



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

shaping leaders in mind, body and spirit

PARENT NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 4, 2019

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Looking back now on the past month, the fostering of spiritual growth in the Duchesne community has been one of much work and great joy. During the month of September, we held two different retreats for two classes in the school. Senior retreat was a two-day overnight retreat hosted at Pallotine Renewal Center, lead by the REAP team. The freshmen retreat was just two weeks following on the twentieth of September. This was a one-day retreat held at Duchesne in the PAC, ending with Mass in the chapel by our chaplain Father Eddie Voltz. The freshmen retreat was led by Mr. Halfmann, and a group of senior leaders chosen to give talks, lead small groups, and prayed with the freshmen retreatants.

In between these two retreats we also had the honor and privilege of hosting the Archbishop for an all school Mass. Archbishop Carlson was gracious in his time and energy, taking a break from his busy daily schedule to come and celebrate Holy Mass with the entire school, faculty, and staff. We were blessed by his presence, very thankful for his time, and struck by his words of encouragement.

Finally, looking forward to the remainder of October, we humbly ask you parents to be our prayer partners for each family here especially for your own children. This month we ask that you keep in your heart prayers for the virtue of Hope in the students as well as the faculties lives. Being the first teachers of the faith to your children we humbly ask for this prayer intention, uniting us all as one Duchesne community under the protection of the Sacred Heart.

In Christ through Mary,

David Halfmann
Campus Minister

Dates to remember:

Oct. 5	Music Department BBQ
Oct. 8	Day 3 6:30 p.m. College Financial Aid Night
Oct. 9	Day 4 9:15 Late Start 7-9:15 Trading Post open
Oct. 10	Day 5 9:25 deVeuster House Mass Quarter 1 Ends
Oct. 12	All District Choir Homecoming Dance
Oct. 15	Day 8 Parent Teacher Conference Sophomore Retreat
Oct. 16	Day 1 9:15 Late Start 7-9:15 a.m. Trading Post open PSAT Test
Oct. 17	Day 2 9:25 a.m. Jogues House Mass
Oct. 20	Day of Service-Marquee event
Oct. 23	Day 6 9:15 Late Start 6:30 p.m. NHS induction
Oct. 29	Day 1 7:45-12:00 p.m. Reconciliation Day
Oct. 30	Day 2 9:15 Late Start 7:00 p.m. DHS Booster Meeting
Oct. 31	No School

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

PRACTICE ACT

Results of the Practice ACT the Juniors took on October 1 or any student has taken while at Duchesne, can be accessed online through the Kleitz Education Group. Directions on how to do this can be found at the end of the Newsletter. Please call the Kleitz Education Group if you have any questions at 314-344-9010.

PSAT

Sophomore and Junior Parents! The PSAT will be offered at DHS, during the day on Wednesday, October 16. Late registration will be accepted. Please contact the Guidance Office to secure a spot. 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.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT!

Senior and junior parents are invited to Financial Aid Night, October 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the DHS cafeteria. Great information from the Saint Louis University financial aid office will be presented.

A+ PROGRAM

All parents should be aware that qualifying for the Missouri A+ program includes the first-step-completion of the "DHS Intent to Comply Agreement" available on the DHS website and from the counselors. Keep all college options open by completing this important form. Call Mr. Tinsley, counselor, for details.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-APPLY NOW!!

College Applications – apply now! More than thirty-percent of this class of 2020 has applied to at least one college or university. Early applications result in quick, and often favorable, responses from colleges, so don't delay. Counselor Gene Tinsley is anxious to help with advice and information.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Ordering your yearbooks is easy! Simply go to the Herff Jones [website](#) and follow the instructions to order your Duchesne 2019-20 yearbook.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Booster BBQ is on October 5, from 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. in the Midtown Market parking lot. Presale tickets can be purchased from any choir or band student. Walk ups are welcome.

FESTIVAL OF PRAYER

On November 10 the Music Department is hosting a Festival of Prayer in the PAC. This is a great concert to put you in the mood for the upcoming holiday season.

FALL PLAY

The fall play will be *Ken Ludwig's Midsummer/Jersey*. It's a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* set on the Jersey Shore.

Performances are Nov. 21-23 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Tickets go on sale in late October. General admission is \$10.00. Students, faculty, and staff receive one free ticket. Seating is reserved. Please contact Mrs. Velazquez at tvelazquez@duchesne-hs.org for more information.

NOVEMBER 3TH OPEN HOUSE

The Duchesne High School Open House will be Sunday, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar for this great event. We can always use volunteers to help.

TRADING POST NEWS

REMINDER...

The Trading Post is open every Wednesday morning from 7:00 to 9:15 a.m. Be sure to stop by and see all of the great apparel that is available.

TRADING POST HOMECOMING SPECIALS

The Trading Post will move to the football game Friday, October 11, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Look for the balloons and tent down by the end of the bleachers! New items! Get your Pioneer Homecoming gear!

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR & MOMS SPIRITED SHOPPING DAY

Save the Date! Nov. 9, from 8:30-4:00 p.m., we are having a Craft/Vendor Fair in the DHS PAC. This will be a great time for some Christmas Shopping. The DHS Trading Post will have some special deals going on throughout the day. Come early for the best deals. If you are a crafter or vendor and would like a booth, contact Donna Owen at dowen@duchesne-hs.org.

FROM THE SPORT'S DESK

AAA CONFERENCE CHAMPION



Congratulations to MaryKate Beckemeier ('23) for capturing the AAA Conference Tennis Championship last weekend! She went undefeated (6-0) at the #1 singles position to capture the 1st place medal.

Congratulations also to Lizzie Rothweiller ('22) who finished in a 3-way tie for first at #2 singles. The team earned 2nd Place overall in the tournament. Great job, ladies and coaches!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- Oct. 8 - AAA Conference Cross Country Championships
- Oct. 11 - Homecoming Football Game vs. O'Fallon Christian
- Oct. 17 – 5:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball Senior Night vs. Bishop DuBourg
- Oct. 22 – 6:30 p.m. Boys Soccer Senior Night vs. Lutheran St. Charles
- Oct. 25 – 6:30 p.m. Football Senior Night prior to game
- Oct. 25 - Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, and Softball Senior Night @ halftime of football game

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER

Due to the Girls State Championship Soccer win last year, Duchesne will honor the team by not having school on October 31. Thanks team!

WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS

Winter sport tryouts (Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Girls Swim & Dive) are just around the corner. To be eligible for try-outs, each student must have a current MSHSAA physical form on line with the school. There has been a significant change with MSHSAA regarding physicals.

Athletes Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form is now valid for a two year period from the date of which the physical examination was received. All physicals on file from the 2018-2019 school year are valid until 2020.

Please note some physicals may expire during a sports season and a valid physical would need to be turned in before due date. We will give athletes notice of expiration date at least 30 days prior.

All try-out forms and sports fees MUST be turned into the Main Office before Nov 4. No paperwork or sports fees will be collected at try-outs. Athletes will not be able to try out until all paperwork and fees are turned in.

WINTER SPORTS COACHES INFO

*Boys Basketball Head Coach - Wade Bouslog

wbouslog@duchesne-hs.org

Girls Basketball Head Coach - Brandon Stringer

bstringer@duchesne-hs.org

*Girls Swim & Dive-Head Coach - Ruth Dultz

rdultz@duchesne-hs.org.

(practices held at Hazelwood West at 5:00 a.m.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help in the concession stand for upcoming football home games on 10/11 and 10/25. Students will receive service hours and adults will receive Mrs. Turner's undying gratitude. If interested, please email dturner@duchesne-hs.org.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

OKTOBERFEST BOOTH THANK YOU!

On behalf of the coaches and athletes, a very heartfelt "Thank You" for all those that volunteered at the Duchesne Athletic Boosters tent at Oktoberfest last weekend. It was a profitable weekend for us and everyone had a lot of fun!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEETING

The next Duchesne Athletic Booster meeting will be October 30 at 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria. Please use the front entrance.

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Junior ring meeting – During Communio on Tuesday, October 22
Junior ring orders due - During lunch periods on Monday, October 28
Senior cap and gown and invitations meeting – During Communio on Monday, November 18
Senior cap and gown and invitations orders will be taken during lunch on Tuesday, November 26.

2019 HOMECOMING INFORMATION

HOMECOMING COURT

Freshman Representatives

Brady McCormack and Corinne Oppelt

Sophomore Representatives

Aaron Wright and Janet Ginsburg

Junior Representatives

Brenton Lanteigne and Kylie Knobbe

Senior Representatives

Reece Rothfuss and Jade Timmons

King and Queen Candidates

Tyler Rufkahr and Tessa Stille
Anthony Naumann and Amanda Willen
Jacob Schroeder and Katie Kruse

Retiring King and Queen

Alex Blasé and Claire Weber

Please see the information page for all Homecoming dance information for parents and students.

CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS

A big thank you to everyone who donated to help renovate classrooms this summer. We will continue to update the learning spaces every summer – so we are grateful for your continued support.

A special thanks to Adam Eilers of A. Eilers Construction to working so hard to help make these classrooms great!



From the Office of Advancement

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported this year's Golf Tournament. We had some new activities at this year's event, and appreciate all of our alumni, parents, and students who helped make the 2019 tournament so much fun!

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI!

Join us for Homecoming 2019 - Friday, October 11!

Alumni and Friends BBQ beginning at 6:00 p.m. before the football game, across from the concession stand, behind the bleachers.

Connect with former classmates, see what's new at Duchesne, and then enjoy the football game.

RSVP to help us plan by emailing Beth Norviel, Alumni Events Coordinator, at bnorviel@duchesne-hs.org

OCTOBER 20 CAMPUS WORK DAY

Parents, DHS Students, Faculty & Staff, and Alumni are invited to join us for our annual Devoting Our Hearts to Service day on Sunday, October 20, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This campus workday will help us get ready for Open House the first Sunday in November, which is so important to our recruiting efforts.

This will be a marquee House event. Hours worked by DHS students and their parents, as well as alumni, will go toward points for the end-of-year House Cup. Plan to bring your wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, clippers, and work gloves to use or lend. (Make sure you put your name on everything.) Wear clothes you can get dirty and/or paint in.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY 5:00 pm on THURSDAY, 10/17/19, to help us plan for food and drinks. Lunch will be provided. duchesne-hs.org/October-20-Service-Day

GRANDPARENTS &

HONORARY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our annual Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents Day is Friday, November 8, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Please be sure to pass this information on to all Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents, so they can mark their calendars! Invitations will be mailed out next week!



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**Duchesne High School
Student Log-In Instructions
MyPracticeACT.com**

Please follow our directions carefully.

1. Type www.mypracticeact.com into your internet address bar and press enter.
 - a. You should find yourself on the My Practice ACT “Sign In” page.
 - b. If not, please click on the “Sign In” tab directly to the right of our logo.
2. Once you are on the “Sign In” page, please find and click on the empty “User Name” entry box.
3. Type in your unique “User Name.”
 - a. *Your “User Name” is the student identification number given to you on 10/1/19.*
 - b. *It is a 6 or 7 digit number, one that most likely begins with “21”.*
4. Next, please find and click on the empty “Password” entry box directly below your “User Name.”
5. Type your “Password” into the box.
 - a. *Your “Password” is your last name and your first name, with no spaces, and in that exact order. For example, Joe Smith = smithjoe*
 - b. You *do* need to spell your last name and first name completely and in the ***exact*** same manner that you bubbled it onto your answer sheet.
 - c. You *do not* need to capitalize any letters in your “Password.” Every letter can be lowercase.
 - d. *Do not* include any spaces, apostrophes, or hyphens in your “Password,” even if you normally use them to spell your first or last name.
6. After you have made sure you have typed your “Password” correctly, according to the conditions listed in Step #6, please press enter or click on the “Sign In” tab to log in.
 - a. If you have trouble logging in, please be sure that you typed both your “User Name” and “Password” correctly AND that you typed them into the correct box.
 - b. Most login troubles arise because of erroneous bubbling of your name or ID number onto your answer sheets.
 - c. If you still have trouble logging in, please e-mail FrontDesk@KleitzEducationGroup.com with your name, graduation year, and your high school’s name so that we can assist you.
7. Once you have successfully logged in, you should arrive on a page titled “My Dashboard” where your ACT practice test results are available for viewing.

HOMECOMING DANCE INFORMATION SHEET

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

DATE: Saturday, October 12

COST: Tickets will be \$15 dollars per person for the ceremony and dance. They will be sold during lunch periods beginning Wednesday, October 2 and extending through Friday, October 11. Those wishing to attend only the ceremony, will be charged \$5 dollars payable at the door.

CEREMONY: 7:30 – 8:00 (Doors will be locked at 7:30 when the ceremony begins. No one will be admitted until ceremony is complete.) **The ceremony is NOT a pep rally.** It is held with great decorum to honor those on court and their escorts. We ask that you hold your applause until each young woman and her escort is introduced.

ATTIRE: Semi-formal type dress. Ladies wear dresses **appropriate** for a catholic school event. **Keep in mind that if it is too short, too tight, or too revealing we will ask you to go home and change or wear large school polo over the dress.** Gentleman should wear a sport coat and tie, dress pants, dress shoes, dress shirts. (If you do not have a sport coat it is okay.)

DANCE: 8:00 – 10:30 **Note:** Students must be in the dance by 8:00 or they will be turned away. (Do not make dinner reservations on a Sat. night at 6:00 and think you will be at Duchesne by 8:00.) Students must remain at the dance until 10:00.

This is not a mixer. You do not need to have a date to attend however most who attend either have a date or come with a group of friends who attend Duchesne. **You may only invite one date/friend from another school** and we ask that you arrive with them.

Remember, you are responsible for the behavior of any guest you invite from another school. Guest Forms can be found on the website under Dean's Page and in the pocket shelves between the bulletin boards outside the cafeteria. A PROPERLY FILLED OUT GUEST FORM MUST PRESENTED TO MR. CLODIUS TO REVIEW AND STAMP BEFORE YOU MAY PURCHASE THE GUEST TICKET.

A purse, bag, backpack, etc. will not be allowed in the PAC. If not left in the car, students who bring any of these items inside will need to check them in the supervised check-in area. If they need to get their bag, etc. during the evening, one of the Faculty will check its contents before returning it to them.

We want Homecoming to be a fun event where we all enjoy ourselves. We expect students to be on their best behavior. Lewd dancing, jumping up on the stage or into the crowd, passing people around on top of the crowd, etc. is not allowed.

IMPORTANT: A number of students will be randomly chosen at the door and asked to move to a secure area where a Breathalyzer test will be administered before they will be allowed to enter the dance. Please do not take a chance and come to the dance under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This ruins the night for that person, all of his/her friends, and the entire school community. A St. Charles police officer will be in attendance, vehicles in the parking lot may be checked, and our Breathalyzer will be available to be used throughout the evening at the discretion of the administration.