



DHS UPDATES: January 31, 2020

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!

*****Wednesday, February 5th is an Early Release Day. DHS students will be dismissed at 12:45 pm.***

1. 2020-2021 Course Selections - It is hard to believe, but we are already planning for the 2020-2021 school year! Course selection sheets were sent home with students this week, which include teacher recommendations. We encourage all families to review course selections with their child(ren). Please contact your child's guidance counselor or Assistant Principal with any and all questions. Students have from January 31st - February 7th to enter course selections on PowerSchool. Students will also have designated time to enter their course selections during Advisory on Wednesday, February 5th. Our [2020-2021 Program of Studies](#) can be found online at: [2020-2021 DHS Program of Studies](#). Directions for students on how to enter course selections are attached to this email as a reference.

2. Class of 2023/9th Grade Semi-Formal and Class Dues: Plans are underway for your child's Hollywood themed semi-formal dance on Friday, March 13 in the DHS atrium from 7-10 pm. We are excited to bring your students this fun evening of dancing and great music. As a kind reminder, this year's dues payment (\$30) must be paid in order for your child to buy a ticket and attend the semiformal. In order to avoid paying for the semi and dues at the same time, we would like to encourage you to send in your dues payment if you have not already done so during the month of February. Dues pay for your child's senior yearbook, decorations, cap and gown and other graduation related expenses. We break down the full cost of \$120 into yearly payments to make it more manageable. Please make checks payable to Danvers Public Schools and put your child's name on the memo line. Payments may be dropped off with Mr. Gebel in H108 or Ms. Waldron A308.

3. Class of 2020 - Because of the overwhelming support and demand from parents who want to place yearbook ads for their children, we have extended the deadline to place ads in the DHS Yearbook to February 13th! Additional information can be found here: [DHS Yearbook Ad Registration](#) Questions can be referred to Yearbook Advisor Mr. Sangermano at [thomassangermanodanvers.org](#)

4. Attendance - 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. As we begin the second semester please make every effort to ensure all students are present and on time to DHS every morning by 7:30 AM. Interventions and supports can include attendance action plans, attendance intervention plans, and consequences outlined in the Attendance Policy of the student handbook [DHS 2019-2020 Student Handbook](#).

5. Attention 10th and 11th Grade Students - Amazon Z Informational Meeting - 10th and 11th grade students and their families are invited to attend an introduction to Amazon Z next 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 call or email to confirm your attendance* at (978) 777-8925 Ex. 2575 or email jeffreygallo@danvers.org.

6. Junior Parent Night - Please mark your calendars for **Junior Parent Night** on Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:30 in the DHS Auditorium. School counselors will be presenting important information on College Planning. Topics covered include the college application process, researching colleges, standardized testing, and the timeline for juniors. Counselors will also begin meeting with juniors in small groups and individually over the course of the second semester.

7. Seniors- Are you interested in applying to North Shore Community College? Please sign up for **NSCC On-the-Spot Admissions Day**, which will be held at DHS on Wednesday, February 12th. You will be able to complete your application and receive an acceptance letter the same day! Sign up asap with Ms. Saggese in the guidance office.

Closing

We have had a great start to the second half of the school year and hope everyone enjoys the weekend!

Best,
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