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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 welcomer edition for 2013-14. Submissions for the upcoming 2013-14 school year may be emailed to: missy.mccormick@unt.edu.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MR. FORD



Greetings Bronco Parents!

We are excited to see our returning students and more than 600 additional ninth graders this year. Last year, DHS unveiled a school logo that encompasses our beliefs. The background is our great state and a purple "D" is coming from the state symbol to represent our great city, Denton. Right through the middle of the D is a Bronco that represents all of our past, present, and future Broncos. Three words, Dedication, Honor, Success, circle the emblem to represent Bronco Nation. Every staff member is "Dedicated" to the academic achievement of our students. Our community is "Dedicated" to supporting our students and staff. Our students are "Dedicated" to becoming life-long learners. Honor is defined as "merited respect" or to regard with great respect, according to Webster. The many Bronco traditions can continue for all future Broncos as we honor those in a healthy environment. As a result, every member of Bronco Nation will be successful.

So please join us as we say, **Dedication, Honor, Success, WE ARE DHS!**

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



IMPORTANT DHS SAVE THE DATES:

Sept 14th – Mattress Fundraiser

- Watch the DHS Website for more information

Sept 16th 6:30 -8:00 PM – Bronco Night

- Meet the teachers and learn more about DHS!!!

Oct 1st – Senior Pictures (Tuxes and Drapes)

Oct 13th – Homecoming Dance

- Watch the DHS Website for more information



JOIN THE DHS PSTA!

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 2013-2014 PTSA. We are still early in this year's drive for members. The greater our total membership, the greater our impact can be for our Bronco Community. Your membership dues directly help with the activities and scholarships for students here at DHS. Your memberships dues help provide events that show our DHS faculty and staff that we support and appreciate them. Your membership also gives you a vote in decisions made on how and when to spend those dues. And if that weren't enough, your membership opens doors for you to volunteer for events *as your schedule allows*.

A portion of your dues—the part that goes to State and National PTA—makes you a member of the largest child advocacy group in the United States. PTA lobbies on behalf of children and families in areas that pertain to education, child safety, and other family issues. You can still submit your membership form and dues to the office at any time. Join the best team around, be part of the DHS PTSA and help us create the best possible experience for the students at Denton High School! [Click here for a DHS PTSA Membership Form](#)

Thank you. Monica Moen, DHS PTSA Membership Committee



PTSA Board for 2013-2014

President, Grace Chalon

1st Vice President, Cheryl Hassell

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CLT, Cheryl Hassell

CLT (alternate), Lori Wolfe

District Council Rep, Lori Wolfe

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Staff Appreciation, Bonnie Balakrishna

Volunteer Coordinator, Position Open



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



PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK

If you haven't purchased a **YEARBOOK** yet you can still do so online at [Jostens](#). If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks, Mr. Bogomol and Staff



THE HORSESHOE

The Student News Site of Denton High School

<http://www.dhshorseshoe.com/>



DISTRICT TO HOST GRANDPARENTS AND GRIDIRON NIGHT, SEPT. 13

The Denton Independent School District's Adopt-A-School: Partners in Education and Grandparents in Public Schools programs will be hosting the fifth annual Gridiron Night at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at the C.H. Collins Athletic Complex.

The football event will feature a fun-filled evening at the varsity game between the Guyer High and Flower Mound Marcus High. Denton ISD's grandparents group and its partnership sponsors will provide free tickets, a hot dog supper, and transportation to and from the big game at three separate locations:

- **Robson Ranch Clubhouse:** Buses depart at 5:45 p.m. Please contact Al Grundstrom at alcarolg@grandecom.com for the Robson Ranch bus reservations.
- **Denton ISD Central Services:** Bus departs at 1307 N. Locust St. at 5:30 p.m.
- **Savannah Elementary, 1101 Cotton Exchange:** Bus departs at 5:30 p.m.

To reserve a spot on the Central Services bus or the Savannah bus - contact Sharon Cox in the Denton ISD Community Relations Department at (940) 369-0006 or by email at scox@dentonisd.org



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

October is National Bullying Awareness Month

DHS believes all students have the right to attend school where individual differences are respected and celebrated and to learn in a safe, secure and supportive environment that is free of bullying. National statistics show that:

- Approximately 160,000 students stay home each day out of fear of being bullied.
- 40% of suicide victims had been bullied during their lifetime.
- 86% boys and girls polled said they've seen someone else being bullied
- 48% said they've been bullied
- 42% admitted to bullying other kids at least once in a while
- 90% of students do not like to see someone bullied
- Even though most bystanders don't like to watch bullying, less than 20% try to stop it. This happens frequently because they don't know what to do
- When bystanders intervene, they can stop bullying within 10 seconds over 50 % of the time

In an effort to stand up against bullying the DHS Bully Prevention Committee along with DHS student organizations have united to raise awareness and turn "bystanders" into "upstanders" against bullying. A bystander is defined as someone who witnesses bullying and does nothing. Bullying is hurtful for everyone involved including those who witness bullying. By simply observing the bullying behavior the bully often gets the message that his/her peers approve of their abusive behavior. Being an "upstander" means that the person observing the behavior knows the behavior is wrong and does something to try and make things right. The following are ways that students can intervene in a safe and effective way:

- Don't join in the bullying
- Support the victim in private—show your concern and offer kindness
- Stand with the victim and say something

- Mobilize others to join in and stand up to the bully
- Befriend the victim and reach out to him/her in friendship
- Alert an adult

Additionally, students can get involved by participating in school wide events. This year's Anti-Bullying campaign will kick off on **October 9, 2013 with "Make It Orange and Make It End! Upstanders Unite Against Bullying!"** Want to wear Orange and show your support for students who are bullied? If you want bullying to end, wear ORANGE on Unity Day, Wednesday, Oct. 9. That's the day everyone can link together—in schools, communities and online—and send one large, ORANGE message and support students who have experienced bullying. If you would like to make a difference, we are asking for donations of t-shirts and or other clothing items such as bracelets that are orange that we can give away to students so that everyone



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.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME NEWS

The Denton High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is exceptionally proud to announce the recipients of the Distinguished IB Diploma: Kyle Caldwell (DePaul University), Julian Conley (UNT), Sidney Durmick (University of Vermont), Jamitrice Keating-Lynton (TCU), Austin McGregor (UNT), Madison Morgan (UNT), Jorge Olguin (UNT), Emily Papai (Drexel University), Brianna Parker (UTD), Zach Sanderson (UNT), Elizabeth Sherling (Pace University, NY), Elena Souris (Trinity University), Ryan Steiner (UT Austin) and Taylor Wootton (UNT). These students have undergone 2 years of college preparatory rigor to obtain this coveted and internationally renowned honor. Denton High School's IB graduates represent the essence of 21st century learners and in addition, have earned at least 24 and up to 41 hours of college credit at a number of commended colleges and universities.



Beth Hughes
International Baccalaureate Coordinator
Diploma Programme
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DHS BAND BOOSTER NEWS

The Pride of Bronco Nation, is alive and well, celebrating 90 years of educating young musicians and entertaining the District and beyond. Under the direction of Mr. Brian Wilson, along with Mr. Jesse Woolery, Associate Director of Bands, Mr. Robert Brannock-Director of Percussion and Mr. Paul Lidster-Drumline Tech, the Denton High School Band has been on the field, all of August, with persistent dedication, to lay the ground work for this marching season's show titled "Scheherazade." Under the leadership of Truett Ide-Head Drum Major, Ellen Biggerstaff-Associate Drum Major and Alex Ruiz-Assistant Drum Major, the members of the band have already learned the first and second acts of their program. This Band is poised to carry on the best of Bronco tradition, a tradition of entertaining half-time performances at the Bronco football games and equally important, UIL marching competitions for district, regional and state honors. You are invited to show your support for the hard working individuals who are as one, the Band. Expect to be delighted during upcoming half time performances by the Pride of Bronco Nation!



CLASS OF 2014 PARENTS



Thank you so much for your help and donations for the garage sale and the senior breakfast. They were both a success. They would not have been such a success without your help. There are some pictures of the senior breakfast on the DHS web page. <http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/330>

The following is an overview of the parent meeting we had earlier this month.

Bronco Babe and Stud Shirts – Seniors who have not already ordered a Bronco Babe or Stud shirt will have until **September 6th** to place an order. Order forms are available on the DHS web page. <http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain/330>

Purple Out – Purple Out be on **September 6th**. It is an annual block party in front of the school that starts when school is out. It is held before the first home football game of the season. All parents are invited to come. There will be booths and games set up by various organizations, performances by the Fillies and many other activities. Class of 2014 will be selling watermelons.

Homecoming Carnival – The Homecoming Carnival will be **October 11th** during all lunches. Class officers will be giving out candy and taking senior pictures for the end of year slide show. Make sure your Senior Bronco has their picture taken.

Favorites Assembly – The favorites 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



DONATIONS NEEDED



Denton High School Art classes will be making mixed media social justice quilts this year with the help of generous quilters and seamstresses who are interested in sharing their fabric stash with Ms. Smith's art 1 classes. We are in need of cotton fabric scraps, remnants, yardage, buttons, lace, thread and other sewing notions that can be used to create these small art quilts. Several years ago we made art quilts and they were a wonderful success. Moms, grandmothers, aunts and other interested citizens contributed a variety of wonderfully colored fabric and helped us out tremendously. The Denton Quilt guild also was very helpful with their generosity. However, those bits and pieces of fabric have long been used up and now we are asking for more. If you have any cotton fabric that would be suitable for quilt making, please send it to **Ms. Valery Smith, room 310** at Denton High School. If you need us to pick it up, just call **940-369-2187** and we will make arrangements to come get it. Thanks so much for all your help.



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.



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](#)



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

