



DHS UPDATES: October 23, 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 contact DHS with questions and concerns. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

1. Remote Support Update

We wanted to provide a brief update regarding support for all DHS students on the days they are working asynchronously/at-home. We have developed a [remote support schedule](#) for students to check in with teachers in specific content areas. Although it may not be your student's actual classroom teacher, we are able to provide content expertise and support to your student during the school day. We also encourage students to continue to schedule office hour appointments with teachers as another means of additional support.

Because students are working independently, they will be able to access the support when it is available. There is a cohort specific Google Hangout Link which will be monitored by a faculty member at the designated times. We hope this will provide additional support to our students who are working while at home. Please contact us with any questions and/or feedback.

2. DHS Family Feedback Forum - As we continue with our reopening process, we would like to invite you to participate in the DHS Family Feedback Forum to share your successes and challenges with us. The forum will take place on Thursday, November 5th from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Danvers High School Field House.

3. Breakfast at School We will be offering breakfast for all students beginning at 7:00 am. Students will go directly to the DHS cafeteria, which will be supervised by staff. Breakfast and lunch is free to all students through December with the support of a federal grant program.

4. Class Officer Elections - Ever wanted to have a leadership role in your class?
Organize class events and generate a legacy for your grade?

Then run for class officer!

Instructions:

1. Fill out form completely from your class google classroom
2. Attach your video speech to the last question (check all rules on speech in form)
3. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Wednesday 10/28/20 @2pm

Any submissions made after the deadline will not be able to run for office. This is a strict deadline. Please email Student Council advisor Mr Black (williamblack@danvers.org) with any questions.

5. Danvers Recreation Bathrooms - please remind your child(ren) that the bathrooms close to the Vye Gym are reserved for the Danvers Recreation program. We have had reports of DHS students using these bathrooms, and do have clear signage that the bathrooms are reserved as such. During lunch, DHS students can use the bathrooms by the Atrium/Cafeteria as well as the bathrooms closest to the Field House.

6. Please see the following update from the Danvers School Committee: [School Committee Independent Investigation Update](#)

7. Update - October 21st 12 pm - 9th grade Student Grade-Level Meeting We want to thank all of our 9th grade students who attended this week's check-in with the DHS Leadership Team. A copy of the presentation slides are attached. As a reminder, students are asked to complete the [Pathways Preference Form](#) before next Wednesday, October 28th.

8. Save the Date - October 29th 6 pm - DHS Open House - we are adjusting our Open house format for this year. We will have a webinar for all families starting at 6 pm on October 29th (Zoom link will be shared with families early next week). We will also be sharing links for teacher videos that are easily accessible and can be watched at any time by families. The teacher videos will be for each class and will be available by October 29th.

9. Attendance Reminders

Attendance will be taken everyday for all students, regardless of location.

- **Hybrid students who are at DHS for the day** - DHS faculty will take attendance during each class period
- **Remote students who are working directly with a teacher on screen for the day** - DHS Faculty will take attendance during each class period
- **Hybrid and Remote students who are doing asynchronous work that day** - we are asking students to utilize this Attendance [ATTENDANCE FORM](#) and sign in by 7:35 each morning. We will capture email addresses through the form, as it is time stamped for accuracy. Only students with Danvers email address will be able to access and use the form.

10. [October DHS Guidance Newsletter](#) can be found online and is an excellent resource from our talented and caring Guidance Counselors.

11. [Student Handbook](#) - Our 2020-2021 DHS Student Handbook, including COVID-related health and safety addendums, can be found online here: [DHS 20-21 Student Handbook](#). Please review the handbook for important policies, procedures and expectations.

12. Upcoming Important Dates

See below for important upcoming events and dates. Please note that the Parent/Teacher conferences at DHS have been rescheduled to January 15th.

-**10/29 at 6 pm**: DHS Open house Welcome and Kickoff (webinar link will be shared with families early next week).

-**11/3 (Election Day) and 11/6: Teacher Professional Development** - no school for students

-**11/5 DHS Family Feedback Forum 4:30-6 pm at DHS Field House**

-**1/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences** - no school for students (originally scheduled for 11/3 has been rescheduled to January for Middle School and High School: the attached correspondence was sent out this afternoon in a separate email to all DHS and HRMS families:)

Closing

Have a great weekend - Go Falcons!

Best,
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