



DHS UPDATES: April 1, 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!

****There is no school on Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday.***

*****Wednesday, April 7th is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:45 pm.***

1. [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#) - The current information sheet can be found on our website here: [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#). For your reference, below are this week's COVID 19 statistics:

- [Danvers School District](#)
- [Town of Danvers](#)
- [DESE](#)
- [State of Massachusetts](#)

2. Health and Safety Protocols - we wanted to remind all families and students of our priority health & safety standards, that in unison along with contact tracing, can mitigate the risk for our learning community:

1. Wearing a mask that covers your mouth & nose at all times.
2. Physical Distancing
3. Frequent Handwashing
4. Staying Home when sick.



3. Update on April 5th Preparations - we are looking forward to implementing our fully in-person and fully remote learning models beginning on Monday. Huge thank you and appreciation goes out to our families, students, faculty, administrative assistants, Department of Public Works, and Food Services on this team effort!

-Quarters 3 and 4: Please note that **Quarter 3** will now end on April 1st and **Quarter 4** will begin on April 5th for all students (grades 9-12) to align with the transition.

-Final Exams - there will be no final exam schedule this school year. Teachers will continue to assess student achievement and growth in class throughout the school year.

-Arrival: We appreciate everyone's flexibility and support in making for smooth arrivals this year. We will maintain our arrival procedures:

-Students may enter the building to get breakfast in the cafeteria beginning at 7 am.

-Students not getting breakfast will be able to enter the building beginning at 7:20 am. Students need to head directly to class upon entering the building.

-Lunch: students will continue to have lunch in the cafeteria and field house. Physical spacing of at least 6 feet will be maintained during lunches.

-Mask Breaks - students will continue to have a scheduled mask break each day. We will continue to have mask breaks outside as much as possible. Please remind your child(ren) to dress accordingly and to maintain physical distancing at all times.

4. **[April is Autism Awareness Month](#):** Let's all foster an understanding of Autism! You can "light it up blue" by wearing blue or share a photo of artwork or clothing that celebrates being kind and accepting of neurodiversity. Send photos / videos to us on Danvers Public Schools social media.

5. Technology Reminder - If you are having any technology difficulties, please submit a ticket using the **[Student Online Help Desk](#)**.

6. Class of 2021 Scholarships Update: As of today, 139 seniors have created accounts and submitted over 1,300 applications on **[GoingMerry.com](#)**! If you haven't done so already, then please create your account and begin exploring both local and national scholarships. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2021**.

7. Class of 2021 Internship/Capstone Experience - thank you to all the seniors who completed their internship/capstone survey. Next week we will begin approving internship/capstone proposals with students. Please contact our Senior Internship Coordinators Cindy da Silva at **cynthiadasilva@danvers.org** or Kaarin Robinson at **kaarinrobinson@danvers.org** with questions.

8. Informational Meeting: Germany and Italy

Mr. Ford and Ms. Aste-Mayer are hosting an informational meeting for any students interested in joining their tour for next February break. They've recently expanded their tour and are looking for a few more interested students to join. EF Tours is currently offering a risk-free enrollment for students who enroll before May 1, 2021. Join them on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 6-7pm for an information session via Zoom with our EF Tour Consultant. They will review the trip itinerary, EF's policies, and safety procedures as well as answer any questions. Please RSVP for the meeting by clicking [here](#). RSVPing will provide future access to the Zoom meeting link. Please email Mr. Ford or Ms. Aste-Mayer with any questions.

9. [The Pandemic Parent Workshop \(view flyer\)](#) is a virtual webinar series supported by DanversCARES. This is a resource for parents looking to hear from reliable sources on how to handle repercussions of the pandemic such as mental health and family dynamics. [Register Here!](#)

10. Show your team spirit by participating in a fundraiser to support the DHS Girls Tennis Team. Place a take-out order from the North Shore Mall Chipotle located at 210 Andover Street Unit 194A Peabody on Wednesday April 7th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. See the attached flyer for additional details.

Closing

In closing, we wanted to share this wonderful video from our Marching Band - enjoy the North Shore band collaboration of Shipping Up to Boston!: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xRlvGZorbk>

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Best,

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