



DHS UPDATES: April 12, 2019 - April Vacation Edition

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!

****DHS is closed for April break next week. We start back up on Monday, April 22nd.***

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. [Senior Final Exams](#) are scheduled from Tuesday, April 23rd through Friday, April 26th. Please note that seniors are expected in class for **regular and full school days through 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

2. [Senior Internship Overview and Expectations](#) are available on our website here: [Senior Internship Overview and Expectations](#). For additional information, including a video of last year's Internship Fair and our Database of internship opportunities, please see our [DHS Internship Page](#).

3. **2019 Graduation Cap and Gowns** - we wanted to clarify that we will have traditional blue and white cap and gowns for the Class of 2019. Any student who would like to change their cap and gown color (from blue to white or vice versa) may do so by contacting Karin Chmura in person or by email at karinchmura@danvers.org by April 25th. We will continue to gather feedback from students, staff, families and other community members around future graduation ceremonies.

4. [DHS Band Mattress Fundraiser](#) - Saturday, April 27, 2019

7th Annual Mattress Sale! On Saturday, April 27th, the Danvers High School Band will sponsor the 7th annual mattress sale. For the past 6 years, we have sold over 400 mattress sets to members of our community! Quality at reasonable prices! The mattress sale will be in the Danvers High School Vye Gym from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

COUPON & EVENT LINK: <http://www.danversband.org/annual-mattress-sale.html>

There will be 24 name-brand sets by Simmons Beautyrest, Restonic and Therapedic on display to try out and a team of experts to answer any question you might have.

From 30-50% below retail - If you are in need of a mattress set (or mattress) or if you know of any family or friends that need of one, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD and stop by on Saturday, April 27th.

5. Class of 2019 Project Graduation - The Danvers High School Project Graduation

Committee is proud to sponsor the Annual All-Night Graduation Party for the Class of 2019. Project Graduation provides a safe, alcohol-free, drug-free environment for all graduating seniors to celebrate their graduation with their fellow classmates. Once again, the party will be held at the Lynch/Van Otterloo YMCA in Marblehead on graduation night, Saturday, June 8th. Activities include a DJ, karaoke, board games, photo opportunities, Caricatures, a pool with an inflatable obstacle course, fun fitness sessions, basketball and a hypnotist. There will also be plenty of food and beverages provided during the evening. The event will conclude with a complimentary breakfast at the Danversport Restaurant on Sunday morning, June 9th.

Registration is still open for this great event. Student registration forms were distributed in March. Registration forms can also be found on our website at www.DHSProjectGrad.org. All registration forms are due back by Friday, April 26th. Forms can be turned in to the Main Office at DHS during regular school hours Monday- Friday. Payment of \$25 must be made when registering. Cash or checks accepted. Checks should be made payable to Project Graduation.

6. Volunteers & Sponsors Needed - Project Graduation - Project Graduation is a parent volunteer committee. We are currently seeking volunteers to help put on this great event. If you are available and interested in helping out please visit our online sign up here: [Project Graduation Volunteer Sign Up](#). Danvers High Project Graduation costs about \$10,000 to run and it is funded almost entirely through the generosity of businesses and individuals with connections to Danvers. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please visit www.DHSProjectGrad.org for more information. The next Project Graduation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at DHS at 6:30pm. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Verry at mbverry@comcast.net; Follow us on Facebook Page @DHSProjectGrad; Twitter @DanversHighPG; Instagram Danvers Project Graduation; Website: DHSProjectGrad.org

7. Seal of Biliteracy Opportunity - Please see the linked letter to the DHS community for information on this exciting opportunity for DHS students: [Seal of Biliteracy Letter](#)

8. #WHYYOUMATTER Campaign - The Danvers High School #WHYYOUMATTER campaign is well underway! 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/>

9. Junior Prom and Picnic - Save the Date: The DHS **Junior Prom** is Friday, April 26th from 7 pm - 11 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel in Danvers. The **DHS Junior Picnic** is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th from 10 am - 1 pm at Endicott Park.

10. 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.

11. **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.

12. **Spring Concerts** - Our annual Spring concerts are the week after vacation. Our Mixed Chorus and Concert Band will perform on Wednesday, April 24th from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Our Jazz Band and Chamber Singers will perform on Thursday, April 25th from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Both events are being held in the DHS Auditorium. Come on out and support our top-notch Music Department!

13. **Community Service:** Spring is here and so are multiple opportunities for completion of Community Service! There are lots of events in April and May that need DHS student's help. Please see the [Current Community Service Sheet](#) for a varied selection of upcoming events to sign up for. Students should see Mr Black in B101 to sign up for events. He can also be reached by email at williamblack@danvers.org

14. **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](#)

15. 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.

Closing

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable vacation!

Best,

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