



DHS UPDATES: March 6, 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!

1. DHS is Closed this Weekend for Electrical Work - We have been having electrical problems in various parts of the building recently. The Danvers Department of Public Works (DPW) has researched the problem and have a solution which they will put into place over the weekend. It will require a complete shutdown of all electrical systems. Due to these outages we will be closing DHS all day Saturday and Sunday including all extra curricular activities. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. International Week - DECA Students Alle, Jordan, and Caitlin have been planning an International Week to take place next week March 9-13th. Get ready for a fun and exciting week to celebrate different cultures at DHS. Each day is themed with a different country.

Upcoming Events

6. **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](#).

7. **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](#)

8. **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/>

9. **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/>

10. **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!

11. **School Committee** - the next School Committee meeting is this Monday, March 9th 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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

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