



DUCHEESNE HIGH SCHOOL

mind, body and spirit

PARENT NEWSLETTER ~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

CAMPUS MINISTRY

We say goodbye again to another beloved campus minister, Mrs. Kristina Radley. She accepted a position with the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I am blessed to join Duchesne High School as the new Campus Minister. I ask for your prayers for both of us as we begin our transitions into new positions of guiding young hearts to Jesus Christ.

As the year is now underway, Mrs. Velazquez and I are working with the House Soul Officers to encourage the student body to enter this year as a dedicated community to Jesus Christ. The Senior Retreat starts off the year setting the stage for the rest of the student body by entering into a greater bond and close-knit community. The retreat is a two-day retreat held at Pallotine Retreat Center.

This year, we will continue to offer Mass in the Duchesne Chapel every Friday morning at 7:10 am. We welcome all students, faculty, and staff to attend, and we send a special thank you to Fr. Eddie Voltz for making this possible!

Our first all-school Mass will be on September 13.

David Halfmann
Director of Campus Ministry

SAVE THE DATES

- NIGHT AT THE RACES – OCTOBER 5
- HOMECOMING 2019 – OCTOBER 11 & 12
- GRANDPARENTS DAY – NOVEMBER 8
- WINTER TRIVIA NIGHT – JANUARY 18

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 2 No School - Labor Day
- Sept. 4 Day 4
Late Start 9:15
Trading Post open 7-9 a.m.
- Sept. 5 Day 5
Volleyball Marquee event
- Sept. 6 Day 6
Morning Mass
- Sept. 10 Day 8
Senior Retreat
- Sept. 11 Day 1
Senior Retreat
9:15 Late Start
Trading Post open 7-9 a.m.
- Sept. 12 Day 2
High School Night
- Sept. 13 Day 3
All School Mass
- Sept. 18 Day 6
9:15 Late Start
Trading Post open 7-9 a.m.
Tennis Marquee Event
- Sept. 20 Day 8
Golf Tournament
Morning Mass
- Sept. 24 Day 2
Freshman Retreat
- Sept. 25 Day 3
9:15 Late Start
Trading Post open 7-9 a.m.
- Sept. 27 Day 5
Morning Mass

NEW FACES

We want to welcome some new faces around Duchesne this year.



Mr. David Halfmann is our new campus minister. He grew up in Jefferson County and attended both Catholic grade school and High school. He graduated from St. Pius X high school in 2014 and entered College Seminary in the fall. After graduating in 2018 from Cardinal Glennon College with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy he has discerned a different vocation for his future. Now living in St. Ann, he is excited to begin this new chapter of his life with the Community of Duchesne.



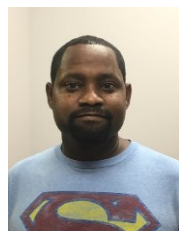
Mr. Alex Adelman is a previous graduate from Truman State University where he received his master's degree in music education. He has 3 years of teaching experience and is very excited for his new position at Duchesne High School. At Duchesne, Mr. Adelman is responsible for teaching band, choir, pit band for musicals, and also supervises the tech crew. Outside of Duchesne, he enjoys spending time in nature, composing/arranging music, and spending time with his beloved dog and cat. Feel free to stop by room 53 and say hi to Mr. Adelman anytime!



Mr. Jordan Steffen, our new Spanish teacher, is excited to start his school year for the tenth time. Señor Steffen has a Bachelor of Arts degree from UMSL and studied for an academic year in Madrid, Spain. "Creating engaging experiences that are in Spanish, is something that I look forward to doing each day," says Señor Steffen. Jordan also enjoys coaching soccer and volleyball, listening to Catholic radio, and spending time outdoors with his family. Señor is a local guy who grew up in the St. Joseph Cottleville parish. He met his wife, Beth, at St. Joe's. They now have four children, two boys and two girls. The family attends Immaculate Conception of Dardenne parish. Beth and Jordan feel blessed to give their children the gift of a Catholic education.



Mrs. Abby (Trotter) Sweeney, is the new Director of Business Alliance and Alumni Relations. She graduated from Duchesne in 2004, then earned a BS in Public Relations from the University of Central Missouri in 2008 and then earned an MBA from Lindenwood University in 2010. Abby is married to her wonderful husband, Mike Sweeney and they have two amazing little ones, Sloan, and Mikey Jr. I love that I am back working for Duchesne. It feels like home and that I am a part of a wonderful community. Everyone has been so welcoming and looking forward to my future at DHS.



Mr. Perrez Dailey, new to our maintenance staff, is excited to be at Duchesne. He is 40 years old, married and has two children. He loves fishing and gardening. Perrez comes to DHS from DMH, where he worked as a Developmental Assistant for 13 years.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Ordering your yearbooks is easy! Simply go to the Herff Jones [website](#) and follow the instructions to order your Duchesne 2019-2020 yearbook.

If your graduate or current student has not picked up their yearbook, please have them contact Mrs. Laurcella at llaurcella@duchesne-hs.org. Students are also welcome to come to room 46 to pick up their yearbooks at the end of the day.



TRADING POST NEWS



The Trading Post is gearing up for a holiday shopping experience for Moms this year. Brand new DHS merchandise will be on sale as well as all of our spirit items! Early bird shopping opportunities, yummy treats and refreshments, fun and shopping in November...more to come!

FROM THE SPORT'S DESK



*Let's hear it one more time for our GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS! The team will be honored this Friday, August 30, at halftime of the football game. Come pack the stands to show these ladies and coaches how proud we are of their efforts last spring!

STAY IN TOUCH

Want to keep up with your favorite Pioneer athletic teams? Follow this link to access ALL TEAM schedules.

<http://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=6170>

Please note- You can also find athletic schedules on our school website via the athletic google calendar on the home page.

Follow us on Twitter! @Athletics_DHS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- August 30 Football Home-Opener
- August 30 Girls Soccer State Champions honored at halftime of football game
- September 6 Honoring Ken "Boogie" Borgmeyer for his years of service at halftime of football game
- September 2 DHS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament @ St. Peter's Golf Course
- September 28 AAA Conference Girls Tennis Championships
- October 1 AAA Conference Girls Golf Championships
- October 8 AAA Conference Cross Country Championships
- October 11 Homecoming Football Game vs. O'Fallon Christian
- October 17 Girls Volleyball Senior Night vs. Bishop DuBourg- 5 p.m.
- October 22 Boys Soccer Senior Night vs. Lutheran St. Charles 6:30 p.m.
- October 25 Football Senior Night prior to game 6:30 p.m.
- October 25 Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, and Softball Senior Night @ halftime of football game.

REFEREES NEEDED

The St. Charles CYC is looking for high school aged students to be referees for volleyball and soccer games this coming season. Interested students should contact Jason Nikodym at jnikodym2@gmail.com.

DUCHEсне ATHLETIC BOOSTERS NEWS

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school Cafeteria. This meeting is open to everyone and we encourage new families to attend. Beverages will be provided.

OKTOBERFEST 2019

Our Bud Light Tent at Oktoberfest September 27-29 is confirmed and volunteer signups are now available online. This is open to all boosters, alumni, and anyone who wishes to participate. It is a great time to spend with your friends and a wonderful opportunity to make new friendships!

[2019 Saint Charles Oktoberfest - Bud Light Tent](#)

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the Boosters who helped with the Fall Sports Parent Meeting and New Parent Meeting. The dinner was a huge success.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

FALL TESTING DAY

Fall Testing Day (for seniors and juniors), October 1. On October 1 all seniors will take a "real" ACT and all juniors will take a "practice" ACT here at DHS. Students will receive details in their communios. Sophomore and freshman students will benefit from special presentations arranged especially for them on that day. All students will be dismissed at approximately noon.

PSAT (DATE CHANGE)

Sophomore and Junior Parents! The PSAT will be offered at DHS, **during the day on Wednesday, October 16**. Junior and sophomore students will be informed of the details in the coming weeks. Registration is open and the \$18 fee may be made in the Guidance Office until September 18. Please make check payable to DHS.

The PSAT is an optional test that primarily serves as a practice for the SAT and also is the qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship program. It is not used for college admission purposes.

ACT

The website for ACT is www.act.org - September 20 is the regular registration deadline for anyone wishing to take the October 26 test. Seniors creating an ACT account can sync the scores from the test taken in May at Duchesne (during the school day) by entering the ID number found on the test results mailed to their home. If the student has difficulty with the process, they should contact ACT for assistance.

For students requiring accommodations...if you were granted an accommodation on the April test, you will receive the same accommodations this year. During the registration process you will be asked to identify your need in some way.

ATTENTION JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS!

Financial Aid Night is October 8, 6:30 p.m., in the DHS cafeteria. Great information from the Saint Louis University financial aid office will be presented.

COLLEGE REP VISITS AND TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors are encouraged to sign up and attend COLLEGE REP VISITS scheduled here at Duchesne. Seniors can sign up to attend the meetings on Naviance. The colleges and universities who visit Duchesne are impressed with our students and eager to meet and recruit them to their campuses! Also, don't forget to arrange visits to college campuses this fall!

A+ PROGRAM

Senior and Junior parents are reminded that the "[Duchesne High School A+ Intent to Comply](#)" form is the first step in qualifying for the A+ program. Contact Mr. Tinsley for details.

From the Office of Advancement



Grab your clubs and meet us on the greens for the 2019 Alumni, Parents, and Friends Golf Tournament at The Falls Golf Club on Friday, September 20.

*Deadline to register is September 15.

Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. The format is a four-person scramble, and the cost is \$125 per golfer. Lunch, drinks, and dinner will be provided. Please contact Kate Santellano at ksantellano@duchesne-hs.org or 636-946-2603 to learn more about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

To register your foursome, purchase a sponsorship opportunity, or for general information, go to the DHS website at www.duchesne-hs.org/golf.

ATTN: NEW PARENTS – YOU'RE INVITED!

Your new Duchesne family invites you to join President Chuck Nolan and the Advancement Office's Nancy Kohl for a small-group Welcome New Parent meeting in September.

These one-hour round-table discussions include 10-20 people each and are a dialog about what it means to be a Duchesne parent, and how we can make your child's high school years a meaningful and memorable experience. We take pride in the fact that the Duchesne community is a family. Our New Parent Welcome meetings help us strengthen that family by getting to know you, giving you a forum for questions, and giving you the opportunity to meet some of our other new parents.

Please sign up for one of the sessions below at your earliest convenience. You can do so on our website under the PARENT tab (duchesne-hs.org/parents), by emailing dcarney@duchesne-hs.org, or by calling 636-946-2603. Please select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. You will receive a confirmation email. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Available Meeting Dates: Tues. 9/10, Mon. 9/16, Thurs. 9/19, Wed. 9/25

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to begin another school year. This is a great time of year when there is new excitement and expectations. At the beginning of each school year I meet with each grade individually and discuss our expectations. I will ask them to try and keep in mind these simple rules;

1. Do what is right.
2. Do your very best.
3. Treat others well.

I will also speak to them about the choices they make and how life provides all of us with a series of choices. The choices we make determine how successful we are. When you acknowledge that you and only you are responsible and accountable for the choices you make, and when you refuse to blame others for the choices you have made, you have in your hands the blueprint for success. No one but you determines your success in life. Making the right choices paves your way. We will also touch on the subjects of respect and self-discipline. The education of the whole person at Duchesne is very important.

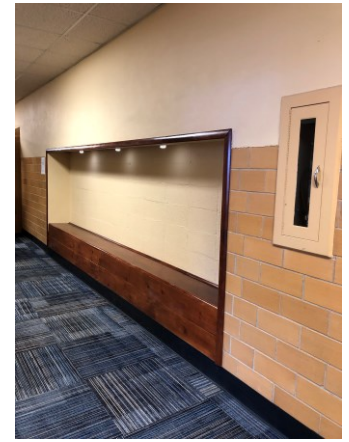
Duchesne is not a place you attend to just learn to do something; it is a place you attend to learn to be somebody. My goal as the Dean of Students Services is to do all in my power to help the students live the mission of the school. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time regarding your student.

Mr. Kurt Clodius
Dean of Students



iTEAM PROJECT

Congratulations to the iTeam for their hard work on building a new bench over the summer. They used the winnings they received from the WWT Hackathon to build a bench so the students of Duchesne would have a place to study and relax. Way to go Team!!!!



SENIOR FINALE 2020

All Class of 2020 parents are invited to the first meeting for Senior Finale 2020. We have a lot of planning and fundraising to do, and our first event is the 50/50 raffle at the football home opener when our State Champion Women's Soccer Team will be recognized and receive their rings..

We would love to have every senior parent at our first meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7pm. We will be setting up our committees and to recruit volunteers to assist Mrs. DeGuentz with the 50/50 raffle. Please RSVP to let us know if you can make it, or, if you can't join us that evening, feel free to let us know how you'd like to help!

For those who are unfamiliar with Senior Finale, it is the lock in which follows graduation on May 14, 2020. It is held at the St. Peter's Rec Plex from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. allowing our new graduates to enjoy hanging out and having fun together one last time all while complying with the ordinances and statutes designed to keep them safe on graduation night. It's a huge party and tons of fun (for the new grads and the parents, too!).

If you have questions or to RSVP, please reach out to Alli Kleitz at Kleitzfamily@gmail.com or 314-239-3015.