



DHS UPDATES: November 20, 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. Thanksgiving Week Schedule** - As a reminder, we will be using the following schedule next week:
 - Monday, November 23rd = Cohort A in-person/Cohort B and C Remote
 - Tuesday, November 24th = Cohort B in-person /Cohort A and C Remote
 - Wednesday, November 25th = All Students Fully Remote - Early Release Day ends at 11:30 am
 - Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th - School closed (Thanksgiving)
- 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. DPS COVID Family Information Sheet** - The updated information sheet can be found on our website here: [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#) As an update to our health and safety measures, all classrooms at DHS now have air purifiers in the room as an added layer of safety.

As [#danversma](#) residents plan for the Thanksgiving holiday, we offer the following considerations to help keep our friends, families and community safe during [#COVID](#). If you host a holiday celebration, keep it small and participate in low to moderate risk activities. If you are considering travel, please be aware of Massachusetts travel orders. For tips on low, moderate and high risk holiday activities, as well as, travel information and ideas for virtual holiday celebrations, visit <https://www.mass.gov/> here, <https://www.mass.gov/news/thanksgiving-during-covid-19> and the CDC, <https://bit.ly/3eYes7L>

4. Next week is **Spirit Week at DHS**. Thanks to the DHS Student Council for their creativity and innovative thinking in how to show our school spirit this year.

Monday & Tuesday -

Dress with your class! Show your spirit and unite as a class:

Freshman- Yellow

Sophomore- Orange

Junior- Green

Senior- Red

Wednesday

***** DHS Pride ***** - Flood the zooms with as much Blue and White Falcon pride as possible.

5. 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 this Monday, November 23rd.

6. Mask Breaks - With the weather getting colder, we want to remind students to bring coats and warm clothing to school for outdoor mask breaks. We will have mask breaks outside whenever possible.

7. Winter Sports Registration information will be sent home ASAP. We are awaiting final guidance from the MIAA and as soon as we receive that, we will open online registration and notify families. The online registration, payment, and an updated physical are the three required components needed in order to participate in winter sports.

8. 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.

9. 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 and registration information can be found on our website here: [Danvers SEPAC Basic Rights Workshop](#)

10. 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.

11. 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.* williamford@danvers.org, kristinaastemayer@danvers.org

Closing

We are looking forward to Spirit Week at DHS next week - Go Falcons!

Best,
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