



DHS UPDATES: August 30, 2019 - Welcome Back!

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 2019-2020 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 Peter DiMauro to our team for the upcoming school year. Peter is our new 9th and 10th grade Assistant Principal, and was previously a science teacher and STEM Coach.

Principal – Jason Colombino, ext. 2200

9th/10th Grade Assistant Principal – Peter DiMauro, ext. 2215

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

High School Curriculum Director – Amy Gerade, ext. 2270

Athletic Director - Andrew St. Pierre, ext. 2286

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 4th, Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th 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. 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.

3. **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.

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!

4. **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 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 6th.***

5. **STUDENT SCHEDULES** on PowerSchool are now accessible. All students should now be able to access their schedules on PowerSchool. Please reach out to our Guidance Department with any schedule questions.

6. **STUDENT PICTURES** will be taken on Friday, September 6th 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.

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

8. 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.

9. [Student Handbook](#) - Our 2019-2020 DHS Student Handbook can be found online here: [DHS 19-20 Student Handbook](#). Please review the handbook for important policies, procedures and expectations.

Closing

Have a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school!

Best,
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