

Hello DHS Families:

You may have heard your student mention community block. Community block is a new 25 minute time period that meets every day. All students have a community block and it is the new version of what was formerly known as advisory. There are multiple adults assigned to each community block and students will remain in the same block for their whole time at DHS. The concept is to build a small community for students and faculty within the larger school population. Broadly, the goal of community block is to focus on building meaningful relationships, developing student leadership, ensuring inclusion, acceptance and understanding and promoting citizenship in our community.

During community block students will engage in various activities including:

1. Grade level assemblies and meetings
2. FOCUS time
3. Community Meeting
4. Passion Projects

Assembly

During assemblies we engage in discussions of expectations, hold student elections, and share key information about class events, guidance department information and many other key topics.

FOCUS time

This time is dedicated to organization, executive functioning and work completion.

Finish Work [catch-up on homework for your classes!]

Organize [work on your assignment notebook to keep track of tasks!]

Communicate [catch-up on your emails!]

Utilize Time [are you doing one of the prompts from this list?]

Self-Care [reflect, breathe, and relax with an activity to destress and recharge]

Community Meeting

The community meeting is a time to engage in activities to help develop and maintain a positive and respectful school environment. Community meetings have norms and expectations so all students can participate and engage in respectful discourse. Activities will be facilitated by student leaders and/or faculty.

Passion Projects

This time will be an opportunity for students to sign up for interest based activities where everyone engages. There will be a menu of choices and these activities will last for one quarter of the year.

When a student is not in a passion project they will have FOCUS time instead.

Sincerely,

Adam Federico
DHS Principal

Important Dates

DHS Open House 9/22/21 (separate email sent with schedule template attached)
PSAT for grade 10 and 11 10/13/21
Class of 2022 Whole class picture 10/8/21 (last block of the day in the stadium)

PSAT for Grades 10 and 11

The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam. You can only take the PSAT once per year, and many students take the test in both 10th and 11th grade. We are pleased to offer the PSATs to 10th and 11th graders this year on Wednesday, October 13th. The payment deadline for the October 13th, 2021 PSAT's is Friday October 8, 2021. The cost is \$25.00, and NO student will be turned away due to financial hardship. Payments for the test can be made on [efunds](#).

ON TEST DAY PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING TWO NO. 2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS & A CALCULATOR (GRAPHING OR SCIENTIFIC).

Traffic Update near DHS

DPW will be doing work on Sherwood Ave and Mass Ave on Tuesday September 21st beginning at 7am.

Dismissals and Absences

In order to dismiss a student you should either send in a note to be dropped to Ms. White at the greeter desk or email debwhite@danvers.org with the dismissal information. Otherwise a parent will have to enter the building and check in with identification.

To report your child absent, call the main number and follow the prompts.

Last call for enrolling: Germany and Italy 2022

Mr. Ford and Ms. Aste are looking to recruit students for their last few spots on their tour to Germany and Italy during February break of 2022. Please email Mr. Ford (williamford@danvers.org) or Ms. Aste (kristinaastemayer@danvers.org) with any questions or click [here](#) for more information and to enroll your child.

DHS School Council

Any parent interested in volunteering for our DHS School Council should contact Mr. Federico. The council meets approximately once a month in the afternoon and works on the school improvement plan and other key issues for our school. It is made up of faculty, parents and community members.

Lunch and Breakfast

Please note that breakfast and lunch are free to students this year. Students will enter their pin to document that they took advantage of lunch and/or breakfast.

DHS School Pictures

School pictures can be ordered online. Please visit mylifetouch.com and use the following code: EVTC24KN8. All students will have a picture taken for their school ID.

Nurse Office Reminders

Just a reminder that it is helpful if our nurses have a copy of your student's vaccination records. A copy can be emailed to our school nurses at susandebenedictus@danvers.org or jenniferwortman@danvers.org

SEPAC Updates

Welcome Meeting - September 29th @ 6:30pm - by zoom (link will be provided in next update)
Resource Fair - October 21 @ 5:30pm - Holten Richmond Middle School (multi-purpose room)

Falcon Fridays

During the school year students, faculty and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit and wear blue and white on Fridays.

Bus Routes Information

<https://danverspublicschools.org/transportation-transportation-routes/>

Student Parking

Registration for student parking is available online for the 2021/2022 school year. To register please fill out the attached [GOOGLE FORM](#) and submit the \$20 payment via [E-FUNDS](#). Student placards will be available for pickup in the Main Office on Wednesday, September 1st and Thursday September 2nd from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Placards will also be available for pick up before and after school starting on September 9, 2021.

The student parking lots are located to the left of the academic wing and also in the area of the tennis courts. The students and faculty will share the lot to the left of the academic wing. Faculty will be issued RED ("faculty") parking placards and will be assigned to the first two (2) rows closest to the building. The students will be issued (White with a Royal Blue Falcon) parking placards. The parking lot will be closely monitored by school administration and the Danvers Police Department throughout the day to assure that all safety rules are being followed. Students parking on any street is absolutely forbidden so that our neighbors are not inconvenienced. Students **MUST** present a valid driver's license and auto registration as proof that they are a licensed driver, and have a vehicle to be parked on school property. There is no assigned parking at Danvers High for students. Lots fill on a first come first serve basis.

Parking is a privilege at Danvers High School and may be revoked at any time. All STUDENT PARKING is to be on SCHOOL PROPERTY ONLY. Students must register their automobiles with the school administration, and secure a STUDENT PARKING PLACARD that must be displayed from the rearview mirror or clearly visible on the dashboard. The cost of a student-parking placard is \$20. If lost, the student must pay an additional \$20. If there is a chance that the student might be driving a different family vehicle from time to time, that vehicle's information should be on file as well. *Automobiles should not be leaving school property at any time during the school day without express permission of the high school administration.*

New Administrative Team

DHS is pleased to introduce our new administrative team. We are here to serve you and support your students.

Adam Federico, Principal
Julie Sgroi, Assistant Principal Grades 11 and 12
Kerry LeBlanc, Assistant Principal Grades 9 and 10
Peter DiMauro, Director of Curriculum

Karin Chmura, Administrative Assistant to the Principal
Karen Mansfield, Administrative Assistant to the Vice Principals
Rachel Saggese, Administrative Assistant to the Guidance Department
Debra White, DHS Greeter

Link to the district calendar and first day of school schedule

Here is a link to the [2021-2022 Calendar](#). The first day of school is Thursday September 9th. It is an early release day. The second day of school is Friday September 10th and is also an early release day. The school day on both days will be 7:30 am to 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served on both days. Upon arrival students will go to their A Block class and receive a paper copy of their schedule. Students will be able to access their schedules via Powerschool prior to the start of school.

Job Opportunities

We have multiple job opportunities posted in our guidance offer. Students can stop by to get more information if interested.

Community Service Opportunities

Look for community service opportunities. Check out the guidelines and opportunities at [DHS Community Service](#)

Chromebooks

If you did not get a new Chromebook last year then please pay insurance (\$35) and see Mrs. Rubano in the library during the first couple days of school to pick up their Chromebook. Insurance can be paid online using the [efunds payment site](#)

