



DUCHEESNE HIGH SCHOOL

mind, body and spirit

PARENT NEWSLETTER ~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Over the summer, Mr. Shane VanDiest received a wonderful opportunity to work for the St. Louis Archdiocese as the Director of Young Adult Ministry. Although we are sad to see him go, we are so excited to see what God has in store for him! Mrs. Kristina Radley has now joined the team as Campus Minister. Please, pray for both of them as they begin work in these ministries!

Campus Ministry kicked off the 2018 school year even before the first day of classes. Our annual Senior Retreat was held at Pinecrest Retreat Center, outside of Fredericktown, MO, on August 8-10. In addition to swimming, canoeing, archery, low-ropes course, dance competitions, and an epic game of capture the flag, our students were led deeper into their faith lives through the amazing testimonies and small group leadership of their peer-leaders and faculty members.

A special thank-you to our student leaders:
Blake Rufkahr, Jack O'Brien, Matt Klekar, Mikey Clever, Emily Noonan, Taylor McCarthy, Olivia Scheberle, and Allison Seiler!

We would also like to thank our faculty leaders: Julie Renaud, Kurt Schneider, Theresa Valazquez, and Bob Biehle, as well as our new school chaplain, Fr. Eddie Voltz, for saying Mass and providing the opportunity of Confession during the retreat.

This year, we will continue to offer Mass in the Duchesne Chapel every Friday morning at 7:00 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 held on September 14.

GRANDPARENTS DAY-SAVE THE DATE

It's not too soon to get this on your calendars. Our annual Grandparent's Day is Wednesday, November 7, 2018 starting at 10:00 a.m. More details will be coming soon about the morning's program, but please pass the word to all Grandparents and Honorary Grandparents and ask them to add this to their calendars now.

Dates to remember:

- Sept. 3 No School - Labor Day
- Sept. 5 Day 4
Late Start 9:15
- Sept. 7 Day 7
St. Rose Philippine
Reenactment
Half day
- Sept. 12 Day 8
9:15 Late Start
- Sept. 13 Day 1
High School Night at DHS
- Sept. 14 Day 2
All School Mass
Mom's Shopping Night
- Sept. 18 Day 4
Freshman Retreat
- Sept. 19 Day 5
9:15 Late Start
- Sept. 21 Day 7
Morning Mass
- Sept. 24 Day 8
Spirit Week
- Sept. 26 Day 2
9:15 Late Start
- Sept. 28 Day 4
Morning Mass
Homecoming Football Game
- Sept. 29 Homecoming Dance

NEW FACES

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



Fr. Eddie Voltz is our new chaplain. He is originally from Buffalo, New York, where he worked in the public sector as a special education teacher for four years before enrolling at Steubenville University in Ohio in order to pursue a Master's Degree in Theology. Upon graduating in 2007, he was hired by Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Troy, MO where he worked as the Director of Youth Ministry before entering Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in 2011.



Mrs. Kim (Baumann) Morris is new to our English department at Duchesne; however, she is not new to our school. She has come back to us after graduating from Duchesne 29 years ago (class of '89). After she left Duchesne, she got her teaching degree and has been teaching for the past 25 years. She is married with two stepsons, a son, and a daughter. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and acting in community theater productions.



Mrs. Michelle Giessman is our new Registrar, Administrative Assistant, and Trading Post Manager. She is a life-long resident of St. Charles, is married to Bob '68; has 3 kids, Beau '98, Brie '99, and Ben '99 (all DHS grads), and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Giessman comes to us from Lindenwood University, where she spent 22+ years as the Director of Residential Life (20 years) and Director of Alumni Relations (2.5 years). She has her BA in Communications with emphasis in Corporate Communications.



Mrs. Amber Smith is our new music teacher. Born and raised in Troy, MO, Mrs. Smith attended Troy Buchanan High School where she graduated with honors. She then went to Lindenwood University to major in K-12 Music with an emphasis in instrumental music. While there, she met her future husband and they now have 4 children: Landon, Wyatt, Sean, and Jacob. Mrs. Smith taught at Clopton Schools from 2014-2018 and is really excited to be here now at Duchesne.



Mrs. Kristina Radley is our new campus minister. Kristina Radley moved to the St. Louis area in 2011 to work as a youth minister for Immaculate Conception of Dardenne parish for four years. She then worked for St. Louis's Archdiocese for several years as a retreat leader for the REAP Team. She is excited to begin her work as the campus minister at Duchesne.



Mrs. Kate Santellano, is our new special events coordinator. Kate received her BA in Journalism / Public Relations from St. Mary's Of-The-Woods College. Her experience includes project management and sales for large corporations such as Zebra Technologies and CDW Computers. Her event management experience spans over 15 years and includes corporate events, conferences, tradeshows, meetings, site selection and on site management. Kate is excited to bring her creativity, energy and organization to her team.

NEW FRESHMEN

We are excited to welcome 90 new freshmen and 15 transfer students to our Duchesne family this year!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Ordering your yearbooks is easy! Simply go to the Herff Jones [website](#) and follow the instructions to order your Duchesne 2018-19 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

Mom's Shopping Night



The Trading Post is gearing up for this premier shopping experience. Brand new Under Armour merchandise will be on sale as well as all of our spirit items! Join us in the cafeteria for pre-game fun and shopping.

4:30 to 6:30 Happy Hour VIP Lounge – wine, cheese, chocolates and early bird shopping with a 25% discount. A \$5 fee if you pre-register and \$10 if you pay at the door

6:30 - 7:30 Shopping Only with a 20% discount.

7:30 to 8:30 Shopping Only with a 15% discount.

Online registration is now open!

PS. Bring cash, check or credit cards
- MC/VISA/Discover

FROM THE SPORT'S DESK

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Friday 9/28 vs. Bishop DuBourg @ 7 p.m.

SENIOR NIGHT DATES

SOCCER - Saturday Oct. 13 prior to noon game.
(approximately 11:30 a.m.)

VOLLEYBALL - Thursday Oct. 18 prior to game at 6 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS, & GOLF - Friday 10/19 @
halftime of football game

FOOTBALL - Friday 10/19 prior to game (6:30 p.m.)

CHEER & DIAMONDLINE are honored in the winter

ALUMNI SOCCER

Boys Soccer State Championship 15 year Reunion and Recognition at game on 10/20 vs. St. Dominic @ 12 p.m.

BOOSTER HELP NEEDED

The **Duchesne Athletic Boosters** will have the Bud Light Tent at the Octoberfest in Saint Charles again this year, at the St. Charles Riverfront from September 28-30, 2018. This is one of the DAB's most profitable fundraisers and it will directly support each athletic team at Duchesne. It's a fun weekend and for a great cause. Please help spread the word for any friends and family that would like to volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4dabaf22aafa7-stcharles>

REENACTMENT OF ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE

When:

- September 7, 2018.
 - Grades school students and visitors will be arriving between 9:00 and 10:15.
 - The program will start at 10:30.

Where:

- Frontier Park on the St. Charles riverfront.

Who:

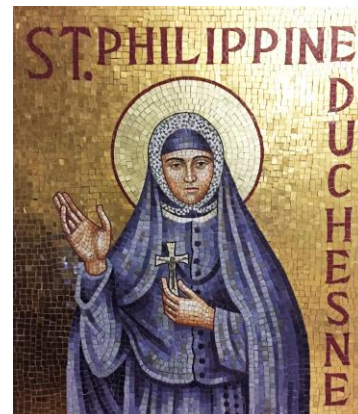
- Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring your own chairs if you do not want to sit on the ground.
 - There will be special Duchesne Alum seating on the right when looking at the stage.
- Over 2,000 grade school students will be attending as well as dignitaries and other special guests.
- Duchesne students will be working and running all of the festivities.

Driving Directions:

- Please park in the Lewis & Clark Boathouse Parking Lot, 1050 South Riverside Drive, St Charles, 63301.
- Once parked, proceed to the north end of the parking lot and walk across the pedestrian bridge to enter Frontier Park.

Duchesne Involvement:

- Duchesne students will start to be bussed down to the park at 8:00 a.m.
- Each student has been assigned a job for the Reenactment.
 - These were divided by House, and many of the new students are assigned with their mentor.
 - Most students will be working with the more than 2,000 grade school students attending.
- Once the program is finished, grade schools have left, and the park is clean – the Duchesne students will be bussed back to school.
 - Attendance will be taken in Communio once everyone is back and then they will be dismissed from school.



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

PSAT

Sophomore and Junior Parents! The PSAT will be offered at DHS, during the day on Wednesday, October 10 (rather than Oct. 17). 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 21. 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 28 is the regular registration deadline for anyone wishing to take the October 27 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 23, 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. Students are encouraged to attend – the colleges and universities who visit Duchesne are impressed with our students and eager to meet and recruit them to their campuses! You can also use Naviance to request your transcripts for college applications. Now is the time to get started on this!!

A+ PROGRAM

Senior and Junior parents are reminded that the Duchesne High School A+ [“Intent to Comply Agreement”](#) is the first step in qualifying for the A+ program. Contact your counselor for details.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Fall sports are in full swing! We are looking forward to successful and fun seasons in Girls Volleyball, Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, and Girls Golf. We hope to see you all in the stands and hope that you have taken advantage of purchasing a Duchesne Athletic Booster Membership (which will grant you access to all the home games for FREE!). The best way to stay up to date on all things “fall sports” is to follow them on Twitter...

- @DuchesneHS
- @Athletics_DHS
- @DuchesneXCandTF
- @DuchesneTennis
- @DuchesneSoccer
- @DHSfbalcoach (football)
- @DHSCoachB (girls volleyball)
- @golf_dhs (girls golf)
- @dhsDiamondline
- @Cheer_Duchesne
- @DHSBoosters

Follow this link to access all of the Duchesne athletic schedules...

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

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.

From the Office of Advancement

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save-the-Date: Grab your clubs and meet us on the greens for the 2018 Alumni, Parents, and Friends Golf Tournament at The Falls Golf Club on Friday, October 5.

+ **Registration will open on Monday Aug. 27 and will be open until noon on Monday, Oct. 1.**

On the day of the event, check-in begins at 10:30am, 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.

We also have many sponsorship opportunities available. In addition, we need a few parent volunteers for the Hole-in-One contest. Please contact Kate Santellano at ksantellano@duchesne-hs.org or 636-946-2603.

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

From the Dean's Desk

Fall is a wonderful time of year filled with the excitement of a new school year, new activities, and seeing old friends while making new ones. A big part of fall at Duchesne is the Homecoming Dance. In order to make that night a success, please see the document that is included in this newsletter regarding our upcoming dance. It has all the information you need. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Kurt Clodius, Dean of Student Services

HOMECOMING DANCE INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

DATE: Saturday, September 29, 2018

COST: Tickets will be \$15 dollars per person for the ceremony and dance. They will be sold during lunch periods beginning Friday, September 21. 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 or wear a 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 in the student life section, under the Students heading, in Mr. Clodius' office, and in the pocket shelves between the bulletin boards outside the cafeteria. THE FORM MUST BE BROUGHT TO MR. CLODIUS, STAMPED, AND THEN PRESENTED WITH YOUR MONEY, 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 and all of his/her friends. 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.