



DHS UPDATES: November 13, 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. **Congratulations** to Catie Nemeskal on receiving the 2020 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Award for Academic Excellence. Nicely done Catie!

2. **Flu Shot Requirement** - as a reminder, all students (including students who are fully remote) must provide proof of a flu shot by December 31, 2020. Documentation can be emailed to our School Nurses Sue DeBenedictis (susandebenedictis@danvers.org) and Jen Carter (jennifercarter@danvers.org).

3. **Quarter 1** closed on Tuesday, November 10th. As a reminder, we will have traditional grades this school year. Please encourage your child(ren) to reach out to their guidance counselor and/or teachers with any questions or concerns. Q1 grades will be available on PowerSchool beginning on Monday, November 23rd.

4. **Reminder: Remote Support Update** - We have developed a [remote support schedule](#) for students to check in with teachers in specific content areas. We are able to provide content expertise and support to your child during the school day. Students are encouraged to continue to schedule office hour appointments with teachers as another means of 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.

5. **Minding Your Mind Presentation** - Danvers High School and DanversCAREs are proud to have a speaker, Brooke, from Minding Your Mind present to all students on mental health this Wednesday, November 18th. The presentation will be held virtually via Zoom during the school day. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. The link for students to join the presentation will be posted in Google Classrooms on Wednesday.

6. **Update: 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 the end of the school year* with the support of a federal grant program.

7. Thanksgiving week Schedule - As a reminder, we will be using the following schedule for Thanksgiving week:

- Monday, November 23rd = Cohort A in-person
- Tuesday, November 24th = Cohort B in-person
- Wednesday, November 25th = Fully Remote
- Thursday and Friday (November 26th and 27th) - no school for Thanksgiving Break

8. Class of 2021 Update - We would like to thank our Class of 2021 Officers who have put in so much time and hard work in making this year a memorable one for our Seniors. We wanted to provide an update on ways we have celebrated our Seniors and plans ahead. Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot plan the same as we have in the past. Everyone's goal is to make senior year a memorable one for each member of the Class of 2021 and to work together to make that happen.

The Class Officers did a great job with the t-shirt design and organizing the banner signing along with the Cookie Monstah treats earlier in the year. Halloween at DHS this year was also able to happen, although it looked different than in years past.

Currently, the Class of 2021 calendar raffle fundraiser will begin next week. We are also working with the Student Council on a Virtual Spirit Week leading up to the Thanksgiving Break. Events for next Spring, like the prom and senior week activities, are subject to the state health and safety restrictions at that time. Class advisor Matt Regis is working on lawn signs, door signs, and a banner to be hung in the square as we get closer to graduation. Class elections are being held virtually, and the Class officers will continue to bring new ideas and proposals to the DHS administration.

We will continue to communicate with families and keep you all updated on the plans for the Class of 2021. Thank you for the feedback and we look forward to celebrating the Class of 21 with you all!

9. Italy, Austria, and Germany Tour - Ms. Aste and Mr. Ford will be leading a tour to Italy, Austria, and Germany during February break of 2022 through EF Tours. They still have a number of openings they are hoping to fill by December 15th. Any student who enrolls before 12/15/20 will be part of EF's risk free enrollment and can cancel with a FULL REFUND up until May 1st, 2021. Please contact Mr. Ford or Ms. Aste for more details. *Travel will be subject to domestic and international restrictions.*
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10. School Picture Retakes will be held on December 15th for Cohort A and on December 18th for Cohorts B and C (Fully Remote) in the DHS Field House from 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm.

11. The Danvers Sepac is hosting a free virtual workshop on December 17, 6 pm - 8 pm to help you understand your basic rights surrounding your child's IEP. More information can be found in the flyer attached to this email.

REGISTER HERE:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkcumuqDkjE9NOvereCxkmY0ibr9sS8JoL?fbclid=IwAR0Xzqy4Q-ECyB8sahe5hRHDdDRMAiY_RBrJW8bzm0Ael3Ugt7DW5R2ymc

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Have a great weekend!

Best,
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