

Hello DHS Families:

We have completed just over three full weeks of school. It is important to recognize that many students are still adjusting to more normalized routines and expectations. We are beginning to review academic progress and attendance of our students. This is a good point to check in with your student and gauge how their experience has been so far. If your student reports any struggles, checking in with a teacher or guidance counselor is a great place to start. Teachers are available after school to help maintain effective progress or to provide support and extra help. Your student's grade level administrator is another resource and Ms. Sgroi and Ms. LeBlanc are both available to meet with students as needed.

For seniors there are many events and tasks to start focusing on as we hit October. Our guidance office is offering in school visits with college admissions staff and please check in on your student's community service hours status. Seniors need 20 hours to graduate and Mr. Black is posting lots of opportunities in the Community Service Classroom. Juniors and sophomores have the PSAT coming up on October 13th. See below for registration/payment information. Our 9th grade student athletes will be participating in a week-long experience next week called Atlas and Athena in which senior students will help them learn about making positive and healthy choices.

Lastly, I want to report that I am so proud of our students as they have welcomed and supported our new administrative team. We are truly enjoying working with this fantastic student community.

Sincerely,

Adam Federico  
DHS Principal

**Important Dates**

Early Release Day 10/6/21- Dismissal at 12:45 pm

Class of 2022 Whole class picture 10/8/21 (last block of the day in the stadium)

PSAT for grades 10 and 11 10/13/21

Senior Luau 10/19/21 NEW DATE

**DPS Covid Update Information**

Please click here for updated Danvers Public Schools [COVID INFORMATION](#)

**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).

### **Guidance Newsletter**

Please take a look at the [Guidance Department Fall Newsletter](#), full of valuable information for families and students regarding upcoming PSATs, Post Secondary Planning, and Financial Aid for College.

### **Senior Class Update**

Senior Luau: To accommodate many of our senior fall athletes, [the luau date has changed](#). Join us on [Tuesday, 10/19](#), from 6pm - 9pm. There will be a DJ, dancing, and a Chinese food buffet. Come dressed to Luau! Tickets are \$20 and can be paid via e-funds, cash, or check to Ms. O'Neill. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, 10/15. If you already purchased a ticket, but can not attend this new date, please reach out to me.

Caps & Gowns- It is time to provide your measurements for your Cap and Gown for graduation! Students should use this [link](#) (also posted to the Class of '22 Google Classroom) and complete the form as soon as possible.

Class Dues- The final installment of class dues are due ASAP. The cost to graduate is \$120 and you can check the assignment in Powerschool under "Senior Class" to see how much you have paid to date. You can pay via [e-funds](#), cash or check. For e-funds, when you log in, navigate to "Optional Fees" and after selecting your student's name, select "[Class of 2022](#)".

*\*\*If your dues aren't up to date, you won't be allowed to go to prom or graduate.\*\**

Seniors need to join the yearbook google classroom to submit photos, senior bio, etc. The code is: [akdicgi](#)

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://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](mailto:susandebenedictus@danvers.org) or [jenniferwortman@danvers.org](mailto:jenniferwortman@danvers.org)

### **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/>

### **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](#)