



# DUCHEESNE HIGH SCHOOL

*mind, body and spirit*

## PARENT NEWSLETTER ~ JANUARY 2019

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

We hope you and your family had a very merry Christmas!

Our first semester concluded with an all school Mass; thank you to Fr Voltz, our amazing choir and musicians, servers, lectors, and Key Club for making this a reality! Students concluded the school day with delivering Christmas presents to 18 different families throughout the St. Louis area. Thank you to the parents and students for your generosity and support of the program! St Joachim and Ann Care Services also has our utmost gratitude for facilitating this amazing program.

Here are some things to pray for in the near future!

- On January 16, we will be taking 60 students to the Pro Life March in Washington DC for the national protest - please, keep us and the protest in your prayers!
- John 21:12 will begin its second semester on January 14 and 28 at 7:00 a.m. in Campus Ministry. We will be selecting topics for the semester on the 14th, so be sure to bring your ideas with a breakfast food!
- Our monthly movie nights will be coming back on February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Campus Ministry.
- Worship Wednesdays will start again on February 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Come hang out with some amazing local musicians and Jesus. (Not in that order, of course.)

At the end of January, we will be looking for students who are interested in joining Campus Ministry's Leadership Team for the 2019-2020 school year. If you feel called to help us out, please join us!

### Dates to remember:

Jan. 14	Day 5
Jan. 15	Day 6
Jan. 16	Day 7 9:15 Late Start 7:30-9:15 Trading Post
Jan 17	Day 8 Pro Life March Trip
Jan 18	Day 1 Pro Life March Trip
Jan 21	No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 22	Day 2 6:30 p.m. College Planning Meeting for Parents
Jan 23	Day 3 9:15 Late Start 7:30-9:15 Trading Post
Jan 24	Day 4
Jan 25	Day 5
Jan 27	Speech Meet
Jan 28	Day 6
Jan 29	Day 7 Registration for 2019-2020 Begins
Jan 30	Day 8 9:15 Late Start Trading Post 7:30-9:15

# Q&A

## REGISTRATION

### Can I register for class if I forgot my check?

In order to register for classes, the \$250 check (payable to Duchesne High School and not refundable) needs to accompany the two printed copies of the classes selected. Those students who turn in their registration materials late may have a more difficult time getting into the classes that they would like to take.

### I am a really smart sophomore, can I take AP Courses?

Be sure to check the course prerequisites and requirements when registering for a course. Classes are different and have different standards.

### Is it okay to take more than two PE credits while at DHS?

A student needs to have one Health (Fit and Well) class and two regular P.E. classes for graduation. Students are not allowed to take more than one P.E. class per semester.

### I want to be in the Scholars Academy, what do I do?

Students who qualify to be a part of the Scholars Academy will be contacted about how to apply.

### Is study hall a required class?

Study hall is not required. It is advisable that if a student has a hard time self-motivating themselves to do work, that they not take a study hall because they will probably just waste their time.

### I did not take a language freshman year but I want to as a sophomore, is that a problem?

No, while most students take a World Language freshman year, not all do. It is not unusual for a sophomore to start taking a language. It is not wise for students to wait until junior year.

### If I take AP or ACC Classes do I have to pay extra?

In order to get the college credit in an ACC class, a student will have to pay extra to the university where they are getting the credits. If they are taking an AP class and they want to try to earn the credit, there is a fee for taking the end of course test. If a student just wants to take the class without getting "extra" course credits, there is no extra charge.

### In the summer when I get my schedule and see that I am not in ANY classes with my friends, how do I change it?

You can't. Make some new friends.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Study the Course Selection Guide for credit requirements and information on the courses available.

2. Plan or review your four-year course of study and be sure to do the following:

- Check that you are taking courses necessary to meet all graduation requirements.
- Be sure you meet all the prerequisites for each course you plan to take.

3. Discuss your course choices and reasons for them with your parents, teachers, and your counselor.

4. Log into Power School

On the Main Menu, click **Class Registration**. The Class Registration page appears.

- Click the **Pencil** icon to select courses from each area. A Course Request pop-up window appears.
- Select the appropriate checkbox for each course you want to request. Some of the courses are mandatory so they are chosen automatically. (Make sure you choose a class for both first semester and second semester. "a" represents S1 and "b" represents S2.)
- Click **Okay**. The Course Request pop-up window closes.
- A green checkmark ✓ will appear once you have made your selections and you can move on to the next category. You will notice some categories already have a green check mark; this is due to the fact it is open enrollment. **Please make sure you go into those categories even though they are already marked completed.**
- A red exclamation mark ! appears if courses need to be selected for a core subject area.
- If you cannot choose a course or it is blocked, please see your teacher so they can recommend the course or let Mrs. Choinka know via email at [kchoinka@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:kchoinka@duchesne-hs.org).

Repeat the steps for each course request.

When finished, click **Submit**. The [Scheduling Year] Course Requests page appears. Please check to make sure all of your choices are correct and you have at least two semesters of Alternate credits chosen (**these cannot be the same courses you have chosen previously**).

Click the **Print** button on the top of the page. Print two copies, one for records and one to turn in to your Advisory Teacher.

Write your name on the top of the page, and turn it to your advisory teacher with your \$250 registration fee (payable to Duchesne High School).

## **GUIDANCE OFFICE**

### **JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT**

Parents of juniors are invited to a presentation by a Mizzou admissions representative on January 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria. The topic will include all aspects of the college search process and will be especially valuable to "first-time-through-the-search" parents. DHS junior students will benefit from similar presentations in February. Junior parents are advised that all DHS juniors will take the ACT free-of-charge on April 2. Registration will be completed at DHS prior to testing.

### **SENIOR PARENTS**

Remember to record college acceptances and scholarships received on the DHS website. Go to the "Parents" tab, then to "Class of 2019 College Acceptance". Enter each scholarship with the name of the presenting college. Use multiple screens as needed.

### **A+ SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY PARENTS!**

Parents should remind students to complete the "A+ Intent to Comply Agreement" (DHS website - forms). This form is required for A+ eligibility and must be submitted to Mr. Tinsley by May 1 of the year of graduation.

### **SENIORS**

Check Naviance/Family Connection for scholarship possibilities. (Go to the upper right "Colleges" then to "Scholarships and Money"). DHS students, in the recent, past have been awarded the Festival of the Little Hills, St. Charles Optimist Club, and others.

### **SOPHOMORES**

Spring 2019 is a good time to be aware of your academic progress, service hours and ideas about career choices. See your counselor to talk about your future!

### **FRESHMEN**

Congrats on a "job well done" first semester! You are working hard and, above all, we are happy for you to be at Duchesne!

### **MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS**

This Year's musical is "Meet Me in St. Louis". The show dates are March at 7:00 pm each night. The cost per ticket is \$10. Duchesne Students get in free with their student ID. For tickets, please contact, Mrs. Owen at [dowen@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:dowen@duchesne-hs.org).

## **DEAN'S DESK**

I hope that all the members of our Duchesne family had a wonderful holiday season on break. Included in this newsletter is information regarding this year's Coronation Dance to be held on Saturday, February 9. Please see the information for everything you need to know about coronation.

### **2019 GIRLS STATE**

Each school year, Duchesne is asked to nominate three junior girls for the opportunity to apply and interview to attend this summer's American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. The faculty nominated a total of eighteen young ladies for this honor. The top three will move forward through the process that includes the viewing of their personal and academic achievements, as well as a live interview process. Nominees should have high moral character, show strong leadership abilities, and be well above average in scholastic achievement. It is a highly competitive program and I am pleased to announce that Rachel Buenger, Maria DelGiudice, and Elizabeth "Libby" Kleitz will be moving forward in the process with interviews being held on Sunday, January 27 at the American Legion Post.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Prove your skills at Duchesne High School's Middle School Trivia Night, Friday, February 1, from 7:00 -9:30 p.m., in the PAC.

Pizzas will be available to pre-order to be delivered to your table! Cost is \$80 for a table of 8, and the price includes a drink, prizes, raffles, and more!

Register by Monday, January 21, 2019, at [www.duchesne-hs.org/middleschooltrivia](http://www.duchesne-hs.org/middleschooltrivia)

### **DHS ITEAM CHOSEN FOR COMPETITION**

Duchesne High School has been chosen to participate in The World Wide Technology 2018-2019 STEM Student Forum! Congratulations to the following iTeam students who will be representing our school: Camilla Delano, Kekoa Disabatino, Luke Hermann, Michael Roettger, Bailey Stefanski, Stephanie Umunna and Dylan Whitlock.

The initiative is focused on educating High School students on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Twenty schools in the St. Louis Metropolitan area were chosen to participate. At the completion of the Student Hackathon on February 23, the winning school will receive a \$10,000 grant from World Wide Technology and each member of the team will receive a monetary award!

# CORONATION DANCE INFORMATION SHEET

## FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

**DATE:** Saturday, February 9

**COST:** Tickets will be \$15 dollars per person for the ceremony and dance. They will be sold during lunch periods beginning Wednesday, January 30 and extending through Friday, February 8. Those wishing to attend the ceremony only 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.** 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 your 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 Coronation 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.

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### SWIM & DIVE

The girls have been working quite hard and continue to get personal best times despite being a bit homeless. Thanks to Maryland Heights community center for helping us out. The community center has made a point to tell us how polite and wonderful the girls have been!! If you haven't already, make plans to come out and watch these ladies in their final meets!



### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Meagan Wiseman for earning All-Tournament Team honors in the Duchesne Holiday Hoops Tournament.



Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Basketball team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the DeSoto tournament. The boys played incredibly well in this high-level tourney.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Boys Basketball, Cheer, and Danceline Senior Night

January 25 @ Duchesne prior to the varsity boys game @ 7:15 pm

#### Diamondline Competition

January 26 @ St. Charles High

#### AAA Cheer & Dance Competition

February 2 @ O'Fallon Christian

#### AAA Swim Championships

February 4 and 5 @ McCluer South Berkeley

#### Girls Basketball Senior Night

February 7 prior to the varsity girls game @ 5:45 p.m.

#### Coronation Basketball Game

February 8 vs Christian HS

#### Spring Sport Tryouts

February 25 (must have physical on file to participate)

### 2019 DUCHESNE CHEER CAMP

**Camp:** January 22 through 24 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Where:** DHS PAC (Performing Arts Center)

**Who:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and under

**Cost:** \$50 (includes t-shirt)

**What:** Learn cheers and a half-time routine

**Performance:** January 25 at the Boys Varsity basketball game. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

**Questions and Sign Up:** Contact Coach Morris at [kmorris@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:kmorris@duchesne-hs.org)



## FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

### PIONEER EXPEDITION DINNER AUCTION NEWS

We are full speed ahead making plans for The Pioneer Expedition Auction on **April 27, 2019**. The auction is being led this year by Karen Golab and Kim Stefanski! As you know, the success of the Pioneer Expedition is essential to our school! You may be asking ... "How can I help?" **We need you** and here are some suggestions on how you can help:

1. Sign up to be on a committee ... and there are many committees that will be happy to have you! Committees include acquisitions, reservations, decorations, baskets, guest registration and check out, set up, clean up ... just to name a few.
2. Help us acquire auction items ... think sports equipment, pro or college team apparel, electronics, jewelry, purses and accessories, holiday décor, home items or housewares, tickets to concerts or sporting events, gift cards, gift cards, and more gift cards!, bath and body gifts/spa and beauty packages, camping, fishing, hunting items, and anything else you can think of.
3. Wondering what you should do with the "not quite you" gifts you received under the tree? No worries ... we know what to do with them! We will be happy to take them off of your hands, re-purpose them and find them a new home in a gift basket.

This year we are requesting your support in the form of a monetary donation to your child's Communion. Our goal is to have 100% participation. Each Communion achieving 100% will receive a special treat on a determined date. No donation is too small. Letters will be coming home later this month with more details.

For more information on how you can make the Pioneer Expedition a success, including available volunteer opportunities, please contact Kate Santellano at [ksantellano@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:ksantellano@duchesne-hs.org) or 636-946-2603 ext. 6924.

## JOIN US AT THE DREAM HOME KICK-OFF!

Come learn how the Dream Home Raffle benefits Duchesne – and can benefit you as well! The kick-off for the annual Dream Home Raffle will be on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., in the DHS Café. In addition to information on the prizes available to both buyers and sellers (including a chance to win free tuition), there will be an attendance prize drawing for the very first 2019 Dream Home ticket. Stop by and see how you can be an integral part of our exciting Dream Home Raffle fund raiser, which will culminate with the drawing for 20 cash prizes, including the grand prize of a \$150,000 credit toward a new home or \$120,000 cash. The Dream Home Raffle drawing takes place at our Pioneer Expedition auction on Saturday, April 27.

Again this year, Duchesne is partnering with Fischer & Fichtel Homes, which has several communities under development in St. Charles County. For details on the F&F Homes collections and floor plans, please visit their website at [fandfhomes.com](http://fandfhomes.com).

## PIONEER FUND AND OTHER GIVING

Duchesne's annual Pioneer Fund appeal mailings went out before the holidays. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible. We depend on the annual Pioneer Fund to supplement our operating budget. Your child's tuition is not tax deductible, but your donation to Duchesne is. We need everyone to participate in the annual Pioneer Fund appeal at some level. If you have not made your commitment yet, please make your gift by clicking [here](#).

Thank you to those who have returned your annual Pioneer Fund appeal commitment forms thus far. A thank you card that includes a tax statement will be sent to you yet this month (January 2019). Please note: You should have received a thank you with a tax statement for other gifts made during the year as those gifts were made, such as for memorials or tuition assistance. If you have questions or need something further for your tax purposes, please contact the Office of Advancement at [636-946-2603](tel:636-946-2603).

Many of you visited with parents, aunts, and uncles who are over the age of 70 during the holidays. Did you know that at age 70.5 years, the government requires people to start taking a distribution from most types of retirement plans? This is called a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Friends and relatives of Duchesne who are 70.5 years and older can check with their investment or tax advisor to see about making a donation of their RMD to Duchesne. This could gain them a tax deduction while putting the benefit of the full amount to work for our school.