



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit

Hi all,

Last Friday was a really good day for our House System. It started with our House Event. On most Fridays, our school gets together for House competitions. They range in type from *Jeopardy* style quizzes to “trashcan” football, but usually they are a variation on a childhood game. We give over instructional time to these silly games for a variety of reasons, and last Friday epitomized what we are trying to accomplish with our events.

I hope everyone had a chance to see the video posted on our social media that captured the final moments of Friday’s event. If you didn’t, here it is: [Kateri Wins!](#) It’s worth a watch, or a rewatch, or maybe a couple of hundred rewatches. Last Friday’s event was certainly silly. It was basically tag. The game started chaotically, with over 60 kids running haphazardly around the gym. It came down to two students circling each other with the rest of the school watching. It ended with a sophomore from Kateri House placing the “tag” on a junior from Drexel House. The video depicts what happens after the sophomore won the point. He was immediately embraced in a huge bear hug by one of our senior football captains. While in the hug, the sophomore thrusts his fists in the air like he won the Super Bowl.

Now think back to your sophomore year. If it was anything like mine, you knew who the senior leaders were, but you were also fairly intimidated by them. More to the point, those senior leaders probably had only a small idea of who you were. One of the goals of our House System is to eliminate that sense of intimidation and strengthen the bonds between the grades. The conclusion of Friday’s event checked both of those boxes. I couldn’t be prouder with the way all of our student reacted.

Speaking of pride, last Friday concluded with another great moment. The House System also encourages community by hosting Marquee Events. These events encourage students to show up at various games and productions. Friday’s Marquee was the cross country meet, and over 30 of our kids showed up to cheer on our runners. The way they cheered fills my heart with pride. What follows is a email Mr. Boschert and I received from someone outside of Duchesne about the way our students conducted themselves at the meet:

I happened to be at McNair for the cross country meet and witnessed something I’d love to share. One of your runners was in last place, clearly doing his best, and the way your students cheered him on was fantastic. They were just as encouraging and proud of him as they were for the “better” runners. They should be very proud of their behavior. It was awesome to see.

What a great day,

Dominic D’Urso



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Upcoming Events

September 11

Home Soccer

September 12

Home Soccer

September 13

Home Volleyball

September 14

All School Mass: We will celebrate mass as a whole school community on Thursday. All of our families are welcome to attend; we'd love to see you. The mass will not start before 9:45. To ensure that we have enough chairs, please email Robyn Fuchs (rfuchs@duchesne-hs.org) if you plan to attend.

September 15

Home Tripleheader – Volleyball, Soccer, & Golf (Bogey)

Freshman Retreat: The retreat will take place during the regular school day, starting at 7:40 and ending before the final bell. This is a dress down day for freshmen and their senior retreat leaders. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please bring a bottle of water. You can leave your iPads and books at home.

September 19

Home Tripleheader – Tennis, Volleyball, Golf (Bogey)

September 20

Home Tennis

September 21

Home Doubleheader – Volleyball & Golf (Bogey)

September 22

Home Football

September 25

Spirit Week: The 25th kicks off spirit week as we prepare for Homecoming. There will be a variety of costume contests and activities leading up to the big game and dance.

September 26

Home Tripleheader – Tennis, Volleyball, & Soccer

Home Doubleheader – Soccer & Golf (Bogey)

September 28

Home Volleyball



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September 29

Homecoming: Our pep rally will be at 2:00 and will include an introduction of our Homecoming court. The game begins at 7:00. The Homecoming court will also be introduced during halftime of the game. As usual, all of our families are welcome to attend both events.

September 30

Homecoming Dance: The doors will open at 7:00 with the ceremony starting at 7:30. The dance will follow the ceremony and end at 9:30. Students attending the dance are required to stay until 9:00.

