

DHS News

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PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MANY THANKS to all the folks working in so many ways to support our PTA and the students and staff of Davis High School! MANY THANKS to Carri Cummings-Ziegler for her hard work on the PTA Membership Drive. A HUGE THANK YOU to the PTA Executive Board, as well as the Committee Chairs, and each person who volunteers their time along the way. This is certainly a TEAM effort, and I appreciate your willingness to be involved!

I also THANK ALL OF YOU for the Partners in Education (PIE) donations the PTA has received. We have currently raised more than \$23,000—just shy of our goal of \$24,000. We will begin awarding staff grants in the upcoming months. If you have not yet joined the DHS PTA, I encourage you to download the PTA Membership and Volunteer forms at www.dhspta.org. Completed forms may be turned in to the DHS office, in the PTA mailbox, or mailed to DHS PTA, PO Box 1303, Davis, CA 95617-1303.

I encourage you to attend our PTA General Association meetings this year. The PTA meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of each month in the DHS Library Conference Room, 7:30-9:00 PM. Each meeting includes reports from the Principal, a Counselor, a teacher representative, and students involved in ASB. Attending PTA meetings will allow you to hear firsthand what is going on at DHS, and you will likely feel more informed and connected to our school and the people who are there working with our kids every day.

At the first PTA meeting in September, Counselor Courtenay Tessler shared details about the counseling departments workload and some student “activity” that had occurred during the first weeks of school. It was reported that during the first three weeks of school there were five students arrested for possession of marijuana on campus and the counselors had also already completed four “high risk assessments” (which means the counselors had to intervene with students that were “at risk” of hurting themselves in some way). All this was going on while the counselors were doing all the other work that is expected of them, such as meeting with students, completing the counseling portion of college applications, and preparing to write letters of recommendation. Further “impact” on the DHS counselors is that they currently have the highest ever ratio of students to counselors, at a ratio of 344:1. This is why I would encourage each and every person that interacts with a DHS counselor to be very polite, considerate and patient – as the counselors are truly working beyond maximum capacity.

I also encourage you to attend our next PTA Parent Ed Program, on October 16, when “Race to Nowhere” will be shown in the IPAB and plan to stay for the Q and A with secondary school counselors afterward. We hope to have a valuable dialog about the issues facing our students.

Sincerely,

Sally Albertson
DHS PTA President

SAT Preparation Class

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. It is offered Wednesday at 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>; in the Davis Adult School (DACE) office, at the corner of Oak Ave. & 14th St., 10:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Monday - Thursday; or send a check made out to DACE to 315 W 14th Street, Davis CA 95616. Cost is \$85. A 50% refund will be made if requested one week before class begins.

ATC Community Idol

Community Idol is coming! Join DHS's Advanced Treble Choir for an evening of musical entertainment at Davis' own "Community Idol." On Sat., October 12 at 7:00 pm, DHS's Brunelle Performance Hall will be the hotspot to experience our local talented vocalists vying for the title of Community Idol. Contestants will showcase their talent and wow the audience while competing before a professional judging panel for prizes. The deadline for contestants to enter is October 4, so if you or someone you know is craving 5 minutes in the spotlight, now is the time to apply! Apply at <http://groups.dcn.org/dhstreblechoir/>.

The evening will include ATC's school year performance debut and a special appearance by the local band and sensation, Red Union Blue — featuring the amazing talent of DJUSD Superintendent Winfred Roberson and DHS teacher Chris Lee. Tickets are available at Watermelon Music (207 E Street, Davis) for \$6.00 or from an ATC member. Tickets can be bought at the Brunelle Hall box office for \$8.00 the evening of the event. Proceeds benefit ATC's music enrichment program and their spring trip to New York.

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DHS Calendar

October

10/2	DHS PTA Meeting—DHS Library, 7:30-9:00 PM
10/3	CSU Workshop—Brunelle Theater, 7:00-9:00 PM
10/4	Homecoming Rally/Assembly—Students on Assembly Schedule
	Homecoming Dance, 9:00 PM–12:00 AM
10/6	Madrigal Wine Pour Fundraising—Osteria Fasulo Restaurant, 2:00-5:00 PM
10/7	German American Partnership—First parent meeting, RM N-2, 7:30-8:30 PM
10/10	UC Workshop—Brunelle Theater, 7:00-9:00 PM
10/11	Friendship Day
	Homecoming Parade, 1:15 at Central Park
	Homecoming Game vs. Monterey Trail
10/12	Advanced Treble Choir- Community Idol
	Davis Schools Foundation—Festival on the Green, Central Park Davis, 12:00-2:00 PM
10/14	California Mathematic League Contest 1
10/16	DHS PTA & Counseling Dept. present “Race to Nowhere” film—Brunelle Theater, 7:30 PM
10/17	Secondary Schools Articulation Day—Minimum Day Schedule

November

11/6	DHS PTA Meeting—DHS Library, 7:30-9:00 PM
11/8, 9,	DHS Drama Dept. Presents “Pippin” – IPAB, 7:00 PM
11/14-16	DHS Drama Dept. Presents “Pippin” – IPAB, 7:00 PM
11/10	DHS Drama Dept. Presents “Pippin” – IPAB, 2:00 PM
11/11	Veteran's Day—No School

Principal's Message

Greetings Blue Devil Nation,

There is much to celebrate as we enter the second full month of the academic year; Back to School Night, athletic competitions, our community spirit and the expanded communication capabilities that School Loop is sure to provide.

Thank each and every one of you who attended Back to School Night. It was a raging success because of your interest in our school and ongoing commitment to teachers and students. I want to thank our band leader, Director Thomas Slabaugh, our student leaders and their director, Mr. Eric Morgan, for their efforts that evening. Because of them we were entertained, fed and sent to the correct destination. I met with many of you that evening and deeply appreciate your support and kind words about my being at the helm of Davis Senior High School. I join all the staff in working to continue the promise that DSHS is a unique center of education.

I am also very proud of the beginning of our athletic season. We are competitive in all sports and, in some, highly ranked. We have the most successful athletic department in Northern California because our coaches and students are so invested. The Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 11th. Students will be on a minimum day schedule so that they can participate in the festivities prior to the football game. Whether it is football, water polo, field hockey or any of our sports, please take the time to come out and support our student athletes as they represent our school and community.

If you haven't already registered on School Loop, please do. This is an awesome way for our parents and families to stay connected with the school. You can register by going to <http://dshs.djUSD.net/> and clicking on the 'Register Now' tab on the left of the screen. The end of the progress reporting period is September 27th and grades will be sent home soon after but, if you want an up-to-the-minute update, School Loop is "where it's at."

October, November and December are sure to be busy months. In addition to Homecoming on October 11th, Secondary Articulation takes place on October 17th (a minimum day schedule will be in place then as well as Homecoming day). November brings the Drama Department's production of Pippin and first semester finals will take place December 16-20, 2013. Be sure to refer to the school website, daily bulletins and listservs for the latest information. Please contact school site personnel if you have questions or concerns that are not addressed via these methods.

Davis Senior High is a special place for kids, parents and staff: Go Blue!!

Very Sincerely,

William A Brown, Principal
Davis Senior High School
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Guidelines for Halden Field at Brown Stadium

- ◇ All students 7-12 must have a picture ID to enter all games.
- ◇ All children K-6 must be accompanied by an adult the whole time they are on campus and in the stadium.
- ◇ Any person who displays defiant or dangerous behavior will be asked to leave the stadium. We will attempt to call home for those children we are asking to leave who are not high school age.
- ◇ No one but cheerleaders and the dance team can be on the track at any time.
- ◇ No one may sit, jump or use in any fashion the vault/high jump pads.
- ◇ No outside food or drink is allowed.
- ◇ We will check backpacks and large bags.

DHS has an ID card process that is used for behavioral infractions. Students who have a minor infraction will get their ID card confiscated. If there is a second infraction they are asked to leave the event. For more information contact Laurie Williams, Athletic Secretary, lwilliams@djUSD.net.

DHS Teen Health Awareness Club

The DHS Teen Health Awareness Club and DHS Healthcare Careers Club invite you to the first lecture in their upcoming healthcare lecture series. All students and staff are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8th at lunchtime in S5, Dr. Katherine Eastham, Assistant Chief of Pediatrics at Kaiser Davis, will discuss "Which food groups do my Frappuccino's, Hot Cheetos, and Twinkies fit into?" Come hear her speak about healthy eating, exercise, and her career as a pediatrician. Snacks will be provided!

Upcoming lectures will be posted on the Facebook pages for both clubs and in the Career Center at the Healthcare Careers Club information table.

FRED DHS Drama Board

Come see DHS Drama's fall production, Pippin, featuring music by Stephen Schwartz (God spell, Wicked), choreography inspired by Bob Fosse, and stunning performances by local high school talent! Breaking the fourth wall throughout the musical, the show stopping Leading Player (Devon Hayakawa) invites audiences to watch as Pippin (Noah Papigni), a young prince, goes on a quest in search of true meaning in his life. Having won multiple Tony awards for its recent Broadway revival, PIPPIN is a musical that will dazzle you, and in the words of the Leading Player herself, take you on a "journey [that's] exciting, mystic, and exotic!" Performance Dates: November 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7pm; November 10 at 2pm. Tickets: \$8 -Students (presale), \$10 -Students (at the door), \$12 -Senior \$16 -General. Location: Richard Brunelle Performance Hall.

Davis Schools Foundation—Festival on Green

All Ages Benefit Gig to Support Davis Schools -- DHS Blue and White Foundation and Music Only Makes Sense present Festival on the Green, Saturday, October 12th at Central Park in Downtown Davis from 12:00-2:00 PM. The event will feature two stages of live music as well as food and beverages from local restaurants. The lineup of bands includes Be Calm Honcho, Cherry Royale, Extra Classic, and Kingfisher/Sea of Train, Midi Matilda, Radiation City, West Nile Ramblers, and Rita Hosking & Cousin Jack. Proceeds will benefit the Blue & White Foundation's Student Activity Grant Program, and Music Only Makes Sense, whose purpose is to produce live music events for the benefit of our local elementary, grammar, middle and high school, art, music and performing arts departments. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.showclix.com.

Counseling Corner

October 1 is when the portals open for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) applications and our busy season with seniors begins. We assist our seniors and parents in understanding the college application process by providing college application workshops (CSU – October 3 and UC – October 10 – both at 7 pm in the IPAB). Our Career Center provides the FAFSA workshop on December 3 and Julie Clayton has already begun providing seniors with information about scholarships available to them.

October is a busy month for college visits. Representatives from colleges all over the United States stop by our Career Center to explain what they are looking for in college applicants. All DHS students are welcome to attend any college they are potentially interested in (signs up through Naviance). Juniors will attend a College Night program in April. In May, we do a special NAVIANCE program for juniors on the college exploration process.

NEW FOR OUR JUNIORS: The UC's just announced that they will open the portal earlier next year. It will open on August 1, 2014 giving next year's seniors three months to work on their college application. The submission dates are November 1 – November 30. This will alleviate the pressure of doing all college applications online in October.

PRIVATE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Approximately 60% of our seniors apply to private colleges. The majority uses the Common Application process; but, some colleges, like MIT, have their own secondary report counselors have to complete. Depending on the number/type of colleges the student applies to, the activities/special accomplishments of the student, and the information that needs to be provided to colleges, counselors spend anywhere from 2-5 hours completing the college letter of recommendation and college application forms for each student. The majority of area public schools run at a rate of about 10-30% of seniors as compared to our 60%.

NAVIANCE: Naviance is the college/career web-based program provided by our PTA. In September, we introduced sophomores to this program. By now, parents should have received their code to also register for the program. The program offers an interest inventory and personality inventory which results in matches for careers and colleges that may be of interest to each student. There are over 600 career videos in Naviance, giving students the opportunity to see what is involved in different occupations (300 are available in Spanish). The College Search enables students to put in specific criteria and then view colleges that offer what they are interested in. College maps show the colleges last year's seniors were accepted to and are attending. It also has a map for the 20 most popular colleges. The Scattergrams show the GPA's and SAT scores of previous students who were accepted, denied, or waitlisted to colleges. Naviance is an excellent tool to begin the college exploration process.

PERFECTCOLLEGEFIT.COM: A new computer based program is now available for \$29.00. (Low-income students should contact their counselor if interested in this tool.) Some self-proclaimed math nerds developed this program. They identified nineteen key factors that determine whether or not a student has a positive college experience and then broke them down into 5 categories: School identity, learning environment, student life, academics and activities. After completing a 10-minute survey, the student gets a breakdown of what colleges appear to be best (and worst) fits with a detailed analysis why. This is achieved by comparing the student's answers to a large college database (over 4000 colleges) and information gained from the US Department of Education, the National Center for Education Statistics, student surveys, college resources and individual colleges.

WWW.LIFEAFTERCOLLEGE.COM: Another new website developed by a college graduate who found the experience of entering the workforce as stressful as the preparation he did to get into a college. The reason we are sharing this with you now is because it is a tool that can inspire and help students explore new possibilities for careers and colleges. The site provides in-depth information about the career paths of hundreds of college graduates sorted by job, location and university. Students can see how they got the job, view a daily work agenda, read about the pros and cons of the job, take an apartment tour, and see what life of a college grad is like in each city.

FINANCIAL PACKAGES FOR LOWER MIDDLE AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES: College is not out of reach for you. There are "need-blind" colleges that accept applicants solely on their merits, irrespective of ability to pay tuition. The UC's have the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan for families earning less than \$80,000.00 a year. See your counselor for details.

Parent Education — Upcoming Programs that you won't want to miss!

Wednesday, October 16th at 7:30 pm, Brunelle Auditorium — The PTA will be showing the film "Race to Nowhere." It is a documentary film 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.

The film features heartbreaking stories of students across the country who 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. After the viewing we will have a panel of school counselors on site to discuss the film.

Wednesday, November 20th from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Holmes Junior High Multi-Purpose Room — Does the expense of College have you a little worried? The Davis Senior High School PTA invites you to a College Funding Presentation by Beatrice Schultz, CFP. Beatrice will share ways families can pay less, tap into financial aid where possible and prioritize their source of college funds. At the presentation, you will learn:

- ◇ Steps to maximize your financial aid eligibility.
- ◇ Understanding the expected family financial contribution cost of attendance, FAFSA, and CSS profiles.
- ◇ The true cost of college: Comparing public vs. private; UC vs. Cal State colleges.

Beatrice Schultz, CFP, is the founder of Westface College Planning, and the host of *College Smart Radio-Tackling the Runaway Costs of College*, a weekly radio show on 1220am KDOW. The show can be streamed live at www.KDOW.biz on Saturdays from 3:00-3:30. Beatrice works with parents of college bound students, and hosts workshops and webinars to educate parents on how to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses and maximize financial aid eligibility.

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 by videotaping the programs and making them accessible to all at: <http://dctv.davismedia.org/>

Home Economics Careers and Technology

FOODS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

This school year is off to a good start with three very full classes of students eager to learn to cook and eat, hopefully to learn a bit about nutrition, and a host of other food-related topics. If anyone has a surplus of tomatoes or other produce suitable for canning they would want to donate, the Foods Science & Nutrition classes could use them to learn a new budget-wise skill.

FASHION TEXTILES & APPAREL

The curriculum is being expanded to include units on History of Costume and Fashion in which students will be looking for pictorial examples of contemporary styles as well as derivative styles from times past and for color studies. They need magazines that may be clipped. If you have magazines or catalogues of men's and women's wear that could be recycled into a good purpose, take them to the High School and they will get to the class.

PERKINS' FUNDING ADVISORY

Our program receives these monies for development and support of our Career Technical classes. Perkins requires that an Advisory Committee be in place for each subject area for community input regarding the type of training/education our students would need to satisfy entry-level job skills or going on to post-secondary training.

Members would meet in the fall at a brief meeting to learn about the courses and make recommendations to better tailor curricula to student needs. Members with experience in the food industry or food service and those in retail fashion or fashion production are needed. If you have this knowledge, we need five or six persons of interest. Contact Jeanne Pettigrew at Davis High School with your email and telephone number so we can set up suitable meeting time.

For more information, contact Jeanne Pettigrew, Chair Home Economics Careers and Technology, jpettigrew@djud.net.

STAY CONNECTED Register for School Loop

<http://dhs-djud-ca.schoolloop.com/>

DHS Auto Tech Program

Do you have a son or daughter that would benefit from automotive education? Did you know that Davis High School has an automotive technology training program that provides hands-on, project based learning for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students? It's not too early or too late to talk to your son or daughter about the auto tech program at Davis High.

The program is based in the DHS auto shop and Room O-3. It consists of a beginning course called Basic Auto and an advanced course called ROP Auto Tech. Both courses are year-long, worth 10 credits, satisfy DHS CTE graduation requirements, and have articulation agreements with American River College. Students who complete Basic Auto or ROP Auto Tech with an overall grade of B or higher and who pass the final exam, are eligible to receive 2 free college elective credits through the Los Rios Community College District. These credits can be transferred to any college or university and count as graduation requirements from that institution as elective credits. Students who complete Basic Auto and ROP Auto Tech and meet the above requirements are eligible for 4 college credits.

Basic Auto is an entry level course for students who would like to safely perform simple maintenance, service and inspection procedures on their vehicles to save money, and gain a sense of empowerment around automobiles. It is also a course for anyone curious or passionate about cars and automotive technology. It is an ideal course for future engineers, mathematicians or scientists.

ROP Auto Tech is for students who have completed Basic Auto with a C or better, and who would like to further explore their interest in automotive technology and engineering. ROP Auto students will increase their level of experience, training and knowledge of all automotive systems through projects they bring in or ones provided by the instructor. ROP Auto Tech also incorporates general workplace skills such as productivity, communication, accountability and reliability.

Internships at local shops and dealerships are available for some ROP auto tech seniors. No tools or personal vehicles are required for either course. To learn more about the auto tech program at the high school, contact your child's counselor or feel free to contact the Auto Tech Instructor, Robert B. Thayer, at 530-757-5400 ext. 100 or via email at rthayer@djud.net. A link to the DHS 2013-14 course catalog with complete course descriptions is provided here <http://dhs.djud.k12.ca.us/files/counseling/files/documents/DHS-Course-Final-2013.pdf>.

HOMEcomings 2013

Homecoming Dance: Our kickoff Dance for Homecoming week is Friday, October 4 from 9-midnight. The Theme is "The Age of Rock n' Roll". The attire is semi-formal: slacks, shirts and ties, nice dresses, but not ball gowns and tuxedos. In addition to our DJ, one of DHS's student bands will perform as well-Crow Canyon. Tickets are on sale for \$15 with ASB and \$20 Without through October 4, and students must have a dance contract on file in order to purchase one. Tickets may be purchased at the door for a flat \$20 if students have a dance contract on file. Dance contracts can be found on our webpage under "Essential Paperwork".

Homecoming Spirit Week: A week of fun dress-up days will get us ready for our game against Monterey Trail:

- ◇ Monday: America Monday--come in your favorite bright and outrageous patriotic gear!
- ◇ Tuesday: Tie Dye--dial it back a few decades and pull out your best tie dye wear!
- ◇ Wednesday: Western Wednesday--bring out your best cowboy or cowgirl duds and show your western pride!
- ◇ Thursday: Throwback Thursday--What is *your* favorite decade? Flash that style on Thursday.
- ◇ Friday: Freakishly Blue Friday--how blue are you? Show it off this Friday as we prepare for our big game!

Homecoming Parade: Our Annual Homecoming Parade is on Friday October 11 and starts at 1:15 at Central Park and weaves its way through downtown Davis before arriving at Davis High. Come down to see who's involved and to get ready for the big game later that night! If you are interested in making your student's Homecoming experience a hit, you can help! We have a huge need for both trucks and convertibles to carry the representatives of our school in our annual Homecoming Parade. Please email Eric Morgan at emorgan@djusd.net if you are interested in donating your car or your services as a driver.

Homecoming Game: Come out to watch the Blue Devils take on Monterey Trail! The JV Game begins at 5:00 and the Varsity Game begins at 7:15. Tickets are \$7 General Admission; \$4 for students, seniors, and children from 8-11; and Free with a Davis Senior High School ASB Card.

Find out more information about Davis High Events:

Website: <http://davishighstudentgovernment.wordpress.com/> Come here to check for paperwork, club information, and events information.

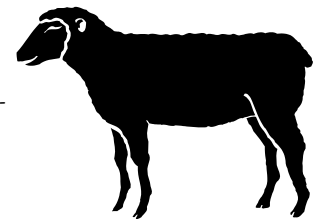
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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

It's a little-known fact, but the FFA is the largest youth leadership organization in the nation. It is open to all students enrolled in agriculture classes. At DHS, these classes include: Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Engineering, The Art and History of Floral Design, and Animal Science. The FFA provides students with the opportunity to learn leadership, public speaking, and project management skills through education and participation in FFA activities.



The agricultural education program has three components: classroom instruction, FFA, and a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). SAE's are projects that the student conducts independently, yet under the supervision of the DHS FFA advisors, Ms. Michel or Mr. Hess. These projects are generally geared towards a career field the student wants to follow. For example, a student interested in Equine Health can carry out a study on how different variables affect a horse's athletic ability.

FFA members can also take part in Career Development Events (CDE) covering agricultural related careers. These events are in the form of competitions, namely judging teams. CDE's require the students to become experts in their chosen area, and then test their knowledge against professionals. Importantly, FFA members are also able to take part in raising an animal for judging and sale at the Yolo County Fair. Students can raise chickens, hogs, rabbits, lambs, and goats. Lastly, The National FFA organization offers several college scholarships to FFA members planning to further their education after high school.

The Davis FFA holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in Ms. Michel's room, O-1A. There is also an FFA Boosters Club made up of parents of FFA members. The Booster Club supports FFA activities and raises funds for FFA events. Booster Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information on the Davis FFA, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

German American Partnership Program

Are you interested in having your student participate in a four week cultural exchange program in Germany? The qualifications are: participants must attend DSHS or Da Vinci, be 15 years old by June 2014, have a B average, and be keenly interested in learning more about life in Germany. Although knowledge of German is desirable, it is NOT required. Most Germans speak English. This highly successful exchange program has been ongoing for over 30 years.

If you decide to participate, you will host a student from Germany usually starting the last week of March until the third week in April, 2014. The German exchange group will spend 4-5 days traveling by themselves, but otherwise attend school, play sports etc. The Davis students will travel to Germany during the second week of June and stay till mid-July, 2014. Once there, they will be hosted by the German student's family, go on a 5 day trip to Berlin, Vienna, Munich, or another city. Short trips are also on the agenda (possibly Paris, Strasbourg) and much time is spent attending school and staying with families.

The total cost is about \$2,500 (variables are fuel costs, the exchange rate and personal spending habits). The first meeting for parents and students will be on Monday, Oct. 7, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in room N-2 at DSHS. Please contact Lili Floyd: lfloyd@djusd.net if you wish to participate or have any questions.

Career Center News

College Visits

College visits are here! Colleges and universities from across the country are visiting Davis Senior High School in October and November. A list of upcoming college visits is posted outside the Career Center, on Naviance, and on the Career Center's website (<http://dhs-djUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>, click on counseling, then click on Career Center).

Financial Aid Workshop in December

The annual DSHS Financial Aid Workshop will be on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brunelle Performance Theater. It will help seniors and parents understand the college financial aid process, learn about sources of student aid, and provide instructions for completing financial aid applications.

FAFSA

All seniors planning to attend college who would like to be considered for federal and state financial aid must complete the FAFSA. Students apply online **beginning January 1**, at www.fafsa.gov. The **deadline to submit a FAFSA is March 2, 2014**. For questions about completing the FAFSA, contact the Career Center at 757-5400, ext. 140, the FAFSA Help Line at 800-433-3243, or go to: www.fafsa.gov.

Cal Grants

The State of California offers financial aid in the form of Cal Grants for students planning to attend a California college. High school seniors who have at least a 2.0 GPA, meet income and residency requirements, and apply on time are guaranteed a Cal Grant. Students must submit the FAFSA and a verified GPA to be eligible. **DSHS electronically submits senior students' GPAs to the CA Student Aid Commission for Cal Grant consideration. This eliminates the need for students to submit a paper GPA verification form.**

Scholarships

The Career Center offers information and resources on scholarships and financial aid to help students fund their college education. The Scholarship Bulletin, which lists local and national scholarships, is now available and can be found in the Career Center, on the Career Center's website, or on Naviance (click on "Colleges", click on Scholarship List").

Career Center Resources

The Career Center provides student resources for college planning, job and career searches, volunteer and internship opportunities, summer activities, conservation programs, camps, study abroad programs, gap year and military options. Please contact Julie Clayton at 757-5400, ext. 140 or jclayton@djUSD.net if you have any questions about colleges, jobs, scholarships, or financial aid.

PARTICIPATE IN DHS PTA SCRIP PROGRAMS

Davis Senior High School's PTA gladly accepts donations through scrip programs from families that are not directing their donations to their sports, music or club groups. We are currently working with Nugget Markets and SaveMart Supermarkets, providing our community with scrip cards that they can use to help the PTA earn donations from these businesses. There is absolutely no cost to receive or use these scrip cards, and a percentage of card users' purchases are donated to the PTA.

Parents, teachers, students, and their friends and family purchasing items at these fine establishments are welcomed to request a card from the PTA so that you can help us earn contributions for our community. Contact Liz Grassi at eagrassi@yahoo.com to have a card(s) sent to your home. Below is a brief description of each scrip program.

REQUEST A SAVEMART SHARES CARD

SaveMart Supermarkets will donate 3% of your total purchase amount every time your SHARES card is scanned as you pay for your groceries. It is easy to use just remember to scan it when you use the self-checkout or hand it to the cashier when you use the regular checkout.

REGISTER AND REACTIVATE NUGGET / FOOD 4 LESS SCRIP CARDS
Nugget Markets and Food 4 Less Stores will donate 1% - 4% of your purchases to the DHS PTA. The amount contributed is based on your monthly purchase amount. Cards must be registered online and reactivated each August to continuing earning contributions. Scrip cards can be designated to support multiple organizations.

CURRENT NUGGET SCRIP CARDHOLDERS: Please note that Nugget Markets/Food 4 Less Scrip accounts are valid through August 31, 2013. All Scrip card users must reactivate their Scrip accounts in order to continue earning a donation for their preferred organization.

Visit www.nuggetmarket.com/community to register or reactivate your Nugget Scrip card(s). Remember, multiple cards can be registered under one family member so that cumulative monthly purchases will earn a greater percentage. When registering, please choose Davis Senior High School PTA as one of the organizations you want to support.

DHS Madrigal Singers

Join wine enthusiasts and fans of the award-winning Madrigal Singers for Wine Pour 2013, an annual wine tasting fundraiser on Sunday, October 6th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Osteria Fasulo Restaurant located in Village Homes at 2657 Portage Bay East in Davis. Enjoy tasting fine wines from more than a dozen California wineries, participate in a wine raffle, and listen to the Madrigal Singers perform at 3:30p.m. All proceeds from this event will support the Madrigals' education and outreach tour to New York City, where they have been invited to perform at Lincoln Center.

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance, or \$30.00 at the door. To purchase tickets, email Arne Hyson at maddadarne@comcast.net, or visit Watermelon Music Store in downtown Davis.

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 news-letter, including proofreading articles for accuracy, and adding web links. Finalized articles are then sent to the New-letter 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.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 2013

Monday December 16	Tuesday December 17	Wednesday December 18	Thursday December 19	Friday December 20
Regular Monday Schedule	1 st 7:45-8:25	2nd Per Final 7:45-9:50	3rd Per Final 7:45-9:50	1st Per Final 7:45-9:50
	2 nd 8:31-9:11			
	3 rd 9:17-9:57			
	Break 9:57-10:01	Break	Break	Break
	4 th 10:07-10:52	9:50-10:10	9:50-10:10	9:50-10:10
	5 th 10:58-11:38	4th Per Final 10:10-12:10 *	5th Per Final 10:10-12:10 *	6th Per Final 10:10-12:10 *
	6 th 11:44-12:29			
	Lunch 12:29-1:19			
	7 th Per Final 1:25-3:25			

Next PTA Meeting: October 2, 2013

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