



## DHS UPDATES: November 15, 2019

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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!

**1. DHS Volleyball** is playing in the Division 2 State Final on Saturday at 3pm at Worcester State University. Come on out wearing your Blue and White to support our Falcons!!!!

**2a. Quarter 1 Report Cards** will be distributed to students on Wednesday, November 20th.

**2b. Attendance & Tardy** - School counselors and DHS administration have reviewed first quarter absenteeism, identified students at risk of chronic absenteeism, and mailed letters home today detailing our attendance policy and supports. The term “chronic absenteeism” is defined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as missing 10% or more of the school year, or 18 days (2 days per month) during the 180 day school year. Chronic absenteeism is associated with poor academic outcomes and a decreased likelihood of graduating high school. Please make every effort to ensure our students are present and on time to DHS every morning by 7:30 AM.

Our academic eligibility, attendance and all other policies and procedures can be found in the [DHS 2019-2020 Student Handbook](#).

3. The DHS Nurses are conducting **Grade 10 height, weight, vision and hearing screenings next week** during Project Challenge I classes. Any opt outs may be emailed to [susandebenedictis@danvers.org](mailto:susandebenedictis@danvers.org) and/or [jennifercarter@danvers.org](mailto:jennifercarter@danvers.org)

4. **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams** - Please see the attached flyer for more information on AP exams and fees. As a reminder \$40 per AP exam is due **today**. Checks can be made payable to Danvers Public Schools. Please contact Mr. Emberley at [emberley@danvers.org](mailto:emberley@danvers.org) with any additional questions.

5. **Student Sports Passes** are now available for all Danvers High School Students. The Pass admits 1 student to ALL DHS home football, basketball and hockey games throughout the 2019-2020 school year. The cost is \$40. Cash or check (made payable to Danvers High School Athletics) are accepted. Please see Mrs. Hennessey in the Athletic Office to purchase tickets. Go Falcons!

### **6. 2019/2020 WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION AT DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL**

Any student who wishes to participate in a sport at Danvers High School this coming 2019/2020 winter season can do so **now through November 18<sup>th</sup>** by registering and paying\* on-line at: [www.danverspublicschools.org/dhs/athletics/](http://www.danverspublicschools.org/dhs/athletics/)

**The Athletic Department MUST have in possession an updated physical and payment\* MUST be received PRIOR to try-outs. These are clearance requirements, and will be strictly enforced.** The start date for all winter sports is Monday December 2nd. To avoid any delay in a student's participation on this start date, please make sure you register and have completed the clearance requirements by **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Winter sports offered at Danvers High School are:

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Ice Hockey
- Boys and Girls Indoor Track
- Boys and Girls Swimming,
- Wrestling
- Gymnastics
- Basketball Cheering & Hockey Cheering

Announcements will be made at a later date with specific times and locations for tryouts for each individual sport.

Please contact Colette Hennessey in the Athletic Department at [colettehennessey@danvers.org](mailto:colettehennessey@danvers.org) or by calling 978-774-7133 x2288 with any questions regarding registration.

*\*Payment – A financial waiver may be available for those having financial difficulties. Please send your request via email to the High School Principal for approval.*

**7. Late Bus Update** - The late bus at DHS is now up and running. Students will be picked up between 3:00-3:15 at DHS on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see Mrs. Mansfield in the Main Office to sign up for the late bus.

**8. Senior Yearbook Ad** - please see the attached flyer for more information on Senior Yearbook ads.

**9. Senior Yearbook Information:** The deadline for submission of your student's senior portrait is Wednesday, November 27th. Pictures can be emailed as a jpeg, png, tif, or gif attachment to the yearbook adviser, Christian Mielcarek, at [christianmielcarek@danvers.org](mailto:christianmielcarek@danvers.org). Photos taken by any studio/photographer are accepted, and for those who had pictures taken by WEPS, Mercer, Precious Details, or Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch, no action is necessary. Your photographer will supply the school with the photo. If you have already submitted your student's photo, thank you and please disregard this message. If no photo is supplied, we will reach out to your student before using their most-recent DHS identification photo. Throughout the year, additional yearbook information and deadlines will be posted on your student's Class of 2020 Google Classroom page.

Lastly, please feel free to contact Christian Mielcarek with yearbook-related questions at any time. He will be sure to respond in a timely fashion.

## **Save the Date**

10. **Falcons' Finest** is Tuesday, November 26th at 7 pm. Tickets can be bought online at <http://buytickets.at/falconsfinest1/320049>, at the door and in school. The event is run by the DHS DECA. The profits made from the event will be split evenly between the DHS DECA Chapter and a charity of the group's choosing.

-General admission- \$5

-Premium- \$7

-Backstage- \$10

-VIP- \$12

## **Closing**

Enjoy the weekend and good luck to our Girls Volleyball team as they go for a state title!

Best,

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