



## DHS UPDATES: January 10, 2020

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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. The **Best Buddies Snow Ball Dance** is this Monday, January 13th from 6-9 pm at Danvers High School. This dance for inclusion is supporting the DHS Best Buddies. All DHS students are invited and the attire is semi-formal. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door!

2. **A Message from Ms. Glynn:** Each year in May, a 5K Run/Walk is held in memory of our former faculty member and friend, Colleen Ritzer. This year, the **Step Up for Colleen 5K** is being held on May 3rd. This year DHS has created a team and we are inviting everyone to join. To be a part of the team, you just register using our team name, **Danvers High School (Faculty/staff, family, friends, students, and alumni)**. If you sign up for the team, you will not be able to pick up your own packets for the race. However, the good news is that I can pick up the packets for you (details forthcoming). More good news: there is also a complimentary free gift for team registration. I would love to see our team be the largest team this year, so I am extending this invite to DHS faculty/staff, family, friends, students and alumni. Please help us be the biggest team yet, by joining our 5K team **Danvers High School (Faculty/staff, family, friends, students, and alumni)** and spreading the word.

Lastly, I have designed some team socks, but I would like to gauge interest in them. The picture is attached. If I order 50 pairs, the price is about \$18 per pair, but would fluctuate depending on how many I order. Let me know if you would be interested in buying a pair or if you have any questions by contacting [julieglynn@danvers.org](mailto:julieglynn@danvers.org).

3. **Attention 10th and 11th Grade Students - Amazon Z Informational Meeting** Earlier this week a letter was sent home with 10th and 11th grade students inviting you and your daughter/son to attend an introduction to Amazon Z, on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Danvers High School Auditorium. The event will provide access and insight into this authentic and valuable learning opportunity. Please see the attached letter for additional details. *Please call or email to confirm your attendance* at (978) 777-8925 Ex. 2575 or email [jeffreygallo@danvers.org](mailto:jeffreygallo@danvers.org).

4. **DHS 2020 Midterm Schedule** - The midterm schedule is now available and can be found here: [DHS 2020 Midterm Schedule](#). As we approach the close of the second quarter, we want to remind students and families around our academic eligibility policies for ALL extra-curricular sports and clubs. Eligibility is based off of quarter 2 grades, not the semester grade. Please contact us with any additional questions/clarifications. All policies and procedures can be found in our [2019-2020 DHS Student Handbook](#)

5. **Senior Yearbook Ads** - the deadline for purchasing an ad in the Class of 2020 Yearbook is now January 15th. Please contact Mr. Mielcarek at [christianmielcarke@danvers.org](mailto:christianmielcarke@danvers.org) with any questions.

6. **PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING** - There will be a DHS Project Graduation meeting on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm** at Danvers High in the Library. All are invited. Project Graduation provides a safe, chemical free environment for all graduating seniors to celebrate their graduation with all of their classmates. Students will be entertained by a DJ, Hypnotist, Caricature Artist, inflatable games, board games and other great activities. Refreshments will be provided including pizza and an ice cream sundae bar. It is a great way for our community to support the students and show that we care. Project Graduation is a volunteer run group. We are currently in need of volunteers to help staff the committee.

Please forward this information to your friends and acquaintances who are DHS parents...especially JUNIOR parents. Why? Because the best time to get involved with Project Graduation is when your child is not yet a senior. Senior parents often have family events around graduation and they should be able to enjoy those, along with prom and scholarship night and other celebrations. An ideal scenario (one I have heard is used in other communities) is when junior parents play the biggest role, paying it forward for when their child is a senior. This essentially amounts to "give a year, get a year." Of course, senior parents, as well as freshman/sophomore parents, are most welcome as well.

*IN PARTICULAR, PROJECT GRADUATION IS IN NEED OF AN EXPERIENCED TREASURER AND (SECOND) CO-CHAIR. WERE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW AN EFFECTIVE PAC PRESIDENT OR TREASURER DURING THE ELEMENTARY YEARS? PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO GET RE-INVOLVED. THESE PROJECT GRADUATION POSITIONS ARE LESS DEMANDING OVERALL COMPARED TO ELEMENTARY PAC BUT THEY DO REQUIRE SOME PERSISTENT ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS.*

For more information please visit [www.dhsprojectgrad.org](http://www.dhsprojectgrad.org) or email [danvershighprojectgraduation@gmail.com](mailto:danvershighprojectgraduation@gmail.com)

7. **School Committee** - the next School Committee meeting is this Monday, January 13th at 7 pm in the Francis Mills Communication room at DHS. The agenda for the meeting can be found here: [DPS School Committee Agenda](#)

### **Closing**

Enjoy the weekend and don't forget the Town of Danvers [tree pickup](#) is tomorrow!

Best,

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