



DUCHEESNE HIGH SCHOOL

shaping leaders in mind, body and spirit

PARENT NEWSLETTER ~ JANUARY 2020

CAMPUS MINISTRY

As the New Year begins, I have had the privilege to step back during break and reflect upon this past semester. This semester has been such a joy to see the faith life come alive amongst students and amongst faculty and staff. Specifically, during the month of December we as a community stepped out of our comfort zones again to give generously to so many other families in the surrounding area. It was a beautiful sight as Communio after communion joined together to take part in the adopt-a-family program for another year of giving!

Each year the Duchesne community has “adopted” families to provide for them a Christmas that otherwise they may not have been able to afford. This year we adopted a total of eighteen different families that were provided a generous Christmas. It warmed my heart to see how the students as well as the faculty and staff coming together to give a little extra for these families. I had the privilege of delivering to a few families and each family was so thankful and I could see much gratitude in their eyes and in their hearts.

Along with the Adopt-A-Family program that began even before Advent started, we held two different Advent services. We gathered around the Advent wreath in the main lobby of the school singing, and praying together as a community for the first service. For the second Advent service, we gathered in the chapel for an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before school.

Now, as we look forward to our January all-school Mass and the March for Life, I would like to ask for special prayers for all the students going on this pilgrimage. I ask that you all would pray for our entire community to be open to life in every aspect of our daily lives and the virtue of courage to stand up for the truth in each of our lives. Please know of my continued prayers for everyone in our Duchesne Community.

In Christ through Mary,

David Halfmann
Campus Ministry

Dates to remember:

Jan. 18	Trivia Night
Jan. 20	No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 21	Day 2
Jan. 23	Day 4 Pro Life March Junior Parent Meeting
Jan. 24	Day 5 Pro Life March
Jan. 25	Pro Life March
Jan. 26	Speech Meet
Jan. 27	Day 6
Jan. 28	Day 7 Registration for 2020-21 Begins
Jan. 29	Day 8 9:15 Late Start Trading Post 7:30-9:15
Jan. 31	Day 2 All School Mass Middle School Trivia Night
Feb. 4	Day 4 Registration for 2020-21 ends.

Q&A

REGISTRATION

Can I register for class if I forgot my check?

In order to register for classes, the nonrefundable \$250 check (payable to Duchesne High School and due to your Communio teacher by Feb. 4) 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.

Is unscheduled time a required class?

Unscheduled time is not required. It is advisable that if a student has a hard time self-motivating themselves to do work, that they not take unscheduled time 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.

Please check with your prospective universities about how these credits will transference.

In May, 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 found on the DHS website.

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. Before beginning the selection process, carefully read the directions!

- 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.

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



SENIORS

Seniors! College applications must be completed by requesting student transcripts through Naviance. Deadlines for scholarship and admission consideration are rapidly approaching. Seniors are urged to use the directions previously sent or see Mr. Tinsley for assistance.

JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

A comprehensive presentation of all aspects of the college search process from a Mizzou admission representative will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, on January 23rd. This event is particularly informative for first-time-through-the-process parents.

JUNIOR ACT

Junior parents are also reminded that all DHS juniors will take a "real" ACT on April 7th as part of our usual testing day event. The results of this test can be used for college admission and scholarship purposes. This test administration is included in our tuition and is cost-free.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Opportunities for college scholarships are available on Naviance. Seniors should consider applying for our local scholarships that include St. Charles Optimist Club, Festival of the Little Hills, IAABO - IAFO Scholarships, the St. Charles Noonday Kiwanis Club, among others.

DEAN'S DESK

MARIA DELGIUDICE 2019-2020 DAR WINNER

Faculty and peers elected Senior Maria DelGiudice as Duchesne's 2019 - 2020 winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution award. This program is open to all senior students and intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

The student selected as the schools DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of **dependability** (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); **service** (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); **leadership** (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and **patriotism** (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an outstanding degree.

The procedure to select our winner asks the faculty to nominate students who fit the criteria. This year, the faculty nominated 24 different seniors for the award. The top three nominees' are then forwarded to the senior class who vote for one student to represent Duchesne as the winner.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

BASKETBALL PARENTS

Basketball Parents - We ask each family to sign up to work the concession stand for at least one game each season. Please follow the link below to sign up for your game. Both boys and girls games are listed in the sign-up, so please scroll through to find an available game.

Non-basketball parents can also help us in concession stand! We will take all the help we can get. Your students will earn service hours for the time they work also.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4daca62caaf49-201920>

SPRING SPORTS

Spring sports are just around the corner. The first day of tryouts is March 2nd. If your child is playing a spring sport, please be aware that there WILL be practices (and even some games/meets) over spring break. Please plan accordingly.

2020 DUCHESNE CHEER CAMP

2020 DUCHESNE WINTER CHEER CAMP

CAMP DATES: January 15, 16, 20
TIME: 6-7:30 pm
WHERE: DHS PAC (Performing Arts Center)
WHO: 7th Grade and under
COST: \$40 (includes a t-shirt)
WHAT: Learn cheers and a half-time routine, and have fun!
PERFORMANCE: January 21 at the Boys Varsity basketball game. Please arrive by 6:45pm in the gym.
QUESTIONS: Contact Coach Morris at kmorris@duchesne-hs.org

Name _____ Grade _____ (Pre-K through 7th)

Parent's names _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

T-shirt size: YXS YS YM YL XS S M L XL Enclosed: Cash or Check # _____

Mail form/money by **January 10** to: Duchesne High School, Attn: Coach Morris, 2550 Elm St., St. Charles, MO, 63301



FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

JOIN US AT THE DREAM HOME KICK-OFF!

Our 24th Dream Home Raffle is approaching soon. Please join us on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 7p.m. in the DHS Cafe for our Dream Home 2020 Kickoff Mtg. One lucky attendee's name will be pulled that evening and receive a free Dream Home ticket! To be entered in the drawing, you must be present. Tickets will be available to take on February 5 to begin your mailings. We depend on YOU to make this event a success and hopefully have another sellout of 3500 tickets sold before the Auction.

There are many ways to win, so again, please stop by for all the Dream Home details (free full-tuition and half-tuition, early bird drawing, first and second big prize winnings, etc.) If you have any questions, please contact Deb Carney in the Advancement Office at 636.946.2603.

Let's GO PIONEERS! SEE YOU on KICKOFF NIGHT!

ADMISSIONS



**SAVE THE DATE!
PIONEER FOR A
DAY!**

Duchesne High School is excited to welcome **seventh grade students** to our campus for our fourth annual Pioneer for a Day!

On Friday, April 3rd, students will have the opportunity to experience student life at DHS and see what makes being a Pioneer so special.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Help cure your middle schoolers' winter blues with Duchesne High School at the DHS Tropical Trivia Night! Students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited to join us for a trivia night on Friday, January 31.

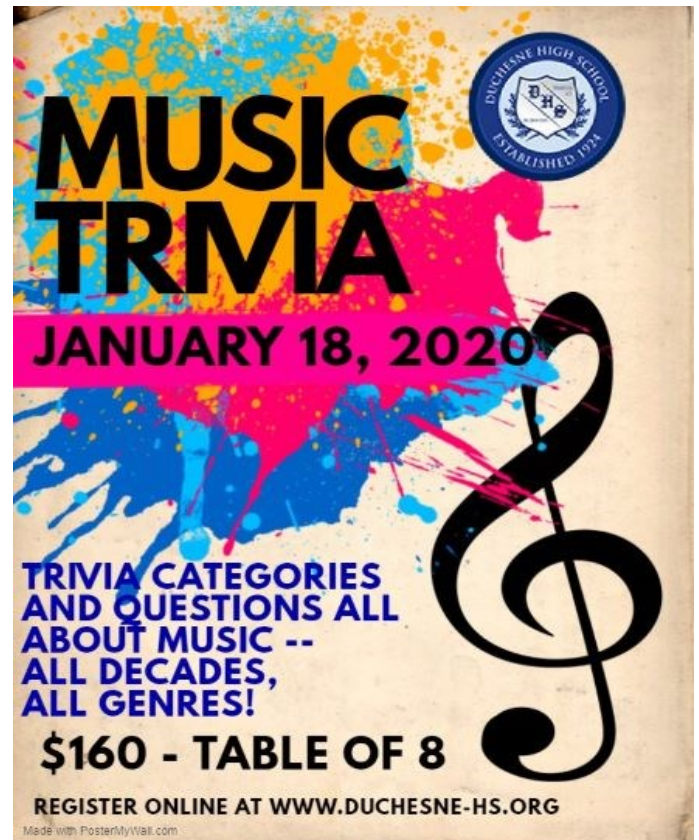
There'll be lots of games, raffles, prizes, refreshments-and of course, trivia questions! The event will go from 7 – 9:30 p.m. in the PAC. Get your CYC team together or any other group and join the fun!

The cost is \$80 for a table of eight students, and you can register online. The number of tables is limited, so sign up today! All proceeds benefit the Duchesne High School music program. [Click here to register!](#)

ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a night of Music Trivia on January 18, 2020. Categories and questions will be over a variety of decades and genres. Come dressed as your favorite singer or band for a chance at a prize.

Cost is \$160 for a table of 8 (\$20 per person) and includes beer, soda and water. Participants can bring in their own food. [Click here to register.](#)



SAVE THE DATE!



CORONATION DANCE INFORMATION SHEET

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

DATE: Saturday, February 8

COST: Tickets will be \$15 dollars per person for the ceremony and dance. They will be sold during lunch periods beginning Wednesday, January 29 and extending through Friday, February 7. 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 the 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.