology to make it easier for students to understand that it is the course after Basic Auto.
- Special education revised their Reading/Writing Fundamentals and Writing Fundamentals courses. They will now offer Essential Writing and Reading Foundation. Our inclusion program will continue to offer Reading/Writing Fundamentals.
- Student Government is pending BOE approval to be a practical art.
- ILS is now open to students on an approved club team or an organized athletic activity as well as CIF/DSHS sports teams. Strength and Conditioning is also open to students on approved club teams. (Administrative approval needed.)

Staffing Update

Mary Hallisey will be working part-time during spring semester. She will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Jennifer Mullin is returning on January 23 and will work on Thursday and Friday. Ms. Mullin will cover all of Hallisey's juniors and the 10th grade English 10 GATE class. She will also be working part-time at Holmes Junior High School. We welcome Jenn back to the DSHS Counseling Department!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

There are some changes on the chart for high school graduation requirements. Last year, the State of California approved that Career Technical Education (CTE) courses can be used in place of Fine Arts requirements. This is for high school graduation only. The UC/CSU system still requires one year of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA). In order to be in alignment with the UC/CSU system, we changed the Fine Art requirement to Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA). We also changed the Practical Art requirement to read CTE/Practical Art. Practical Art refers to work skills related courses. In the past several years, the direction has changed to Career Technical Education. We offer 6 practical art courses and 24 CTE courses. This has been confusing to students. This now aligns with what we actually offer at DSHS. All of the courses that count for this requirement are listed on page 20 of the catalog.

GEOMETRY: The UC/CSU system now requires that all students complete geometry. A higher-level math no longer validates geometry.

AUDITION/INTERVIEW COURSES: Students will be advised before March 17 if they were selected for an audition and/or interview courses. Audition dates are listed in the catalog on page 2.

APPEAL PROCESS: Students who wish to appeal to go into a course for which they do not meet the prerequisite requirement may pick-up an appeal packet from the Counseling Office. The packets will be available February 6 and are due March 3 to Mr. McHale, Vice Principal. Students who want to appeal English 10 honors, American Literature honors, Introductory Analysis or Calculus must take an assessment test. DSHS students can choose to take the assessment on either March 5 or March 6 at 4:00 pm. (Junior high students will be taking the assessment at 2:45 pm on the same days.) Final decisions will be given to the students by March 17.

PORTAL OPEN: The Zangle portal for course selection will be open from March 8 to midnight on March 18.

NON-DJUSD COURSE POLICY: Board policy allows us to post up to 10 credits for courses from other accredited institutions on our transcripts. This could be a one-semester college course or two semesters of high school level courses. The process for locating an online school that has approved UC/CSU a-g courses is on page 49 in the catalog. UC/CSU updates their approval list yearly. DJUSD teachers do not proctor final exams for online courses. Adult Education proctors finals for a fee. All non-DJUSD courses must be completed by the end of fall semester of the senior year.

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From the school nurse: Rhona Youtsey, RN

The percentage of high-schoolers who see great risk from being regular marijuana users has dropped dramatically in the past 10 years, according to the Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey, which measures drug use and attitudes among 8th, 10th, and 12th graders. The change in attitudes is reflected in high rates of marijuana use in all three grades and could predict higher use in the future. The survey reports that only 39.5 percent of 12th graders view regular marijuana use as harmful, down from last year's rate of 44.1 percent, and considerably lower than rates from the last two decades.

The rates of marijuana use have also shown significant changes in the past two decades, with 6.5 percent of seniors smoking marijuana daily compared to 6 percent in 2003 and 2.4 percent in 1993. "This is not just an issue of increased daily use," said NIDA Director Nora D. Volkow, M.D. "... over the past two decades, levels of THC - the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana - have gone up ... from 3.75 percent to an average of 15 percent. Daily use today can have stronger effects on a developing teen brain than it did 10 or 20 years ago."

Nearly 23 percent of seniors say they smoked marijuana in the month prior to the survey, and 36 percent say they smoked it during the past year. For 10th graders, 4 percent say they use marijuana daily, with 18 percent reporting past month use and 29.8 percent reporting use in the previous year. More than 12 percent of eighth graders say they used marijuana in the past year.

"These increases in marijuana use over the past few years are a serious setback in our nation's efforts to raise a healthy generation of young people," said Gil Kerlikowske, director of National Drug Control Policy. ... Today's news demands that all of us recommit to bolstering the vital role prevention and involved parenting play in keeping young people safe, strong, and ready to succeed."

Counseling Corner (continued)

REMINDERS:

Our courses are yearlong with the exception of Library Assistant. We do not change courses at spring semester unless there is an extenuating circumstance and this needs administrative approval. Please take time to thoroughly review the course offerings and assist your child in selecting courses s/he is interested in. Students/parents may seek guidance from your counselor and teachers. Open House (February 27 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) gives you an opportunity to learn about the courses at DSHS.

We recommend the following loads for AP/honors courses: 10th (2), 11th (3), 12th (3). Weekday homework policy limits do not apply to AP/honors courses. Students need to be realistic about how much time they have to study along with their extra-curricular commitments.

SENIORS: The senior year does count for college. The expectation is that seniors maintain their GPA and do not earn any grade lower than a C. When students are accepted to college it is "conditional" based on their final grades. If they do not maintain their grades, their college admission can be "rescinded." Unfortunately, every year, we have students whose admission was rescinded for either low grades or suspensions.

Counselors are available to answer questions via emails, phone calls, or appointments. We want to ensure that students have selected courses that meet their individual needs.

Davis High School Choir Auditions

Audition application packets for the 2014-15 Davis High School's Advanced Treble Choir, Jazz Choir and the Madrigal Singers will be available at the DHS front office beginning on Monday, February 3rd. The forms will also be available on the following choir websites:

Advanced Treble Choir– <http://groups.dcn.org/dhstreblechoir/>

Jazz Choir – <http://groups.dcn.org/jazzchoir>

Madrigal Singers – www.davismadrigals.com

AUDITION Schedule

Information Meeting: Tuesday, March 4th in Room P-10 at Davis High School

Auditions: Monday, March 10 thru Wednesday, March 12 at the Brunelle Performance Hall

Applications: Must be postmarked by Monday, February 17th. Applicants will be notified on or before Monday, March 4th. A separate application form must be submitted to each choir for which students are auditioning.

Questions or requests for further information can be directed to the following audition coordinators:

Advanced Treble Choir:
Dori Anderson, dorianderson@hotmail.com

Jazz Choir:
William Zinn, wzinn@djud.net

Madrigal Singers:
Robbie Murphy robbiemurphy@sbcglobal.net

DSHS Musicians Messiah Concert

DVDs/CDs Available for Purchase — Enjoy your own personal copy of the first-ever joint concert of Davis High School's Advanced Treble Choir, Baroque Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Madrigal Singers performing Handel's Messiah. The richness and spirit of this glorious masterpiece performance features a chorus of 100 students accompanied by the unique one of a kind Baroque orchestra.

CDs of the performance are available for \$15.00, and DVDs cost \$25.00. Order forms are available online at http://www.davismadrigals.com/uploads/7/1/9/9/7199734/messiah_dvd_and_audio_cd_order.pdf

Davis High School Orchestra Auditions

All DHS Orchestra placement auditions for the 2014-15 DHS Symphony Orchestra and DHS Baroque Ensemble will be held at Davis High School in the Music Building room PA-3 from March 3rd - 7th. Check your school music room for sign-up sheets for times and requirements. Sign-up Deadline is Friday, February 21st!

Contact Mr. Moreno if you have any questions or need a sign-up extension at amoreno@djud.net. The final audition schedule will be posted Monday, February 24th, which will include your individual audition time. Requested times may be moved around to fit the final schedule. If you have a major conflict with your scheduled time, please email Mr. Moreno a.s.a.p. to work it out.

Foreign Exchange Student Hosts Needed

Host a student from France or Spain this summer!

French and Spanish students (ages 14-18) will travel to Davis to participate in a home-stay program where they will:

- Practice their English
- Live the "real life" of an American family
- Create lasting relationships

The only cost to American host families is food and lodging, as all students are fully insured and bring their own spending money and phone cards. Sharing some of your space and time can build a new friendship that crosses international borders!

Program dates are JULY 1 - 26 to host a Spanish student and JULY 30 - AUGUST 18 to host a French student. If your family is interested in hosting please contact Charlotte Semmes (518) 727-7559 or charlotte@americandiscovery.net. Please visit <http://www.americandiscovery.net/hosting.html> for more information about the

Madrigal Car Wash FUNdraiser

The Davis High Madrigal Singers invite the DSHS community to come by our FUNdraiser Car Wash, taking place on Saturday, February 15th from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Davis Joint Unified School District parking lot at Fifth and B Streets. Spend an enjoyable Saturday visiting Downtown Davis or Farmer's Market, while these talented singers demonstrate their skill and precision with virtuoso performances featuring soap, sponges and hoses. Donations are appreciated!

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Calendar

- 2/1 Davis Idol Finals, 7:00 pm Brunelle Theatre
- 2/4 CAHSEE ELA, Thursday Block Schedule
- 2/5 PTA Meeting, 7:30 pm DHS Library
- 2/6 Incoming 10th Grade Parent Information Night, 7:00 pm Brunelle Theatre
- 2/7 Appeals Applications available in Counseling Office
Break the Record Night
Friendship Day
- 2/8 Jazz Choir Cabaret Dinner, 6:00 pm Emerson Junior High
- 2/9 Jazz Choir Cabaret Dinner, 5:00 pm Emerson Junior High
- 2/10 **NO SCHOOL**—Presidents Day
- 2/11 Elections Assembly
[California Mathematic League Contest 5](#)
- 2/12 Last Day to Add / Drop 2nd Semester Classes
- 2/14 Quarter 3 Progress Period Ends
Symphony Outreach Concert
- 2/15 Madrigal Car Wash FUNdraiser, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm DJUSD parking lot 5th & B
Symphony Outreach Concert
- 2/18 CSF Spring 2014 Registration - thru 2/28
- 2/21 Spring Dance
Deadline—DHS Orchestra Auditions Applications, Mail Postmark
- 2/27 DHS Open House, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Parent Education News

Davis Parent University Lecture Series 2014

Did you miss the lecture with Dr. Mike Riera? If so, go to www.davismedia.org/dpu and watch the lecture video or catch a review with the wrap article by Jill Duman Kasapligil.

Next Lecture: March 21st, 7-9 pm, Brunelle Theatre

Bestselling author, John O'Sullivan will talk about youth sports and raising high achieving athletes in a positive atmosphere.

Find us on Facebook: Davis Parent University

Next PTA meeting, February 5, 2014

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