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Muncy's Message!

It is a special time of the year when we wrap up one semester and look forward to another. I hope you all were given time off to spend with family and friends. Although cold outside, this time of year always bring out the warmth in others.

Unfortunately change is inevitable. The spring semester will bring about some change with various teachers moving up and moving on. We wish Ms. Shandi Davis the best in her new position as the Assistant Principal at Crownover Middle School and thank her for 13 years of dedicated service to our students. With this change, our goal is to move on with as little disruption to our kids as possible. We ask for your understanding and patience in this time of transition. Ms. Davis will be missed but we are excited about Mrs. Puente taking the AP English 3 classes. Mrs. Puente came to us with AP experience and her expertise will benefit our students greatly. It is a team effort and we appreciate everyone involved.

I want to take this time to wish you and yours the best of the season. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your kids. We are blessed to have a great job and we look forward to seeing you in 2010.



Darrell Muncy
Principal, Denton High School

**Mark Your
Calendars!**

IMPORTANT DATES:

**Eighth Grade
Parent Meeting will
be February 1st
from 6:30 to 8:30
at middle schools.**

**Ninth Grade
Course Selection
Registration
January 25-28**

**Tenth Grade
Course Selection
Registration
January 21-22**

**Eleventh Grade
Course Selection
Registration
January 19-20**

**All course selection
registrations will be
during school in the
lecture hall.*



Senior Favorites Assembly
Feb 3rd
11:00am - 12:00pm
Tickets: \$3.00

IB/AP Fair
January 14, 2010
DHS
Auditorium
6:30pm



Ann Windle Adopt a Child

This year Denton High School participated in our annual Ann Windle Adopt-a-Child on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. This year we invited 68 students from the Ann Windle School for Young Children and placed them

in second block, 2A, classes throughout the school. Then each class gave the children presents from their wish list.

Beth Hughes, Student Council Advisor



Junior Cheer Clinic - February 6, 2010

Grades K-8th 8:30am – 3pm



Mr. DHS Texas Contest

February 11, 2010 DHS Auditorium

Visit DHS Cheerleader Website for more details

~Cristina Pollard, Varsity Cheer Coach



Mr. DHS Texas Contest

The 9th annual Mr. DHS Texas contest is **Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm in the DHS Auditorium**. It is sponsored by the DHS cheerleaders and the Bronco Cheer Booster Club. Contestants were invited to compete based on their academics, conduct, leadership, extracurricular activities and personality by a panel of cheerleaders, teachers and administrators. Twenty-one senior boys accepted the challenge and will compete in casual wear, swim wear, formal wear and talent. This is a fun-filled and light-hearted evening with a variety of entertainment. This year, in addition to a variety of prizes and gifts, Mr. DHS Texas 2010 will receive a \$250 scholarship to be used at the college of his choice. Mr. Congeniality will be awarded a \$150 scholarship. Proceeds from the contest will be used for scholarships and to support the DHS cheer program. Tickets go on sale February 1. Contact Terri Vogds at 940/383-0678 or at terri@terrivogds.com if you would like to place an ad in the program.

DHS Football Banquet

January 20th, 2010

6:00pm at the

North Texas Gateway Center

Tickets will be on sale in January
Parents, Guests and Relatives Welcome!

More info to come...

Any questions please contact:

Kelly Dozier at kkelly02@verizon.net or

Stacy Robinson at

stacyrobinson@hotmail.com



DHS has 2 National Hispanic Recognition Program 2008-2009 Finalists!

Trevor Davila and Stephen Place were recognized as Scholars. The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) Scholars or Honorable Mentions was initiated in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. This year, the NHRP recognized nearly 5,000 students selected from a pool of over 200,000 students who took the 2008 PSAT/NMSQT/PAA. Students have achieved a minimum PSAT/NMSQT/PAA score for their region. Students with GPAs of 3.5 or higher are designated as Scholars, while students with GPAs of 3.0 to 3.49 are designated as Honorable Mentions.
~Doretha Hudspeth, Ph.D., Lead Counselor



Trevor Davila



Stephen Place



Book Cents – Book Sale

DHS PTSA will be collecting books for Book Cents, the Denton Council PTA Used Book Sale. Each campus will be collecting books and, as always, competing for bragging rights for the largest haul! Last year, DHS had the most books brought in by a high school! Please bring books to the DHS Library. The used book sale will help fund start-up libraries in new Denton ISD schools and grants for teachers. Please plan to clean out old children's books, twice-read novels or even a few do-it-yourself books that you already did-yourself. Then, attend the book sale in March and pick up a new (used) book to read.

January 5 - 28, 2010
DHS Bronco Used Book Drive
March 25 - 27, 2010
District Used Book Sale:
Book Cents
Denton Civic Center

If you would like additional information, please contact Grace Chalon, DHS-PTSA President, at gchalon@verizon.net.



Strecher Wins at State Convention



Freshman Jackson Strecher won a first honorable mention in the architecture/cityscape category at the Texas Association of Journalism Instructors STATE convention and workshop. Only six students were awarded honors in this category. The contest involved both public and private schools throughout Texas.
~Marilyn Stevens, Journalism Sponsor

Class of 2011 News

The junior class will be having a meeting of parents and students on Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m. in the lecture hall.

As the junior class starts gearing up for an awesome senior year next year, it is very important to build a solid parent base to help with all the exciting activities planned for the senior year, including senior class breakfasts, favorites assembly, prom fashion show, the Battle of the Babes powder puff football game, and many other fun things.

We also need to discuss the upcoming powder puff game against this year's seniors, which will be played Thursday, March 11. We as sponsors know that there are many parents out there who are just waiting to be asked to get involved in making sure that their children have the best senior year possible, and this meeting is that invitation.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Wohlgemuth at jwohlgemuth@dentonisd.org in advance of the meeting to offer your help. See you January 14!

Class of 2011 needs parent volunteers to help work the Powder Puff Football game. Concession stand, chains, and help get donated items for the game. They can contact Coach Carmona at kcarmona2@dentonisd.org or Janis Wohlgemuth at jwohlgemuth@dentonisd.org.

~Janis Wohlgemuth, K.C. Carmona and Darnell Green, Sponsors



UIL Meets Argyle

The Argyle UIL Meet was held Saturday, December 5 and included competition from 13 schools with 120+ students. Our contingent demonstrated true Bronco spirit. Placements were awarded based on grade level.

Trevor Davila... 1st in Number Sense, 1st in Computer Science, 3rd in Mathematics, 6th in Science; **Sihai Tang,** 8th in Number Sense, 5th in Mathematics; **Surya Raghavendran,** 5th in Number Sense, 6th in Mathematics; **Alvin Gao,** 7th in Number Sense, 3rd in Mathematics, 7th in Science; **Tim De Reuse,** 3rd in Computer Science; **Sebastian Lowery,** 7th in Mathematics; **Sami Baruwat,** 4th in Social Studies (all grades combined) **Patrick Burke,** 5th in Social Studies (all grades combined).

Others that competed with Bronco Spirit included MariPen Yeatts, Christine Ryu, and Sylvia Li.



Pizza Inn Days
Jan 11th and
Feb 1st.
Hope to see you
there to support
the class.

Paschal

Once again the DHS Math Club showed their Bronco pride and determination at the recent UIL Math Charity Meet held

by Paschal HS in Ft. Worth on December 11th. The following Broncos brought home 15 out of an available 24 trophies in the Number Sense and Mathematics contests.

Trevor Davila, 1st Adv. Number Sense, 1st Adv. Mathematics; **Sylvia Li,** 2nd Adv. Mathematics; **Eric Willis,** 3rd Adv. Number Sense, 5th Adv. Mathematics; **Clarissa Root,** 5th Adv. Number Sense; **R.J. Ponder,** 6th Adv. Number Sense, 6th Adv. Mathematics; **Christine Ryu,** 1st Novice Mathematics; **Surya Raghavendran,** 1st Novice Number Sense, 5th Novice Mathematics; **Yang Chen,** 3rd Novice Number Sense, **Sihai Tang,** 4th Novice Number Sense, **Alvin Gao,** 3rd Novice Mathematics; **Sebastian Lower,** 4th Novice Mathematics.

Others that competed with pride were **Tim DeReuse, Patrick Burke, Jordan Rushing, Stephen Place, Jose Gallegos, and MariPen Yeatts.**

~Fred Mueller, UIL Math Sponsor



DHS Cultural Arts Contest

These are the winners of the Cultural Arts Contest. The students listed below will have their work move on to the next judging.

~Jennifer Morales



Those to move to the next judging level:

1ST SETH FEENEY \$75 2ND JONATHAN BERG \$50
2ND SYLVIA LI \$50 3RD ALYSSA THOMPSON \$25

Photography Winners

1ST KATE MORALES \$75 2ND ALYSSA THOMPSON \$50
2ND JUANITA RODRIGUEZ \$50 3RD AUSTIN MORRISON \$25

Visual Arts Winners

1ST SYLVIA LI \$75 2ND JONATHAN BERG \$50
3RD JUANITA RODRIGUEZ \$25

Film Winner

1ST CHERITA CUNNINGHAM \$75



Buy Your Yearbook!

Yearbooks are now \$65. BUT if you look closely you might find some \$5.00 off coupons. **Check in room 207 or on Ms. Stevens' website for a money saving coupon.**

Yearbooks can be purchased on-line at jostensyearbooks.com until mid-March. Only a limited number of books have been ordered. Don't be left out – save all those great memories of 2009-2010.

Yearbook Advertising Space

There are a few congratulatory ad spaces left. Parents or clubs can purchase a space in the back of the yearbook for \$50 - \$300 for a full page. If interested contact: mstevens@dentonisd.org. Forms are on Ms. Stevens' website, too.

~Marilyn Stevens, Journalism & Yearbook



Counselor's Corner -Important Dates!

- Eighth Grade Parent Meeting will be February 1st from 6:30 to 8:30.
- Ninth Grade Registration January 25-28
- Tenth Grade Registration January 21-22
- Eleventh Grade Registration January 19-20

Career and Technical Classes--What's changed? WHAT HASN'T?

This past summer the state of Texas had committees rewrite the curriculum for EVERY CTE elective class. Because of this, most of the names of our courses have changed and we've been able to add some new programs as well. The district CTE Career Counselors will be providing a voiceover PowerPoint for all grades 8th-11th to view during the registration process. It is very important that students pay attention to this information so that their schedule requests on their course cards will be accurate when they turn them in to their Academic Counselors. Please feel free to contact the DHS Career Counselor, Kimberly Keith at kkeith@dentonisd.org, with any questions once your student has seen the CTE presentation.

~Kimberley Keith, Career Counselor

SLOT 2010

Student Leaders Of Tomorrow High School Leadership Conference will be at Texas A&M University February 12-14. Available to Juniors & Seniors. Experience Residence Hall life, listen to speakers, network with fellow student leaders. Register at <http://slot.tamu.edu>
Cost is \$90 to attend

Tarleton State University

Spring Texas tour is scheduled for March 27, 2010. Come visit this great campus, discuss academics, residence halls, and scholarship options. Register at www.tarleton.edu

Mustang Rally

Come visit Midwestern State University this February 13, 2010. Tour the campus, talk with faculty, coaches, and students, meet with financial aid representatives. 1 800 842 1922

Mustang Day

Southern Methodist University will be hosting preview days March 25 & 26, 2010, and April 9 & 10. Come visit the SMU campus for a tour, information sessions, and housing tours. Go online for more information at: smu.edu/admissions

Oklahoma State University

Do you want to be a Cowboy? Then take a trip up north to cowboy country. Juniors and Seniors, you can schedule a visit at your convenience by calling 800-233-5019.

Grambling State University

Are you interested in attending a HBCU ?? Would you like to be a Tiger?? Then call 888-863-3655 to schedule a campus tour & discuss academics.

FAFSA

Beginning January 1, 2010 the FAFSA application should be available online. If you are a senior and planning on going to school tell your parents to complete their taxes ASAP. Then apply to FAFSA at the following website.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Senior Men

Remember to register for the selective service to be eligible for financial aid at www.ss.gov

FACEBOOK

Join Facebook & connect with your college of choice. Many colleges now have Facebook pages where you can learn about the university and from students who are currently attending.

Dual Credit

Denton High School's Dual credit programs are growing. We are now offering classes for credit on our campus as well as at NCTC & TWU. Dual Credit is a great opportunity to earn college credits in high school and to earn a measure toward being a DAP graduate. See Mr. Lydia for more information.

UNT GO Center

College Representatives from University of North Texas are available on Tuesday afternoons at the DHS campus to assist students with SAT/ACT registration, college applications and FAFSA. See your counselor to find out where they will be located second semester. This is a great resource from our friends down the road.

The University of Alabama 6th Annual Informational Receptions

Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm

Hilton Park Cities Hotel

5954 Luther Lane

Dallas, Texas 75225

Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 pm

River Crest Country Club

1501 Western Ave

Fort Worth, Texas 76107

These receptions are for any high school student and their parents interested in finding out more about the programs and academics at **The University of Alabama**. Invitations will be sent to area high school students, so if we have missed you, please come and attend either one of these identical events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

cindy.wright@ua.edu

~Cindy Wright, Recruiter - Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington

TAKS Tutorials

Starts January 11 After school

Tuesday: Math

Wed: Social Studies

Thursday: Science,

Math 5:30-7:00

Saturday: ELA 9-12

Perfect Gift

Denton High School Choir students are proud to offer a treasured collection of recipes from group members and family in a delightful cookbook. The cookbook contains over 200 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and more. Cookbooks can be purchased for just \$10 from any member of the choir or by calling Rochelle at 940-367-6218, Lorri at 214-762-8157 or Janell at 940-891-0706. All proceeds will go to the DHS Choir Program. This cookbook makes an ideal gift or keepsake.

~ Janell Trachta, PTSA

DHS Art Club!

Good News! The DHS Art Club has made it to the big time! We are painting a massive mural on the side of the Opera House/Recycled Books building in downtown Denton. There was a nice write-up on the front page of the Denton Record Chronicle this Sunday. Be sure to drive by for a look! Check out the full article.

http://www.dentonrc.com/sharedcontent/dws/drc/localnews/stories/DRC_mural_1213.34a292a90.html

Student Designed Art T-shirts for Sale!



Small, Medium, Large.....\$11 Xlarge.....12.00
 XXlarge.....\$13 XXXlarge....14.00
 All T-shirts are black and 100% cotton. Place orders with Mr. Rosin, jrosin@dentonisd.org
 ~James Rosin, Art Club Sponsor

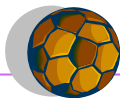


DHS Soccer Kicks Off the 2010 Season

DHS Soccer held its alumni game for both boys and girls teams on 01/02/10 at Bronco Stadium, followed by "Meet the Player Night". The Booster Club provided pizza and refreshments along with spirit wear items for purchase.

We are looking for a great year so come out and support your Broncos this season!

~Debby Kennedy, DHS Booster Club President



Upcoming DHS Orchestra Events

Orchestra All-Region concert at Guyer HS – January 23 (free)
 "South Pacific" – January 28, 29, 30; February 2 (Sponsored through Choir, not Theater)

DHS Orchestra – Solo and Ensemble competition at Ryan HS - January 30

Fine Arts Gala – Choir, Chamber Orchestra and Band performing at UNT Murchison - February 8 at 7 pm. (There is a charge for these tickets.)

Please be sure to check the Orchestra website for additional details about these events.



DECA Mall Trip!

This is a marketing field trip where the students all draw names for a secret Santa. Students receive \$5 apiece and we go to an expensive mall...in this case, it was Stonebriar Mall in Frisco. The students spread out in the mall in



groups of two and they must not go over the \$5 when they buy the secret Santa gift (tax & all). Then we meet in the food court for lunch and they exchange the gifts. Students give back their receipts and any change left over. The students then vote among themselves as to who was the best shopper and got the "most bang for the buck." The winner receives \$5 as a prize. This year, Janequeal Simmons was voted the best shopper. She bought a beautiful scarf for Brenda Flores.

~Barbara Goolsby, DECA Sponsor



Donate to Nursing Home Retirees!

We want to collect old computers that work for a local nursing home and any small gifts to make them feel special. I had a student today give a laptop computer to a lady at the nursing home that used to be a teacher, she was so excited, we had a special tool to help her push the buttons since her hands had limited movement. Another item we need would be musical keyboards, because we have a few residents that have doctoral degrees from UNT in music. Anything you would like to donate that is working would be fantastic. Please donate to room 312-Health Science Technology. Thanks again.

~Sheila Temple, Health, Science, & Technology



Upcoming Math Events

The New Year will find the DHS Math Club and UIL Teams busy preparing for an exciting variety of events. January 9th will find Math Club members at the UIL Invitational Meet in Flower Mound preparing for District competition. Through funding gratuitously provided by a PTSA grant, on February 3rd DHS will be hosting *Calculus: The Musical*, a motivational and inspiring theater presentation of mathematics. On Friday, February 5th the Math Team will be competing at UT Arlington's Calculus Bowl, an exciting, fast paced, Jeopardy like competition involving 24 area public, magnate and private schools. Saturday, February 6th the teams will be at Ryan High's UIL event, again getting ready for District UIL competition. On Tuesday, February 9th DHS Math students will be participating in the American Mathematics Competitions. The AMC 10 & 12 contests are extremely challenging and are part of the first level selection process in determining the US Math Olympiad Team.

~Fred Mueller, Math Club

Denton High Senior to Take Part in U.S. Senate Youth Program



Senior, Will Hayes

William Hayes, a senior at Denton High has been invited to attend the week-long United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. in March, 2010.

Hayes, who serves as the president of the Texas Association of Student Councils, is one of two Texas students

selected for this honor. Two student delegates from each state are selected to take part in the annual program.

They will be immersed in culture and politics found only in the nation's capitol including: hearing major addresses by senators, cabinet members and members of the Department of State. They will also make visits to the Pentagon, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol and various Smithsonian Museums.

In addition to learning about politics and the culture of Washington D.C., Hayes and the other delegates will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The Hearst Foundation sponsors each of the delegates by paying for all expenses during their stay.

The Hearst Foundation was founded in 1945 and is a national philanthropic organization dedicated to ensuring that people of all backgrounds have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council Advisor

Baseball Boosters

> Try outs - 01-29-10 through 02-03-09

(Contact Coach Green)

> Meet The Player Banquet - 02-04-10, 6:30 pm, DHS cafeteria

> James Taylor Tournament - 02-25-10 - 02-27-10

~Monya Satterfield, Baseball Booster Club



Cards to Soldiers - Zentangles

During the fall semester at DHS, students in Valery Smith's art classes studied the elements of art and the principles of design as they practiced drawing their hands, working with shapes and lines to create patterns and communicate ideas and to show the illusion of depth through the use of linear and atmospheric perspective. As a culminating project that incorporated all these new skills, students drew a very challenging composition of their own hands drawing a drawing.

Using one point perspective to make the drawing appear to be flat on the desktop, students then used a new technique called *Zentangles* to fill in the design portion of the drawing. Ms. Smith showed examples from the Zentangles.com website that she had discovered in her search for creative examples of rhythm and pattern design ideas to present to the students. When the kids completed the very lifelike renderings of their

own hands holding pencils, or erasers, or in some cases cell phones or iPods, they drew *Zentangle* designs in the remaining areas of the paper.

Very aptly named *Zentangles*, this design process caused a hush to fall on each class as the students got into the zone drawing the repetitive patterns and pleasing lines. As each class got more and more involved in creating the *Zentangle* designs on their papers, the calming effect of this particular project was very noticeable to Ms. Smith. She read more about the process and found out that it was often used in relaxation therapy geared to deal with stress.

When Ms. Jamie Covey, a young soldier who had been deployed in Iraq last year and has returned to teaching at DHS, announced that she was organizing the adoption of a platoon of soldiers in Iraq and looking for gifts, Ms. Smith decided *Zentangle* kits would be perfect. She contacted the developer and copyright holders of the *Zentangle* design process and they volunteered to send a number of mini-kits to her to send to the soldiers adopted by DHS. Students in all her classes have made Christmas cards to include with the kits, and they are were shipped to Iraq December 18.

~Valery Smith, DHS Art



AFJROTC

Ending the year with appreciation, AFJROTC focused on returning service to the community. In November, a reveille ceremony was



organized for veterans followed by our Color Guard presenting the flag at our DHS Veterans Day assembly. On December 2 we hosted our Adopt-A-Child student. He visited our classroom where we provided food, many presents, and a festive atmosphere. On the 5th cadets helped direct traffic in the Denton Triangle Mall as part of their holiday gift card give-away. Later that same day we provided additional cadets at the Lake Forest Retirement Center to help assist during their holiday program. On December 12, cadets performed "garden work" for the City of Denton Community Garden located on the corner of Mingo and Nottingham—we helped prepare garden plots for community members interested in growing their own vegetables.

As this year ends and a new begins, we are very excited about upcoming events to include our participation in the first-ever Ryan-Guyer-Denton High Schools, Denton City Military Ball, to be held on March 6 at Texas Woman's University.

From the AFJROTC program to your families, have a safe winter season!

~DHS, AFJROTC





The Yule Ball

The first annual Yule Ball was held on Saturday, December 5th at TWU Hubbard Hall. This winter formal was a success, and the DHS Student Council would like to thank senior parents Terri Vogds and Richard Hayes for coming up at midnight to help clean-up.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council Advisor



Staff Grants and Scholarships

One way that our Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) supports Denton High School every year is by giving grants and scholarships to our staff through the Denton Public School Foundation (DPSF). In the 2008-2009 school year, the DHS PTSA awarded \$4,000 in teacher grants through that foundation. So far this year, we have been able to give \$2,000 as follows:

~ Chris Khoury (Teacher/Coach) - \$1,000 scholarship

~ Fred Mueller (Math Dept.) - \$1,000 grant for his project entitled "Motivating Mathematics: A Musical Performance"

As an aside, each of these gentlemen have been named in past years as "Educators of Influence" by the Top Ten Graduates of Denton High School at the annual Top Graduates Reception sponsored by the Denton Public School Foundation. At these events, their students have shared incredible stories of the difference these educators have made in their lives. When you support the PTSA and DPSF, you allow staff members such as these to continue - and even further - their positive influence in the lives of DHS Broncos.

Some of our other staff members also were recently awarded grants through the Denton Public School Foundation, as follows:

~ Beth Hughes (DHS Student Council) - \$750 from the David Glass Memorial Grant

~ Mark Baker (DHS Choir) - \$250 from the McEwen-Deck Program Grant

~ Scott Heffley (DHS Men's Soccer) - \$250 from the McEwen-Deck Program Grant

~PTSA Scholarship Committee



Calculus: The Musical Returns to DHS

Through the generous support of the Denton High PTSA and the Denton Public School Foundation, the DHS Math Club will this coming February again host a performance of *Calculus: The Musical* by the Know Theater Group of Cincinnati. Mr. Fred Mueller, the DHS Math Club Sponsor and AP Calculus teacher, was awarded a \$1000 grant for *Motivating Mathematics: A Musical Performance* by the DHS PTSA to fund the performance.

Mr. Mueller said: "This is a great opportunity. On behalf of the Math Club and myself, I am very much honored and would like to thank the PTSA and its selection committee for choosing to award this grant. The performance will show students that mathematics embodies much more than solving equations. Students will see that math can be fun, entertaining,

and indeed exists everywhere. Students learn when they are motivated and inspired. *Calculus: The Musical* motivates and inspires the study of math."

The performance of *Calculus: The Musical* is scheduled into the DHS Auditorium for Wednesday, February 3rd at 2:30 in the afternoon. Invited DHS students will be able to attend the performance free of charge.

Upper level math students from Ryan and Guyer are also invited free of charge. The performance will be open to students from surrounding district schools and the general public for a nominal admission fee.

For more information about *Calculus: The Musical* visit their website at <http://calculusthemusical.com/>. For more information regarding the performance at DHS contact Fred Mueller at fmuel@dentonisd.org.



Nurse Notes

"My child woke up with a red eye-what should I do?"

If there is crusting from eye drainage that is all across the eye lashes (not just in the corners), making it difficult to open the eye-keep student home and visit the doctor. Otherwise your child must be picked up from school and cannot return until a doctor's note indicates readmission approval and date, or all symptoms are gone. If your child wears contacts they are more susceptible to conjunctivitis (pink-eye) and scratched corneas. The recommendation is to visit the doctor before coming back to school.

If your child has a current fever blister on their lip, or one that resolved a few days before the eye redness started, it is very important that they be seen by a doctor ASAP. The virus that causes fever blisters can be introduced to the eye possibly leading to blindness, if not treated. Whenever there is a diagnosis of conjunctivitis, avoid sharing washcloths/towels & wipe off surfaces at home with an antibacterial product. All eye makeup, especially mascara, should be replaced when the antibiotic is started.

In the absence of the above, it could be allergies. Send your student to school. They can carry over-the-counter eye drops at school. Consider starting them on a non-drowsy antihistamine. Avoid Benadryl during the day as this makes many people sleepy. Instruct them not to be touching/rubbing their eyes, as this can introduce germs into their eyes resulting in conjunctivitis. Red eyes that do not improve/worsen after a few days of allergy treatment need to be checked by a doctor. Thank you for helping to keep all our students healthy.

~Cindy Yousko, School Nurse



Caught on TASK!

Congratulations to **Connie Wright** who won a laptop to use for a year. *The Caught on Task* district program: Technology Accelerating Student Knowledge supports teachers who integrate instructional technology in the classroom.

~Hollye Knox, Curriculum Technology Specialist



Scene from last year's:
Calculus: The Musical



IB Update

IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme

NOVEMBER was ENROLLMENT MONTH for the next class of IB

Diploma Candidates! Current sophomores interested in becoming involved in the next Diploma Programme class have turned in their applications, but IB DP applications may still be returned. If you have questions, please drop by and see Dr. Singletary, IB Coordinator, in the IB office. Presentations will be made during the upcoming enrollment process to continue to help inform students of the opportunities of involvement in our IB DP.

Stay tuned for more informational meetings for parents of current sophomores and future freshmen that may be interested in the IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme. The meetings will be posted on the DHS website as well as telephone call outs for parents.

There will be an IB/AP Fair January 14, 2010.

Future students and parents will be able to visit with teachers during this activity. Parents should expect to receive information in the mail concerning this activity. Current IB DP students and prospective IB SP sophomores and their parents will have the opportunity to attend an **IB College Night** in Hurst, Texas, on **January 25, 2010**. Expect official fieldtrip forms to be distributed early in the new semester, so that fieldtrip plans can be finalized. While attending the IB College Night, students will have the opportunity to meet and visit with other IB students throughout the metroplex.

Seniors have registered for the IB external exams which will be held during the month of May. Seniors are busy developing and completing IB Internal Assessments, which will be combined with IB external exam grades for a final score. Seniors will not receive their IB test results until July, 2010, when IB releases all IB test scores throughout the world.

Juniors have been busy in their IB classes as one would expect, but they have also been busy earning Creativity, Service, and Action (CAS) hours. Approximately 832 hours have been earned by the juniors during the fall semester. An electronic project that has been completed: *IB in Three Words*. Almost all the juniors have contributed to the final project. The final version has been used during enrollment and will be available on the IB webpage in the spring semester.

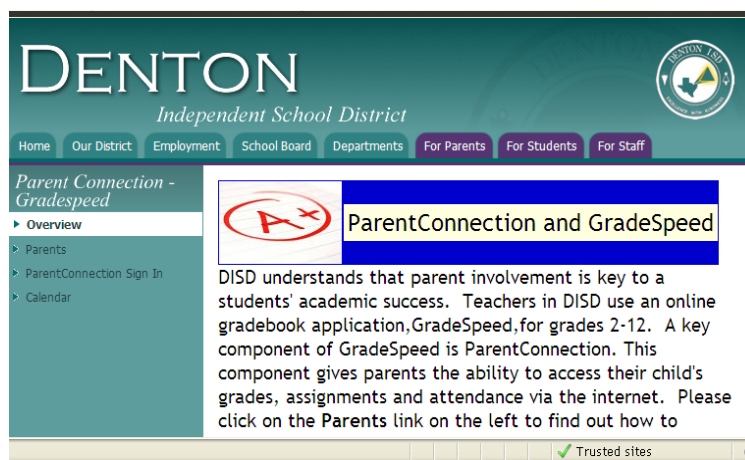
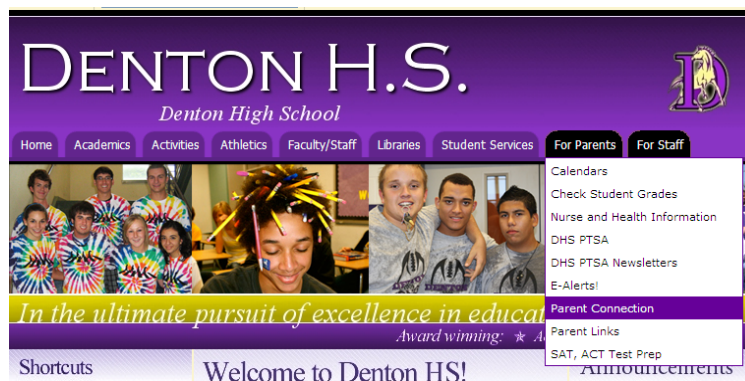
~Lynn Singletary, IB Coordinator



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Parents have the option to use the district resource known as *Parent Connection* to check their child's grades. This is a free service and is run entirely online within the district network. If you have not setup an online account to use this district resource, go to: www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs, click on the tab: For Parents > Select: *Parent Connection*.

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