

Denton High School

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DHS PTSA Newsletter

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Don't forget to VOTE!

Remember to Vote in the School Bond Election on November 6, 2006!

November 2007

This is an important election and every vote is needed! Denton ISD is one of the fastest growing school districts in Texas with an anticipated growth of about 1500 students per year. Also, effective this school year, the state is requiring four years of math and science for all high school students. Known as the "Four by Four" program, it was initiated for the 2007-08 freshmen and beyond. However, this new state-mandated program is not funded by the state.

The projects for Denton High School, which total \$37 million include: Adding 9 classrooms, renovating and adding science labs, providing a new counseling services area and a competition gymnasium, expanding and renovating the existing field house, adding a parking lot area and renovating the track and field.

For more bond information and voting sites, click: <u>http://www.dentonisd.org</u>



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Dear Parents,

The leaves are changing color and there is a chill in the air. It seems like just yesterday it was hot, humid and dry - the 2007/08 school year is flying by. We are halfway through our second six week period and we have seen many DHS events come and go – Bronco Night, concerts, cross country, football season, homecoming, marching season, plays, PSAT, TAKS Retakes, volleyball...not to mention four 90 minutes classes on a daily basis Monday through Friday and a four hour tutoring session every Saturday. Whew!

Things have been going well at DHS. We have submitted our snapshot enrollment to the state with 1479 students (almost one hundred less than 2006.) Class size is smaller than years past, the halls are less crowded and the parking lot(s) are mostly empty. I do however predict that once some of the local developments in the DHS attendance area are completed our campus should see a significant increase in enrollment. I would also assume (I know that's dangerous) that with the opening of middle school number six there will be a change in the attendance zones for middle schools and where they feed.

DHS is always buzzing with some sort of activity. Please find listed below some of our staple events:

Saturday TAKS Tutoring Math Lab Boys and Girls Basketball Donuts with Darrell CLT Thanksgiving Break Choir Craft Fair DHS Musical Orchestra Concert Band Concert Choir Concert Winter Break

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch provided) Monday – Friday (morning, noon & night)

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 (Room 106) Nov 12 and Dec 3 (Room 106) November 21 - 23 Saturday, December 01, 2007 The Pirates of Penzance (Nov 30 – Dec 08) December 13, 2007 December 14, 2007 December 18, 2007 December 21, 2007 – January 2, 2008

I hope to see you soon, Darrell

The Denton Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

PASS the TAKS --Exempt a Final Exam!

Students who are successful in one or more TAKS exams may earn a spring exam exemption for the corresponding course. For example: A 9th grade student who is successful on the 9th grade Math TAKS can exempt their spring semester exam for their math class. In addition, the student would be entitled to an excused absence for that class period.

A sophomore student who is successful in all four TAKS exams (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA), can exempt the spring semester exam for their corresponding Math, Science, Social Studies, and English class, and also earn an excused absence for those four class periods.

Denton High School teachers will continue to monitor their students' success in class as they prepare for the TAKS exams this spring. Please encourage your students to participate in tutorials, before and after school, as well as, take advantage of Denton High School's Saturday TAKS tutorials.

How can students prepare for success on TAKS:

- Maintain good attendance
- Actively participate in class
- Schedule before and after school tutorials
- Attend Saturday TAKS tutorials (10:00—2:00 p.m.)
- Ask for additional help, if necessary

Special Thanks!

Thank you for helping DHS PTSA raise much needed funds. We recently received a check from Kroger for \$273.99 and an additional \$695.82 from Target. Be sure to support DHS by linking your Target Red Card or Target Visa to DHS by going to <u>www.target.com</u>.

<u>Important Albertsons Change</u> - Albertsons has ended their Preferred Savings Card. This means that we can no longer use the Preferred Savings Card to raise funds for DHS. Albertsons has instituted a **new** Community Partner Card (key tag) that you can have scanned each time you shop to continue to raise funds for our school. Remember, there is absolutely no cost to you. Please e-mail <u>GJtrachta@aol.com</u> to have a card mailed to you.

Thank you for your continued support in raising funds for DHS PTSA.

DECADETAILS --By Marie Trevino

DECA (Distributive ED Clubs of America) is off to a new and great start. Once again, we offer school supplies and spirit supplies. Additionally, we have new products in our store this year such as water and Maruchan (0 grams transfat) noodles. The school store is now a healthier DECA store because we cut back on foods that are high in fat. Please stop by on your lunch break to satisfy all your hunger needs. The DECA officers for this year are:

PRESIDENT: ROSS DETER VICE-PRESIDENT: ALLIE CROUCH REPORTER: SAMANTHA GUTIERREZ TREASURER: BRITTANY ZUBE PARLIAMENTARIAN: MARIE TREVINO SECRETARY: NICK SHELBY DHS PLEASE KEEP COMING TO THE DECA STORE! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

Renaissance VALIDATION

WHAT IS IT? AN ACADEMIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR OUR STUDENTS.

WHERE IS IT? CAFETERIA DURING ALL LUNCHES

WHEN IS IT? EVERY SIX WKS AFTER REPORT CARDS

- 1ST Six Weeks, October 17-19
- 2nd Six Weeks, November 26-28
- 3rd Six Weeks, January 28-30
- 4th Six Weeks, March 12-14
- 5th Six Weeks, April 28-30

WHY? To reward and offer incentives to our kids for their grades. This is a <u>simply</u> job for volunteers. Just show up, sign in at office and proceed to the Cafeteria.

Three Lists are made and provided – Purple List –all A's Gold List- all A/B's White List – 70 –"passing all classes

- Check the student's ID against the lists
- Highlight name
- Hole punch ID
- Give them corresponding reward

Rewards this year-

Popcorn or candy to all students that Validate. Off Campus Lunch for just A/B Averages on all **Odd** numbered Six Weeks Off Campus Lunch for just A/BC Averages on all **Even** numbered Six Weeks

T Shirt -*Only first day of every Validation period 5 front row parking spots for the six weeks.-* Drawing for Only Purple List "Drivers" * Other SPECIAL INCENTIVES to come!

Pam Smithers Renaissance PTA Chairman 940-382-1770 pam@briansmithers.com



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Subscribe to our DHS homepage, calendar, teacher pages and more! The E-Alert system will notify you via email when the DHS site has new headlines, updates or changes!

http://www.dentonisd.org/5212049142527537/site/default.asp



Congratulations!

To the DHS Varsity Volleyball team on their district wins!



Congratulations!

Laurence McClendon, the Tech Club sponsor and students attended the DC Best Robotics competition on Saturday, October 27. The team won first place and are moving to the next level on November 30.



Upcoming: Theater presents:

Pirates of Penzance November 30 through December 8

Orchestra concert December 13

Band concert December 14

Choir concert December 18

TAKS Tutoring November 3, 10 & 17 December 1 & 8



Math Lab

Need help with math homework? Something you don't understand? Visit the math lab every day during lunch, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings! Your math teachers will be there to help!

Denton High School Saturday TAKS Tutorials

Saturday TAKS Tutorials are held from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- September: 29th
- October: 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th
- November: 3rd, 10th, and 17th
- December: 8th and 15th
- February: 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd
- March: 1st, 8th, and 29th
- April: 5th, 12th, and 25th

Where

English, Language, Arts	Room 215
Mathematics	Room 225
Science	Room 117
Social Studies	Room 238



First Annual D.I.S.D. Golf Tournament All proceeds to benefit D.I.S.D. High School Golf programs Location: Sky Creek - Keller, TX When: Saturday, November 17th, 2007 Time: 12:30 p.m. (Shotgun Start) 4 Man Scramble—Lunch Provided				
DENTON HIGH	GUYER HIGH		RYAN HIGH	
	We	ticgsta	Ryan Raiders Billy Ryan High School	
\$100.00 Individual	BANNER SF	PONSOR:	HOLE SPONSOR (SIGN):	
Player	GOLD	\$500.00		
I can't attend but want to donate.	SILVER	\$300.00	\$50.00	
\$25.00	BRONZE	\$100.00		
\$50.00	NAME/COMPANY—(TO BE DISPLAYED ON SIGN OR BANNER):			
\$75.00				
\$100.00	ADDRESS:			
\$200.00	CITY: PHONE:		STATE: ZIP:	
Player 1: Shirt Size:				
Player 2: Shirt Size:				
Player 3: Player 4: Shirt Size:				
RETURN FORM BY NOVEMBER 7, 2007 TO: PAM RICHTER 504 CHAMBERS DENTON, TX 76205 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO D.I.S.D. GOLF Questions? Please contact: Coach Gable 940-369-200; Coach Adams 940-369-1000; Coach Peden 940-369-3000 (DHS) (GHS) (RHS)				