



DHS UPDATES: January 8, 2021

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!

****Reminder: DHS will return to our hybrid learning model beginning on Monday, January 11th.***

*****Reminder: Parent-Teacher Conferences are Friday, January 15th. There is no school for students on that day.***

1. Update: Flu Shot Requirement - as a reminder, all students (including students who are fully remote) must provide proof of a flu shot. Documentation can be emailed to our School Nurse Jen Carter (jennifercarter@danvers.org).

2. [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#) - The information sheet was recently updated and can be found on our website here: [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#)

3. Early College Information Session: North Shore Community College and Danvers High School are offering interested students the opportunity to *earn college credits while in high school*.

WHO: DHS Juniors and Seniors, especially first-generation college-students, students who are not enrolled in advanced coursework (AP or PLTW) at DHS, or students whose post-secondary plans do not include higher education.

WHAT: NSCC College Course FFL103 – *Understanding Higher Education and Career Pathways*. An introduction to higher education, including the different purposes, functions, and structures of postsecondary institutions. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of degree and career pathways available across institutional types as well as familiarity with the social and emotional factors that influence student persistence and completion across educational settings.

WHEN: Fridays, February 5–May 14 11:35 AM –1:00 PM

WHERE: Online/Remote Instruction

INFORMATION SESSION Virtual Information session to be held on **Wednesday, January 13th at 1:30 PM**. Please email your school counselor if interested in learning about this opportunity.

4. Reminders: Class of 2021

-**Cookies and Cocoa** - We will reschedule cookies and cocoa for the Class of 2021 when we return to in-person learning. Stay tuned for more details.

-**Yearbook parent ads** are a unique way to celebrate student success and achievement and add a personal touch to each child's yearbook. Parents can process orders by clicking on the following links: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1066095/-/20201222041929527115/CATALOG_SHOP/

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1066095/Danvers-High-School/>

The deadline for yearbook ads has been extended to January 11th, 2021!

-Mr. Sangermano and Mr. Mielcarek, DHS Yearbook Advisors

5. **Seniors**- Need help filling out the FAFSA? MEFA (Mass Educational Financing Authority) is offering virtual help this coming Sunday, January 10th. Financial aid experts will go through a short presentation followed by a live Q/A session to get FREE help applying for financial aid for college. Register through this link

<https://www.mefa.org/events/fafsa-day-ma-event4>

6. **Reminder - MLK Celebration:** please see the communication sent earlier this week about the upcoming MLK Celebration:

We are happy to announce that the Town of Danvers is able to hold its MLK Celebration again this year – but, with all things COVID, as a virtual celebration. It will be a celebration of the community and the ideals that Dr. King lived and died for. This tribute will air at 2 PM and 6 PM on the [DCAT YouTube channel](#) on January 18, 2021.

As part of the celebration, we would like to highlight those in our DPS community who would like to share their thoughts on the legacy of MLK, or how they promote acceptance and inclusion in our community, or how they feel accepted and included in the Danvers community. DCAT will be happy to schedule a time for families and/or students to film their narratives for the MLK Day program at the DCAT studio. Appointments can be made by emailing Ben Thomas (ben@danverstv.org). Participants who wish to use their own devices to film are asked to do so with the camera turned horizontally (if recording from a smartphone or tablet), and email it to Ben by Tuesday, January 12.

Please feel free to reach out to Ben or Eileen Page (epage@danversma.gov) with any questions you may have about making a video or about the MLK event.

We are excited to be collaborating with the Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee to pull this event together.

7. **SEPA**C is sponsoring a presentation from Kat Marsh of Commonwealth Learning on Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m.. Her topic will be on supporting your child(ren) during remote learning. Attached is a flyer with more detailed information along with a link for you to use to "register". I have also provided the link below. We look forward to this presentation and hope you can join.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zc5c84cab&oeidk=a07ehi4ofcb0a3c8c64>

8. [School Committee](#): The next School Committee meeting is Monday, January 11th starting at 7 pm. The meeting is virtual and additional information can be found on the meeting agenda: [January School Committee Agenda](#)

Closing

It was a great first week back from vacation and we look forward to returning to our hybrid learning model on Monday!

Best,
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