



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

The start of the fourth quarter is one of my favorite times of the year. It mirrors for me the season it anticipates. By the end of February, the third quarter and the winter season becomes an endurance test. If we could just make it to the end... The start of the fourth quarter and the spring season, conversely, is filled with hope and the promise of summer. Now that we are in the fourth quarter, we are only a few weeks away from our freshmen no longer being freshmen; from our sophomores becoming upperclassmen; and from our juniors becoming seniors. Most importantly, we are only a few weeks away from our seniors graduating. The promise of all that is on the horizon fills us with hope.

The season of promise and hope was on full display last weekend. My neighbors have a magnificent magnolia tree in their front yard. Coming home Sunday morning I noticed that for the first time it was in full bloom. I love it when that tree blooms its dazzling white and deep purple flowers. It is the first physical reminder of spring and with it I know that dogwoods, daffodils, crocuses, crab apples, cherries, and tulips are sure to follow. The drab winter gets wiped away with these colorful flowers, and everything seems to have just a little more energy.

After seeing our neighbors' magnolia, I suggested to Amy that we take our first trip to the Missouri Botanical Gardens of the season. There wasn't much color yet, but a few of their magnolias were in bloom, and many of trees and flowers were starting to bud. We rode our bikes to and from the garden. Upon returning we enjoyed the weather on our porch, and then played some corn hole while we waited for the charcoals to heat up. It was a nearly perfect Sunday.

I sincerely hope that you and your family will get to enjoy similar days as the season itself comes into bloom.

Happy Spring Break,

Dominic D'Urso



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## Upcoming Events

March 13-17

**Spring Break**

March 21

**Home Tennis:** The match starts at 3:30

March 23

**Home Tennis/Home Baseball:** The tennis match starts at 3:30. The home baseball game will be played at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) at 4:30.

March 24

**Junior Retreat:** The junior retreat is a vocational retreat. Students will need to be at school for a regular school day. More information will be coming to you shortly.

**Home Girls Soccer:** The first home match of the season will kick off at 6:00.

## Senior Graduation Information

May 16

**Baccalaureate Mass:** The Baccalaureate Mass is the last mass the seniors will celebrate as a class. It is also the kick-off to graduation week. The mass will be held at St. Peter's Church in St. Charles. It will start at 6:00. We will have an awards ceremony immediately following mass. Doors will open at 5:30

May 17

**Graduation Practice:** All graduates need to be in the PAC by 9:45 a.m. for graduation practice. We will not start practice until everyone gets to school.

May 18

**Graduation:** The ceremony begins at 6:00. Graduates should arrive to school and be in the PAC by 5:30. The doors to the Ted Yeater Athletic Center will also open at 5:30 for the friends and families of our graduates. Each graduate will get 8 tickets (4 preferred seating, 4 general admission) to the ceremony at graduation practice on the 17th. If families would like more tickets, please let us know. For more details on graduation, please see the email from Mrs. Turner