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AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL

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The DHS PTSA publishes a total of **five (5) newsletters** throughout the school year. This edition is the second edition for 2013-14. Submissions for the upcoming 2013-14 school year may be emailed to: missy.mccormick@unt.edu.

MESSAGE FROM MR. FORD



Greetings Bronco Parents!

What is the purpose of a grade? What does a grade of “C” actually mean? What are standards based grading? On November 21st at 6:00 pm in the lecture hall, Denton High staff will be presenting information from leading researchers such as, Ken O’Connor, Thomas Guskey, and Robert Marzano about grading and assessment and how important the reporting of accurate grades is so critical for student success.

Please join us on November 21st as we answer these questions.

Sincerely, Dan Ford

ALL DHS VOLUNTEERS PLEASE LOG YOUR HOURS!!!!!!

This includes: Booster Clubs / DHS Mentors / DHS Events / Corporate Sponsors /ETC
DHS Volunteer Database 2013-2014 link: <http://www.dentonisd.org//Domain/423>

NEW THIS YEAR – DHS VOLUNTEER APP!

Hi Everyone – Here is our very own QR code for logging volunteer hours. If you have a QR reader app on your phone you can scan this and it will take you directly to the log on page for the volunteer hours. Once you scan to your smart phone – bookmark for future to add your volunteer hours! Rhana Ramos



MEET YOUR DHS PTSA BOARD FOR 2013-2014

President, Grace Chalon
1st Vice President, Cheryl Hassell
2nd Vice President, Carol Perry
Treasurer, Linda Thompson
Secretary, Heidi Klein
Parliamentarian, Lynne Rayson
Arts in Education, Katie Roche
CLT, Rhonda Duggan
CLT, Cheryl Hassel
CLT (alternate), Lori Wolfe
District Council Rep, Lori Wolfe
Fundraising (spirit wear), Jennifer Stricker
Homecoming Chair, Cheryl Heal
Homecoming, Kelly Dozier
Legislative Representative, Mia Price
Membership Chair, Monica Moen
Newsletter, Missy McCormick
Newsletter, Karen McCormick
Staff Appreciation, Bonnie Balakrishna
Volunteer Coordinator, Michele Martin

For more information on how you can volunteer to work with the DHS PTSA, please contact: Grace Chalon gchalon@verizon.net



BE INVOLVED.....
BE INCLUDED.....
BE A LEADER.....
BE PTSA.....



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Dear DENTON H.S PTSA 81648,
 Congratulations on your enrollment into our **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. Your participants can begin enrolling online August 1st.

You have been assigned a new NPO number 81648,
 Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Please allow 1 business day for activation

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

SUPPORTERS: All supporters must have a registered Kroger Plus card account online to be able to link their card to an organization.

- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377 and select option 4 to get your Plus Card number.
- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain a digital Kroger Plus Card when creating an account online or at any Kroger store.

Link your card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

Find your state and click on the "Enroll Now" button that is below it.

- If you have an existing account, click on "Sign In", otherwise click on "Register".
If you are a new online customer:
- You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the e-mail that was sent to activate your Kroger account.

Already have a Kroger.com account?

- Enter your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- If prompted, update your personal information.
- Enter your organization's number or name and then click on "Search".
- Select your organization and click on "Save".
- To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organizations name on the right side of your account settings page.

Once you are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting.

(Note: The message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

View your Rewards Details

- Sign in to your Kroger account
- Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
- Click on "View Your Rewards Details"
- See how much you have earned towards your organization! (Note: This information will only be available and updated at the end of each cycle.)

Remember, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use their Alt ID when shopping for each purchase to count.

***Thank you,
Kroger Community Rewards Staff***

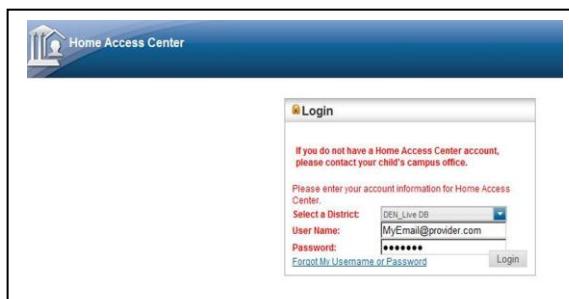


What happened to Gradespeed?

DHS is now using the **Home Access Center (HAC)**, which gives you the ability to view your child(ren)'s schedule, attendance, discipline incidents, report cards, transcript, test scores, registration and profile information all in one place.

You ***may*** have received a letter during the summer, introducing this idea. You ***may*** have already logged in and set up your profile when you registered online.

Link to HAC from a DHS or district web page or directly via <https://denhac2.dentonisd.org/HomeAccess/>



Please see the generic email below. A couple of tips:

- *the default district should be DEN_Live DB
- *your login is your entire email
- *the password is case sensitive
- *when you first log in, you will need to create 2 security questions

If you have not already created your account, to start the process:

1. Click on <https://denhac2.dentonisd.org/HomeAccess/>
2. **Username** is your full email address.
3. Temporary **password** is P@ssword003. You will be required to change your password and set up 2 challenge questions, with answers.
4. The website contains documents and videos that will help you through this process.

You should be able to view all students who share a common **guardian** address. If you have trouble viewing your student's information contact your child(ren)'s campus registrar.
Grace Chalon, DHS PTSA



IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CLASS OF 2015

The University of Texas at Austin Automatic Admission Policy

The University has determined that it will automatically admit all eligible 2015 summer/fall freshman applicants who rank within the **top 7%** of their high school graduating classes, with remaining spaces to be filled through holistic review.

Please see the [DHS Counseling web page](#) for further details.



DHS COUNSELING NEWS

The DHS counseling team is hoping your student is off to a great start for the school year!! We would like to introduce ourselves and please feel free to contact us for your student's needs.

Dr. Doretha Hudspeth	S-Z 10 th –12 th grade Lead Counselor	Ext. 2017
Dr. Justin Fields	L-R 10 th –12 th grade	Ext. 2018
Chris Lydia	9 th Grade	Ext. 2012
Kathleen Ashton	E-K 10 th –12 th grade	Ext. 2261
Jari Peltier	A- D 10 th –12 th grade Dual Credit	Ext.2019
Kim Keith	Career & Technology Counselor	Ext.2020
Dawn Pryor	Counseling Department Assistant.	Ext.2011
Kelly DeLong	Registrar and Transcripts	Ext.2008
Martha Puga	Social Worker	Ext. 2027/1032
Jennifer Maze	Student Assistant Counselor Intervention Specialist	Ext. 2136
Jessica Franco	Communities in Schools	Ext. 2029



DHS STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Assistance Counselor- Jennifer Mize, LPC-Intern

Denton ISD has long recognized the relationship between academic success and the emotional well-being of students. When students are experiencing significant life stressors, learning may not be their first priority. In response to the growing social and emotional needs experienced by our students, Denton ISD utilizes Student Assistance Counselors on all secondary campuses. The role of the Student Assistance Counselor is to provide crisis intervention, psycho-educational counseling services and referrals to community counseling agencies when necessary. The goal of the Student Assistance Counselor is to identify and resolve issues significantly impacting a student's success in the classroom. Referrals to the Student Assistance Counselor can be made by school counselors, administrators and parents. Many times, students refer themselves. For more information or resources, please see Ms. Mize's website <http://www.dentonisd.org//Domain/523> or please contact Ms. Mize at (940) 369-2136 or by email jmize@dentonisd.org.

Bilingual Licensed Social Worker – Martha Puga, LBSW, MSW

Denton ISD utilizes Licensed Social Workers to provide services that improve school attendance, increase graduation rates and encourage students achieve academic success. The role of the social worker is to provide the following services: case management and wrap around services, individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, home visits, provision of child care, transportation to school and daycare, instruction related to child development, parenting skills, assistance in obtaining resources from community and government agencies, prenatal or post- partum homebound services to pregnant students. The Social Worker is available to meet with students not pregnant or parenting, students that are pregnant or parenting, homeless and unaccompanied minors, and

students that reside at Cumberland Home. The goal of the Licensed Social Worker is to provide information, make referrals, and sustain active involvement in the community to determine what resources are available for all students in need. Referrals can be made through students, parents, campus counselors, nurses, faculty, or staff. For information, please contact

Martha Puga at (940) 369-2027 or by email mpuga@dentonisd.org

Communities in Schools of North Texas – Jessica Franco

CISNT is a program designed to give the extra support students need to be successful in school. Mrs. Franco runs case management services for students who are designated at-risk for dropping out of school. Case management includes supportive guidance, health and human services, assigning tutors or mentors, enrichment, parental involvement and career and college awareness. This program is free of charge. Parents, teachers, or administrators can refer students or students can refer themselves to this program. If you would like more information about this program, please contact **Mrs. Franco** at (940) 369-2029 or email to jfranco_cis@dentonisd.org.

IPAD FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms. Keri McCrossen, a Life Skills teacher at DHS, has submitted her project to the Donors Choose web site. She would like to purchase 2 iPad minis for use with her students. Having an iPad in the classroom will allow the students to do activities most students take for granted. Life Skills students lack fine motor skills to accomplish many tasks, including writing with a pencil. The apps on the iPads will help with their tasks.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make your contribution from this url:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/project/ipad-for-special-education/1093504/>

Congratulations to DHS chemistry teacher honored by American Chemical Society

Robyn Ford, a chemistry teacher at Denton High School, was recently named as the recipient of the Werner Schulz Award by the Dallas-Fort Worth Section of the American Chemical Society and the 2013 Southwest Regional Award.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME NEWS

Current DP students and any DHS DP IB graduates are invited to a DHS IB Reunion on Monday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the DHS new Gym Foyer. IB will provide a pizza lunch. We look forward to learning about the successes of our DHS IB graduates at their universities. **Get the Reunion flyer [here](#).**

IB Diploma Program continues to grow!



This year, we have **60 juniors and seniors** who are full-diploma candidates in **the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at DHS**. We also have a 59% increase in the number of IB course only students taking exams from May 2013 to May 2014. The Diploma Program is a rigorous college-prep program for juniors and seniors. Any students in the Classes of 2016 and 2017 who are interested in learning more about the program should contact IB DP Coordinator Beth Hughes at bhughes@dentonisd.org



Beth Hughes

International Baccalaureate Coordinator
Diploma Programme

940-369-2238 / www.dentonisd.org/dhsib

"BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE...."

The 2013-14 Arts in Education contest is underway

- The **theme** this year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire"
- The **categories** are music composition, photography,
- dance, literature, visual arts, and film.
- **Cash prizes** will be awarded.
- The **due date** is December 2, 2013.

Turn your project into the **DHS office**

Questions: see your teacher or email katieroch@verizon.net

DHS CHESS CLUB

**Chess Club meets on Fridays, 4:10-5:10 p.m.
Room 228**

More Information contact Alexey.root@gmail.com or visit chess club [website here](#).

DHS BAND BOOSTER NEWS

The Bronco Band directed by Brian Wilson and assistant directors Jesse Woolery and Robert Brannock, invites you to attend these **2013 upcoming events for the DHS Bronco Band:**

Drumline Contest; November 14 - DHS Jazz Concert,
November 23 - All Region Jazz Concert;
December 3 - Brave Combo Holiday Concert TWU+DHS
 Jazz Bands @ Margo Jones;
December 17 - DHS Band Holiday Concert.

Please visit the [band website](#) for more information.



Marching Band: Dedication, Honor, Success

The Pride of Bronco Nation does it again! A great round of applause for the Marching Band on their First Division rating at the UIL Region 2 competition on October 19, 2013. This Superior rating advanced the Broncos to the UIL Area competition where the Band placed seventh among Class 4A high school contestants. The musicality and fast paced marching of this year's program, **Scheherazade**, was amazing.

Thanks to the entire Bronco Band, from Directors through freshmen, for their dedication to the Program.

A special shout out goes to the Student Leadership for this year's success! Please recognize the following students for their leading roles in the Band:

Head Drum Major - Truett Ide
Associate Drum Major- Ellen Biggerstaff
Assistant Drum Major - Alex Ruiz
Woodwind & Brass Captain - Seth Cope
Woodwind Section Leaders - Elizabeth Jolly, Kali Britton, Kore Rodriguez
High Brass Section Leaders- Brian Zellmer, Josh Cox, Valerie Natividad
Low Brass Section Leaders - Colten Hiley, Lillia Dean; **Band President** - Madison Saner;
Band Librarians - Makayla Minter, Taylor McClintock;
Uniform Officers - Dewey Middlemiss-Kurtz, Holly Crye, Kaitlynne Peters
Historians - Natalie Mathews, Kayleigh Dick
Percussion Leadership Team - Alex Ruiz, Annie Heffley, Dallas Enlow, Arianna Durbin, Aaron McGregor;
Color Guard Captains - Veronica Hollingsworth, Selena Arriaga.



Denton and Guyer marching bands advance to UIL 4A area contest

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the UIL Band Competition. Below is a release from DISD.

The district's two Class 4A high schools recently competed at the UIL Region 2 competition at the C.H. Collins Athletic Complex and advanced to the UIL area round competition in Justin with their performances.

The Bronco Marching Band received a First Division rating from the judges. The Denton High band director is Brian Wilson and he is assisted by Jesse Woolery and Robert Brannock.

The Guyer Marching Band received a First Division rating from the judges for the sixth consecutive year. The Guyer band director is Chris Cansler and he is assisted by Amy Woody and Ellis Hampton.

Michele Martin
Volunteer Co-ordinator, DHS PTSA
940-765-0191
dhsptsa.volunteer@gmail.com



Holiday Poinsettias

The Band will be selling these lovely plants just in time for decorating and gift giving. Be on the lookout for fundraising students prior to Thanksgiving and help yourself and the Band have grateful holidays. Thanks.



PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK

Parents don't forget that yearbooks are still on sale for \$70. This is your last chance to get them before the price goes up in two weeks. Remember by ordering early is the only way to guarantee that you will be able to get a book. Senior parents please don't wait until the last minute and take a chance of your student missing out on their last year of memories.

Also senior ads are still on sale. If you plan to purchase one or need more information please let the yearbook staff know immediately. Those of you who have already purchased will be hearing from the staff in the next few weeks about how to get your pictures and information to us.

Thanks.
 Mr. Bogomol and Staff



DHS JOURNALISM

Don't forget to follow the journalism department on twitter at <http://twitter.com/dhshorseshoe> and online at www.dhshorseshoe.com

If you have any story ideas or would like to place an ad or know anyone who would please contact Mr. Bogomol at gbogomol@dentonisd.org or at 940-369-2150.



CLASS OF 2014 PARENTS

Favorites Assembly – The favorite's assembly will be the morning of **February 14th**. We need a chair for this event. We will need help with ticket sales, set-up, decorating and flowers. Please let me know if you would like to chair the favorites assembly.



End of year senior breakfast – This breakfast will be near the **end of May** (the same day as the powder puff game). Grace Chalon is the chair for this event. This breakfast will be a more formal breakfast than the first day of school breakfast. There will be more information available later.

Powder Puff Game – The powder puff game will be near the **end of May** (the same day as the senior breakfast). We need a chair for this event. We will need help with ticket sales and food for the players. Please let me know if you would like to the powder puff game.

Grad Night – Grad night will be **June 6th**. Our chair will be Debi Blagg. There will be more information later.

Other items – We also plan to do a service project around the holidays. We might do Basket Ball Concessions and clean ups.

Dues - Please make sure to pay your senior class dues. These dues help the senior class to pay for prom, a senior gift to the school and senior scholarships. In order for your senior to be eligible for a senior scholarship from the class of 2014, they must pay their dues. The dues are \$10. The form is attached and also on the DHS web page <http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/330>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Sherry Dieterich



DHS ORCHESTRA

Texas Music Educators (TMEA) Denton HS All Region Orchestra Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Advanced Full Orchestra

Violin I

Sean Burrows
Sophia Lin
Stephanie Kim
William Tanner
Emily Fu

Violin II

Emily Hu
Tony Gao

Violin Alternates

Madeline DeHart
Rebecca Fu

Cello

John Carmona
Paul McCormick

Intermediate String Orchestra

Violin I

Joshua Calvo
Lupita Montoya

Violin II

Rebekah Cheek
Roman Bayer

Violin Alternate

Gabriella Webster

Viola

Michelle Gray – Principal
Sofia Bajunaïd

Cello

Bonner Alexander
Ganady Summitt

Bass

Taylor Riggs



DHS USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF!

Denton Independent School District

[For Parents: Information and Resources](#)

[For Student: Information and Resources](#)

[For Staff: Information and Resources](#)



The following is the Denton ISD's policy regarding weather procedures:

The decision to close schools based on inclement weather is made when possible by 6:30 a.m. School closing decisions are reported on the [Denton ISD Website](#), the [Denton Record-Chronicle Online](#) and on the major television networks: Channel 4 (KDFW), Channel 5 (KXAS), Channel 8 (WFAA), Channel 11 (KTVT), Channel 23 (KUVN) and Channel 39 (KXTX). The major radio stations include: FM 88.1 (KNTU), AM 820 (WBAP), AM 1080, (KRLD), and others.

It is also announced on the district's main telephone line at (940) 369-0000. This year, we will use our automated Call-out system for weather alerts. **Please be sure to have your current contact information on file with each school your child(ren) attends.** You can also [sign-up to receive an e-Alert](#) in your email.

Please note: Media outlets only inform viewers and listeners of those school districts that are either starting late or canceling school. If no information is given, Denton ISD will be starting at the regular time.

Any School closings will be posted at the Denton Independent School District website[here](#)!!!



Denton High School, in partnership with the home and community, is dedicated to the development of knowledgeable, compassionate individuals who actively and ethically contribute to the betterment of our world.

By providing challenging and educational experiences that encourage cooperation, creativity and intercultural understanding, DHS aims to create life-long learners who embrace the diversity of others.

Adopted 2007