



DHS UPDATES: March 22, 2019

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,

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.

1. **Grade 10 ELA MCAS** is scheduled for Tuesday (3/26) and Wednesday (3/27). As a reminder, passing the Grade 10 ELA MCAS is one of the state graduation requirements. We are excited for all of our 10th graders to demonstrate what they have learned!

2. **9th Grade SBIRT Screenings** - State mandated **SBIRT** (screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: <https://www.masbirt.org/schools>) screenings will be conducted on Thursday, March 28th with current 9th graders at DHS. Anyone who wishes to opt their child **out** of the screening can email Susan DeBenedictis RN (susanbenedictis@danvers.org) or Jen Carter RN (jennifercarter@danvers.org) by March 27, 2019. Students may also opt out of the screening.

3. **#WHYYOUMATTER Campaign** - Next week, Danvers High School will launch its #WHYYOUMATTER campaign. It is a photovoice project designed to empower students and bring us together as a community. This school-wide initiative targets social emotional learning and will emphasize why the individual is important, valued, and integral to the identity and atmosphere here at DHS. Students will write their statement as part of a English class lesson and then be photographed with their statement during class. Our goal is 100% participation for faculty and students and the images will be displayed in the hallways of DHS. This campaign is a collaboration between the English department and Danvers Cares, SUFA and SADD. Our anticipated launch date is April 25th, 2019. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.whyyoumatter.org/>

4. **Senior Final Exams** are scheduled from Tuesday, April 23rd through Friday, April 26th. The schedule is as follows (All exams will take place during the regularly scheduled class time) and can also be found on our website: [2019 DHS Senior Final Exam Schedule](#)

- Tuesday, April 23rd: B and G block exams
- Wednesday, April 24th: A and F block exams
- Thursday, April 25th: D and E block exams
- Friday, April 26th: C block exam

5. **Save the Date:** [DHS Parent/Teacher Conferences](#) are on Thursday, March 28th from 5:30-8:30 pm at DHS. Please see the attached sign-up sheet for more details: [DHS Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)

6. [March Guidance Newsletter](#) - please see our latest edition of the Guidance Newsletter on our website. The newsletter can be found here: [March 2019 DHS Guidance Newsletter](#) The newsletter has timely information around College and Career planning - thanks to the entire Guidance Department for putting together such a valuable resource for students and families!

7. **Save the Date:** The **DHS Junior Picnic** is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th from 10 am - 1 pm at Endicott Park.

8. The **2019 Keys to Success Program** is once again brought to us by DEEP (Danvers Educational Enrichment Partnership) Corporate Partner *Michaud Mitsubishi* and owners Jill and Kevin Michaud. It's hard to believe this is the eleventh year of the program, and ten DHS students have won a certified pre-owned vehicle. As a school community, we are so grateful and appreciative of Jill and Kevin's generosity to the students of the Danvers Public Schools. The program has proven to be highly motivational for our students since its inception. The purpose of the Keys to Success Program is to recognize student improvement and kindness. Student reward/contract cards can be earned for Academic Improvement, Attendance Improvement, Service, Citizenship, and Kindness. All students are eligible for a card; however ninth (9th) graders will not be eligible for the "Key Off" in May due to their age. All other students will be eligible. No student may receive more than two (2) cards per year. The Key Off will be Thursday, May 23rd at 1:04 PM in the Field House.

9. **2019 AP Exam** letters were mailed to all students taking AP exams during the first two weeks of May, 2019. Please read the schedule, cost, and plan accordingly. The payment deadline is April 26, 2019. Mr. Emberley is the DHS AP Coordinator, and please reach out to him with any questions or concerns.

10. [Senior Internship Overview and Expectations](#) are now available on our website here: [Senior Internship Overview and Expectations](#). Seniors all should now have secured an internship. Any students who have not secured an internship are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Ms. Robinson or Ms. da Silva as soon as possible. For additional information, including a video of last year's Internship Fair and our Database of internship opportunities, please see our [DHS Internship Page](#).

11. **Community Service Reminder** - All community service project submissions can be submitted electronically via the form located on each graduating class google classroom, ex: Class of 2019 etc.. The form to submit community service hours can also be found here (danvers.org login required to access the form): [Community Service Submission Form](#). If you have any questions please check out our newly redesigned [Community Service Page](#) on our website or contact the Community Service Coordinator Will Black at williamblack@danvers.org.

12. NHS Tutoring - Hello DHS students! We are now into the 3rd quarter of the school year. Our National Honor Society members would love to tutor students in any subject area. These students are experienced and extremely helpful. Please fill out a tutoring form on the DHS website or email lorianketell@danvers.org, Advisor of NHS, or kjordan19@danvers.org, President of NHS. You can also just drop by A122, to speak with Ms. Anketell or to speak to an NHS member about tutoring. We would be thrilled to assist you! Here is the link to sign up for tutoring: [NHS Tutoring Request Form](#)

13. DHS Late Bus - The late bus runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Students are asked to sign up in advance for the late bus with Mrs. Mansfield in the Main Office. The Late Bus departs DHS from the front entrance by the atrium at 3:15 pm.

14. Save the Date - NACAC College Fair for Juniors: On Thursday, April 4th, NACAC will be hosting a college fair at the World Trade Center in Boston. Over 400 colleges and universities will be represented. The Guidance Department will be bringing all members of the junior class by bus to the fair. Cost is only \$5 per student. Permission forms and fee will be due by March 29th. Students will be receiving information through their English classes.

15. Volunteers Needed - 2019 Career Fair! - DHS is holding our annual CAREER FAIR on Thursday, April 11th from 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM in the Vye Gym. This fair is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Danvers and State Representative Ted Speliotis. We are seeking representatives from local employers and a variety of businesses. Business representatives will speak with high school students and explain their chosen profession. If you are able to attend, kindly email Mr. Emberley (emberley@danvers.org). Thank you so much for the consideration. The event is always quite popular with our students!

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Enjoy the weekend!

Best,

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