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• PSAT October 14th

# Muncy's Message

Bronco Parents.

What a great start to an awesome year. The beginning of 2009-2010 has been the smoothest ever despite some simple set-backs from construction. Our campus has changed cosmetically, but the same great traditions and commitment to high academic standards shine through. We are proud to be purple.

We want to thank everyone who came out and joined us to celebrate Bronco Night. The weather was somewhat unappealing, but the crowd inside generated warmth and excitement. If for some reason you were unable to make it on September 14, we invite you to visit us online or in person. We want to work together in educating your child, and we appreciate your support.

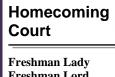
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 is an important day at DHS. All students will be engaged in some organized testing activity that morning. Ninth graders will be taking a released PSAT while the sophomore and junior classes will be taking the actual PSAT through College Board. The PSAT is critical for juniors as it is the qualifier for National Merit Scholarships and national recognition. This year DHS had five National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and four Commended Scholars. What an excellent tribute to the quality of education one can attain from DHS. We are so proud of them all.

I know that there is a lot of concern about the health and safety of your kids while on campus. We just recently had a lock-down drill and practiced campus safety procedures. In conjunction with the Denton Police Department the process was fine-tuned and cleaned up in the event of an unforeseen event. Almost 1600 students and a couple hundred faculty/staff members were isolated and safe within 90 seconds, and the campus was secure. It was a really successful drill. Another concern is H1N1. The district is in constant contact with county health officials and campuses are updated multiple times a week with the latest news. If you have questions or concerns, please see the district website for the latest up-to-date information.

We look forward to the remainder of this school year. We enjoy the opportunity to work with your child and the partnership we share with you. If you have questions, please call. If you wish to visit, come by. I hope to see you soon.

DHS - Orchestrating Success!

>>>Click! >>><u>Homecoming 2009 Video!</u> AND the Homecoming Dance Video >>><u>Click HERE!</u>



Freshman Lady Freshman Lord Sophomore Duchess Sophomore Duke Junior Princess Junior Prince Senior Queen Senior King







## **Homecoming Dance**



DHS Homecoming Dance 2009
ROCKED!!!! A big thanks to all of you that volunteered your time on our committee. We also want to thank all the decorators and the volunteers and staff

Purple Reign

that came out that night to help. Thanks to everyone who let us borrow items for the dance. It takes all of us to make a successful dance! If you would like to be in charge of the Homecoming Dance this next year--please contact Grace Chalon at <a href="mailto:gchalon@mail.twu.edu">gchalon@mail.twu.edu</a>. We need a Chair or Cochairs next year since Beth and I have seniors this year. We will be glad to pass on our notes and get you ready for next year. Thanks again,

~Kelly Dozier and Beth Patterson



#### **Afterburner News**

During the year AFJROTC Cadet Corps has many events ranging from competitions to field trips. Three of these events will take place

during the month of October; the UNT parade, Altus Air Force Base field trip, and the Regional Drill Meet. On Oct 17, at 1:00PM, TX-962<sup>nd,</sup> "Purple Reign" will march as a military unit in UNT's homecoming parade. Our color guard, joined with UNT's ROTC Color Guard, will lead the parade. On the 24<sup>th,</sup> the color guard, drill team, and inspection team will travel to Arlington High School to compete with other high schools' ROTC units. Wish us luck! On the 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45AM, 57 cadets will be taking a bus ride up to Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Thirty-five of these cadets will experience an en

Oklahoma. Thirty-five of these cadets will experience an en route air refueling mission in a KC-135; meanwhile, the other 22 cadets will be taking a tour of the base, the C-17 drop zone, air traffic control tower and other activities.

~Robert West, AFJROTC



# Bronco Band!

The Pride of Bronco Country received its

very own 53' trailer. The Bronco Band has achieved one more milestone. Thanks to all the parents for their support for the Denton High School Band!

~Brian Wilson, Director of Bands

# Senior/Junior Class Yard Sale 2009

This was a great success! The Juniors and Seniors earned over \$800 and will split the amount to help pay for this year's prom! Want to be added to the Class of 2010 email list? Email <a href="mailto:mdeangelo@dentonisd.org">mdeangelo@dentonisd.org</a>.

#### **Fundraisers**

The **Original Denton High School** shirts are in and available for pickup or purchase. Shirts are \$13.00



Didn't get your **hoodie** last year? We are taking orders. Hoodies prices are \$25.

Email Ms. DeAngelo or come by room 150 before or after school to purchase these items.



#### Latest news:

To volunteer or donate to any of these events, email Michelle DeAngelo at <a href="mailto:mdeangelo@dentonisd.org">mdeangelo@dentonisd.org</a>. I will pass your name on to the appropriate chairperson.

Senior Favorites - spring semester Chairperson: Grace Chalon. Prom - May 22nd, UNT Gateway Center (across from the FB stadium) Chairperson for decorations: Helen Hayes Senior Breakfast (tentatively May 28th); Chairperson – Tina Taylor 7:45 – 8:50 (approx; Senior Awards Ceremony follows immediately) Food – Heidi Klein, Slide show – Marla Cartwright followed by the Senior Awards ceremony. Grad Night - June 4th (all night affair until 5 am???)

Chairperson: Terri Vogds.

#### **Senior Officers:**

President: Will Hayes

Vice President: Kate Morales Treasurer: Kelsie Vogds Secretary: Tania Vasquez

At Large Reps: Alyssa Thompson & Adrienne Noriega

#### Volunteer!

DHS Volunteers make a difference in the lives of our students, make our school the BEST, contribute to our AA Bond rating, and provide value in services that otherwise wouldn't be available. If you would like to join the many DHS volunteers who make a difference in 2009-2010, send an email to <a href="mailto-kathybelcher68@yahoo.ca">kathybelcher68@yahoo.ca</a> or visit the DHS website (For Parents/PTSA tab) for more information.

Also, please continue to report your hours online through the DHS website! So far, a total of 1,437.5 volunteer hours have been reported as of the end of September.

~Kathy Belcher, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator



#### Theatre News

WORLD PREMIERE AT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL Theatre students under the direction of Alison Trapp toured a production of the original play, JERKTOWN, to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Edinburgh Festival



Fringe is the world's largest international theatre festival and runs for three weeks every August. The DHS Theatre program was one of thirty-nine high school theatre programs in the United States to be selected to perform at the Fringe under the umbrella of the American High School Theatre Festival.

JERKTOWN was written by director, Alison Trapp, specifically for the students selected to participate in the AHSTF project. The play, inspired by the Marfa Lights, is set in and around a small West Texas town. The story follows a young woman's quest to prove that the mysterious lights are hoax and in the process the truth is questioned, mysteries unfold and lives are forever altered.

The JERKTOWN Cast & Crew is as follows:

Julia Moen as Nova, Anna Adami as Koko, Ariel Bailey as Nina, Beckah Maxwell-LeRoy as Mae, Maggie Montler as Tallulah, Crystina Renteria as Jaci, and Kelly Shiflet as Coy. Emily Thygesen – Stage Manager & Light Operator, Erica Walsh - Assistant Stage Manager & Sound Operator. While in the UK the DHS Theatre students not only performed their show in the company of literally thousands of professional productions at the Fringe, they also participated in theatre workshops, witnessed spectacular performances, and gained a new world perspective on theatre, art, dance, music, culture and travel.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS: FLOWERS FOR **ALGERNON** by David Rogers based upon the novel by Daniel Keyes and directed by Alison Trapp. November 5, 7 & 9 at 7:00pm in the DHS Auditorium.



#### Renaissance

The purpose of the Renaissance Program is to recognize, reward, respect, and reinforce academic success among all of the students at Denton High School. At the end of each sixweek grading period, students may participate in *Validation* where those students who have passing grades in all of their classes will receive incentives such as coupons, off-campus lunch, drawings, merchandise, and more. Validation for the first six weeks took place on October 6, 7, and 8, in the cafeteria during the lunch periods. Parents interested in volunteering to work during Validation during future grading periods should contact me at cschleinat@verizon.net. ~Cindy Schleinat, PTSA Renaissance Chair

#### **Green Chord at Graduation**

Denton High School's Green Chord Program allows students to serve in their communities, and be recognized for their participation. Students have to earn 100 hours between Aug. 1, 2009 and May 15, 2010 to be eligible to earn the chord to wear at graduation. Any DHS student who wants to participate in the program can find the forms online at www.dentonisd.org/DHSStuCo under the Green Chord tab.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council

#### **DECA Details**

Denton High School's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Club has chosen its officers for the 2009-2010 school year. Cassie Freshcorn is our President, Randa Coppedge is Vice President, Leidy Silva is the club Treasurer, Beth Asfaw is Reporter, Brenda Flores is Historian, Erica Mendoza is Parliamentarian, and Ashley Chaney is Secretary. In our meeting we decided to take a field trip to the Texas State Fair on October 7. This is our first field trip of the year in which we all get to know each other and bond for the upcoming activities and projects we plan to accomplish this year. Mrs. Barbara Goolsby is our DECA sponsor and she stated she is also very excited about what a great group this year's DECA Club will be.

~Beth Asfaw, DECA



#### Interact Club

The Interact Club of Denton High School will participate in the Stream Clean on October 3. The Stream Clean is a community service event sponsored by Keep Denton Beautiful. At this event, the club will pick up trash from a designated stream in Denton.

Interact Club will serve delicious, Italian food to the new staff members at Denton High School on October 2 at their luncheon. Each six weeks, Interact Club hosts a luncheon for a different group of teachers, like the English department or Administrators.

Interact members are hoping to join their local Rotary Club in their annual trip to Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, they would build hospitals while handing out medical supplies and personal hygiene products to the underprivileged. They are currently fundraising for the trip by selling Sonic Cards and they are also accepting donations. The club has placed "Nickels for Nicaragua" jars in each English classroom at Denton High School. For more information on the Nicaragua trip, visit www.fonclub.org

~Scott Spaulding, Sponsor Interact Club



# **Staff Appreciation**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who contributed food items to the faculty/staff back-to-school luncheon and to those who

helped set up and clean up. The teachers and staff were served sandwiches from New York Sub Hub and enjoyed all of the baked goods, fruit and chips provided by PTSA



Volunteers. We enjoy the opportunity to show our teachers and staff how thankful we are for the great education and care that our children receive at DHS!!

~Heidi Klein & Emily Seiple, DHS PTSA Staff Appreciation

#### Counselor's Corner

College and University Events Bobcat Days-Texas State University will host Bobcat day for students on October 17th or November 14, 8:30-12:30.

**SFA Showcase-**Stephen F. Austin University will host a

showcase Saturday on November 14, 2009

Email: admissions@sfasu.edu

**UNT Preview**-University of North Texas fall preview is scheduled for October 31, 2009. Register at www.untpreview.unt.edu

**Aggieland Saturday**-Texas A & M University will host Aggieland Saturday on February 21, 2009. This is a great opportunity to learn about the rich traditions and culture of Texas A & M.

Register online at:

www.tamu.edu/aggiesaturday/

**Midwestern State University** will be hosting their college preview day on November 7th. Register online & gain valuable insight about a great school.

#### **Texan Tour**

Tarleton State University will be holding its college preview day November 7, 2009. This will be a great opportunity to tour the friendly campus, meet with admission representatives and learn about majors.

#### Scholars' Day at UTD

The University of Texas at Dallas will be sponsoring an event for students to tour the campus and meet with faculty.

November 15, 2009

Register online at:

utdallas.edu/enroll/forms/scholars/

#### **West Point Admission Information**

Denton, TX – 21 November 2009 – USMA, West Point Admissions Information Meeting and Leaders Brief Saturday, 11:00 – 1:00 PM
Murchison Performing Arts Center
University of North Texas campus
1200 North Texas Blvd. Denton, TX 76203
Special instructions: RSVP Ms. Gladys Grady at

Gladys.grady@usma.edu.Visit

http://www.music.unt.edu/mpac/index.php?page=aboutdp

#### SAT

**SAT Test Dates 2009/2010** 

November 7<sup>th</sup> December 5th January 23<sup>rd</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> May 1st June 5th

Seniors register to take the SAT test ASAP!!

# **Upward Bound**

This program, sponsored by the United States Department of Education is no cost to you. This program is for freshmen and sophomores whose parents don't have a four year degree. Once a student joins, Saturday meetings will be at UNT. For additional information call 940 546-4182.



What is Denton ISD doing regarding graduation plans? Many of you have probably read in the paper about legislative changes to the graduation plans in the State of Texas. You are probably wondering, how will this affect me? Well at the current time the Denton School District Board of Education has decided that we are staying with all of our old graduation requirements and that NOTHING HAS CHANGED!! So please follow the previous guidelines

## **Cyber Bullying**

## What is Cyber Bullying?

Also referred to as "Internet bullying" – Use of the Internet or other digital devices to send or post negative messages, images, or video clips about others.

Cyber bullying can take the form of posting or sending mean, intimidating, threatening, embarrassing comments and/or using images on chat rooms, message boards, websites, social networking sites, online gaming sites, cell phones, instant messages, or email.

Cyber bullying causes feelings of fear, isolation, and humiliation in individuals being targeted. It has been linked to numerous teen suicides throughout the country and many states are in the process of passing legislation to address the issue.

Tips for Parents:

Set age appropriate guidelines for internet use, including restricted access to some sites and a time limit for use.

- --Monitor your child's use: place a computer in a common area, rather than in a child's bedroom.
- --Make it clear to your child that intentionally embarrassing or hurting others' feelings is not acceptable behavior and clarify the consequence.

Encourage them to report any bullying behavior so that it can be addressed before someone is hurt further.

- \* www.cyberbullyhelp.com for more information.
- ~Kati Willis, Counselor



## **UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Team**

First meeting for the UIL spelling and vocabulary team will be on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, in room 143. All DHS students are welcome. The competition team will consist of four members, selected from those who perform best on regularly scheduled practice tests. Study materials will be provided at this meeting. See Frau Dieckman if you have questions.

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor



### German American Partnership Program

DHS has a partner school in Weissenhorn, Germany. Students spend three weeks in one another's schools, practicing the language and experiencing the culture. The German students will be in Denton in March and April. Then, the DHS students travel to Weissenhorn in June. We need several host families for the German students. If your family would like to experience life in Denton through a new set of eyes and create lifelong friendships, please contact Frau Dieckman at <a href="mailto:sdieckman@dentonisd.org">sdieckman@dentonisd.org</a>.

### **DHS German Club**

...is off and running--literally! We participate in several contests over the course of the year. Our first competition was on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We traveled to Plano to spend the day with hundreds of students from throughout the area for the North Texas Regional Sportfest. The day is fashioned off of traditional festivals held in towns throughout Europe. We competed in soccer, bike racing, foot races and pretzel and root beer relays.

In January we will be shooting the breeze, and perhaps some hoops, with Dirk Nowitzki. February will be our next competition, Winterfest, where we will showcase our German skills in arts, culture and academics. If we do well, we will advance to the State German Contest, where we can win trophies and scholarships! In March and April we will be hosting students from our German partner school for three weeks. Then, in April we will be spending a day speaking German, learning about the culture and having lots of fun at UNT.

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor



### Third Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament

The Denton, Guyer, and Ryan High school Non Profit Golf Booster Clubs have joined together to host their annual fundraising golf tournament. The tournament and silent auction takes place Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Robson Ranch. Cost for a 4 man team is \$100.00/per golfer. This amount includes all golf fees and lunch.

Denton ISD Alumni and students, as well as the community are invited to participate in this exciting event. The tournament will be a four man scramble, with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. directly followed by a buffet lunch and silent auction. Tournament prizes include free golf at Robson Ranch, Lantana, and Oakmont golf clubs.

The money raised will benefit all three golf teams paying for tournament fees, transportation costs, and expenses that would otherwise not be provided by the school district. Funds raised at this event are essential in the continued development of the District's golf programs and is put to good use by the Coaches and team members.

There will also be a silent auction with a variety of items such as rounds of golf at area courses, restaurant gift cards, various themed gift baskets, jewelry, and much more. The auction will be held in the Ballroom from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m..

To help fund the tournament, we are seeking sponsorships from businesses and community members. Sponsorships start at \$50. For those that donate \$100, \$300, \$500 or more, their names will be included on the tournament T-Shirts. Please help support the high school golf programs by playing in the tournament, bidding on auction items, and/or providing a sponsorship.

Any and all students, parents and other residents of the community are invited to participate in the tournament by contacting Coach Maxey at 940-369-2167,

(<u>mmaxey@dentonisd.org</u>) or Sharon Spiess, at 214-274-4205, (sgs08@verizon.net).



## **DHS Fundraising**

# WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR DENTON HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT SELLING WRAPPING PAPER!

You can support the students and staff of DHS by taking advantage of the following ways to shop, at no additional cost to you. All funds raised go to scholarships and enrichment programs, directly benefiting the students at DHS.

#### 1. SHOP DENTONBRONCOS.COM!

If you want to find the latest in DHS spirit wear, go to SHOPDENTONBRONCOS.COM and browse the many designs we have to offer. You can order the size you want and have items shipped directly to your home! All profits will go directly to the support of our students and staff.

# 2. Do all your online shopping through ONECAUSE.COM (formerly SCHOOLPOP.COM)!

With more than 750 web sites to shop at, from airline tickets to toys at Walmart, you have a great opportunity to contribute from 1% to 7% of each purchase to Denton High School, without costing you a penny extra! Follow the easy steps below to register:

- 1. Go to OneCause.com and look to right side of page
- 2. Click on Schools, enter Texas, then enter Denton High School PTSA
- 3. Click on the 2nd Denton High School listing marked PTA
- 4. Click the Support this School bar on the left side
- 5. Choose Join OneCause now bar on right and register for an account. You should only have to follow these steps once, and then you will be able to access our site with just a password.

You are now a member and are ready to shop and raise much needed funds for DHS from the convenience of your own home!

# 3. DO YOU SHOP AT ALBERTSONS, KROGER, OR TARGET?

Then you can help raise money for DHS at no cost to you!

1. Albertsons will donate 1% of your purchases to DHS.

DHS received \$1,345 from this program last year.

If you do not already have a key tag from Albertsons, contact Loyce at <a href="mailto:lkwilson@charter.net">lkwilson@charter.net</a> and she will make sure you get one.

**2. Kroger:** After you have the cashier scan your KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of your purchase, have the cashier scan the DHS barcode on the flyer provided to you at registration and open house.

Upon doing so, just once, your KrogerPlus Card is enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program until April 30, 2010.

Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchases to DHS. We received \$741 from this program last year.

If you are in need of a barcode, please contact Loyce Wilson <a href="mailto:lkwilson@charter.net">lkwilson@charter.net</a>.

#### 3. Shop at Target?

Sign up for the Target Visa in the store or online at target.com. Designate DHS as the recipient.

Target will donate 1% of your purchases each time you use this card in their store and 1/2% when you use it anywhere else. Our school has received almost \$13,000 since signing up for this program in 1998! If you have any questions feel free to e-mail Loyce Wilson at <a href="mailto:lkwilson@charter.net">lkwilson@charter.net</a> or call at 940-382-2937.

~Loyce Wilson, PTSA Fundraiser Coordinator



## **IB** Update

Diploma Programme

Last spring IB Diploma Programme candidates received laptops to assist them with their class work in their IB classes. The laptops were provided by DISD's technology department. The laptops were checked out to the incoming juniors and seniors in the IB Diploma Programme much like textbooks. Students also received a backpack for carrying their laptops to and from school. Laptops and backpacks will be returned to the district as students graduate from the IB Diploma Programme.

IB Diploma Programme candidates certainly have put the laptops to use while completing word processing related assignments throughout the summer and the beginning of the school year. As more technology packages are made available to IB teachers and students, it is likely that the laptops will become an extension of IB classes. Not only will this allow teachers to post assignments, but also allow students to post their completed assignments. A few software packages offer the opportunity to connect with other IB classes and students throughout the world.

Six seniors are completing IB coursework during the 2009-2010 school year. They will take IB External Exams in May.

Sixteen juniors have embarked on their IB
Diploma Programme adventure. Current
sophomores will have the opportunity to enroll in
the 2010-2011 IB Diploma Programme during
this current fall semester. Listen for
information regarding the IB Diploma
Programme Application that will need to
be completed.

## **Middle Years Programme**

Calhoun Middle School and Denton High School received their IB authorization to offer the IB Middle Years Programme, which spans grades 6-10. Notification of IB World status for each campus was received in late June, 2009. The authorization team commended the campuses for their commitment to offer a challenging international program of study to their students.

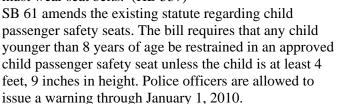
Many teachers from each campus have attended IB sanctioned workshops and contributed curriculum work to the IB MYP Applications. Throughout the current school year, on each campus, more IB curriculum will be developed and implemented in classrooms. DHS teachers, Cristina Galindo and Janis Wohlgemuth, shared that implementing student centered IB strategies are making a difference in all their classes, with students being more engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. Their students are proud to be involved in an IB MYP class and become more active participants in their learning. Mrs. Wohlgemuth shared that "it's obvious that students do want to be active parts of the learning environment and not just students occupying a seat and having the teacher tell them everything they are supposed to know." Mrs. Galindo adds that after the first day of Spanish I, students were excited to become part of IB related activities that would get them out into the community. As her students left class, Mrs. Galindo remarked "they looked very proud of themselves and happy. To me, this was a great first day for all of us." ~Lynn Singletary, Ph.D., IB Coordinator

## Is Your Drive Ready?

The following information is new legislation related to driving:

#### **Seatbelts**

Seat Belts: All occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, front and back seat, must wear seat belts. (HB 537)



### **Driving**

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cellular phones may be used while the vehicle is stopped in a school zone or with a hands-free device. The law also applies to bus drivers. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$200. The only exception is placing an emergency call.

#### **Driver's License**

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver's license. The law also requires that a provisional driver's license (under 18) or instruction permit expires on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver's license or instruction permit be renewed annually, and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15.

It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver's license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving, and a limited number of passengers. Drivers younger than 18 are <u>banned</u> from using cell phones (dialing, talking, texting) while driving anywhere.

HB 339 increases the total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen is required to complete from 14 to 34 hours before getting a license.

SB 1317 creates a six-hour driver education course required for driver's license applicants 18 years of age or older. It also mandates that applicants age 25 or under must submit to an approved driver education course. (Effective: March 1, 2010.)

# Nurse Notes



Well kids belong in schools, sick kids belong at home. Please check temperatures with a thermometer before sending your student who is not feeling well to school. If it is 100' or more they must stay home. It would be a great idea to carry instant hand sanitizer.

~Cindy Yousko, School Nurse \_\_\_\_\_



# Library Extended Hours

The library has extended hours each Monday until 6 p.m. for students to do computer work, research, homework or check



out books. The library opens each day at 7:50 a.m. and closes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30 pm.; Friday at 4 p.m.

~Carolyn Bason, Librarian 🦽



# **Battle of the Volt**



Thank you Denton High School for teaming up against hunger and bringing in approximately 4500 pounds of food. Denton High School won the "Canned Food War", and beat Ryan High School by 300 pounds.

A big shout out goes to some of the teachers who brought in several hundred cans...Mr. Grindle, Mr.

Mueller, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Thaggard, Mrs. Puente, and Mrs. Hughes. A big thanks goes to all the teachers who donated money on Friday, because that extra \$120 of cans secured our victory.

Thanks for your support in the school-wide community service project!

~Beth Hughes, Student Council Sponsor



#### **Orchestra**

DHS Orchestras welcome back Mr. Mairs! The DHS Orchestras welcome Mr. Mairs' return to campus after his successful surgery, and thanks to Ms. Brians and Mr. Atkins for stepping in where they are very much needed.

# Upcoming Orchestra Events October 19

Auditions for the pit orchestra DHS musical production October 31

All-Region Orchestra try-outs and All-State Orchestra audition taping

#### November 20

Delivery and pick-up of the delicious Red Wheel pies and breakfast braids, arriving just in time for the holidays! Make sure you order by November 6!

~Ivy Doak, PTSA



# **Bronco Band Update**

The DHS Bronco Band has been working hard since the first week of August, and will continue their rigorous schedule of marching practices as well as performances at football games and marching competitions until the middle of November.



On Saturday, October 3rd, they hosted their 6th annual Golden Triangle Classic marching competition, involving 22 participating bands from surrounding areas, at the C.H. Collins Stadium. This was an all-day event and a major fundraiser for the Band, and many parents and students generously contributed their time, energy, and financial resources in order to make it a huge success. MANY THANKS to all of you who were involved--your efforts are greatly appreciated!

The Band students will also be participating in the Region 2 UIL marching competition at C.H. Collins Stadium on October 17th and a "Sounds of the Stadium" event at UNT on October 27th. They will be selling poinsettias as a fundraiser, beginning on October 26th.

If you would like additional information about Band activities, please contact Brian Thurman, Booster President, at bthurman77@verizon.net or (940) 391-6060.



# **Congratulations Sarah Hustwit**



Mrs. Hustwit has been nominated for the 2010 TCEA Teacher of the Year. This is a statewide competition for those teachers who weave and integrate instructional technology in the classroom. Mrs. Hustwit teaches Latin classes at Denton High and Guyer High. She uses the campus distance learning equipment to teach students in both locations at the

same time. She also participates in web-based learning and has been a pioneer in the use of the new global web resource, *Uniservity*. Best of luck Mrs. Hustwit!

~Hollye Knox, Curriculum Technology Specialist



#### PTSA Officers 2009-2010

(left to right) Janet Shelton, Treasurer, Grace

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President,
Janell
Trachta,
VicePresident &
Ivy Doak,
Secretary.





# The PTSA Wants You!

The DHS PTSA is off to a great start. We have over 300 members including parents, teachers, staff and students! The annual Welcome Back Luncheon hosted by the DHS PTSA for our faculty and staff members was a huge success. We are lucky to have such a great group of educators working with our students.

The TX PTA is a grassroots organization made up of parents, teachers, and others around the great state of Texas who have a special interest in children, families, and schools! PTA is the largest child-advocacy organization in the state.

We invite you to join the organization that supports ALL students, ALL the teachers, and ALL the parents. Stay informed about campus activities that affect your student. Membership cost for students is only \$5.00 and membership cost for all others is only \$8.00. Please support your students and teachers and join today!

This year we are having a competition . . . the class with the most student PTSA membership participation will receive a cash donation from the PTSA!!! GO Broncos!



# **PTSA Calendar**



OCTOBER	13	PTSA Board Meeting	12:00 PM
NOVEMBER	10	PTSA Board Meeting	12:00 PM
DECEMBER		NO MEETING	
		Staff Appreciation	
JANUARY	12	PTSA Board Meeting	12:00 PM
FEBRUARY	9	PTSA Board Meeting	12:00 PM
		Scholarship Committee	
		Nominating Committee	
MARCH		No Meeting	
APRIL	13	PTSA Board Meeting	12:00 PM
MAY	11	Old/New Board Meeting	11:30 am Lunch
	22	Prom	Gateway Center
JUNE	4	Graduation	8:00 PM
		Grad Night	

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# Join Today!

Please complete the form below and return to the DHS Office. For more information, please contact Martha Stevens: mstevens11@mac.com

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Choose a type for each membership:

Parents (R)

Faculty and Staff (F)

Students 9th-12th (S)

Community (C)

Name	Student Grade	\$ Amount
1		
2		
	checks payable to DHS	
CK #	or Cash.	
Total: \$		
Address		
City	Zip	
E-Mail		
Ph#	Cell#	