

Denton High School

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DHS Host Families Needed!!!!

Would your family like to experience life in Denton through a different set of eyes?

Every two years DHS is visited by students from our partner school in Haßfurt, Germany. This year they will be here from March 19th-April 5th. The German students are all 11th graders and have been studying English for at least 7 years. They are from the Regio-Montanus-Gymnasium and are here to experience life in Denton, Texas. We are currently in need host families for 2 of them.

The RMG student will be a member of your family during the 2.5 weeks that they are here. The German students pay for their own entertainment and various activities related to trips with the GAPP* group while they are here. Your hosting responsibilities would simply include providing room and board during their stay and providing transportation to and from school. They do not have to have their own guest room and, if your child rides a bus to school, the German student can ride as well!

While host families merely need to be willing to share their lives with their guest from Germany, DHS students who wish to participate in the second half of the exchange must be enrolled in an advanced German class at DHS. The Germany side of the exchange is designed to provide an opportunity to practice and improve their language skills prior to taking the AP exam or college placement tests. The focus is on language use and cultural interaction. Students get to live as the Germans do for the three weeks that we are in their country. On a case by case basis, advanced students who have taken World History and are enrolled in an advanced level of a World Language may be considered for participation; however, they must interview with the selection committee, attend the GAPP classes after school during the second semester and work with Mrs. Dieckman or a tutor to pick up basic language skills.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Dieckman at sdieckman@dentonisd.org

Keep Track of Your Volunteer Hours!!!

Michele Martin, Volunteer Coordinator for the DHS PTSA, reminds us, "Please turn in ALL volunteer hours you have worked for this school year. Remember that if you are doing ANY thing that is not part of your normal day for a team, club, or organization - that time is VOLUNTEER time! (Shopping, baking, etc)."

Hours are turned in periodically to the District. Your time matters and it helps the District as well to report the time you spend in service to DISD. Thank you!



Denton High School
*An International Baccalaureate
World School*

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Parents!
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the latest information at
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The Miles Foundation Awards \$20,000 to DHS IB

The Denton High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Program received a \$20,000 grant from the Miles Foundation in Ft. Worth. Miles Foundation board member Jack Burdett presents the check to IB Social Club junior President Percy Seddoh. The Miles Foundation's interest in the IB Diploma Program developed from Denton High's focus on increasing the number of and success of low socioeconomic students who pursue the Diploma. The grant funds will purchase 30 Google Chrome Books for IB classroom use, IB Biology Higher Level lab supplies and IB English supplemental books. In the photo, from left to right: Jared Ramirez, Julian Moberly, Dominik Tran, Miles Foundation board member Jack Burdett, Percy Seddoh, Rose Koeninger, Adinawa Adjagbodjou, and Hannah Bowen.

The photo was taken by DHS journalism student Alison Helms.

9th and 10th Grade DP Future Parent Meeting

We invite current 9th and 10th grade students and their parents to learn more about the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, offered exclusively for Denton High School juniors and seniors.

Please join us for an IB Parent Meeting on Thursday, February 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Denton High School Lecture Hall.

IB Coordinators Kimberly Thaggard and Beth Hughes will conduct the information session and several current DP students will also be in attendance to answer questions.

THANK YOU TO OUR CLASS SPONSORS

Dedication, Honor, Success ... we are DHS.

This motto is alive and well throughout the Student Body.

The PTSA would like to give a shout out to the hard-working Faculty who sponsor the students through the years and model the dedication and honor needed to become a successful Bronco.

STUCCO: Amber Bush

Class of 2015: Kristina Shelburne

Class of 2016: Renee Koontz, Laurie Kinne,
Rhonda Duggan

Class of 2017: Jennifer Oswalt, Gina Anderson

The International Baccalaureate Program

Denton ISD

Denton High School

An IB World School

presents

IB Diploma Program Information Meeting for 9th and 10th grade students and parents

Thursday, February 12th

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

in

The Denton High School
Lecture Hall



Current DP Students will also be available to answer questions in both English and Spanish.

Please direct questions to:
Mrs. Beth Hughes, IB DP Coordinator
bhughes@dentonisd.org
940-369-2238

Mrs. Kimberly Thaggard
IB MYP Coordinator
kthaggard@dentonisd.org
940-369-2014

Did you know that 100% of the IB seniors over the past 4 years have gone on to college? Did you know they earn almost 1 million dollars in college scholarships annually?



Next round of STAAR testing at DHS will happen on March 30 for students taking English I, and April 1 for students taking English II. Students need to be at school at 8:50.

Algebra, Biology and U.S. History will be given the first week of May. STAAR tests are required for graduation.

District Gala Frenzy

Many thanks to all the wonderful DHS staff members who donated towards the PTSA Denton School Foundation Gala baskets!

Due to your amazing generosity, I was able to create and donate six different "baskets" of items representing DHS.

I want to specifically thank some of the people and groups on campus who did donate. If I missed your name, I apologize as you are all wonderful!

Thanks to Mr. Ford, to the Athletic department in general for all the wonderful T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, golf bag etc. Thanks to Coach Atkinson for donating a season pass for four to all the games next year. Thank you to IB, PALS, LULAC, Class of 2015, Fillies, and Theatre for all your great donations.

It takes everyone here at DHS to make us the best high school in Denton!

Thank you! Lori Wolfe, PTSA CLT

CLASS OF 2015 PARENTS

There are lots of volunteer opportunities for parents of the Class of 2015.

Email kshelburne@dentonisd.org for more information.

Orchestra News

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Friends and families were invited to the DHS Orchestra Spaghetti Supper February 7th. All proceeds benefit the DHS Boosters Scholarship Fund.

EXTRA REHEARSALS

UIL is fast approaching - extra rehearsals are posted on the DHS orchestra website, the CHARMS website, posted on the large class calendar and students should be receiving text reminders via RemindMe on their cell phones as well.

WINTER PARK TRIP PAYMENTS

The last trip payment is due Friday, February 20th. Total monies paid should be \$800.00. Specific details and an itinerary regarding the trip in March will be distributed. Check the CHARMS website for your updated trip amounts.

CHAPERONES

Any parent who would like to accompany us on the trip (chaperones are \$700.00) must complete the Volunteer Application that is on the Denton ISD website. Go to the main website, click on Community Involvement, go to Volunteer Opportunities and click on Volunteer Application. All volunteers must have been cleared by the end of March.

MUSICAL

Thank you to all the parents and students who are performing in the pit orchestra for the school's musical, "Mame". The Dallas Summer Musicals High School Awards Committee adjudicators attended and were very, very impressed. We hope to be in the running for DFW's Best High School Musical!

BOOSTER CLUB SUPPORT

Please let Ms. Booth know if you are willing to give a few hours a month to helping our orchestra program. We need help in all areas such as uniform checkout, music copying, CHARMS updating, fundraising, social media management, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REFLECTIONS' SCHOOL & DISTRICT WINNERS!

Denton High School



SCHOOL AWARDS

VISUAL ART

- 1st – Matthew Prah (10th)
- 2nd – Thuy Nguyen (11th)
- 3rd – Karese Arnold (10th)
- 4th – Josh Erwin (10th)

MUSIC COMPOSITION

- 1st – Clara Martinez (12th)
- 2nd – Nyler Brooks (12th)
- 3rd – Jaime Sanders (11th)

LITERATURE

- 1st – Wesley Barnett (12th)
- 2nd – Erin Theard (12th)
- 3rd – James Rowland (12th)
- 4th – John Brattvet (12th)

FILM PRODUCTION

- 1st – Rachel Brumbaugh (11th)

SPECIAL ARTIST

- 1st – Gracilyn Ray (10th)
- 2nd – Olivia Van Aken (10th)

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- 1st – Thuy Nguyen (11th)
- 2nd – Josh Erwin (10th)
- 3rd – Matthew Prah (10th)
- Honorable Mention- Karese Arnold (10th)

MUSIC COMPOSITION

- 3rd – Clara Martinez (12th)
- 3rd – Nyler Brooks (12th)
- Honorable Mention – Jaime Sanders (11th)

LITERATURE

- 2nd – Wesley Barnett (12th)
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**Congratulations to
Thuy Nguyen
Rachel Brumbaugh and
Gracilyn Ray
for moving onto
State Level!**

Denton Record-Chronicle Gives Shout-Out To DHS Swimmers!!!

The Denton Broncos swim team, led by a pair of freshmen, Janna Herron and Seth Hermann, grabbed second place finishes in the boys and girls divisions at the District 6-5A Swim and Dive Championships in Grapevine and will have contestants in 19 events to the UIL Class 5A regionals.

Guyer and Ryan will also be well represented at the Class 6A regionals in Lewisville on Feb. 5-6 as they qualified in 13 events Saturday at the District 5-6A meet in Keller.

The Denton girls placed second behind host-team Grapevine in the 6-5A meet. Grapevine finished with 192 points while Denton had 117. Grapevine also won the boys division with 214 points with Denton in second at 94.

Herron took first place in two events. She grabbed first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 59.49, just ahead of Grapevine's Jordyn Arendse at 1:00.20 and Denton teammate Delia Breedlove at 1:00.43. Later she captured first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:13.72 while teammate Rachel Crews took second at 1:15.52. Herron was also a member of the winning 200 medley relay team.

Hermann won the 100 freestyle title with a time of 52.08 while Grapevine's Corey Beitler was second at 52.11.

Hermann also got a first place trophy as a member of Denton's winning 400 freestyle relay.

The Denton girls' 200 medley relay quartet of Megan Harbin, Herron, Delia Breedlove and Rachael Crews opened the meet by claiming first with a time of 2:01.36, well ahead of second place finisher Grapevine at 2:04.01.

Denton's boys 400 freestyle relay unit of Josh Rowell, Rayce Richter, Luigi Erba and Hermann easily won the event with a time of 3:42.06 with Azle finishing a distant second at 4:11.84.

Sippin' With The Sup is February 19

Take this opportunity to visit with Denton School Superintendent Dr. Jamie Wilson at 6 p.m. February 19 in the DHS Library. This is a great opportunity to sit and chat with Dr. Wilson regarding our district. DHS PTSA is hosting and all our feeder schools are invited!

Scholarship Information

The Denton Public School Foundation made its scholarship application available for all interested seniors. This is a fantastic chance for our Bronco seniors to win valuable money that they can be used toward college expenses.

These scholarships are particularly important, because they are just for Denton ISD students. Furthermore, there are some scholarships that are designated specifically for DHS students. Awards vary in focus (academics, athletics, career goals, arts, service, etc.).

The application is very manageable and by submitting just one application, a student could be eligible for over 20 different scholarships.

The application has several parts, so students should pay very close attention to the directions of this application. The first step is that you have to submit your eligibility form to your school counselor by February 20, 2015. Complete details about the scholarship and the application materials can be found here:

<http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/45915>.

Good Luck!
DHS Counselors

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



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

**The DHS PTSA newsletter publishes five newsletters throughout the year.
Submissions for the school year may be emailed to: cjrperry@msn.com**

**Upcoming submission dates
and publication dates:**

Submit: March 25

Post: March 31

Submit: April 24

Post: May 1