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## DHS Honors Veterans

The Denton High School National Honor Society hosted a Veterans Day program to honor all veterans on November 11th. Since our Nation's founding, brave men and women have taken up arms to defend the truths set forth in the Declaration of Independence. By their service they have kept America strong, and protected our way of life for more than two centuries. The program included performances from the band, orchestra, choir, and special readings for the Veterans. NHS (National Honor Society) would like to thank Mr. Mairs, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Wilson, Boomer West, Ms. Trapp and her technicians, and the DHS AFROTC for their support.

~Carol Hyatt

*Thank You*



## Muncy's Message

If you haven't been by the school lately, you will be amazed at the amount of change that taken place in the last three months. Buildings that have stood for 50-something years are a mere pile of rubble. Where houses once stood, is now a vacant lot with a freshly poured reinforced-concrete foundation.

Isn't it ironic - pouring foundation for a school that has existed since 1884 with the last 50+ years at its current location? When I think of the DHS Foundation, I think of a great history and long-standing traditions. I think about the educational foundation we provide our students day in and day out. I think about meeting the needs of our kids despite their economic lot in life; despite their ethnicity and despite the odds that they may be facing. When one considers the number of students that have passed through the halls of this great institution, despite their differences, they share one commonality – they are a Bronco. DHS will always be their school.

An unknown author once said, "The foundations for a better tomorrow must be laid today." When all the dust is settled, DHS will look considerably different, but our foundation will remain the same. We appreciate our time with your kids. They challenge us, inspire us and give us hope. Our invitation to you remains open – please come by.

Truly, great things are happening at DHS.



Darrell





## DECA Details

The Denton High School DECA Club (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is off to a wonderful start this year. The officers have been chosen and were inducted into place at El Guapo's Mexican Restaurant when the DECA Club scheduled their first field trip.



**Ryan Davidson- President;**

**Michelle**

**Sandoval-Vice President; Ross Deter-Treasurer; Carissa**

**Jones-Secretary; Meredith Sutton-Reporter; and Ted Vassar-**

**Parliamentarian.** Congratulations students! I expect this to be a great year!

The school store, The Bronco Barn, has been exceptionally busy and certainly appreciates each student/staff member's support. The DHS Homecoming lunch carnival in front of the school was a huge success and it was a lot of fun to see everyone participating and having a good time as well as eating great food. Student Council did a terrific job in coordinating all the booths, too.

The Christmas season is shortly upon us and all the organizations and student body are looking forward to our "Adopt a Child" Christmas Program. We expect to give from the heart and it always proves to be a truly touching experience for not only the children, but the DHS students as well.

DECA Club is also going to have a canned food drive during November and December to supplement the local food pantries. Everyone is encouraged to give support to this city program. Canned foods can be dropped off at the Bronco Barn or Room 131 anytime of the day. Hope everyone has a terrific Thanksgiving and finishes the Fall semester with good grades and a great deal of Bronco pride!

~ Barbara Goolsby, Advisor



## The Joy of Giving

**The Ann Windle School for Young Children Adopt-a-Child program will be coming to DHS on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> during 2A, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Second block classes will adopt DISD Head Start children for Christmas. Unlike the typical "angel tree" programs, our DHS students will get to experience the joys of giving by providing a party for their child, and seeing their excitement when the gifts are presented. All 2A classes will have the opportunity to participate. Questions can be directed to Beth Hughes at 3692062.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council

## Counselor's Note

**On November 12, the counselors will begin conducting senior conferences.** You should have received a letter to your home by now specifying your student's appointment date and time. Your conference should last no longer than fifteen minutes. For any questions or scheduling conflicts, please call Dawn Pryor at 369.2011.



## DHS Theatre

### *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

DHS Theatre Director Alison Trapp is pleased to announce the upcoming production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The play is based on the story by C.S. Lewis, as dramatized by Joseph Robinette.

**Performances will be in the DHS auditorium at 7:00 pm on December 5, 6, 12 and 13;**

**Matinees will be performed at 2pm on December 6 and 13.**



## DHS Wins Canned Food War!



DHS beat Ryan High School in the canned food war, bringing in approximately 2300 pounds of food, compared to 950 pounds from Ryan. Vision Ministries from Denton was the recipient of all the donations. Student Council would like to



thank all the teachers who helped collect cans, especially Mr. Mueller, Ms. Davis, Mr. Grindle, and Ms. Weldon.

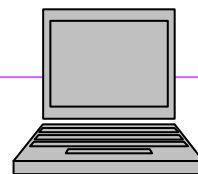
~Beth Hughes



## Notebook computer raffle!

The DHS Band Boosters are raffling off a new Toshiba notebook computer. Tickets are limited to a total of 300 to be sold and they are only \$10.00 each. The drawing for the computer will take place at the holiday concert

**TUESDAY, December 16, 2008 in the DHS Auditorium. The concert starts at 7:00pm.** The winner need not be present to win. See any Band Booster Board member to obtain tickets or they may be purchased at the door the night of the concert.



## Did You Know?

A ten-year study, tracking more than 25,000 students, shows that music-making improves test scores. Regardless of socioeconomic background, music-making students get higher marks in standardized tests than those who had no music involvement. The test scores studied were not only standardized tests, such as the SAT, but also in reading proficiency exams.

Source: Dr. James Catterall, UCLA, 1997





## Kerri Burgess Nominated for Educator Award

I am honored to tell you all that Kerri Burgess has been nominated, and is one of six finalists, for Educator of the Year by *The Texas Dance Educator's Association (TDEA)*. Mrs. Burgess will be

recognized at the state convention on

January 10, 2009 in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Burgess was nominated by a former student and the current dance/drill team instructor at Guyer High School, Rachel Simpson.

Mrs. Burgess will also be recognized for a Lifetime Achievement Award with the same organization. TDEA could not have picked a better person/teacher and we are very proud that she is a Bronco.

Congratulations, Mrs. Burgess on this much deserved honor. Good luck in January!

~Darrell Muncy



## Orchestra

**Congratulations to all of the DHS Orchestra Family who labored hard over the audition materials and took the audition on Saturday, November 1, 2008.**

The following musicians have earned a spot on the 2009 All-Region Orchestra. They are listed in order of their finish:

**Violins - Sylvia Li, Christine Ryu, Clarissa Root, Lee Chen, Andrew Dierdorf, Trevor Davila, Eric Willis, Gabe Klein**

**Viola - Guy Bergel, Julian Chalon, Cameron Ratcliff, Alex Martin, Nathan Place, Fran Cacal**

**Cello - Julia Di Fiore, Tyler Burggren, Jordan Rushing, RJ Ponder, Julia Moen, Nathan Schafer, Kevin Shiflet, Stephen Place**

**Bass - Beckah Maxwell-Leroy, Mandy Elsmore, Kris Carmona, Amelia Clark, Patrick Montler**

We look forward to hosting the All-Region Clinic and Concert at DHS in January!



## Holiday Concerts!

Mark your calendars for a smart holiday season! **David Mairs, Director of the DHS Orchestras**, has announced that the **Chamber Orchestra will join the DHS**

**Choir on December 9 for an evening concert. On December 11th, the three Orchestras will perform a free concert in the DHS Auditorium.** The Chamber Orchestra will be joined by the DHS Chorale for a performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Additional orchestral selections will include Dvorak, Bach, Deborah Baker-Monday and William Harbinson. The Chamber Orchestra will be joining the Chorale at their December 9th concert as well to perform the Vivaldi.

A final contribution to the festive season will be the second annual Holiday Home Concerts. This fundraiser showcases several ensembles throughout the city on Saturday, December 20, 2008.



## Yearbook Sales

Give a gift of lasting memories...

The 2009 ALL COLOR yearbooks are on sale for only \$60. The price will go up after the first semester. A full color copy would make a great Christmas gift. We'll even provide an announcement card for the tree. For only \$20 down you can still reserve a copy at the fall price.

## Senior Ads

We have a few spots available for senior ads. Information and flyers are on the DHS website under "Staff" Marilyn Stevens.

~Marilyn Stevens

## 2008 Homecoming Dance a Success!!!

We just wanted to say thank you very much for all the wonderful help we had this year with the dance! We had a great dance-and sold over 800 tickets and made over \$4,500 for the PTSA!

Thanks to all of you who made this possible! We also want to thank the Denton Record Chronicle for making a donation to help with our helium and balloons this year! Thanks to Monte B for our great homecoming pictures!



## Thanks to our great homecoming committee:

**Treasurer-Janet Shelton**

**Miriam Green-Ticket Sales**

**Terri Vogds-Publicity (poster and ticket design) ticket sales**

**Kathy Belcher-Volunteer Coordinator**

**Kim Eagleton-Mum/shoe check in**

**Decorations-Kelly & Beth and many volunteers...**

**Co chairs-Kelly Dozier and Beth Patterson**

This couldn't be as successful as it is without all the wonderful volunteers and staff who came out and help! We had a great staff support that night and many great parent chaperones and helpers.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to those who came to the decorating workshops, took decorations home to work on, and helped decorate the day of the dance. We also want to thank the people who stayed and helped clean up the dance for us!!

That is so nice for us to have that help at Midnight! And a **big** thanks to all the students who came out and danced the night away!

Thanks to all...

~Kelly Dozier and Beth Patterson





## Band Looks Forward to Concert Season

The DHS marching band finished the competition season at Frisco Centennial on November 1<sup>st</sup>. They played their last on-field performance of the year at Little Elm on November 7<sup>th</sup>. With many of these students starting the marching season in July, it was a bitter-sweet time. Many were glad the season is over, but sad to see it go. "It's been a long season but the future looks bright. We have a great crop of freshmen coming in next year, a strong core of returning students and we are only losing fourteen seniors, so I have high expectations for next year" said Mr. Brian Wilson, Director of Bands. "Now it's time to look forward to the concert season and All-Region tryouts on December 6<sup>th</sup>!"



## DHS Volunteers

Thanks for your continued support to Denton High School. Volunteers have already submitted 2405 hours from summer to present this year. Please be sure to record volunteer hours as they occur, including

travel time and hours spent with overnight events. Go to the following website and click on NEW PTSA Volunteer Database!

<http://www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs/site/default.asp>

During 2007-2008 school year, volunteers contributed more than 316,601 hours to help make a difference with DISD students. This is the highest amount ever recorded for Denton ISD. This saved the district 5.69 million dollars - yet the impact you are having on the students and our school is priceless!!!

Go Bronco Volunteers!!!!

~Kathy Belcher



## Thank You Gohlke Pools

The Denton High School Student Council Energy and Environment committee would like to thank Gohlke Pools of Denton for their generosity in donating environmentally friendly chemicals needed to maintain the water quality of the fountain in the Renaissance International Garden. In addition to the chemicals, Gohlke Pools is testing water samples several times a month and assisting students in making the needed adjustments at no cost to DHS. Thank you Gohlke Pools!



## Denton Public School Foundation Sponsors 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundhog Gala

The Denton Public School Foundation (DPSF) may be one of the best kept secrets in DISD! The Foundation is a non-profit corporation founded for the purpose of raising and providing support for the teachers and students of Denton ISD. Monies raised are invested and distributed through a competitive grant and scholarship program. Since 2002, over \$233,500 in grants to teachers and staff scholarships have been granted to fund innovative classroom initiatives, advanced training and graduate hours; \$62,000 in student scholarships have been awarded to graduating DISD seniors. The mission of the Denton Public School Foundation is to enrich and maximize the quality of education available in the Denton Independent School District. It is a separate entity from DISD, but its role is to supplement and enrich the delivery of this quality education. People from all areas of the community, including local PTA members, serve on the Foundation Board.

The Foundation's successful fundraiser, the Groundhog Gala, is an annual event which includes dinner, a live and silent auction, recognition of donors, and entertainment and participation by many of our DISD students. PTAs at all the Denton schools, including Denton High School, donate fun and unique baskets to the auction. This year's event will be January 31, 2009 at the UNT Gateway Center. Check out the Foundation website at [www.dentonisd.org](http://www.dentonisd.org) and click on Denton ISD Foundation to learn about the good things being done and how you can help support it. Be sure to encourage your seniors to apply for the numerous scholarships the Foundation will award in the spring.

~Janet Shelton



## Math Club

Another exciting year is underway. In addition to competing in the UIL events, we will for the first time at DHS be taking part in the American Mathematics Competition. The AMC test is one of the gateways to the U.S.A. Mathematics Olympiad. Our students are excited to be competing in these extremely high academic challenges. November 15 has the DHS Math Team competing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> TAMS (Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science) Tournament. The competition will be exciting, especially since many former DHS Math Club students are now at TAMS. Please wish our entire DHS Math Club well as students move forward into another exciting year of academic contests.

~Fred Mueller, Sponsor





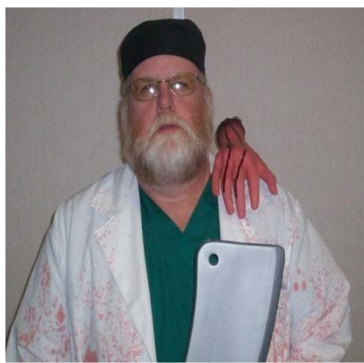


## Murder Mystery Dinner

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the TPSA students and the culinary arts students at the LaGrone ATC presented their first murder mystery dinner of the year entitled, *Murder at the Mafia Halloween Party*. Students from all 3 high schools and surrounding school districts participated. The event is a fund raiser for the TPSA and the culinary arts students' programs. Denton High's very own Antonio Ramos played our victim and he has to be given credit for the difficulty he endured (we removed his head). Not to worry, Antonio is fine and ready to participate again for our *Holiday Homicide* on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We finally got his head re-attached with a little super glue and a lot of luck.



If interested in tickets, they are \$20 for a single ticket and \$35 for 2 tickets. For our *Holiday Homicide Dinner*, we will be collecting new toys to give to local charities for the holiday season. Please contact Chef Robert Sayne at [rsayne@dentonisd.org](mailto:rsayne@dentonisd.org) or 940-369-4883 for ticket information, or find a TPSA or culinary arts student.



## Dance Department News!

DHS Dance Department has had the amazing opportunity to host several exciting workshops for students, staff, and community this past month.

We hosted a Balinese Dance Workshop, October 4<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with TWU Dance Department. This was a rare opportunity for the students and community to have a professional Bali dance artist from Indonesia give a workshop on international dance cultures and traditions.



Several classes and staff members enjoyed a day of Yoga with Ms. Tiffany Tynan. She was an incredible influence on encouraging students and faculty to be lifelong learners in their physical health. We plan on having more Yoga workshops with her!

The Dance Classes completed their Thriller Performances this past week. You can see some of the performances on the DHS Dance site coming soon! This has been an 'entertaining' tradition for students in the dance department to learn a version of Thriller and get the opportunity to dress up in character to perform for peers, faculty, and family.

We invite all of you to come view the hallway of Dance Pioneers. The students have created a personal project based on a dance pioneer ~ come check out one of YOUR favorites!



## Join PTSA. We need parents!

The Parent Teacher Student Association of Denton High School is in need of Parent members. The teachers have outnumbered the parents in memberships this year. It is not too late to join this organization whose mission is to serve ALL the students, their families and the teachers/staff at Denton High School. When you choose to join

your school's association you become an active supporter of your teachers/staff just by your membership.

Last year's members of the PTSA donated \$4000 in staff enrichment grants through the Denton Public School Foundation's Grants-To-Teachers and Staff Scholarship Programs. We anticipate that this year the teacher/staff needs will be greater. Our students are the direct beneficiaries of the implementation of these scholarships.

Last year the PTSA held several events to demonstrate our appreciation for the teachers/staff at Denton High. These events directly involved parents of the various classes. These events were:

August – Welcome Back Breakfast – PTSA Board

Homecoming Week – Theme Related Events – Senior Parents

December – Pie-n-Cider – Junior Parents

February – Soup-n-Cornbread – Freshman Parents

May – Teacher Appreciation Week

If you would like to become a member of this vibrant association, please complete the form below, include \$5.00 and return both to the school office. Student memberships are only \$4.00. Thank you.

~PTSA Membership Committee

## Membership form/planilla de membresía

NAME/NOMBRE:

ADDRESS/DOMICILIO:

PHONENUMBER/TELÉFONO:

EMAIL:

Please return completed forms and money to the DHS Office!

## Schwan's Truck Load Sale



Please join us on **Wednesday, November 19, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to raise funds for DHS PTSA. Schwan's will have a fully stocked truck on site. Please go to

<http://www.schwans.com> for a complete list of the products available. Many of the products are ideal for your Thanksgiving dinner. Schwan's accepts cash, checks, Check Debit Card, Visa, Master Card, Discover and EBT. Look for the Schwan's truck in front of the school. If you have any questions, please call Janell Trachta, PTSA Fundraising Co-Chair, at 940-891-0706.





## Five Teen Tricks and Tips for Parents

### 1) Facebook or Textbook?

Today's teens rely on the Web for many things, not the least of which is researching school projects and homework assignments. But a recent Partnership/CafeMom poll showed that 46 percent of moms say their kids are guilty of *claiming they're using the computer for school, but instead they're chatting on Facebook or MySpace.*

#### Advice for Parents

Learn to use the tools your teen likes, whether it's cell phones and text messaging or social networks. Parents can use technology to open new lines of communication with teens, but it's also important to keep tabs on their activity. Expect that teens will socialize online, but limit the time your teen spends on the computer for fun, *and periodically check what they are looking at online. Some parents keep the computer in a common room to check if teens are slacking off on schoolwork,* and others use software to block certain sites.

### 2) After School Fool

While you're at work, who knows what teens are up to at home? The hours between 3:00 and 6:00 – typically the time when school lets out and adults come home – are primetime for unsupervised experimentation, whether it's with drugs, alcohol or other risky behaviors.

#### Advice for Parents

Know where your teens are, especially after school, keep track of plans and activities, and take time to get to know their friends. *Kids who are not regularly monitored are four times more likely to use drugs than kids who are.* Make sure your teen knows your rules, and tell him you're keeping track and setting limits because you care, not because you don't trust him. Encourage teens to get involved with youth groups, arts, sports, community service or academic clubs after school instead of just hanging out.

### 3) Sleepover Sneakout

Although you may be home when your teen has a sleepover, it's possible that once you're asleep, your teen and their friends are sneaking out to a party or other get-together.

#### Advice for Parents

Anticipate the possibilities and lay firm ground rules in advance. Set a clear "sleepover curfew" for your teen and his friends and check in.

### 4) Hidden Friendships

You've met your teen's friends... and there's one who looks like trouble. Teens may not always tell their parents who they're hanging out with, especially if they have friends parents don't approve of.

#### Advice for Parents

If you don't like your teen's friends, figure out why. Do you suspect they use drugs or alcohol? Do they treat your teen badly? *If your gut says a friend is a bad influence, don't wait. Talk to your teen, make your concerns and expectations clear,* and keep a closer eye on him. You may limit time with that friend by not allowing sleepovers and not offering rides. If you can, you may try to help your child connect with a wider circle of kids.

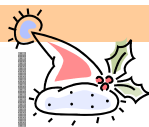
### 5) Driving Dangerously

When teens are counting on a ride home from a friend after a party or gathering, it's always possible the driver has used drugs or alcohol. Especially if teens have been experimenting themselves, they may accept the ride anyway rather than call on a parent.

#### Advice for Parents

Make it clear that you never want your child to ride in a car with a friend under the influence. Stress that a drunk or drugged driver poses a grave, even deadly danger to passengers and other drivers. Let your child know that you will pick him up at any hour, anywhere, rather than have him ride with a friend using drugs or alcohol.

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## Senior Parents...

### Class of 09'

#### We need your Senior Pictures!

- Baby Pictures · School Pictures
- Dance Pictures · Funny Pictures
- Crazy Pictures

This year the teachers and sponsors of the senior class will be producing a video: THE FACES OF 2009. The video will be presented at the Senior Breakfast. In order to make the video a success, we need your help! **Please email digital pictures or send a copy of an original picture of your favorite senior's moments.** Pictures can range from baby to prom and may include family and friends. Simply email pictures to [sdavis@dentonisd.org](mailto:sdavis@dentonisd.org) and please type **SENIOR PICTURES** in the regards line. Include in your email the name of your senior. **OR** Simply mail a copy of an original picture to DHS, C/O Shandi Davis, 1007 Fulton St., Denton, Texas 76201. Remember to include the name of your senior. Mailed pictures will not be returned. You may also deliver your pictures to DHS in an envelope labeled Senior Pictures, Shandi Davis.

~Shandi Davis, Sponsor



## Senior Class News

This year the Senior Class is working to raise money for our prom and a class gift. We raised a few dollars on *Bronco Night* selling sodas and during the *Homecoming Carnival* selling spirit beads. The second order of senior shirts is being delivered, and we want to say thank you to every senior who purchased a shirt to support the class of 2009. Currently we are focusing our efforts on the "Night on the Nile" prom that will be held at TWU, on May 9th. We are also looking forward to the Fun Favorites Assembly in January and the Prom Style Show in April. Go Broncos 09!

#### Senior Class Officers 2008-2009

Macy Koontz, President

Laurel McDonald, Vice President

Gwendŵr Meredith, Secretary

Domonique Clayton, Treasurer

Trent Erwin & Ruth Mokua, At- Large Representatives

Ms. Davis & Mrs. Koontz, Sponsors



## Essay Contests

Essay contests for high school students on AYN RAND'S books. Over \$57,000 in prize money - 472 prizes - Top Prize: \$10,000 For 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders: Anthem by Ayn Rand - Deadline 3/20/09 - For 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders: The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand - Deadline 4/25/09 - Details- [www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests) Prizes for teachers who submit students' essays!



## UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Team

We are off and running! Our next practice is Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4-5pm in room 143. We have 1500 words to memorize, 300 of which we must be able to define. The 'homework', which is due at the meeting, is to take one page of the *WordPower* workbook and define the designated words. Our competition season will begin in January. Wish us luck!

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor





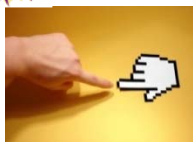


## Poster Contest Winner!



Congratulations to Ellen Slight, 9<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP World Geography student who won first place in the DHS Geography Week Poster Contest with the theme "Mapping the Americas." Ellen's poster, which compared the Incas of Peru and Inuit of Canada,

has been mailed to the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education in San Marcos for the state contest. Good luck to Ellen in that state competition! The DHS 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Ian Hunt and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Taylor Kennedy, both 9<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP World Geography Students in Beth Hughes' class.



## Nurse Notes

What's on Your Hands?

Viruses and bacteria can live for several hours on many surfaces. What did you touch today?

Money	Clothes
Cell Phone	MP3 Player
Keyboard	Computer Mouse
Desktop	Pencils
School Books	Basketball & other sports equipment
Bus seat	Door knob
Bathroom Door	Remote Control
Shopping cart	Pets

With Cold and Flu season upon us, do your part to stay healthy, wash those germs away, and consider the following:

- Get everyone in the family an annual flu shot or nasal mist.
- Make it a habit to cough into your arm, not your hand
- Purchase small bottles of hand sanitizers for everyone to carry at school, the mall, etc.
- Use Clorox wipes on countertops, faucets, phones, etc at your home whenever anyone is sick.
- Have a thermometer at home; whenever anyone has a fever of 100 degrees stay home until fever free for 24 hours.

Now, let's clear up the confusion about mucus. The fact is mucus is a basic part of your body's defense system. This gel-like substance works three ways to help keep your system healthy:

1. It acts as a barrier to infections and irritating particles.
2. It transports and removes trapped, inhaled particles.
3. It keeps bronchial passageways moist.

What happens when you get sick? When excess mucus forms as a result of a cold or allergies, it becomes thicker, moves more slowly through your system and can make you feel congested or "stuffy." Excess mucus may also lead to a nagging cough or allow bacteria to grow in your lungs, nose, and throat- potentially leading to more serious respiratory infections. Treating symptoms early with over-the-counter meds, along with chicken soup and rest, could save you an expensive doctor visit.

~Cindy Yousko, RN



## Extended Library Hours

The library has extended hours every Monday evening until 6 p.m. for students to do research, homework, computer work or studying. The library opens at 7:50 each morning and closes at 4:30 the rest of the week except Friday, when it closes at 4 p.m. A student ID is required to check out materials or use the computers.

~Carolyn Bason



## Junior Class News

The Junior class wants to thank all of the students and parents who helped out at our car wash in October. We raised over \$400.00. We had a great time with beautiful weather.

The Original Denton High School T-shirts are here! If you ordered a shirt or a Bronco Hoodie, come by classroom 150 before school to pick it up. If you missed purchasing one, the shirts are \$16.00 and the Hoodies are \$20.00.



~Michelle DeAngelo, Sponsor



## Winterfest



The DHS German students are gearing up for regional competition. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will compete against over 1000 other students from the North Texas area in events such as musical solos and ensembles, cooking, arts and crafts, cultural knowledge trivia, poetry and prose recitation and much more. There are also tests that they can take to assess their specific language skills--listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students who place in the top five for the region will not only advance to state, but could be awarded numerous scholarships and prizes.

## Bridging the GAPP through the German American Partnership Program

Would your family like to get to know someone from another country? There are approximately 20 students from our partner school in Weissenhorn, Germany, who would like to come to Denton in the Spring. We are in need of some extra host families for these students. This is an incredible opportunity to learn from each other and build lasting friendships. Please contact Frau Dieckman for more information: [sdieckman@dentonisd.org](mailto:sdieckman@dentonisd.org).

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor

## Saturday TAKS Tutorials

10:00am—2:00pm

November 15, 22 | December 6 | January 10, 24, 31 |  
February 7, 21, 28 | March 7, 28 | April 4, 18, 25.





# Congratulations!

## Denton High School AP Scholars!

The College Board recognizes high school students, who have distinguished themselves academically, by announcing AP Scholar award recipients. The program offers several awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

The AP Scholar with Distinction award is granted to students who receive the highest grades on at least five exams.

The AP Scholar with Honor award is granted to students who receive the highest grades on four or more of these exams.

The AP Scholar award is granted to students who receive high grades on three or more AP Exams.



**Gwendwr Meredith**, Denton High senior, received AP Scholar with Honor recognition. Denton High graduates who earned AP Scholar with Honor recognition were: Leslie Ford, Taerim Kim, Sabrina Mackenzie, Christina Porras and Seth Ramey.

Denton High seniors who earned AP Scholar recognition were **Simone Carter** and **Kevin Shiflet**. The following Denton High graduates earned AP Scholar recognition: Sarah Adams, Andrew Burtch, Vincent Chang, Aimee Cloutier, Faith Collaso, Susan Conover, Benjamin Hokamp, Varayudh Keokhumcheng, Heejun Kim, Alyssa Looney, Alyzabeth Looney, Farnaz Memarzadeh, Nathan Miller, James Reedy, Stephanie Sidoti, Shomya Tripathy, Joseph Tucker and Adam Wilde.



Each year Communities in Schools of North Texas coordinates holiday assistance for over 100 Denton ISD families. This year the Denton High School program will be serving 30-50 families providing clothes, presents, and food baskets for families who qualify. Because of the financial crisis many are facing this year the number of people needing assistance is even greater and the donors are harder to find. If you would like to be a part of helping a DHS family this Christmas, please contact me.

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### Special points of interest:

- Denton High School code: 441-951
- Final Exams will be: December 16th-19th.
- Senior Parent meetings will be November 11th-21st.
- Crisis Counselor: Kati Willis will offer various support groups throughout the year. Contact her if interested at 940.369.2180.

### Century 21 Grant

Do you need assistance after school with homework? Are you failing two or more classes? Do you need help with study skills, organization, or test taking strategies? Then this program is for you.

Contact: Mr. Evan Burke at  
940-369-2024 or go see him in the room across from 341.

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### Denton High School Offers English Classes to Parents for Free!

Parents and family members of Denton ISD students who want to improve their English are welcome to attend on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. in room 105 at Denton High School. Mr. Slade teaches the class; he can answer questions at wslade@dentonisd.org or 940-369-2218.

### CLASE DE INGLES PARA ADULTOS

Padres y familiares de estudiantes de Denton quienes quieren mejorar su inglés, son invitados a venir los jueves de 5:30 a 7:00 P.M. en el salón 105 en Denton High School. Mr. Slade enseña la clase y escríbanle o llámenle con sus preguntas: [wslade@dentonisd.org](mailto:wslade@dentonisd.org) o 940-369-2218.

