

DHS News

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Davis Senior High School
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Principal's Message

Hello Blue Devil Parents & Friends,

I would like to begin this letter by giving a big thanks to our PTA for your valued input and gracious support. The entire DHS family is grateful for what you do.

Despite the news of budget cuts, DHS staff is still excited and committed to the academic success of each student. Daily classroom visits give me a refreshing reminder of how hard our teachers and students work to make DHS such a great school. As I visit classrooms, I see evidence of teachers planning and strategizing to make sure the diverse needs of all students are met.

We now have data revealing that 376 students received tutoring services from the Academic Center during the first semester. Our team of tutors conducted 3,517 sessions with these students, providing them academic support in core subjects. Data also revealed a noticeable increase in the grades of EL students who receive Academic Center support. We are proud of these students and pleased to share how the Academic Center is contributing to their success.

If you have not seen or heard, our newly installed all-weather track is lined and complete for the upcoming season. We welcome you to come out and cheer our track students to victory.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Winfred Roberson
Principal
Davis Senior High School

REMINDER: Thursday, March 11 is Secondary Articulation. We will be on an Articulation Schedule (shortened periods 1,3,5, & 7 will meet with school ending at 12:58).



Want to Learn about the District Budget?

Visit District Dollars (www.districtdollars.org <<http://www.districtdollars.org/>>) to learn about the DJUSD budget situation.

As part of the district's ongoing effort to keep the community informed, Superintendent James Hammond recently introduced District Dollars. District Dollars is a web-based, interactive program to help you understand the DJUSD budget situation. It provides information on:

- *How California pays for schools
- *How much money the district gets and how it is spent
- *The different options for balancing the budget
- *The superintendent's reduction plan

District Dollars lets you ask questions, provide feedback and share your own values about education priorities. This information will be reviewed by administration and the Board of Education throughout the budget process. District Dollars will be available as a Quick Link on the DJUSD website (www.djUSD.net <<http://www.djUSD.net/>>) through June, when the Board will adopt a final budget for the 2010-11 school year. You are invited to visit the site at your convenience.

DHS Calendar

March

Mar 1-5	lunch, Sign up for AP exams, large conference room
Tues, Mar 2	FAFSA deadline for parents of seniors
Wed, Mar 3	7:30 pm PTA Meeting, DHS library Madrigals fundraiser at Woodstocks, p. 7
Mar 5-13	Drama production "God's Country" see p. 8 for times
Sat, Mar 6	7:00 pm DSAF Dancing and Dessert, Davis Sr. Center, p. 9
Sun, Mar 7	9:00 am- 2:00 pm Blue and White FUND RUN, p. 7
Mar 8-25	Focus Groups on Teens by City of Davis, p. 9
Wed, Mar 10	7:00 pm Parent Ed- Your Teen and Sex, p. 6
Thur, Mar 11	secondary articulation, school ends 12:58
Tues, Mar 16	Career Office Fair: summer jobs, scholarships, p. 3
Fri, Mar 19	2:00 pm, Baseball teams at Raley Field, p. 8
Wed, Mar 24	Class on Teens and Depression starts, p. 5

April

April 5-9	Spring Break
April 5-8	So Cal Safari College Tour, City of Davis, p. 9
Wed, Apr 14	7:30 PTA Meeting, DHS Library
Thur, Apr 29	DHS Open House

News from the Counselors

Program planning time has arrived. The counselors will be quite busy making presentations to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. We will also present to the 9th grade parents on March 8, 2010 from 7 – 8:30 pm in the Brunelle Theater.

These power point presentations cover requirements for high school graduation, selection of courses, planning for college and instructions on how to complete the program planner. Parents can review the power point presentation on our website at: <http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us/> under the Counseling section.

Here are some pointers to assist you with the program planning process:

COURSE CATALOG: Students are given the new course catalog along with their planners. This valuable booklet describes the high school graduation requirements, a-g requirements for CSU/UC, courses with prerequisites information, and includes useful charts such as a four year planner.

PROGRAM PLANNER: After you review the course selections with your student, sign the program planner to verify that you agree with your student's choices. Be sure your student has obtained the signatures of teachers for courses that require prerequisites

SUMMER SCHOOL: We expect Summer School to be serving students who need remediation or have failed courses.

SELECTING AP/HONORS CLASSES: AP/Honors classes are college-level courses that require a minimum of one hour of homework each day. Read the prerequisites for each course, which will specify the letter grade requirement as well as previous course requirements. **If a student signs up for an AP/Honors course and then decides he/she wants a regular class, we can only make the change if there is space available.** This has been impossible for students this year in several courses.

PERMANENT SELECTION: As you complete your program planner remember to consider your choices written as your permanent choice! We have found it extremely difficult for students to change a course after the schedule has been made.

The master schedule is developed based upon students' requests. They determine which courses we offer and the number of sections. There are 65 courses that are offered once per day. Inevitably, some of these will occur during the same period and a compromise must be made. Counselors may also make adjustments for students who request changes based upon not passing a prerequisite.

PARENT LISTSERVS: The PTA sponsors Parent Listservers for each class. Parents may post questions to the counselors on their listserver, and the answers will be posted back to the list. The counselors will begin responding to questions about planning for next year beginning March 16. If you have not subscribed to the listserver yet, you may do so by going to:

Class of 2011: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2011>>

Class of 2012: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2012>>

Class of 2013: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2013>> (will be open for subscription after March 15)

ALL STUDENTS

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS: The last day to drop a second semester class is March 26, 2010.

NAVIANCE: Parent Registration codes are available to be picked up at the Counseling Office or you may contact your student's counselor.

PARENT CONNECT: Parent Connect is now up and running for families to see their students' attendance and work in progress. If you have not received your pin yet, please come in to the DSHS office with your photo ID and we can give you your unique pin, or you may request the PIN and password on the internet at: <https://parentconnect.sis.djUSD.net>. Click on "Need my login information".

OPEN HOUSE: Please mark your calendars for **April 29**, at 6 pm! DSHS will be hosting an open house where parents and families will have the opportunity to visit departments, watch performances, and

learn about a variety of opportunities on campus.

ATTENDANCE/ILLNESS: This year counselors have been working closely with administration to provide support to students and families regarding attendance. To this end, we would like to remind families that if a student is out sick for 3 days or more, we can request homework. Please contact your student's counselor to initiate the process. There is a box at the counseling office where teachers can drop off work.

If your student is out for more than 5 days due to illness, please also notify your student's counselor so that we may share the news with teachers. A doctor's note is required to clear these absences.

JUNIORS:

College and Career Technical Information Night is Thursday, March 25, starting at 7 PM in the Brunelle Theater. Please join us for an informative evening with presentations on UC, CSU, Community College, Private Colleges, Financial Aid, College Entrance Exams, Career Technical Education, and Special Needs. There will also be a presentation in Spanish. Postcards should be arriving home soon with detailed information.

SENIORS:

Senioritis: It seems early, but we are already seeing signs of this horrible "illness." Seniors, please remember, your spring semester grades count toward college admission and graduation! Colleges may rescind admission if you do not maintain the same level of work.

Diplomas: The name on your transcript is the name on your diploma. If this is not your legal name, please bring in a copy of your birth certificate, so we can update our information.

School Visits: If you are planning a trip to visit a university or college this spring, and may miss school, please come see your counselor before you leave, so that we can excuse the absence. Without prior notice these absences are not excused. If you will be gone for 5 or more days, Independent Studies can provide you with a short-term contract. Please see your counselor for more information.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Office News

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – this is the time of year when the local Davis community offers scholarships for Davis Senior High School seniors. Be sure your student checks the Scholarship Bulletin and applies for these scholarships! Scholarship bulletins can be found in the high school's Scholarship and Financial Aid Office, counseling office, or online at <[http://](http://www.dhspta.org/dhs/scholarships)

www.dhspta.org/dhs/scholarships>. These scholarships are also available on the high school's Naviance computer program.

Summer Activities and Scholarship Fair - the annual Summer Activities and Scholarship Fair will be held outside the administration building's main office building during lunch on **Tuesday, March 16**. At the fair, students will have an opportunity to pick up job applications, volunteer opportunity materials, college scholarship applications, and information about summer programs. We look forward to seeing your student at the fair!

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Helpful financial aid phone numbers and websites:

FAFSA questions? Call the FAFSA Help Line at 1-800-433-3243, or go online to <www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov>. Cal Grant questions? Call the Cal Grant Help line at 1-888-224-7268, or go online to <www.webgrants4students.org> to set up your own secure account and check the status of your Cal Grant award.

Engineering Education Information

TryEngineering.com is an excellent place to learn more about engineering education and careers. It is sponsored by IBM, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, TryScience, and the Sloan Career Cornerstone Center. Some of the most useful sections include Explore Engineering, Opportunities, Find a University, and Ask A Question.



The **Scholarship Bulletin** lists national, regional and local scholarships for high school students.

The Bulletin is updated every two weeks and is available in Davis Senior High School's Scholarship and Financial Aid Office (located next to counseling), the counseling office, or online at: <<http://www.dhspta.org/dhs/scholarships>>.

-sent by DSHS Counselors

The Davis High School **Auto Shop** is seeking donations! Below is a list of items to consider donating:

- Tools of any sort, but especially automotive tools
- Any kind of automotive parts and accessories
- Tires and rims
- Automotive service and repair equipment
- Service manuals, owner's manuals, and repair manuals
- Vehicles
- Vises, work benches



If you would like to donate any of the above items, please contact:

Robert Thayer, Automotive Technology and ROP Instructor, Davis Senior High School
rthayer@djUSD.k12.ca.us
530-757-5400 x 100

All donations are tax deductible and subject to approval.

Career Technology Education requires community input for each of their curricular subject areas to keep up with the market and career changes in the industry.

The Fashion/Apparel classes are in need of interested people with knowledge in these areas. Due to changes in businesses and educational positions, the advisors that we previously had are no longer available. Are there professionals who would be willing to meet annually with me and others to bring the current perspectives for our students interested in these fields of study and career? If so, please email me at the high school so we can discuss possible meeting time. We have classes of enthusiastic students with strong interest and future hopes who would greatly benefit from your input and knowledge. Thank you.



Jeanne Pettigrew, Home Economics Careers & Technology

Win/Win: Recycle and Help the School

I'd like to thank everyone that has brought in ink cartridges, laser cartridges (non-remanufactured) and cell phones. Our Special Education department appreciates the support. For those that don't know of our fundraiser, we collect the above mentioned items. The company we work with exchanges these items for credit towards supplies and equipment for our students. These items can be brought in anytime during business hours and turned at the main office. Special arrangements can be made for pick up of larger amounts. This is a great way to help without giving additional monies in these harder economic times. Remember, don't throw them away or drop at a store. Donate them for the students. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Press by way of email dpress@djUSD.k12.ca.us or by phone 757-5400 x170

Palabras del Director

Estimados Padres y Amigos de los Estudiantes de la Davis High School,

Quisiera comenzar esta carta dando un gran "gracias" a nuestra PTA (Asociación de Padres y Maestros) por su contribución estimada y su apoyo amable. La familia entera de la Davis High School (DHS) lo agradece por lo que hace.

A pesar de las noticias de reducciones en el presupuesto de la escuela, el personal de la DHS todavía está excitado y comprometido al éxito académico de cada estudiante. Mis visitas diarias a las salas de clase me dan un recuerdo refrescante de que nuestros maestros y estudiantes trabajan muy duro para hacer que DHS sea una escuela buenísima. Mientras visito las salas de clase, veo que los maestros están planeando para cumplir con las necesidades diversos de todos los estudiantes.

Ahora tenemos datos que muestran que 376 estudiantes recibieron servicios de enseñanza del Centro Académico durante el primer semestre. Nuestro equipo de instructores dirigió 3517 sesiones con estos estudiantes, proporcionándoles apoyo académico en asignaturas esenciales. Los datos muestran también un aumento en las notas de los estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés ("EL") que reciben apoyo del Centro Académico. Estamos orgullosos de estos estudiantes y nos da placer compartir cómo el Centro Académico está contribuyendo a su éxito.

Si usted ya no se dió cuenta, nuestra pista de carreras nueva, para todo clima, está completa y lista para la temporada que viene. Le damos la bienvenida a que venga y anime a nuestros estudiantes de carreras hasta la victoria.

Gracias de nuevo por su apoyo continuo,

Winfred Roberson

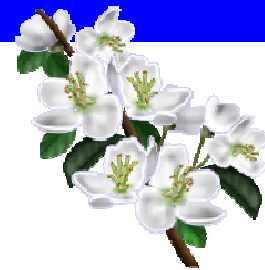
Director

Davis Senior High School

RECUERDE: El jueves 11 de marzo es Articulación Secundaria. Estaremos en un Horario de Articulación (habrán períodos acortados de 1, 3, 5, y 7, y la escuela terminará a las 12:58 pm).

Un Mensaje de los Consejeros

Ha llegado el tiempo para organizar el plan de cursos. Las consejeras estarán ocupadas haciendo presentaciones para los estudiantes de 9o, 10o y 11o grados. Habrá una presentación para los papas de alumnos de 9o grado el día 8 de Marzo de 7 a 8:30pm en el Teatro Brunelle.



Estas presentaciones cubrirán los requerimientos para graduarse de la preparatoria, la selección de cursos, el planeamiento para ir a la Universidad y como completar el plan de cursos. Los papas pueden revisar esta presentación en el sitio de internet: <http://dhs.djUSD.k12.ca.us/> bajo la sección de Consejeros (Counseling).

Estos son algunos puntos para ayudarlo con el proceso del Plan de Cursos:

CATALOGO DE CURSOS: Se les dará un nuevo catálogo de cursos a los estudiantes. Este importante catálogo describe los requerimientos para graduarse de la preparatoria, los A-G requerimientos para CSU/UC, cursos con información de prerrequisitos e incluye diagramas para planear los 4 años de instrucción preparatoria.

PLAN DE CURSOS: Después de revisar la selección de cursos con su estudiante, firme el plan de cursos para verificar que está de acuerdo con las elecciones hechas por su estudiante. Asegúrese que su estudiante ha obtenido las firmas necesarias de los maestros para los cursos que requieren prerrequisitos.

CURSOS DE VERANO: Se impartirán cursos de verano solamente a estudiantes que necesitan cursos de regularización (remediation) o han reprobado algún curso.

SELECCION DE CLASES AP/HONORES: Las clases AP/Honores son cursos a nivel de Universidad que requieren un mínimo de una hora de tarea diaria. Lea los prerrequisitos para cada curso, el cual especifica las calificaciones y cursos previos requeridos. **Si un estudiante se inscribe para llevar un curso AP/Honores y después decide que prefiere una clase regular, se podrá hacer el cambio únicamente si hay lugar disponible en la clase regular.** Esto ha sido imposible este año para muchos estudiantes en varios cursos.

SELECCION PERMANENTE: Tan pronto como complete este plan de cursos, por favor recuerde cuáles fueron sus selecciones permanentes. Es bastante difícil cambiar el plan de cursos de un estudiante una vez hecho su horario de clases. El horario se organiza de acuerdo a los cursos que pida el estudiante, determinando los cursos que ofrecemos y el número de secciones. Hay 65 cursos que se ofrecen una vez al día. Por lo tanto, algunos de ellos ocurren a la misma hora, lo que dificulta los cambios. Los consejeros podrán hacer cambios para los estudiantes que no cumplan los requisitos para algún curso.

LISTAS DE CORREO ELECTRONICO PARA LOS PAPAS: La PTA se encarga de estas listas de correo electrónico para cada clase. Los papas pueden poner sus preguntas en esta lista (listserver) y obtener allí la respuesta. Los consejeros comenzarán a responder preguntas acerca del plan de cursos del año próximo a partir del 16 de Marzo. Si no se ha inscrito a esta lista puede hacerlo en la internet en los siguientes sitios:

Un Mensaje de los Consejeros, cont.

Clase de 2011: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2011>>

Clase de 2012: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2011>>

Clase de 2013: <<http://www.dhspta.org/communication/listserver/dhs2011>>

(abierta para suscribirse a partir del 15 de Marzo)

PARA TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES

ULTIMO DIA PARA CANCELAR ASIGNATURAS: El ultimo dia para renunciar a una clase del Segundo semestre es el 26 de Marzo del 2010.

NAVIANCE: Los codigos para los papas que quieran registrarse y hacer uso de este sitio de internet pueden ser pedidos en la Oficina de los consejeros o bien contactando al consejero de su estudiante.

PARENT CONNECT: Parent Connect esta funcionando ya y es util para estar al tanto de la asistencia de su estudiante a la escuela asi como checar su progreso en clases. Si no ha recibido su clave aun, por favor venga a la oficina principal de la DSHS con una identificacion con foto. Tambien puede pedir su clave (PIN) y su contraseña en la internet: <<https://parentconnect.sis.djusds.net>> Haga un click en : "Necesito mi login informacion".

OPEN HOUSE: Por favor apunte en sus calendarios la fecha Abril 29 a las

6pm! DSHS presentara su "Open House" para que los papas y familias tengan la oportunidad de visitar los diferentes departamentos de la escuela, atender presentaciones, asi como aprender de la variedad de oportunidades que se ofrecen en la escuela.

ASISTENCIA/ENFERMEDAD: Este ano, los consejeros han trabajado junto con la administracion para dar apoyo a los estudiantes y sus familias acerca de la asistencia a la escuela. Nos gustaria recordarle a las familias que si un estudiante se enferma por 3 dias o mas, se le pedira cumpla con sus tareas. Por favor contacte a su consejero para iniciar este proceso. Hay una caja en la oficina de consejeros donde los maestros pueden depositar la tarea asignada.

Si su estudiante falta a la escuela por mas de 5 dias debido a enfermedad, por favor notifiquese al consejero de su estudiante para informarselo a los maestros. Una nota del doctor se requiere para justificar estas faltas.

JUNIORS:
Informacion acerca de la Universidad y Carreras Tecnicas: se dara una presentacion el Jueves 25 de Marzo a las 7pm in el Teatro Brunelle. Por favor asista para recibir informacion acerca de UC, CSU, Community College, escuelas privadas, ayuda financiera, exámenes de admision a la Universidad, educacion tecnica especializada. Habra una presentacion en espanol. Cartas con esta informacion

se enviarian por correo a su hogar muy pronto.

SENIORS:

Senioritis: Pareciera ser muy pronto, pero empezamos a ver senales de esta horrenda "enfermedad". Seniors, por favor recuerden que sus calificaciones del semestre de primavera aun cuentan para su admision a la Universidad y para su graduacion! Las universidades pueden retirar una admision si el alumno no mantiene su nivel de calificaciones.

Diplomas: El nombre en su boleta de calificaciones debe ser el mismo que en su diploma. Si este no es el nombre legal, por favor triaga una copia de su acta de nacimiento para actualizar la informacion.

Visitas a las Universidades: Si esta planeando alguna visita a una Universidad esta primavera, y piensa en faltar a la escuela, por favor venga a ver a su consejero antes de hacerlo, para poder justificar su falta. Si no hay aviso previo de estas faltas, esta no sera justificada. Si la ausencia sera por 5 o mas dias, "Independent studies" le puede dar un contrato a corto plazo. Por favor vea a su consejero para obtener mas informacion al respecto.

Thank you and Gracias to our volunteer translators, Alma Islas-Trejo and Poppy Strode for translating the Principal's Message and The Counseling Page.

Davis High School Community Education

Depression:

The Way Out, for Teens

Wednesdays, March 24 - May 26

Davis High School, Rm 2308,
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Class fee: \$50 per teen, \$25 per parent/
guardian

Recommended Workbook fee: \$25/ + Optional books recommended.

Persons under 18 yrs of age must take class w/parent or guardian.

This class offers a comprehensive approach to healing from depression while focusing on a teen/parent audience. This approach is also known to help with anxiety. This course was researched and developed by Dr. Neil Nedley, MD, and encourages commitment, change, and hope for the future.

- March 24- (5:30-6:30 p.m. this night only) Registration and Introduction
- March 31- Identifying Causes for Depression & Breathing Instruction
- April 7 – No Class (Spring Break)

- April 14- Lifestyle Treatments for Depression
- April 21- Nutrition, Brain Function & HITS Inventory
- April 28- Cognitive Tools To Help Heal
- May 5 - Addictions & Sustaining Change
- May 12- Positive Choices & Encouraging Calmness
- May 19- Grief, Loss & Social Support
- May 26- Improving Brain Function



For more information, and to pre-register call Holli Oram at 801-546-3845 or Maria Wuthrich at 801-725-7568

PARENT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

From the Secondary Schools Parent Education Committee

Wed., March 10, 2010—Making a Connection: Talking to Your Teen about Sex

Sue Simonson, Pregnancy Prevention and Teen Sexuality Educator

6:45 p.m.

Harper Junior High School MPR

4000 East Covell Boulevard, Davis

This event is generously sponsored by Sutter West Medical Group

This program includes teen presenters, as well as the adult presenter. Parents hear from a teen as to the real sexual pressures teens face and how early that pressure begins. Parents learn assertiveness skills to teach their teens through a series of role-plays led by the teen presenters. The continued reality of STDs including AIDS and the risks of oral sex is presented to raise parent's awareness and knowledge. Parents are taught skills on how to

keep the door of communication open in their home and help guide their teen toward healthy sexual decisions.

Questions? Please contact Harper PTO coordinator Ann Moylan, Moylan@csus.edu.

Wed., April 14, 2010—Community College Options

Don Palm, Dean Sacramento City College Davis Campus

7:30 p.m.

Davis High School MPR

315 W. 14th Street, Davis

Dean Palm will give parents an overview of the opportunities community colleges offer students. His talk will cover how community college certificates can lead students into certain career paths, as well as into other forms of higher education. Questions? Please contact Davis High PTA coordinator, Eve Dunaway, edunaway@sbcglobal.net.

The City of Davis is hosting a series of **Focus Groups** designed to elicit parents' opinions about the needs and interests of the teen population in Davis. The focus groups will be at the Senior Center Valente Room, on the corner of 7th & A Street, on the following dates/times:

Monday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on community/youth organizations)

Thursday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on PTA/Parents)

Monday, March 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on PTA/Parents)

Thursday, March 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on community/youth organizations)

Please call Community Services at **(530) 757-5626** for more information.

Grad Night

is a gift from the community of Davis to our graduating seniors .



Please consider what part you are able to play in this exciting effort. Grad Night is not a school-funded event. It is accomplished by the efforts of the parents, guardians, and friends of the Senior Class AND with the help of parents of the sophomore and junior classes as well as community members at-large.

We need Boxers for one of the traditional activities at Grad Night: Boxer Bingo! The kids play Bingo and yes, boxers are given out as prizes. Buy a pair or two and drop them off at any of the 3 locations listed below: 2419 Clemson Rd; 631 Rutgers Drive; or 3115 Shelter Cove. Contact Sue Peri at 758-6115 or <sueperi@comcast.net> for more information about Boxer Bingo.

Cash donations for grad night are welcomed! You may make an earmarked donation for boxers or to sponsor a graduate's ticket or you may make an undesig-

nated contribution which will help to offset the costs of grad night.

Please make your check payable to Davis High Grad Night, write "Boxer Bingo" or "sponsor a grad" or "Grad Night Donation" on the memo line, and mail to:

Grad Night Reservations, P.O. Box 2143, Davis, CA 95617.

Raffle prizes are also being solicited. Think of something a teen-ager would like in the \$20 price range and consider donating it for the Grad Night raffle. Gift cards are always popular. Raffle prizes can also be dropped off at one of the three donation sites.

In addition, senior parents are asked to submit a kindergarten photo of their graduate. The ideal picture size is the wallet size from the school photos but anything that can be trimmed down to 2"x3" will work. Please email a scanned version of the picture to Betsy Elzufon at <betsye@lwa.com> or to Amy Seropian at <args@sbcglobal.net> and be sure to indicate the senior's name. If you prefer to mail in the photo, just email Betsy or Amy and they'll give you their mailing address.

This year's Grad Night 2010 will be the

26th Grad Night held in Davis.

The event is a fun, never-to-be-forgotten graduation party providing a safe, alcohol/drug free environment for the graduates of Davis High School, Da Vinci High, King High School and the Davis School for Independent Study.

Each year there is a new (SECRET) theme with decorations that dramatically transform Emerson Jr. High into a fun and exciting party for our graduates.

Grad Night offers many activities such as a hypnotist show, karaoke, outdoor bouncy activities, a casino (Devil Dollars, of course), dancing, movies, and plenty of delicious food! Everything is included in the ticket price.

Traditionally approximately 90% of all graduating seniors attend.

Senior parents are reminded to purchase a Grad Night ticket for their student by visiting the Grad Night website: <www.davisgradnight.org>, downloading the ticket form and mailing it in as directed with a \$90 check.

Ticket prices will increase after May 31st so purchase tickets now!

Blue & White's FUND RUN

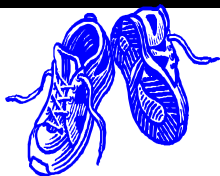
Davis High School is
BACK ON TRACK!

You are all invited to help open the new
all-weather track
Sunday, March 7th
10 AM - 2 PM
(registration begins at 8:30AM)

The DHS Blue and White Foundation
is planning a fun day of races, food, per-
formances and celebration.

Proceeds from the day will benefit the
continued renovation of the stadium. All
students, staff and teachers are invited to
join in the fun. Student Clubs are invited,
free of charge, to perform, set-up a fun
activity or information booth. This is a
great way for students
to showcase their talent, their club or ac-
tivity to the community!

Races for all age groups will be run by the
DHS Track Team. Of special interest to all,
may be the 8 X 100 Relay. Be sure to get



your team of 8 together
for this fun competition.
Superintendent
Hammond and DHS Prin-
cipal Roberson
are already getting their

teams ready . . .
look for early morning workouts!
Don't wait till it's too late.
Get your team together now.
There are prizes to be had!

Registration forms and entry fees (\$5 for K
-12 students and \$25 for adults) will be
sent home through elementary backpacks
or can be downloaded from
www.dhsblueandwhite.org. All race par-
ticipants will receive a commemorative t-
shirt. Payments may be made on-line
through Pay Pal. Checks made out to DHS
Blue and White Foundation will be ac-
cepted via mail or on race day.

Further information is also available by
contacting Nancy Peterson of the DHS
Blue and White Foundation at (530) 219-
2427 or nnpeterson@sbcglobal.net

KARAOKE AND WOOD- STOCKS PIZZA!

Wednesday, March 3 from 7-10pm!

Help support the Davis High School
Madrigals to raise funds for their In-
ternational choir competition this
July!

Print this information and present to
front counter staff that and eat at
Woodstock's on Wednesday March 3,
from 7-10pm.

Up to 25% of the proceeds will go to
the Davis High School Madrigals.

Must present this information or tell
cashier when ordering that you are
supporting the DHS Madrigals For
Pick up and Dine in orders only.
Woodstock Pizza, 219 G Street,
Davis, (530) 757-2525 check menu
at www.woodstocksdavis.com For
more information call Cindi Kerr at
(530)-758-2112.

Auditions Announced for Davis High School Choral Groups

Auditions for the 2010-11 Davis High School Advanced
Treble Choir, Jazz Choir, and Madrigals will take place
March 29-April 1.

Auditions are scheduled by mail; applications must be post-
marked by March 7. A separate application is required for
each choir. Applications are available at junior high and
high school offices and online.

An informational meeting covering all three groups will be-
gin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Richard
Brunelle Theater at Davis High School. Applicants will re-
ceive notification by e-mail of their scheduled audition
time. Auditions will take place March 29-April 1 with a dif-
ferent schedule for each group.

The Advanced Treble Choir is an auditioned chamber
choir of 30 to 40 female singers, directed by Dr. Karen
Gardias. The group performs a variety of music both classi-
cal and contemporary. For audition information, e-mail
Sally Hirst at sally.hirst@sbcglobal.net. Website:
www.dhstreblechoir.org

The Jazz Choir consists of 30 to 40 students, led by Mr.
William Zinn. The group performs in musical styles from

the 1920s through today, including jazz, musical theater,
patriotic and pop tunes. Students will be taught dance/
choreography patterns. For audition information, e-mail
Zinn at wzinn@djud.k12.ca.us. Website:
www.dhsjazzchoir.org

The Madrigals is an auditioned mixed chamber choir of
28 to 32 singers, also directed by Gardias. The group per-
forms music from the 15th century to the present, wearing
Renaissance costumes. For audition information, e-mail
Debbie Coppinger at DJDCoppinger@att.net Website:
<http://groups.dcn.org/madrigals>



For The Love of the Game

The Third Annual Davis High School baseball game at Raley Field will be on Friday March 19, 2010. Mark your calendars and come cheer for your DHS Blue Devil baseball teams

as they take on Jesuit. Gates open at 2 pm. The JV game starts at 3 pm and the Varsity game starts at 6:30 pm. Both games are free! The River Cats concessions will be open to purchase food. Parking is \$8.00 per vehicle.

Last year there was only a Varsity game between DHS and Woodland. That game had the second highest fan attendance for the 2009 pre-season high school games played at Raley Field. This year's match up with Jesuit should prove to be as much fun for the players and fans! Playing at Raley Field is an exciting opportunity for the DHS JV and Varsity baseball players and they would appreciate the support of their fellow DHS students and families at the games.

If you have any questions about the March 19th game, or would like additional information about other ways you can support the DHS Baseball program, please contact Nina Rorke at <chico212@sbclglobal.net> or 530-758-6449.

The baseball team hopes to continue these special games as an annual event to be enjoyed by the Davis Community. Please come out on March 19th to Raley Field and support the DHS baseball teams. Go Blue Devils!

Thought-Provoking Drama

The DHS Drama Department is bringing a controversial and pressing show to the stage. "God's Country" tells the true story of a group of white supremacists who attacked synagogues and killed Jewish people in the 1980s. Hate groups such as these are still around today. There are 926 in America, with the most being in California. Davis is not immune to hate crimes: in 2008, we reported six. Some included tagging schools with swastikas and phrases such as, "Kill the Jews! Kill the [n-word]!"

Please help us spread awareness and start a community discussion on the issue of hate. There will be a cast-led discussion following each performance. It is an especially great show to watch with your teenagers to teach them important lessons. The show runs March 5-6 at 7 p.m., March 7 at 2 p.m., and March 11-13 at 7 p.m at the Brunelle Performing Arts Hall on the DHS campus. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. There is a group discount of \$10 off every 10 tickets. Due to the heavy themes in the show, we ask parents to use their discretion if bringing children under the age of 13. To reserve tickets, email dhsboxoffice@gmail.com, or call (831) 224-0005

--Caitlin Glassman

DOC SCHOOL

The DOC SCHOOL is an eight-week documentary film production course for Sacramento high school students. The Spring 2010 program, presented by KVIE, the Documentary Foundation, and the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium, will introduce students to the fundamentals of documentary storytelling, cinematography, and editing. Students will be grouped into five-person teams and produce their own 3-to-7 minute films, which will premiere at the Doc School Film Festival.

The Doc School program is perfect for students with an interest in film, television, and new media, and will prepare those students for a wide range of college coursework. The class is limited to 25 students. No filmmaking experience required. Camera and sound equipment will be provided.

SCHEDULE & LOCATION

- Doc School will be held each Saturday from March 13 to May 8
- Class is held from 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- Classes will be held at KVIE Public Television, 2030 W El Camino Ave, Sacramento

Student work will be presented at the Doc School Film Festival on Sunday, May 9th from 6 – 9pm. Prizes will be awarded for films in the following categories: Best Film, Best Cinematography, and Best Editing.

TUITION

\$290 - *space limited to first 25 students*. Scholarships are available to students that can prove need.

To watch the Fall 2009 Doc School films, please visit <www.documentaryfoundation.org> Questions? call Cristina Mis 916-456-5229 or email <cristina@documentaryfoundation.org>

DAVIS WRESTLING CLUB

Be a part of the action! Learn basic and upper level wrestling techniques! Get involved in a fast-growing sport! Make new friends! Stay in shape!

BE A PART OF THE DAVIS WRESTLING COMMUNITY!

Practice
Wednesdays 6-8pm
Fridays 4-6pm
In the DHS Dance Room

Starting MARCH 3, 2010

For More Info: Contact
Coach Ty Brown
318 537 4824
at tyjzori03@yahoo.com

City of Davis Recreation Department,
A division of Community Services

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our ever-popular **SoCal Safari** trip is **April 5-8**, and enrollment is already filling up! We're going on a road trip down south to visit 6 different schools, including UCLA, USC, and Cal Poly. We'll be touring campuses, sampling the food, and getting a feel for Southern California. If your teen is interested in college but doesn't know where to go, this is a great opportunity to check out a wide selection of schools. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, February 25th, 6:30pm @ the Redwood Room on 1001 Anderson (next to Cesar Chavez Elementary School). You can also go to <http://cityofdavis.org/cs/teens/trips.cfm> for more information.

Our Battle of the Bands concert was a huge success! We had six great bands competing, and over 150 teens attending. Congrats to *Soul Intention* for taking home the \$100 cash prize! Keep an eye out for our next **Battle of the Bands** on **Friday, April 30th**.

The City of Davis is hosting a series of **Focus Groups** designed to elicit parents' opinions about the needs and interests of the teen population in Davis. The focus groups will be at the Senior Center Valente Room, on the corner of 7th & A Street, on the following dates/times:

- Monday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on community/youth organizations)
- Thursday, March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on PTA/Parents)
- Monday, March 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on PTA/Parents)
- Thursday, March 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Open to all (emphasis on community/youth organizations)

Please call Community Services at **(530) 757-5626** for more information.

During the last week of January, our Teen Activity Specialist, James Colligan, collaborated with the DHS Student Government to host "**Break the Record week**", a series of lunchtime activities to bolster school pride. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors competed in events like "Cake Corrosion," in which students had to find a Sour Patch Kid candy hidden in a giant slice of cake, with their hands behind their back! Wednesday featured a timed obstacle course and Thursday was "Puzzle Palooza."

Keep an eye out for your Teen Activity Specialist for Davis Senior High School, **James Colligan**. Look for me starting new programs and wearing a **bright green shirt**! For more information or to share questions, comments, or ideas, please contact me at **757-5626 x7359**, or email me at jcolligan@cityofdavis.org.

Thank you!

James Colligan, Teen Activity Specialist
Community Services Department
City of Davis

DAVIS SCHOOL ARTS FOUNDATION
Presents

Dancing and Desserts

at the Davis Senior Center
March 6, 2010, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$20 per person;
for reservations: www.dsaf@dcn.davis.ca.us or
call: 530 753-1138

*All proceeds to benefit the Davis School Arts Foundation, supporting and celebrating arts education in the Davis public schools since 1981.

Jazz Fans Save this Date:

Davis High School Jazz Band

and

Capitol Jazz Project

in concert

March 28th,

DHS Brunelle Performing Theater

For more information, visit

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

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. It reaches ALL high school families, whether they have Internet access or not.

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> Please include your name, e-mail, and phone. If you don't have e-mail access, please send it to the PTA box in the DHS Administration Building. PTA volunteers responsible for the newsletter, listserver, website, and web calendar 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 sent to all DHS listservs and posted on the DHS PTA website. The DHS PTA is solely responsible for its content.

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