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



Perhaps you have noticed the large photographs on the north side of DHS auditorium.....To learn more about **The INSIDE OUT PROJECT** that inspired group actions on varied themes such as hope, diversity, gender-based violence, climate change, visit the **Inside Out website**, at www.insideoutproject.net or on page 3 of this newsletter. Valery Smith, DHS Art Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Graduating seniors and parents regarding college.....see pages 8-10 of this newsletter.

NOTE: If you have not ordered your Senior Graduation Gear contact Jostens online at <http://www.jostensstudentcenter.com/>

MEET YOUR DHS PTSA BOARD FOR 2013-2014

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



DHS PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to all of you who have joined the 2013-2014 DHS PTSA.!

Membership is ongoing until March 15, 2014. We would really like to meet last year's numbers in the category of parents. We would also like to meet last year's number of student members (109). DHS Seniors, if you are interested in applying for one of our PTSA scholarships, the first criteria is membership in the current year. If you are interested in joining for this current year, please click here for a [DHS PTSA Membership Form](#).

Thank you. Monica Moen,
DHS PTSA Membership Committee



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET for the race?

Is your school the TOP SCHOOL? Register and help your school get a trophy and bragging rights!

Denton Dash for Public Schools 5k and 1 mile fun Run/Walk April 5, 2014 North Lake Parks

**Denton Community Council of PTA's
 Fundraising for all of Denton ISD
 Senior Scholarships, Grad Night Celebrations
 AND Teacher Grants**

Join us for a Healthy Morning Fundraiser at North Lakes Park, Denton. Runners and Walkers of all fitness levels welcome!

Registration fee: \$20.00, **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, March 25**

AWARDS

TOP SCHOOL AWARD - \$100 MARDEL GIFT CARD

***Age Divisions: Male and Female 1st Place**
 5 & under, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-20, 21-25, 26-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 & over.

*Top Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd

RACE DAY CHECK IN AT 7:30 - 8AM. RUN STARTS AT 8:30 AM

Register ONLINE at www.racedayeventservices.com OR
 Find us at www.dentoncommunitycouncilptas.org



Want to become a Board or Committee member for DHS PTSA?

If you are interested in a board or committee position for the DHS PTSA for the 2014-2015 school year, please contact one of these nominating committee members by Friday, 2/28/14: Jennifer Stricker (jennintx@verizon.net), Cheryl Hassell (chassel@dentonisd.org), Michele Martin (dhsptsa.volunteer@gmail.com), or Linda Thompson (lsct@verizon.net). They are waiting to hear from you ! The board will need a treasurer, parliamentarian, and various committee chairs. **The next General Membership meeting will be Thursday, 4/10/14 at 4:15 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria.** Officer elections will be held at that time. See you then!

Grace Chalon, DHS PTSA President or Michele Martin
 Volunteer Coordinator, DHS PTSA
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BOOK CENTS

Book Cents is now accepting donations of all types of books for its sixth annual sale, scheduled for March 27-30, in the Sears wing of Golden Triangle Mall near the food court.

The sale dates are:

- 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 27 (admission \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families)
- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 28 (free admission)
- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 29 (free admission)
- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30 (free admission)

All books will be sold for \$2 or less, with proceeds benefitting the Denton Community Council of PTAs, Denton ISD school libraries and the Denton Public School Foundation.

The goal of the book sale is to promote education through reading and recycling. Instead of throwing them away, Denton ISD also donates older school library books as a way of giving back to the local community. Proceeds then allow libraries to purchase new books and fund other initiatives, while PTAs gain funds for scholarships and local training.

Many volunteers are needed to set up and staff the sale. More information on volunteer opportunities will follow.



TAKS testing will be March 3-6 at DHS.

STAAR English I testing will be March 31

STAAR English II testing will be April 1

Please check www.dentonisd.org/dhstesting for more information. Lori Hart, DHS Testing Coordinator at (940)369-2161 or lhart@dentonisd.org



THANKS TO OUR DHS VOLUTEERS!

Thank you to the volunteers who supplied soup and made it possible for the chair massages.... The DHS Administration and Staff appreciated this special day!!!



INSIDE OUT PROJECT



students participate in a global art project coordinated by the French street artist JR. On January 9th they took a bus to Dallas and 31

DHS art department head, Valery Smith was invited by the Contemporary Museum of Dallas to have some of her



students and chaperones were photographed. The photos were pasted onto the walls of the Contemporary Museum and will be on display until March 9th. The museum educational director sent Ms. Smith copies of all the photos to use here in Denton to expand the project into our community. Involving a few of the IB students to paste the installation up, DHS joined the more than 120,000 people worldwide, in over 108 countries to have the opportunity to share their portraits and make a statement for what they stand for. It is a global platform for people to share their untold stories and transform messages of personal identity into works of public art.

Here is an excerpt from online information about this project:

“On March 2, 2011, JR won the TED prize at the TED Conference in Long Beach, California, and called for the creation of a global participatory art project with the potential to change the world. This project is called INSIDE OUT. ...The INSIDE OUT project has traveled from Ecuador to Nepal, from Mexico to Palestine, inspiring group actions on varied themes such as hope, diversity, gender-based violence, climate change,...” You can read more on the Inside Out website, at www.insideoutproject.net

More on this from Ms. Hughes:

This winter a group of IB students from **Valery Smith** and **James Rosin's** MYP and DP classes took part in JR's "Inside Out" exhibit that is currently showcased at the Dallas Contemporary Museum. The students were invited to have their pictures taken as part of the



exhibit. Many of them

were also a part of the installation at the museum that took place on January 9th. JR, a semi-anonymous French street artist, uses his camera to "show the world its true face, by taking and pasting photos of human faces across massive canvases" and then exhibiting

them in public venues. He is probably most well-known for a TED talk that he gave in 2011, where he won an award for his presentation on photography and public art. We are honored here at DHS to have acquired the photos of our students that were taken as part of the exhibition...and we are even more excited that they will be installed, in true JR form, on the outside of Denton High School for the community to enjoy. The JR exhibit will run through March 9th at the Dallas Contemporary, 161 Glass Street, Dallas Texas.

For more information, please contact Valery Smith, Art Dept Chair at 940-369-2187 or Beth Hughes, IB Coordinator at 940-369-2238.



DHS COUNSELING CORNER

Past Events

- **2/17/2014-2/21/2014 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week:** The DHS Counseling Team just finished presenting information to the student body on healthy relationships, unhealthy relationships and how to seek help if you are in an abusive relationship. Start a conversation with your child about Teen Dating Violence by asking them about the presentation and what they learned about Healthy Relationships.
- **3/1/2014 College Financial Aid Event:** Senior students and parents came to DHS and completed their FAFSA on site with the assistance of Financial Aid representatives from Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas, and North Central Texas College. The FAFSA is a crucial step for students who need assistance in paying for college. Almost all need-based scholarships and grants will require the FAFSA to be completed as a part of their requirements. If you will have a senior next year, please look for this information in the future.

Announcements

- DHS Counseling Department now has a Twitter account... Want to feel more connected to DHS? Want information that you can use to help stay on track of important events at DHS, trends that impact young people and details that can help you prepare for your future? Follow the DHS Counseling Department on Twitter. **Find us at @DHSCountsDept (and for more great Twitter feeds, visit the "Get Connected")**
- The junior year is the best year to start solidifying any college plans. During this year and over the summer prior to senior year is the ideal time for students and families to explore colleges and make official college visits. These visits give a student a chance to walk on a college campus, meet staff and instructors, and see the resources that a school offers. These visits should give a student an opportunity to decide if a prospective school is actually a school to which a student wants to apply. Great information about how to plan and do a college visit can be found **at www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org under "Find Colleges."**
- Any junior students who are planning on attending any type of college after high school graduation should take at least one ACT and/or SAT test before the end of the junior year. There are limited test dates remaining for

this school year and registration spots are filling fast. Please visit the Testing page on the Denton High School Counseling Department web page (www.dentonisd.org/DHScounselors) for complete registration deadlines and test dates.

Upcoming Events

DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme
March- Principled "How do I appreciate others?" "How do I honor and respect myself and those that care about me?" / Cheating & Lying, Testing Integrity (additional information and tips for students and parents can be found on the Naviance home page and the DHS Counseling webpage)

- **3/17/2014 and 3/31/2014 Bank on Denton:** DHS, in cooperation with United Way Bank on Denton County, will be hosting a FREE two part training workshops, for students, meant to increase financial stability. By learning about using your money and practicing some basic financial habits, you could keep hundreds of dollars that would otherwise be lost. Bank On Denton County workshops teach four important topics: Bank Accounts, Budgeting, Credit, and Loans. After learning about all four topics, you'll receive a certificate and be qualified to use "second chance" accounts at some banks and credit unions. to get certified for "second chance" accounts

DHS MYP School-Wide Service Learning Calendar/Counselor Be the Voice Theme
April- Thinker "How can I improve my environment?" / Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness

- **4/5/2014 Interested in Going to a Service Academy?:** Any high school students who are interested in attending a US Military Service Academy after high school graduation are encouraged to attend the North Texas US Military Service Academy Forum on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 8am-12pm at Mountain View College in Dallas. Students in any grade are encouraged to attend as the process for admissions is unique to other post-high school options. Complete information can be (did not finish)

Teen Dating Violence....

How Can I Start the Conversation with my Kid?

Teen Dating Violence happens when one partner exerts power and control over the other. Teen dating violence is much like adult relationship violence. Both can involve

physical, sexual, or psychological/emotional violence within a dating relationship, as well as stalking. It can occur in person or electronically and may occur between a current or former dating partner.

The Facts:

- Among adult victims of Domestic Violence, 22.4% of women and 15% of men first experienced some form of violence by a partner between the ages of 11-17.
- About 9% of high school students report being physically abused by their partner within the last 12 months.
- 50% of 14-24-year-olds have experienced digital dating abuse.
- 2 out of 3 teens in abusive relationships do not tell anyone about the abuse.

Most teens do not report dating violence because they are afraid of what their family and friends will do or say. Often times victims of these crimes are made to feel ashamed or made to believe that they are part to blame for these acts of violence. As parents it is important to start having conversations teen dating violence at an early age and if you haven't already talked to your kids, just remember it is never too late.

How Can You Tell if Your Teen is a Victim of Dating

Violence? Is your teen withdrawing from school activities or have they stopped doing things they used to enjoy. Has your son or daughter become secretive, ashamed or hostile to (or isolated from) parents, family or friends because of the relationship? Does your teen's partner call several a night or show up unexpectedly to "check-up"? Does your teen apologize for his/her partner's behavior? Has your teen stopped hanging out with friends?

Other Warning Signs: Physical bruises, signs of injury or damaged personal property. Changes in make-up or dress. The use of alcohol or drugs can be a teen's response to pressure from his/her partner. This might be your teen's way of dealing with the emotional pain and suffering they are going through.

If you notice any of the behaviors mentioned above, it could be an indicator that your teen is experiencing dating violence.

How can you start a conversation about dating violence with your teen? (10 questions to get the conversations started.)

1. **How are things going?** Don't start off the conversation by immediately saying, "so let's talk about dating violence." You might find some resistance from your teen. Instead start off with a simple conversation starter.
2. **What are your friends' dating relationships like?** Find out how they feel about dating relationships. Ask questions like: What's the difference between "going together" and "being committed"? How long do your teen's peers stay together? Do they make any kind of commitment to each other? Do kids talk to each other about their feelings for their boyfriends and girlfriends? Are there certain things boys want that girls don't? Are there things girls want in these relationships that boys don't want?
3. **Have you ever seen any type of abusive behavior between two people who are dating?** This would be a good time to give some examples and talk about the types of dating violence and the warning signs. For more information please see the DHS counseling website under the Social/Emotional Counseling section or visit www.loveisnotabuse.org.
4. **Why do you think someone would abuse someone they were dating?** You can discuss that relationship violence is all about an individual wanting power and control in a relationship. Be honest with your teen and feel free to share any personal experiences you may have experienced or witnessed.
5. **Why might a person stay in an abusive relationship?** Let your teen know that there are a lot of reasons someone would stay in an abusive relationship. For example, they are made to feel as though the abuse is their fault. They may have been isolated from their family and friends and feel as though they have no one to turn to. They may grow up in a home where abuse occurs and so they believe that this is a normal part of relationship or they may grow up in a home where these things do not happen so he/she feels like they must handle it on their own. Often times, if the victim is a male they will have a hard time telling people because of the fear that they will be put down for not being "man enough." Others might stay because they love the person and hope that they will change.
6. **What makes a relationship healthy?** This is a very important question and often times as parents we assume that our teens know what a healthy relationship is. Don't assume that teens automatically know. Let them know that in a healthy relationship partners have mutual respect for one another, they value each other, and they communicate their feelings to each other. Explain that in a healthy relationship they will feel comfortable expressing themselves and being honest with their partner. This would be a great opportunity to talk about your experiences with healthy relationships and what made them good.

7. **What can you do if you have a friend that is threatened or a friend that is abusive?**

If They Suspect their Friend is Being Abused

Tell your teen that if they suspect their friend is in an abusive relationship they should talk with their friend. Explain that they can let their friend know they are worried about them and encourage them to seek help. Discuss how they should not judge their friend.

If They Believe their Friend is Being Abusive

If they have a friend is being abusive they should also discuss their concerns with their friend. Explain that they should describe the specific behavior they saw that was abusive and let your friend know that you will not stand by if he/she is going to be abusive. Let your teen know that they should also encourage them to seek help and be there to support their friend.

8. **What kind of messages about dating abuse and relationships do we see in the media?** Discuss with your teen whether these messages align with your family values.

9. **If your son or daughter is dating someone, ask "how is your dating relationship going?"** This will be a great opportunity for you to discuss your expectations. Also, be prepared for the possibility that they tell you the relationship is unhealthy or abusive. More than likely your first instinct will be to get upset and/or punish his/her partner. However, the best thing you can do is to stay calm and listen. This will let your child know that it is safe to talk to you and they will more likely open up to you in the future. Let your teen know that you are concerned and want to get him/her help. Also, there is the possibility that your teen confides in you that they are the one being abusive in the relationship. Again, stay calm. Ask if they know how you can help them. They may not know what you can do to help. Contact a school counselor or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) to get more information.

10. **Where can you go to find help if you are a friend needs it?** Listen to the resources they come up with on their own. In addition, you can give them Domestic Violence **Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE), which can put them in contact with other resources available.**

If you are concerned about your child, there is help available. Please contact Jennifer Mize, DHS Student Assistance Counselor (940) 369-2136 if you would like further information regarding treatment services for your child.

Information for this article is provided by:

Liz Claiborne- Women's Work www.loveisnotabuse.org
www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org
www.Loveisrespect.org



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME NEWS



Korean Teachers Visit DHS

Denton High School hosted two teachers from South Korea through the Texas International Education Consortium at the University of Texas from February 4th-14th. Sook Young Yi (Monica) lived with **Sharon Tanner** and was mentored by **Beth Hughes**. Jaekyoung Lee (Jae) lived with **Kathleen Soloman** and was mentored by **Kimberly**

Thaggard. While on our campus, our Korean visitors visited classrooms, presented a cultural presentation to DHS students, took a tour of the ATC, and participated in an IB field trip. As an IB World School, we valued this opportunity to learn more about Korea.

Charis Hills: IB DP Retreat May 15-17th

For the Classes of 2015 and 2016

The IB DP Retreat will take place Thursday, May 15th to Saturday, May 17th at Charis Hills retreat center in Sunset, Texas. The cost is \$65 with checks payable to DHS IB. The final amount is due by Friday, May 9th. This event is for full-diploma candidates only.

Questions can be directed to IB DP Coordinator Beth Hughes at bhughes@dentonisd.org or 940-369-2238.



Cierra Ferrell and Jaira Poole are kayaking at the 2013 retreat.

General Michael Hayden

On Tuesday, February 4th 2014 DHS DP students listened to a talk given by General Michael Hayden. General Hayden is a retired United States Air Force four-star general and former



director of the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. The talk was at Dallas Hyatt Regency in downtown. Our Korean visiting

teachers also attended with our group, and we added a trip up the Dallas icon, Reunion Tower, for our visitors as well.

UNT TOULOUSE GRADUATE SCHOOL EXHIBIT

Broncos, please share this incredible opportunity with your students. If your students choose they may enter their Personal Project a month early, display it at the North Texas Toulouse Graduate School exhibit and **they will be eligible for a \$100 Visa Gift card and other prizes.** Participation in this event is very prestigious and will look great on a college resume. Please send any interested participants to me. ***If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask :) I am also posting this information to the MYP Personal Project Facebook page!!! Thanks, Kimberly Thaggard***

**DHS CHESS CLUB****DENTON HIGH SCHOOL CHESS IS ON THE MOVE**

Denton High School chess players competed in tournaments in January and February and they are organizing their own tournament for May 24.



On January 18, Alex Elizalde, Zaryab Shah, and Vanessa Jimenez combined to win top high school team trophy at the Region 2 Chess Championship. Denton HS also won the top Region 2 high school team trophy in 2013. [Region 2](#) for chess includes big cities such as Fort Worth.

On February 8-9, William Root, Alex Elizalde, Zaryab Shah, Shawn Joss and Tyler Joss traveled with chess club sponsor Fred Mueller and chess coach Alexey Root to Houston, Texas for the [Texas Scholastic Chess Championships](#). Over 1000 players from kindergarten through college participated. In the high school championship section, which had 133 players and 24 teams, William Root tied for tenth place and Alex Elizalde tied for 125th place.

William and Alex combined to earn the highest score of any North Texas team. In the high school JV section, which had 100 players and 17 teams, Zaryab Shah and Shawn Joss tied for 26th place and Tyler



Joss tied for 83rd place. The Denton HS JV team won the 13th place JV trophy. Since teams could count their top four players' scores toward their team's total, Denton High School teams did well considering their smaller (2-person varsity and 3-person JV) teams.

A highlight of the trip to Houston came before the Saturday and Sunday chess games, when the students viewed the Menil Collection on Friday, February 7. The Menil Collection has original artworks from Picasso, Matisse, Andy Warhol, and many others.

The **final tournament** on Denton High School's schedule will be **May 24 from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the North Branch of the Denton Public Library, 3020 North Locust.** The May 24 tournament is free for Denton High School students. If you are a Denton HS student and you haven't tried chess yet this year, come to chess club Fridays 4:10 to 5:10 p.m. in room 228 (Mr. Mueller's room) and play in the tournament on May 24. For students from other middle and high schools (public, private, or homeschool) the entry fee is \$10 in advance (by May 17) and \$20 at the door on May 24. Interested chess players should email Fred Mueller fmuller@dentonisd.org or drop by room 228. ***The DHS Chess Club is sponsored by Fred Mueller, and coached by parent volunteer Dr. Alexey Root.***



**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](#)

**Baseball Fundraiser**

If you know any baseball boys, buy a \$15 coupon sheet from them. The sheet has coupons to Chicken Express, Jack in the Box, Casa Galaviz, Domino's Pizza, University Lanes, Mi Taza, Wendy's, Whichwich. There are several buy one get one free deals and other great savings. *If you don't know a baseball kid and want to buy one, I just happen to have a baseball kid of my own. :) Karen Crockett*



Mr. Mark Baker is fighting leukemia. T-shirts are being sold at DHS to raise money. They are \$15 each. *Karen Crockett*



Have a good day. Progress reports should be coming home soon. Second semester spring fever is on the rise. If your kids grades are falling, they probably need to spend more time at home. Good 'ol fashion family time (and a lot of it) seems to light a fire.....must be because these teens love us grownups so much! From – Karen Crockett

In case you haven't heard :).....

Our DHS varsity **boy's basketball** team beat GHS....just saying....HOORAY!!!! *Karen Crockett*

In case you haven't heard :).....

The **DHS boys and girls swim team** came in second at the big district swim meet this weekend. 1st went to the much bigger school Byron Nelson who will jump to 6A next year. Both the boys and girls swim teams beat Guyer. Guyer came in third out of seven teams. DHS even has a swimmer who finished 4th and 5th last year at State as a junior. *Karen Crockett*

GO DHS!!!!



Yearbook Announcements

Parents we just turn in our final count for yearbooks on Sunday at midnight. While we might have some extras and we will sell until we run out there is no guarantee that there will be any books left to purchase after this date. Senior parents please don't take a chance that we will have books left.

Current price of the book is \$75.00 if brought to room 207 by Friday or \$80 if purchased online at www.jostens.com by debit or credit card. We will offer a special payment plan that is only good through Monday at lunch consisting of two payments of \$45.00. That will guarantee you that we will have a book for your child. The second payment will be due the first week in April. If you plan to do the payment plan please email me so I know how many to order.

If you have any questions please feel free to email or call. Thanks, Greg Bogomol, Yearbook, Newspaper, Journalism, and Photojournalism.

www.dhshorseshoe.com

<http://twitter.com/dhshorseshoe>

<http://dhsjournalism.org/>



UIL Academics Prepares for District

The DHS UIL Academic Teams have been busy honing their skills. District competition for UIL Academics is just around the corner on March 29th and Region is just one later on April 2nd and 3rd.

The Paschal Charity Meet

The UIL Math Teams began testing their competitive skills at the annual Paschal HS Charity meet on the Friday evening of January 10th. Entry fees for the charity meet included cans of food which were donated to the Tarrant County Food Bank. Other schools at the meet included Birdville, Joshua, Oakridge, Western Hills, Haltom, and of course Paschal. The contests offered were Number Sense and Mathematics followed by the exciting Team Relay Event.

The Number Sense results were:

Novice Division: 1st - Tony Gao, 2nd - Jimmy Du, 3rd - Gabriella Webster

Advanced Division: 1st - William Root, 2nd - Omar Akram, 5th - Yiming Su, 6th - Neel Shroff

The Math Contest results were:

Novice Division: 1st - Tony Gao, 3rd - Jimmy Du, 6th - Seth Cope

Advanced Division: 1st - William Root, 4th - Yiming Su, 5th - Karti Chaturvedi, 6th - Omar Akram

In the exciting Team Relay Denton High School captured both the 1st and 2nd Place trophies. The relay begins by the first team member correctly answering an Algebra 1 question. The correct Algebra 1 answer becomes the seed to the next team member's Geometry question. The process continues with questions up to and including Calculus. The first team to finish with the correct Calculus answer wins the relay.

DHS students brought home 16 out of the 26 available awards. By the end of the awards ceremony the announcer was referring to Denton High School simply as the "Big D".

The Flower Mound Invitational Meet

On Saturday, January 11th the UIL Math Teams were joined by DHS students competing in other academic events. The Flower Mound Meet is our student's first opportunity to practice with this year's official UIL released tests. Unfortunately, several students couldn't attend because of a rescheduled SAT due to the great ice event prior to the winter break.

As always our students represented DHS with Bronco Pride, competing head-to-head with students from schools as far away as Lubbock. A good time was had by all. Schools at the meet included many of the 5A and Magnet schools from the greater DWF area.

Exceptional DHS results included:

William Root: 1st Literary Criticism, 5th Overall Number Sense, 3rd Grade 12 Division Number Sense, 11th Overall Mathematics, 5th Grade 12 Division Mathematics

Anna Mitchell: 4th Spelling & Vocabulary

Tony Gao: 7th Grade 9 Division Number Sense, 11th Grade 9 Division Mathematics

George Roberson: 6th Headline Writing

Also attending the Flower Mound meet with Bronco Pride were Gabriella Webster, Jimmy Du, Brianna Young, Alex Elizalde, Dewey Middlemiss-Kurtz, William Tanner, Maggie Mae Ellison, Brandon Shields, and Ryan Carr. All students need to be congratulated for their hard work and efforts.

The Argyle Invitational Meet (UIL continued)

On Saturday, January 25th the Academic Teams practiced their individual skills at the Argyle Invitational Meet. Cliff McCurdy, the Meet Director, said: "We have over 30 schools attending, including State Champions from 1A through 5A. It will be a great competition." Our DHS students once again showed their academic prowess. It was indeed a great competition as our students continued to practice for District at the end of March.

Awards brought home were:

William Root: 1st Computer Science, 2nd Grade 12 Division Number Sense, 3rd Literary Criticism, 5th Grade 12 Division Mathematics

Dewey Middlemiss-Kurtz: 8th Computer Science

Tony Gao: 5th Grade 9 Division Number Sense, 8th Grade 9 Division Mathematics

Jimmy Du: 9th Grade 9 Division Number Sense

Rebecca Fu: 2nd Editorial Writing, 4th Place Spelling & Vocab, 4th Headline Writing

Emily Fu: 1st Editorial Writing, 4th Feature Writing, 6th Place Spelling & Vocab, 7th Headline Writing

Omar Akram: 5th Headline Writing, 10th Place Spelling & Vocab

George Roberson: 2nd Heading Writing, 2nd News Writing, 5th Feature Writing

Gabriella Webster: 4th News Writing, 6th Editorial Writing

Yiming Su: 9th Headline Writing

The Ryan Invitational Meet

Practice continued at the Ryan Meet on February 7th. Schools at the meet again included many of the 5A and Magnet schools from the greater DWF area. The level of competition was truly intense. The Ryan meet was the student's first opportunity to see the official "B" release practice tests from UIL.

Notable achievements included:

Ryan Carr: 4th Computer Applications

George Roberson: 4th Current Events

Rebecca Fu: 3rd Spelling & Vocabulary, 5th Editorial Writing

Ana Mitchell: 2nd Spelling & Vocabulary

Emily Fu: 5th Spelling & Vocabulary

Spelling & Vocab captured the 1st place team trophy.**The Saginaw Meet**

On Saturday, February 22nd the Academic Teams journeyed to Saginaw for their 5th practice meet of the spring season. All of academic competitors need to be congratulated on their hard work and practice efforts. Once again our DHS students demonstrated their prowess as well as their dedication to academic excellence. The meet hosted 25+ schools from the greater DFW area and again included current State Champions as competitors.

Competing at the Saginaw meet in various events were:

William Root, Alex Elizalde, Dewy Middlemiss-Kurtz, Yiming Su, George Roberson, Alex Poston, Bonner Alexander, Dylan Curtis, Hannah Overby, Elizabeth Valencia, Sumaia Tabassum, Omar Akram, Tony Gao, Seth Cope, Karti Chaturvedi, Maggie Mae Ellison, Jordan Gill, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu, Ana Mitchell, and Shelby Dupont.

Although not all of the above students earned awards, they should all be congratulated as they continue to embody the DHS "Pursuit of Excellence." Awards were earned in many of the contests.

In LD Debate:

Alex Poston: Won 2 out of 3 rounds

Bonner Alexander: Won 2 out of 3 rounds

Dylan Curtis: Won 1 out of 3 rounds

In team competitions:

Computer Science 1st Place Team: William Root, Alex Elizalde, Dewey Middlemiss-Kurtz, Yiming Su

Number Sense 1st Place Team: William Root, Omar Akram, Tony Gao, Seth Cope

Spelling & Vocabulary 1st Place Team: Ana Mitchell, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu, Omar Akram

Mathematics 4th Place Team: William Root, Yiming Su, Karti Chaturvedi

Individual Awards up to 6th Place.

Most of the events had well over 100 competitors.

William Root: 2nd Place Number Sense, 1st Place Computer Science, 1st Place Literary Criticism, 5th Place Mathematics. William's 2nd in Number Sense was to the current State Champion by a very small margin.

Omar Akram: 5th Place Number Sense

Alex Elizalde: 4th Place Computer Science

George Roberson: 2nd Place Headline Writing, 6th Place Current Events & Issues

Rebecca Fu: 3rd Place Editorial Writing, 4th Place Headline Writing, 4th Place Spelling & Vocabulary (tie with Ana)

Ana Mitchell: 4th Place Spelling & Vocabulary

Emily Fu: 6th Place Spelling & Vocabulary

The DHS UIL Academic Teams and their coaches would like to thank everyone for their continued support as District draws nearer. The students are coached by Barry Wagner, Fred Mueller, Greg Bogomol, Julie Seeley, Ashley Sharp, and Sandra Dieckman. The UIL Academic Coordinator for DHS is Fred Mueller.



DHS PROJECT GRAD NIGHT 2014



(DHS AP Exam Information)

The fee for AP Exams this school year will be approximately \$90-\$93.60 per exam. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch will qualify for a reduced price and should see Mrs. Hart for the amount due and verification.

AP Exam registration will be online only and will open January 6, 2014.

www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/441951.

Each student's AP Registration and payment is due by **Friday, February 7th, 2014**.

Both should be turned in to Mrs. Hart. Students may pay by cash, or check at the testing office or online at <https://denton.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=78>

[Registration instructions](#)


BRING YOUR PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF ONLINE PAYMENT TO MRS. HART.


(Helpful links for AP students)

- ✓ Visit the [College Board Website](#) for information on all of CollegeBoard's programs including AP, PSAT, SAT & lots of useful planning tools!
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- ✓ Learn all about **AP (Advanced Placement) exams & courses**.
- ✓ Plan for your AP Exam weeks with the **AP Exam Calendar**.
- ✓ **AP College Credit Policy Information** from CollegeBoard
- ✓ **AP Exam Score Reporting** information

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Attention senior parents: January is the month to complete your tax returns so that your senior can complete the [FAFSA](#) application for federal financial aid. Most universities require a complete FAFSA application before they will award private scholarship dollars, so all college bound families need to complete the FAFSA.





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Project GRAD NIGHT 2014

We are writing, in partnership with the Denton Public School Foundation, to solicit your help in making graduation night fun, safe and memorable for our 2014 Denton High School graduates. Project Grad Night is an alcohol-free & drug-free event for only graduating seniors, and will take place on June 6, 2014. The event offers graduates lots of food and fun including many different sport and video games, and the opportunity to win prizes and much more.

Project Grad Night is supported by parents, friends, teachers and businesses within our community. Please consider becoming an underwriter for Project Grad Night by donating cash, prizes or gift certificates. Each underwriter will receive special recognition at Project Grad Night and written acknowledgment in the Denton Record-Chronicle. Underwriter levels are as follows:

Horseshoe: \$1000	Bronco: \$500	Purple: \$250
Gold \$100	White: \$50	Special Friend-\$

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support DHS Graduates with a tax Deductible contribution! We look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Debi Blagg, Grad Night 2014 Chair/940-390-4737
D.Blagg@verizon.net
Tax ID 75-2578743

Send this portion with donation please

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Tutorial Schedule for Spring

If your student needs an extra assistant please look at the tutorial schedule for Spring 2014. [The calendar is located on DHS Website here](#). Also, Individual Teacher Tutorial Schedule is also [included here](#) for your convenience.

Other Useful links for students and parents:

[HAC for student Log In](#)

[HAC – Home Access Center](#)

[DHS Volunteer Database](#)

[2013-14 Denton ISD Calendar](#)

[2013-14 A/B Calendar](#)

[Nutrition and Cafeteria Menus](#)

[Horseshoe – Student On-Line Newspaper](#)

[Counseling Center](#)



[University of North Texas](#)
....*Green Light to greatness*

As one of the nation's largest public universities and the most comprehensive in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, we are dedicated to providing an excellent educational experience to our 36,000 students. UNT offers [97 bachelor's](#), [81 master's](#) and [35 doctoral degree programs](#).

UNT Mission Statement

The UNT We Mean Green Fund (WMGF) will provide funds for projects that increase the energy efficiency of our facilities, reduce the amount of waste created on campus, encourage sustainable behaviors, and integrate all three tenets of sustainability into the campus culture: environmental, social, and economic.

QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):

[Admissions process](#)
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The [Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity](#) partners with the UNT Faculty and Staff and the entire campus community to create an inclusive environment that prepares and promotes UNT student success in a global marketplace. At UNT, all members of our community value, support, and respect each other and the educational benefits of diversity.

UNT is pleased to announce the opening of the [Pride Alliance Center](#) at UNT for students, faculty and community partners that are LGBT or want to support LGBT friends.

UNT System

- [University of North Texas](#)
- [UNT Dallas Campus](#)
- [UNT Health Science Center](#)
- [UNT Dallas College of Law....begins Fall of 2014](#)

UNT Bests

- **Environmental philosophy program** recognized as the best in the world by the International Association for Environmental Philosophy
- **Public administration (city management/urban policy) master's program** ranked 1st in Texas and 8th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*
- **One of the nation's best music colleges** and an internationally respected jazz program
- **Online M.B.A.** ranked as a **Top 20** best buy among distance programs by *GetEducated.com*
- UNT named **one of America's 100 Best College Buys®** for 18 consecutive years

- UNT named a **Best in the West college** by *The Princeton Review*
- **Medical librarianship graduate program** ranked 1st in Texas and 6th nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*



TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

With an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students, Texas Woman's University is the nation's largest university primarily for women. TWU offers degree programs in the liberal arts, nursing, health sciences, the sciences, business and education. Its campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston are joined by an e-learning campus offering innovative online degree programs in business, education and general studies.

TWU serves the citizens of Texas in many ways, including:

- Graduating more new health care professionals than any other university in Texas
- Easing the teacher shortage by placing highly qualified professionals in the classroom
- Offering a liberal arts-based curriculum that prepares students for success in a global society
- Conducting research that impacts the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity, osteoporosis, stroke and diabetes.

TWU Mission Statement

Texas Woman's University builds on its long tradition as a public institution primarily for women by educating a diverse community of students to lead personally and professionally fulfilling lives. TWU prepares women and men for leadership and service through high quality undergraduate, graduate and professional programs on campus and at a distance. A TWU education ignites potential, purpose and a pioneering spirit.

QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):

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TWU System

- [TWU - Denton](#)
- [TWU - Dallas](#)
- [TWU - Houston](#)

TWU Bests

- The **median first-year earnings of TWU bachelor's degree graduates are the second highest** among Texas public universities. (College Measures, 2013)
- TWU was named **one of the top five universities in the U.S. who have contributed to the national Energy Star Low Carbon IT Power Campaign**. (2012)
- *U.S. News and World Report* magazine ranks TWU in the **top three in the state** and the **top 10 nationally** among universities with the **most diverse student populations**. (2014 Best Colleges issue)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks **TWU's library and information studies and occupational and physical therapy programs among the nation's best**. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks TWU's **graduate program in occupational therapy 15th nationally**. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- TWU's **physical therapy program is ranked 27th in the nation** by *U.S. News and World Report*. (2014 Best Graduate Schools issue)
- *Military Times* magazine ranks the **TWU School of Management among its Best for Vets business schools**. (2013)
- Fashion-Schools.org ranks TWU among the **top 10 fashion schools in the Southwest**. (2013)
- *Poder Hispanic* magazine ranks TWU **13th among Texas public universities awarding master's degrees to Hispanics**. (2012)
- The **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ranks TWU's Hispanic enrollment increase** (224 percent from 2000-2012) the **eighth**

**North Central Texas College**

Established in 1924 under the leadership of Texas community college pioneer Randolph Lee Clark, North Central Texas College is the oldest continuously operating public two-year college in the state. From its roots as a small, rural "junior" college — an extension of the local public schools actually — NCTC has grown and matured into a comprehensive, full-service community college of truly regional scope, serving students from six major campuses located across its service area.

The North Central Texas College Community College District is one of 50 public community college districts statewide. Although the actual college district boundaries are coterminous with those of Cooke County, NCTC reaches far beyond its home campus in Gainesville to bring higher education programs and services to residents of a large service area which also includes Denton and Montague counties and Graham ISD.

NCTC Mission Statement

North Central Texas College is dedicated to student success and institutional excellence. The College District encourages student achievement by providing affordable, quality learning environments, comprehensive student support, and public services.

NCTC System

- [Gainesville](#)
- [Corinth](#)
- [Bowie](#)
- [Graham](#)
- [Flower Mound](#)
- [eCampus](#)

QUICK LINKS for Prospective and Current Student(s):

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[Honors Studies](#)
[Academic Programs](#)
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[Residence Halls \(Gainesville Only\)](#)
[Plus More Future Students.](#)

NCTC Bests

- Oldest Continuously Operating Two-Year College in Texas
- Making Affordable, Quality Education
- Stimulating Learning Environment
- Offering programs leading to associate degrees and certificates

[Career and Technical Education](#) programs at NCTC are designed to prepare you for the high-demand, high-skill careers of today's changing workplace. It is predicted that nearly half of the job openings filled by workers with post-secondary education will go to people with an associate's degree or an occupational certificate. Some of these jobs pay more than many of the jobs held by those with bachelor's degrees.

Whether you are interested in a high-tech job like computer networking, a career in the healthcare industry or one of many other career fields, NCTC has one-year certificate and two-year degree programs that can enable you to walk out of the classroom and into the workforce!

Not only are NCTC students provided hands-on training from instructors who are professionals in their field, our CTE programs also build communication and critical thinking skills, both highly valued by employers.

Our programs are for those just leaving high school as well as working adults interested in upgrading their skills or making a career change. Explore our CTE webpages and find the career that is for you!



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