



DHS UPDATES: August 31, 2018

Below are reminders and updates for the week! For previous DHS Updates please visit our website here: [DHS Weekly Updates](#). All are encouraged to follow DHS on Twitter at [@TweetDHS](#) and to use the Danvers Public Schools app. and the [DHS website](#) to keep up to date on all things Falcons. Parents are always welcome to visit and/or call DHS with any and all questions and concerns. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

Dear DHS Families,

We hope this email finds everyone having a wonderful and relaxing summer. We are so excited to welcome everyone back to DHS for the 2018-2019 school year!

1. Introductions, Contact Information and School Hours

Please find the contact information below for the DHS Leadership team. We would like to welcome Amy Gerade and Karen Mansfield to the team for the 2018-2019 school year. Amy Gerade is our new High School Curriculum Director and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in Curriculum and Instruction to Danvers High. Karen Mansfield is our new Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principals and is coming over to Danvers High from Highlands Elementary. Please welcome Amy and Karen to our awesome community!

Principal – Jason Colombino, ext. 2200

9th/10th Grade Assistant Principal – Katrina Esparza, ext. 2215

11th/12th Grade Assistant Principal – Sean Emberley, ext. 2204

High School Curriculum Director – Amy Gerade, ext. 2270

Administrative Assistant to the Principal – Karin Chmura, ext. 2202

Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principals – Karen Mansfield, ext. 2201

In addition, staff and faculty contact information can be found on our website on the [DHS Staff Directory](#)

School hours are **7:30 AM – 1:55 PM** unless your student has an extended AP Flex Block on a specific day. On days a student has a Flex Block, school will end at 2:40 PM.

The first 3 days of school, Wednesday September 5th, Thursday, September 6th and Friday, September 7th are **EARLY RELEASE DAYS**. DHS students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM. Students will begin their day in **Special Homeroom** on the first three days of school.

DHS Updates are sent out on Fridays during the school year through Connect-Ed. We use the DHS Updates to keep families informed of events, activities and announcements to the DHS community. These updates can also be accessed on our website under the [Quick link button / Newsletters](#). Please also utilize the [DHS Calendar](#), [DHS Athletic Calendar](#) and the Danvers Public Schools mobile app. to keep up to date on all things Falcons.

2. [Updated School Calendar](#) - parent conferences now on November 6th at DHS only to accommodate election day voting. DHS will have a regular school day now on December 3rd. For the 2018-2019 School calendar, please refer to our online calendar here: [DHS Online Calendar](#)

3. On Thursday we will have **Class Meetings** with each grade level to provide a welcome and overview of the school year. We will share information from each meeting with families in next week's newsletter.

4. **School Nurse Update** - Our school nurses are available for students, everyday Monday through Thursday from 7:20 am – 2:40 pm, and Fridays until 2:00 pm when school is in session. Our school health services are NOT a substitute for the parental responsibility for medical care, but they do serve to supervise and inform parents of student needs.

If your child needs medication during the school day, please visit our DHS website: [DHS Health Services](#)

Here You can find an online tylenol consent form, **medication order forms** (for any medication except for tylenol) for the prescribing doctor to fill out and **parent consent forms** that must be completed before **any** medication is dispensed.

Please **email** susandebenedictis@danvers.org to arrange an **appointment** to bring in the medication, forms and count the medication. This must be done by the parent/guardian. Looking forward to a healthy and safe school year!

5. CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION and INSURANCE

Chromebooks will be distributed to Freshman and New Students on the following dates and times. Thanks to the Technology Department for arranging additional pick-up times!

DHS Chromebook Distribution Dates

Tuesday, September 4th - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 5th - 12:45 - 2:45 PM - (Library)

Thursday, September 6th - 12:45 - 2:45 PM (Library)

Friday, September 7th - 12:45 - 2:45 PM (Library)

6. **Chromebook Insurance** - The cost for insurance for the Chromebook (mandatory) is \$30.00 per student. The payment of \$30.00 for insurance coverage can only be made online. You will be required to enter your child's LASID number - which is available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal (it is the number next to your child's name.) Payment will be made through your eFunds account. Be sure to designate the payment to Technology. If you do not already have an eFunds account, go to www.danverspublicschools.org, and click on DHS 1-1 Chromebook initiative. Alternatively, you can click on the following link to setup your e-funds account: [e-Funds Page](#)

YOU MUST PRESENT PROOF OF INSURANCE PAYMENT PRIOR TO RECEIVING YOUR CHROMEBOOK. ALL INFORMATION regarding the 1-1 Chromebook initiative can be found on our WEB PAGE as here: DHS 1:1 Chromebook Initiative 10th – 12th grade students who have a Chromebook must pay for their insurance by September 1st. **Chromebooks with unpaid insurance will be disabled and not be functional outside of the school day beginning on September 7th.**

7. STUDENT SCHEDULES on [PowerSchool](#) are now accessible. All students should now be able to access their schedules on PowerSchool.

Please note our policy on page 24 of the School Handbook that reads, “ the school will not consider requests for specific teachers or levels.” We kindly request that all students go through their class cycles for a couple of weeks. There is a drop/add period in September and at that time, any schedule modifications necessary are made.

8. STUDENT PICTURES will be taken on Friday, September 7th during the school day. ALL students will have their picture taken for purposes of making an ID card for each student. Families can also purchase the pictures. Information for portrait purchase will be mailed home in a separate mailing from Lifetouch, our vendor.

9. STUDENT IDs also serve as BUS PASSES. The office will affix a sticker on each eligible student’s ID that will indicate bus eligibility.

10. AP EXAMS are administered each May. All students taking an AP course are required to take the exam. For planning purposes, the cost of each exam is \$93.00. Please see Mr. Emberley with any and all questions regarding AP exams.

Save the Date!

11. [Coffee with the Principal](#) – the first parent coffee hour of the year will happen on Friday, September 13th at 7:00 AM at the Danvers High School Atrium. Please stop by to say hello and get a cup of coffee! A full list of dates for Coffee with the Principal for the upcoming school year can be found here: [Coffee with the Principal 2018-2019 Schedule](#)

Enjoy the long Labor Day weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday!

Best,
Jason

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