

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19th - 21st: Class of 2025 final Senior portrait sessions

September 25th: Sophomores- class ring night sales 5:30-7:30 pm in the lobby

October 3rd: No school- Rosh Hashanah

October 4th: Homecoming Football game vs. WC Rustin
7pm Kottmeyer Stadium

October 5th: Homecoming Dance 7-10 PM in the Boyer
Gymnasium

October 15th & 16th: Seniors- Cap and gown measuring
and ordering during lunch & learn. Please bring a check
made out to Herff Jones in the amount of \$20.55

October 24th: Lifetouch picture re-takes

Job Opportunities

Rocco's in Exton is looking for part-time help! The minimum age is 16, and the hours are Thursday and Friday, 4:30-8:30 or 9 p.m. Stop in to ask for application or call 610-363-0405.



Part-time Job Opportunity! Applecross Country Club needs help for banquet set up/breakdown and available shifts are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact David McCracken if you are interested at 302-540-1876 or email David.mccracken@applecrosscc.com



Faraway Farm in Glenmoore needs part-time cashiers (minimum age is 16) and floaters (minimum age is 14) on Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30- 7pm, and some Saturday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Cara Phalen at 484-798-5452 or email info@farawayfarmcc.com



Internship Opportunity

The Teen Research Internship Program (TRIP) is a comprehensive science research training program for high school students interested in scientific careers. Beyond the lab, students also receive one-on-one mentoring with Fox Chase faculty; they learn team building and leadership skills and become part of a family of driven and curious students. This internship will take place at William Tennent High School in Warminster and run on Saturdays from mid-January through mid-April culminating with a research symposium where students will present their research to friends and family and other special guests. The deadline to apply is October 6, 2024, and the minimum age is 14 by 1/25. For more information visit this link: [Click Here](#)

Volunteers Needed

The Well Community Center (next to Farmhouse Coffee) is looking for volunteers to act as "Study Buddies" for elementary students on Mondays and Wednesdays (4:15-5:00pm) throughout the school year. Volunteers will work with K-5th graders on their homework and act as mentors. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in teaching to build their resume! To learn more about the commitment, please reach out to Amy Straub-amypstraub1@gmail.com.



The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)

Will host webinars in September and October to assist parents and students with financial information and scholarships for college. Join Suzanne Sparrow and Daniel Wray on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at noon to learn more about the financial timeline and searching for scholarships. Two additional webinars will take place in October.

[Registration for the webinars click here](#)



Universities Unite

A joint presentation by representatives from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the University of Vermont, and the University of Florida will be held at the STEM Academy on **Monday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m.** Spaces are limited so see the flyer on page 10.



A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT.....

class of
2025

Attention Senior Parents

This week, the Class of 2025 watched two informational videos created by the Counseling Department that covered the expectations for seniors as they begin the college application process. At any time, you can ask your senior to bring these videos up, as they are now posted on the Schoology page for the Class of 2025, and work side-by-side with them on their college applications. In the videos, they received information on:

First Video

- **Graduation Requirements:** Each student must have at least 24 credits and a completed graduation project.
- **The Senior Year Timeline:** What should be done and by when.
- **The Importance of GPA:** Many colleges will take the GPA from a student's senior year into consideration.
- **College Admissions Tests:** what is test optional; how to send scores.
- **Checking on Types of Deadline:** Early, Rolling, Regular Decision; Financial Aid
- **Signing Up for College Rep Visits in the Building**
- **Step-by-Step Directions on Matching Common App to Naviance:** a must in order for counselors to send materials to colleges.
- **Finalizing Their College List:** Setting up Naviance and their “Colleges I’m Applying To” list to reflect what colleges should receive materials; step-by-step instructions on application type, deadlines, and much more.

Second Video

- **How to Request Letters of Recommendation:** Do not request in Common App; step-by-step instructions on how to invite teachers to upload letters; all letters will be sent by the counselors.
- **QR code for Transcript Request Form:** this includes instructions that will take them through each section of the request form to help clarify the process.
- **Turnaround time for the Sending of Transcripts:** time management of deadlines is key.
- **Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR):** Several colleges now require students to fill this out to expedite the process, allowing them to consider the student without having to wait for transcripts; explanation of how colleges may re-calc GPA.

Filling out college applications can be one of the most stressful times in your student’s academic journey, but know that the DEHS Counselors are there for the Class of 2025. Individual 12th grade meetings will begin the week of September 9th, so encourage your senior to stop in and get on their counselor’s schedule. **Additionally, counselors will be available during the Lunch and Learn period every day to answer questions about the college application process!**

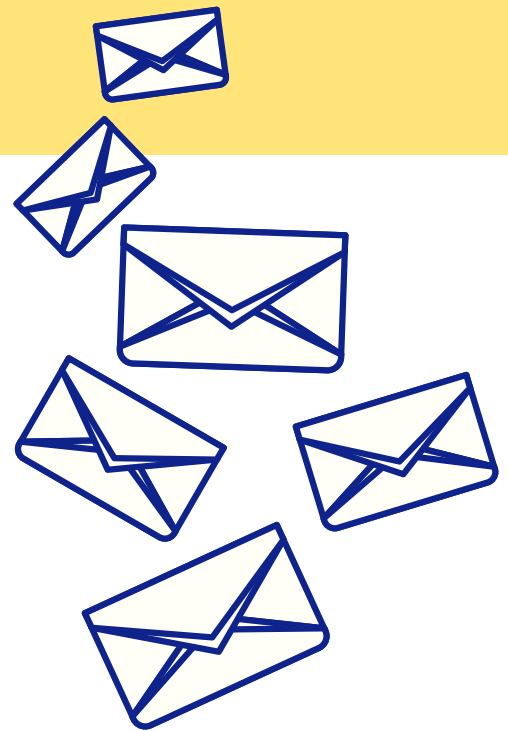
Letters of Recommendation for Seniors Applying to College

Acquiring letters of recommendation is more of a necessity than just a task to check-off on the college application process to-do-list. A compelling recommendation from a teacher provides colleges with an assessment of the applicant that goes beyond transcripts and test scores. Teachers can describe scholastic ability in a way that's more detailed than what grades provide and can speak to other qualities like personal integrity and a passion for the course of study.

During their junior meeting last spring, your student was encouraged to ask teachers for letters of recommendation, and now is the time for them to follow up via email or in person. If they haven't yet secured letters, it's highly recommended that students complete the "Teacher Letter of Recommendation: Questionnaire" to present to potential recommenders. This form is located in the Materials folder of their Class of 2025 Schoology.

Additionally, when they are ready to request transcripts, the student will be asked to designate a primary and secondary recommender. It is best, however, to find out the requirements for their specific colleges of choice. In general, each college has their own recommendation requirements. For example, one college may need two teacher recommendations. Some colleges may not want any. Some may ask for letters from specific content area teachers. This information is available either on the "Colleges" tab of the Common Application or directly on the colleges' websites.

Students must remember to add recommending teachers into their Naviance by going to the Colleges tab at the top of the page and selecting "Letters of Recommendation" under "Applying to College". Click on "Add Requests", find the recommending teacher on the pull-down menu, and be sure to click on "General Request". A more detailed explanation can again be found on the Class of 2025 Schoology course in the "Materials" folder by watching "Part 2 Senior Video". Seniors will then use the link found in that same folder to access a google form to request transcripts and letters be sent to their potential colleges. They need to allow up to 10 school days for the request to be processed, giving counselors plenty of prior notice to assemble the materials required.



College visits through the Career Center

JUNIORS and SENIORS....

College visits begin the week of September 16th, and you are encouraged to meet with any representative if you are interested in learning more about their college or university or applying to that school. Visits will take place in the Career Center unless otherwise notified.

To sign up for a college visit...

- 1) Ask teacher permission to miss class
- 2) Sign up on Naviance to register for the visit
- 3) Create an E-Pass to the Career Center. Seniors who are in blended learning do not need an E-pass.

Monday, 9/16

8:54 – Bryant University

9:43 – Misericordia University

Tuesday, 9/17

8:54 – Cedar Crest College

9:43 – Villanova University

10:32 – University of Alabama

Wednesday, 9/18

8:54 – University of Delaware

9:43 – Bucknell University

10:32 – Elon University

Thursday, 9/19

8:54 – Stevens Institute of Technology

9:43 – Ohio University

10:32 – Kutztown University

Friday, 9/20

8:54 – Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg, Mansfield & Lock Haven)

9:43 – High Point University

10:32 – Drew University

The weekly visits will also be posted in the College & Career Center Schoology Course.



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YEARBOOK



Yearbook & Senior Ad Sales

[Link to Online Yearbook and Ad Sales](#)

Yearbook and Senior Ad purchase center **Access code: 4846**

Ad prices: full page \$240, half \$130, 1/4 \$85, 1/8 \$60 or when 30 ad pages are full. Having trouble ordering? Call HJ's customer service at 866-287-3096

Senior Quotes Deadline- 10/1/24

[Link to Senior Quote Form](#)

- If the guidelines and rules were not followed, the quote will not be in the book

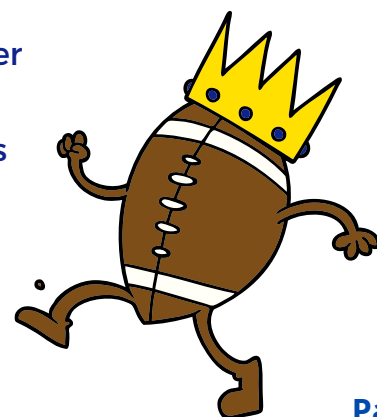
Yearbook Pose Selection Deadline: 10/18/24 (this date will appear on senior proofs)

- If anyone missed all the appointment dates and used the Lifetouch studio for a portrait, the deadline to submit the portrait to Mr. Scheuer is 10/18. Email the file to jscheuer@dasd.org
- Call Lifetouch's customer service at 1-800-736-4775 or prestigelwarea@lifetouch.com if you have questions.

Yearbook Pose requirements: Tux (w/red boutonniere) / Drape. No Hats.

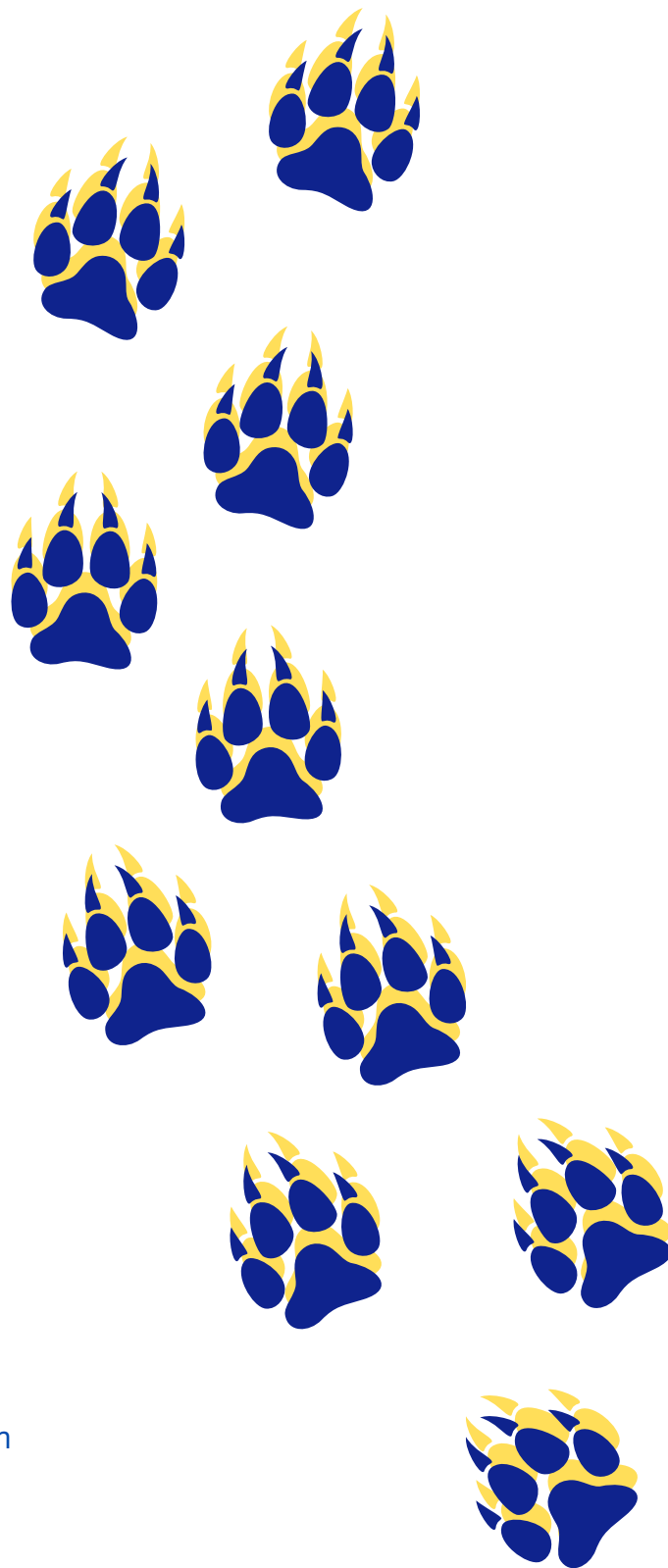
Homecoming Dance and Football Game

- **Homecoming Game Friday, October 4th**
at 7pm in Kottmeyer Stadium vs. WC Rustin.
- **Homecoming Dance** will be held on **Saturday, October 5th** from 7pm to 10pm in the Downingtown East Boyer Gymnasium.
- Tickets will be sold online two weeks prior to the dance.



ATHLETICS- VARSITY GAMES- GO COUGARS!

- **9/6: Football** at Spring Ford 7:00 pm
- **9/6: Cheerleading** at Spring Ford 7:00 pm
- **9/7: Cross Country** at PTXC 15
- **9/7: Field Hockey** at Wilson 10:00 am
- **9/7: Volleyball** at Ridley 10:00 am
- **9/7: Boys Soccer** at Roman 5:00 pm
- **9/9: Girls Golf** at CB East 3:00 pm
- **9/9 : Girls Tennis** at Sun Valley 3:30 pm
- **9/9: Volleyball** at Unionville 3:30 pm
- **9/9: Boys Soccer** vs. Unionville 3:45 pm
- **9/10: Boys Golf** at Coatesville 3:00pm
- **9/10: Girls Golf** vs. Avon Grove 3:00 pm
- **9/10: Field Hockey** vs. Unionville 3:45 pm
- **9/10: Girls Soccer** at Unionville 5:30 pm
- **9/11: Girls Tennis** vs. Shanahan 3:30 pm
- **9/11: Volleyball** vs. Henderson 3:30pm
- **9/11: Cross Country** at Coatesville 4:00 pm
- **9/11: Boys Soccer** at Henderson 5:30 pm
- **9/12: Girls Soccer** vs. Henderson 3:45 pm
- **9/12: Field Hockey** at Henderson 5:30 pm
- **9/12: Girls Golf** at OJR 3:30 pm
- **9/13: Girls Tennis** at West 3:30 pm
- **9/13: Volleyball** at Lower Merion 4:00 pm
- **9/13: Football** vs. Boyertown 7:00 pm
- **9/13: Cheerleading** vs. Boyertown 7:00 pm
- **9/14: Field Hockey** at North Penn 10:00 am
- **9/14: Girls Golf** at Valley Forge Classic 10:30 am



New Lunch and Learn bell schedule



Downingtown High School East Campus

Period 1 8:00-8:50

Period 2 8:54-9:39

Period 3 9:43-10:28

Period 4..... 10:32-11:17

Lunch/Learn 1.... 11:19–11:49

Lunch/Learn 2.... 11:50–12:20

Period 5 12:22-1:07

Period 6 1:11-1:56

Period 7 2:00-2:45



[For more detailed information on lunch and learn please use this link](#)

Parent drop off and busing information

To keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible, we ask...

- Parents who drop off their children are asked to stop only at the front of the building, near the flagpole. Please do not discharge passengers at any other point.
- Those parents picking up their child at the end of the school day or at the end of practices are asked to pull up to the front of the building, near the flagpole. Please do not block other vehicles.



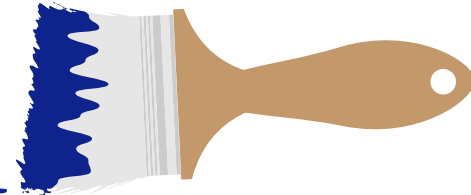
Student Parking Information



- All students driving to school **must** have a parking permit and must park in the designated parking lots for students.
- Students parking in the lots designated for visitors or staff and without a permit will be subject to a **\$25.00 parking fine**. No exceptions!

*If you have any questions about parking policies, please contact Mrs. DiLullo at ext. 41004 or cdilullo@dasd.org

HSA Senior Parking Spot Painting Fundraiser Information



LAST CHANCE! SENIORS ONLY !

COST: \$40 to paint your parking space. This DOES NOT include paint or supplies. Cash, check or Venmo will be required on painting day(s), prior to painting. If paying by check, please make your check payable to DEHS HSA. **(Please note that the money raised from this limited time Senior Parking Perk will help support the Senior Post Prom and the end of year Senior Picnic).**

SENIOR PARKING PERK PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- **You must be in physical possession of a current year (2024-25) student parking permit.** (Please refer to Mr. Hurley's Senior Parking letter that was sent via email on 8/5/24 for instructions on how to apply for a parking permit).
- Submit the Design Request Form and the signed Painting Contract via email to DEHSHSA@gmail.com.
- Once your design has been approved by school administration and HSA, you will receive an email at your school email address with further instructions.
- **Designated painting day is Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 am to Noon. You may ONLY paint during the designated painting days/hours under HSA supervision.**

PAINT REQUIREMENTS:

- Paint must be exterior water-based latex.
- No spray paint, reflective or fluorescent paint permitted.
- You will provide and pay for your own paint/supplies.

Please contact HSA with any questions DEHSHSA@gmail.com

Back to School Spirit Wear Sale



**ALL ORDERS
MUST BE PLACED
BY MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9.**



Proceeds benefit the Class of 2028



UNIVERSITIES UNITE

An evening with Florida, Tennessee, and Vermont

Monday
September
9th
7-8:30PM

An informational presentation
from each university,
Q&A, and 1:1 conversations with
Regional Admissions Counselor

For any questions, reach out
to Candice Duckworth at
Candice.Duckworth@uvm.edu

****Space is limited****

Downingtown
STEM
Auditorium

Register Here:



September 2024

Financial Aid Assistance Webinars



Tuesday, September 10
Noon (ET)

Thursday, September 26
6:30 PM (ET)

Searching for Scholarships & Affording the Balance

There are many ways to pay for education, and one important step is to search and apply for Scholarships. More free money equals less borrowing. This presentation will review the types of options available, along with tips on applying. It will also offer samples of fun scholarship options to get you started. We'll then review what to do about the balances that might be left over in order to make affordable higher education decisions. Join Suzanne Sparrow and Daniel Wray from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) for an hour of detailed information on this topic.



Financial Aid Timeline—Know What to Do When

Follow Suzanne Sparrow and Dan Wray of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) as they guide you along the exciting (and sometimes bumpy) road to an affordable higher education. The journey will begin before high school and end in the land of education loan repayment – or maybe even education loan forgiveness. One thing is for certain: it's never too early to start preparing for a successful higher education experience. This 1-hour presentation will provide the starting points and web resources- for effective research before, during and after your student makes postsecondary decisions. Know what to expect and to plan for it is the key. Failing to plan, is planning to fail!



Thursday, September 12
6:30 PM (ET)

Tuesday, September 24
Noon (ET)

Register today
at pheaa.org/virtual

PA **FORWARD**
Student Loans
by PHEAA

Counselors Contact Information

Ms. Kristina Cole: 9th - 11th Grade Students: A to Col
12th Grade Students: A-Cov; krcole@dasd.org- Ext. 41041

Ms. Stephanie Chupela: 9th - 11th Grade Students: Con- Gan
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Assistant Principal: (Frances) Jill Whalen: 12th grade and 10th grade: He thru O – fwahlen@dasd.org