# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

MARCH - 2023



### UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

March 13-17

Spring Break

March 21

Home Tennis at 3:30pm

March 23

Home Tennis at 3:30pm Home Baseball at 4:30pm

March 24

Junior Retreat Home Girls Soccer at 6pm May 16

**Baccalaureate Mass** 

May 17

**Graduation Practice** 

<u>May 18</u>

Graduation

### From the Dean's Desk



Debi Turner '96 Dean of Students Assistant Principal of Student Life

What's the BEST way to prevent your child from abusing drugs and alcohol? *TALK TO THEM*.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Has your child's personality changed noticeably?
- Is your liquor supply dwindling?
- Is he/she suddenly becoming less responsive?
- Has interest waned in school, work, athletics, etc? Are grades dropping? Are they late to school often?
- Does your child seem to be losing old friends and hanging out with a different group?
- Are you missing money or objects that could be converted to cash?
- Has your child's relationship with

other family members deteriorated?

- Has your child been in trouble with the law?
- Does your child defend his/her right to drink/smoke?
- Does your child "turn off" to talks of alcohol and drugs?
- Are there signs of medical or emotional problems? Missing meals, depression, etc...?
- Does he/she drive irresponsibly?
- Is your child consistently lying?
- Do you detect physical signs: alcohol on breath, weight loss, sleeplessness, etc...?

### **Duchesne welcomes Robyn Fuchs '89**



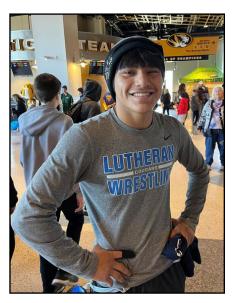
Duchesne is excited to welcome Robyn Fuchs '89 to the Pioneer Family as administrative assistant, attendance secretary, and administrative assistant to the athletic director.

Robyn graduated from Duchesne with the class of 1989. She recently retired from from her position as probation and parole officer with the State of Missouri.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of this great Duchesne community once again," she said. "I have so many memories from Duchesne and I love seeing the students developing those same important life skills and relationships."

Robyn is married to Dennis, and they have two children: Declan and Laney. In her spare time she loves to spend time with family, as well as watch basketball and soccer games.

# Duchesne's first state qualifier for wrestling



Congratulations to Dominic Dowdy '23 for making the top 8 in state wrestling!

We are so proud of you!

### **Duchesne senior honored at STEM awards breakfast**



Mary Kathleen (MK) Beckemeier '23 (center) and two of the event's presenters.

On Friday, March 3, senior Mary Kathleen Beckemeier was one of 19 students honored at the 14th Annual St. Charles County STEM Awards Breakfast. The event celebrates local high school students who have demonstrated high achievement in STEM academic or extracurricular pursuits.

The awards breakfast, which the EDC of St. Charles County has hosted since 2010, was held at Water's Edge Banquet Center in St. Peters.

One honoree from each of the County's public and private high schools was recognized. Awards were presented by Dr. Danielle Tormala, superintendent at the Wentzville School District and long-standing member of the EDC's STEM Education Committee.

### Pioneer Pete hits the soccer field

## Mascot Night with the St. Louis Ambush

Pioneer Pete made a special appearance at the Family Arena in St. Charles during the St. Louis Ambush's annual Mascot Soccer Game on February 26.

Mascots representing local teams, schools, and businesses were invited to hit the field to show off their soccer skills.

Pioneer Pete represented DHS in the competition, and had the opportunity to rub elbows with the likes of Bushwhaker of the St. Louis Ambush, Fredbird of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Louie the Polar Bear of the St. Louis Blues.



Pioneer Pete takes a quick time-out for a photo with Fredbird and Louie the Polar Bear.

## Capstone project spreads Pioneer Pride

### This student magazine was a hit with local grade school students.

The Admissions department would like to recognize two star students for going above and beyond for Duchesne High School.

On Monday, February 27th, seniors Ella Nikodym and Ethan Kissell visited St. Cletus, St. Charles Borromeo, Seton Regional, Holy Spirit and Sts. Joachim and Ann grades schools to deliver a special magazine put together by Ella for her senior Capstone project. The magazine highlights the 2022 school year and features many of the great attributes of DHS.

While visiting the schools, the duo gave a short talk on why students should choose Duchesne High School.

It was a wonderful morning. The 7th grade classes were engaged and loving the visit from Ella and Ethan.

"Designing this magazine was the perfect way for me to look back on an amazing year, but more importantly was the ability to creatively share all the reasons students love Duchesne with others," said Ella. "I hope this magazine will encourage middle schoolers to be future pioneers and come make their own fun memories at Duchesne!"

Later this month, they have planned another visit to Incarnate Word Parish, All Saints, Assumption, St.Joseph's Cottleville and ICD. We are so proud of them! Keep up the good work!



Click the image above and take a look!

### **ACES Team places first overall in regional meet**

### **ACES Regional Results**

#### BIOLOGY

1st place - MK Beckemeier 2nd place - Emily Rattini 3rd place tie - Julia Winkeler & Lauren Lesinski

#### **CHEMISTRY**

1st place - Ella Nikodym 2nd place - Anna Hertelendy 3rd place - Maria Thornton

### **ENGLISH**

1st place - Emily Rattini 2nd place - Maria Thornton 3rd place - Ella Nikodym

#### **MATHEMATICS**

1st place tie - MK Beckemeier & Josh Purvis 2nd place - Ailsa Ide 3rd place - Alice Hoffman PHYSICS

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The 2022-2023 ACES Team

### Duchesne High School adds new position, seeks candidates



Nancy Kohl '78

With an increased focus on the importance of alumni involvement and support, Duchesne High School has created the position of Director of Alumni Engagement and asked

former Director of Annual Giving and Community Relations Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78 to transition to that critical role. Subsequently, Duchesne is now accepting applications for a replacement Director of Annual Giving.

Kohl joined the Advancement staff of her alma mater in August 2015 after 20+ years with SSM Medical Group in marketing, public relations, physician recruitment, and patient relations. Prior to that, she worked with (then) D'arcy Masius Benton & Bowles and with Borgmeyer Advertising (now Borgmeyer Marketing Group).

"Duchesne has been in my blood my whole life!" Kohl said. "I am looking forward to dedicating more time to alumni engagement through additional communications, new events, greater reunion involvement, a revitalized alumni board, and more."

"As Duchesne readies to celebrate her 100th year, we must engage our alums fully," said Duchesne President Susan Noonan. "Our history is glorious, and these relationships are vital for Duchesne as she looks toward her next 100 years!"

Duchesne is working hard to reconnect with alumni. Graduates of both St. Peter High School and Duchesne are encouraged to update their contact information <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information regarding the Director of Annual Giving position, click <u>here</u>.

### 2023 Pioneer Expedition was a Night to Remember!



2023 Pioneer Expedition emcee Jack Borgmeyer '97 in action.

Duchesne's 2023 Pioneer Expedition dinner auction on February 4 was a huge success! Held at Old Hickory Golf Club, the atmosphere for the Winter Wonderland Gala

was warm and welcoming as guests were greeted by a champagne tower, iTeam students poised to help set them up on smart phones, and student volunteers ready to take coats, introduce the Goldendoodle puppy, and more.

It was a full house of Duchesne alumni, parents, and friends who enjoyed a lovely dinner, bid competitively, and took crazy photos together. President Susan Noonan introduced the annual Fund Our Future Fund-a-Need item (a new HVAC system) with a Top 10 list that won't soon be forgotten. Jack Borgmeyer '97, our master of ceremonies and auctioneer, generated much participation in the Funda-Need with his version of "Last Man Standing" -- resulting in over \$80,000 being raised for that item that evening, with more continuing to come in. (If you would like to donate, please click here.)

### **Advancement Office**



Becky Williamson
Director of Advancement

It's been busy in the Advancement office. Dream Home, Pioneer Fund, Shadow Visits, and more!

Duchesne is thriving! It was wonder-

ful to meet all of the incoming freshman families at Registration Night on February 15. We celebrated the Class of 2027 by introducing them "Draft Style," music and all.

It was quite the set up. We ended the evening with a parent selfie scavenger hunt. The first but definitely not the last. A shout out to our GARAGE BAND who absolutely rocked. They played for us and showcased their musical talent. My inner 90's child loved it! If you get the chance to stop by on a Wednesday afternoon, please do. They practice in the PAC after school and it is fantastic.

In the spring, I am looking forward to our Pioneer for a Day event, when we invite all of the local 7th grade students for the "Pioneer Experience" at Duchesne. I also plan on bringing back the popular grade school mixer sometime soon. So many alumni have told me this is a MUST!

It has been fun getting to know each of your children. I now have several that pop in for a quick hello and tell me what's going on in their lives. It makes every day a Great Day to be a Pioneer! I also need to shout out our Student Ambassadors. They have been working hard. I am always impressed by their leadership. The surveys I receive from potential incoming families have been full of great things about our shadow days. The Student Ambassadors are making my job easy!

Thank you again for the warm welcome. I am looking forward to a busy spring. Please reach out if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Becky Williamson, Director of Advancement bwilliamson@duchesne-hs.org, 314.630.6696 cell

### **Guidance Office**

#### SENIOR PARENTS!

Enter your students' college scholarships on the DHS website (Quick Links at top, then "Parents", then "Class of 2023 College Acceptance"). Enter offered scholarships for each college separately. This important information is needed for the graduation program and must be submitted by April 17.

Parents of senior athletes intending to participate in NCAA or NAIA sports should request their transcripts via Naviance using the same process used to request college admission transcripts. Senior athletes should see Mr. Tinsley if they have questions.

#### A+ SCHOLARSHIP

Senior students pursuing the A+Scholarship must submit their re-

quired tutoring/mentoring hours to Mobilserve by May 1.

### COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

Instructions for transferring college credit earned through UMSL (ACC) or SLU (1818) will be distributed at graduation practice or by accessing "transcript requests" through those colleges.

### **REMINDER!**

Testing Day, March 28! Juniors will take the ACT, and sophomores and freshmen will take a version of the PreACT. Testing will begin at 7:45 and students will be dismissed at approximately 11:30. Seniors are excused from classes.



### Over 2,000 tickets sold so far for Dream Home Raffle!

The 28th Annual Dream Home Raffle, sponsored by Fischer & Frichtel Homes, is well on its way! The Dream Home Raffle features a grand prize of \$150,000 credit toward a new F&F home or \$120,000 in cash – in addition to 19 other cash prizes – all of which will be drawn live on our Facebook page on Friday April, 28!

Tickets are \$100 each. We will only sell 3,500 tickets. What great odds! Tickets can be purchased online through our DHS website, through a seller, or through the Advancement office over the telephone or in person. We accept cash, checks, money orders, and credit cards. Ticket sales end on Friday, April 21.

This is the largest fundraiser for our school each year and is a particularly exciting one because you can win prizes just for selling! The more tickets you sell, the more chances you have to win a seller's prize!

In addition to cash incentives for sellers, there is an Early Bird drawing for buyers, and a special drawing for free and half off tuition! For every three tickets you sell, you will receive one entry into the free full tuition drawing. For every one ticket you sell, you will receive one entry into the half off tuition drawing.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 10, 2023 - EARLY BIRD DEADLINE - This is today! To be eligible for the Early Bird drawing, tickets MUST be turned in by 6:00 p.m., postmarked by 3/10, or purchased online before midnight. Tickets will still be accepted after, but will not be included in the Early Bird Drawing.

March 31, 2023 - EARLY BIRD DRAWING - FIVE tickets will be drawn. Buyers of these tickets will re-



ceive \$1,000 each. No need to be present. Winners will be contacted by telephone and posted on the DHS website and Facebook page. Early Bird winning tickets are entered back into the mix for the Grand Prize drawing and 19 cash prize drawings.

March 31, 2023 – FREE FULL AND HALF TUITION DEADLINE – to be eligible for the tuition drawings, tickets MUST be turned in no later than 6:00 p.m., postmarked by 3/31, or purchased online before midnight.

April 14, 2023 – FREE FULL AND HALF TUITION DRAWING - ONE name will be drawn for free full tuition and ONE name for half off tuition. No need to be present. Winners will be contacted by telephone and posted on the DHS website and Facebook page.

April 21, 2023 - TICKET SALES END - to be eligible for the Grand

Prize and 19 cash prize drawings, tickets MUST be turned in by 6:00 p.m., postmarked by 4/21, or purchased online before midnight.

April 28, 2023 - GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - FIRST PRIZE (\$150,000 credit toward new construction by Fischer & Frichtel Homes or \$120,000 one-time cash payment) and a total of 19 second through fifth place CASH PRIZES will be drawn live on our Facebook page. No need to be present. Winners will be contacted by telephone and posted on the DHS website and Facebook page.

If you have further questions regarding this EXCITING event, please call the Advancement Office at 636.946.2603. Let's make this year another successful Dream Home Raffle Sell Out! We have sold over 2,000 so far, let's keep it going!



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dominic Dowdy for advancing to the state quarterfinals at the state wresting tournament. Duchesne does a coop arrangement with Lutheran St. Charles where Dominic has wrestled the past 4 years. Even though Duchesne does not have a wrestling program we wanted take this opportunity to recognize Dominic on his outstanding accomplishment.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball program on winning the Class 3 District 5 Championship hosted by Duchesne February 20-25. The Lady Pioneers advanced to the state sectionals where they lost 56-36 to the #1 ranked team in Missouri in South Shelby.

### **SPRING SPORTS BEGIN**

Tryouts for baseball, golf boys, soccer girls, tennis boys, track & field, and volleyball boys began on February 27. Any student trying out for these sports MUST have all of their pre-season paperwork turned in to the main office to participate.

If your son/daughter played a fall or winter sport, we have all necessary paperwork, but need the \$100 sports fee turned in to the office prior to beginning tryouts. If your son/daughter is a 3-sport athlete and

played a fall and winter sport their \$100 sports fee is waived. If you are not sure what you have turned in already, please check with Mrs. Bryan in the main office as soon as possible. All forms (except the MSHSAA PPE) can be filled out on our website at www.duchesne-hs.org

### SPRING SPORT PARENT MEETING

The meeting was held March 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. All Duchesne Baseball / Golf Boys / Soccer Girls / Tennis Boys / Track & Field / Volleyball Boys parents were encouraged to attend this meeting to meet their respective coaches and Athletic Director for an informational night for your program.

Athletes are expected to attend ALL practices/tryouts for their sport, including practices/games that will take place over spring break. Please consider this commitment prior to planning trips or vacations during spring break.

#### SPRING SPORT SCHEDULES

Spring sport schedules are available on our website via the google calendar or you can follow on Arbiter (a scheduling software used by many high schools). The Google Calendar will update in real time when there are changes made

to games/meets/matches. Please follow us on Twitter (@Athletics\_DHS) for daily schedules and updates on practice and games that will be altered by the weather.

### **CHEER TRYOUTS**

Tryout meeting was March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Tryouts will be March 27-30 from 3:15-5:00 p.m. in the PAC.

#### **DANCE TRYOUTS**

Tryout meeting will be March 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Tryouts will be April 11-13 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the PAC.

#### **HEALTHY ROSTER**

If you have not accepted the invitation to join Healthy Roster, please do so. Our new athletic trainer, Katy Mueller, uses this application to communicate with parents and coaches when an injury occurs during the season. It is easy to use and very helpful to track the progress of injured student athletes. Katy also uses this program for tracking physicals and other medical documents.

Katy would like to eliminate paper copies of physicals or pre-participation documents as parents

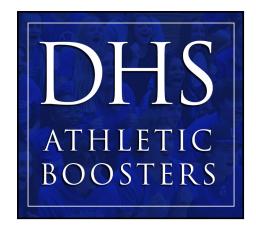
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have access to their child's Healthy Roster account with the ability to upload documents themselves. Once uploaded to healthy roster, Katy receives a notification email and the ability to review the document and accept it.

Please contact Katy for questions regarding this program.

Katy Mueller
Duchesne Athletic Trainer
athletictrainer@duchesne-hs.org



#### ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

The DAB will be hosting its annual drive-thru barbecue on April 22nd from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Duchesne Athletic Boosters are the lifeline to our athletic programs at Duchesne, so your involvement is important to us. Becoming a member of the Duchesne Athletic Boosters is a great way to meet and socialize with other parents in our community and pursuing a common goal in supporting our athletic program benefiting our children at Duchesne.

JOIN THE BOOSTERS

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**APRIL 15 - AAA Conference Tennis Tournament** – at Westminster Christian Academy starting at 8:30 a.m.

APRIL 24 - AAA Conference Golf Tournament – TBD

**APRIL 26 - AAA Conference Track Meet –** at Borgia starting at 12:00 p.m.

### **SENIOR NIGHTS:**

**April 25** – Boys Tennis vs Pattonville starting at 3:30 p.m.

May 2 – Baseball vs. St. Charles at BMAC starting at 5:30 p.m.

May 4 – Girls Soccer vs Borgia starting at 6:00 p.m.

**May 9** – Boys Volleyball, Boys Golf, Track & Field, and Bowling prior to the DuBourg volleyball match starting at 5:00 p.m.

### WINTER 2022-2023 SENIOR ATHLETES/ PERFORMERS

#### BASKETBALL BOYS

Josh Baker-Mays | Ethan Kissell | Andrew Knott Cam Lee | Amorion Oliphant | Gregory Powell-Kenner | Elijah Ross

#### **BASKETBALL GIRLS**

Molly Knobbe | Taylor Meers | Corrine Oppelt Nina Reckamp | Grace Schueler

#### **CHEERLEADERS**

Makayla Liddell | Genevieve Moeller | Laurene Roach

#### DIAMONDLINE

Heidi Hartwig

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM/PEP BAND

Diane Collins | Lucy Dwyer | Lindsey Emberton | Genevieve Moeller Charles Owen | Violet Schneider | Rachael Small | Tyler Small

#### **SWIM AND DIVE**

Mary Kathleen Beckemeier | Maggie Boschert

#### WRESTLING

Dominic Dowdy

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR EARNING ACADEMIC HONORS FOR SEMESTER 1!

### **Cum Laude (3.25 – 3.74)** Abigail Skees Alejandro McAndrews Almanzo Jackson

Alyssa Diamond Alyssa Forti Amorion Oliphant

Amy Fox Anthony Painter Ava Buckner

Benjamin Burke Brady McCormack

Brendan Donovan **Brody Keathley** 

Bryce Goff Bryce Rogles Cameron Brown

Cameron Johnson Carson Kuhn

Charles Burks

Chase Bloomfield Cheyenne Page

Christopher Hernandez Dane Gaither

Dave'Yana Harding Declan Fuchs

Dominic Reckamp Dylan Paulette

Elizabeth Kraatz Emily Goodman

**Emily Sanchez** 

Erick Falcon-Coronel Ethan Kissell Gianni Bolanos

Grace Kelly Heidi Hartwig Jackson Adair

Jacob Wilkison

**Jamond Mathis** 

Jeremy Cochrum Joe Eberhart Iordan Nunn Joseph Ayala-Rojo

Joseph Feigenblatt Josh Baker-Mays Kathleen Kraatz

Katie Leick Katie Stockhausen

Landon McCarthy Landon Rehagen

Liliana Magers Lillian Hamm Logan Archer

Logan Kanady Logan Kelsey Louis Putz

Lucas Clever Lucy Dwyer Luke Fink

Madilyn Hill Makayla Liddell

Maya Dowdy Mia Young Michael Weber

Miranda Malcom Miranda Malcom Molly Knobbe

Nick Hill Nina Reckamp

Oliver Rothweiler Paul Freygang Philip Peltes

Reagan Potts Robert Jones Rudy Weber

Rylie Dunn SaVaughn Pickett Scott Alberson

Tanner Meers Tessa Reichert Thomas Griese Thomas Saguto Timothy Griese

Trenton Gebben Trevor Boschert

Violet Schneider

### Magna Cum Laude

(3.75 - 3.99)

Brendan Donovan **Brody Keathley** 

**Emily Goodman** Grace Kelly

Katie Leick Lucas Clever

Michael Weber Miranda Malcom

Molly Knobbe Philip Peltes

Tessa Reichert Thomas Saguto

Trevor Boschert Violet Schneider

#### Summa Cum Laude

(4.0 or higher) Aaron Hermann Ailsa Ide Alex Hopf

Alice Hoffmann Andrew Knott Anna Hertelendy

Sophia Hamm

Caleb Schneider Caroline Walsh Cecilia Fleri

Charles Owen

Claire Burk Trinitee Rainey Cole Brockmeyer

Corrine Oppelt

William Hermann Dianne Collins Drew Heischmidt

> **Edward Nieto** Elizabeth Bricker

Benjamin Burke Ella Nikodym

**Emily Rattini** Emma Schroyer

Cameron Brown Erin Reichert

Evan Temple

Faith Dunn Fernando Garcia

Gabe Weber

Gabrielle Ulrich

Genevieve Moeller

**Grace Schueler** Hailey Gancarz

Hannah Rimmey

Isabel Rakers Jackson Bierbrauer

Jackson Nikodym

Joe Faulkner Joshua Purvis

Iulia Winkeler

justin Olivares Cid Kannon Booth

Kate Mikkelsen

Katie Hill

Lauren Lesinski **Lindsey Emberton** 

Breanna Goff Logan Murrish Lucas Daleo Brennan Carpentier Brooke Kammerer Mackenzie Nave

> Madison Denker Maggie Boschert

Maggie Schneider Maria Thornton

Mary Kathleen Beckemeier Mary Smith

Mason Kimberlin

McKenna O'Brien

Michael Graham III Michael Shaw

Natalie Hubert

Nathan Lehne Nathan Nickel

**Noah Stribling** 

Owen Rehagen Peter Freygang

Rachael Small

Rebecca Delano

Reese Piskulich Reilly Mccormack

Ryan Knoebel

Ryan Kundel

Sam Jost Samantha Gold

Samantha Petty Seamus Burch

Sierra Bormeyer

Sydney Shaw **Taylor Meers** 

Tyler Purvis

Tyler Small

Victoria Edler Will Johannesman Will Kielhofner

DEWEY'S PIZZA

GIVE BACK NIGHT

TASTES GOOD TO GIVE BACK



### EAT PIZZA, **RAISE DOUGH!**

Come out and join us for a slice! Dewey's will give up to 20% of sales to Duchesne.

> March 21st from 4 pm - 9pm

Order Online: deweyspizza.com [mention "GBN" in Order Notes]

# Mark your calendars! ~

### **COME CHEER WITH US!**



### **Cheer Tryout Dates**

March 27-30, 3:15-5pm in the PAC



Tuesday, March 28, at 6:00pm
Parent\Student meeting at DHS

April 11-13, 6:00-7:30

Tryouts at DHS in the PAC















