



DHS UPDATES: February 28, 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 questions and concerns. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

****Wednesday, March 4th is an Early Release Day. DHS students will be dismissed at 12:45 pm.***

1. e-Learning Day - Danvers High School will have an e-Learning Day on Tuesday, March 3rd (DHS will be the voting site for the Primary Elections on this day). Students will be at home during the day and do not need to report to school.

Assignments for classes that run that day will be on Google Classroom for students to work on. Teachers will be available to answer student questions through Google Classroom and via email during their regularly scheduled class time. Please contact Dr. Colombino by phone at 978.777.8925, ext. 2200 or by email at colombino@danvers.org with questions about e-learning day at DHS. We wanted to clarify some questions that we have received from students over the past week:

- March 3rd is counting as one of our 180 days of school.
- Teachers will post assignments by the end of the day on Monday.
- Students need to complete assignments. Teachers will be available during regularly scheduled class time to answer student questions and provide feedback.
- Students have the flexibility on when to complete the assignments, as long it is completed by the assignment due date.

2. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) - DHS will be administering the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to students in grades 9 to 12 on Wednesday, March 4th during Advisory. Please see the attached letter for more information about the survey and how to opt out.

3. 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 semi formal. 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.

4. 2020 SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION AT DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL

Any student who wishes to participate in a sport at Danvers High School this coming 2020 spring season can do so **now through Friday March 6th** by registering and paying* on-line at:

www.danverspublicschools.org/dhs/athletics/

An updated physical and payment* MUST be required PRIOR to try-outs. The start date for all spring sports is **Monday March 16th**. 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 Friday March 6th.**

Spring sports offered at Danvers High School are:

- Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Boys and Girls Outdoor Track
- Boys & Girls Tennis

Please contact Colette Hennessey in the Athletic Department at 978-774-7133 x2288 with any questions regarding registration.

Please contact coaches directly for sports specific questions:

Baseball - Shawn Secondini	coachshawnsecondini@gmail.com
Softball - Colleen Newbury	cnewbury463@gmail.com
Boys Track - Tom Walsh	tommywalsh127@gmail.com
Girls Track - Jeff Bartlett	jeffreybartlett@danvers.org
Boys Tennis - Paul Vecchione	paulvecchione@danvers.org
Girls Tennis - Amy Ladd	amyladd@danvers.org
Boys Lacrosse - Wes Chittick	wesley.chittick@gmail.com
Girls Lacrosse - Nico Prandi	nicoprandi07@gmail.com

**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.*

5. 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](#).

According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), 95% of students with high attendance graduate in four years. Only 66% of students with low attendance graduate in four years. Attendance matters.

6. R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense systems) Course - The Danvers Police Department we will be hosting a Basic Physical Defense Course open to High School Seniors. The course is taught by certified R.A.D. instructors from the Danvers Police Department and begins March 19th. The course is open to Female Seniors on a first come, first served basis. Please see the attached flyer for additional details. Please see Officer Smith with questions and to register for the course.

Upcoming Events

7. **[Danvers Kiwanis 50th Annual Pancake Breakfast](#)** is Saturday, March 28th from 7 am - 12 pm in the DHS Cafeteria. See the following flyer for additional details to this wonderful event: [Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Flyer](#).

8. **[DHS Marching Band Annual Golf Tournament](#)** is June 22nd at the Ipswich Country Club. See the following link for more information: [DHS Marching Band Annual Golf Tournament](#)

9. **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30-8:30 pm at DHS. Additional information and the sign-up sheet can be found on our website: <https://danverspublicschools.org/dhs/march-26-2020-parent-teacher-night/>

10. **DPS JAZZ NIGHT:** Come join us Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 pm in the DHS Auditorium for a special event of our 1st Annual Danvers Public Schools Jazz Band Night! We will be showcasing jazz bands from the 7th and 8th grade at Holten Richmond Middle School under the direction of Mr. Jason Saetta and the DHS Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Jeffrey Daniels. Also, our DHS a Capella group "Deception" will also be featured. The featured guest for the evening will be the BC bOp! Jazz Ensemble from Boston College. Please reach out to Mr. Daniels at jeffreydaniels@danvers.org with any questions. Please see the following flyer for additional information: <https://danverspublicschools.org/dhs/1st-annual-danvers-public-schools-jazz-band-night/>

11. **Class of 2020 and 2021 Powder Puff Game** - The DHS Classes of 2020 and 2021 will be hosting a Powder Puff football game on Saturday, March 14th. Kickoff is at 3 pm at Dr. Deering Stadium. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds benefit the Classes of 2020 and 2021!

Closing

Good luck to everyone participating in Drama Festival Preliminaries, Mock Trial "Round of 32" States playoff, DECA States, and Wrestling All-States!!

Best,

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