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# THE NEWSLETTER OF DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

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## From the Principal's Desk...

I am pleased to inform you that 47% of our students made the honor roll for the second marking period and 617 students made it for both quarters. In addition this year, we have our highest percentage of students enrolled in Honors and AP classes and they are being successful with 95% receiving A-C. Overall 90% of our students earned A-C in their classes. I am also pleased that our SAT scores for seniors have gone up from 1570 to above 1600 this year. The final scores are not quite in yet. Most of our students are working very hard to meet the challenges of a higher level academic curriculum.

Unfortunately, we are not there yet for all students. We had 12.5 % of our students on the ineligible list. While this percentage is very low compared to many high schools, we still need to work harder and we need your help. By now, you should have received and reviewed interim reports from all of your child's teachers. The interims were mailed on February 29. We hope that with this added communication, students will achieve greater success.

On February 21, DHS staff hosted a special meeting for grade 11 parents. At this meeting, parents received information on graduation requirements, college application procedures, and other related topics. We had approximately 200 parents attend. On January 31, DHS held a meeting for parents of our incoming grade 9 students. We had approximately 300 parents there. Feedback from parents from both meetings was very positive. They felt the meetings were helpful and informative.

On February 27, we held our annual African American History Assembly. This assembly featured Mrs. Audrey Hill as a guest speaker. Mrs. Hill is a counselor at Montgomery College and a former DHS counselor. She works closely with many of our students who attend MC.

Robert Domergue  
Principal



Friday, April 25 at DHS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Musical – Grease	March 13-15
Pamper a Student day	March 18
Sumo Wrestling	March 19
Spring break	March 21-31
End of 3rd marking period	April 4
No School - Professional Day	April 7
International Night	April 11

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## Student Recognition

Peter Sylvers has been selected to receive a Howard Hughes Medical Institute/National Institute of Health/Montgomery County Public Schools (HHMI/NIH/MCPS) Student Internship for the 2008-2009 school year. This is a prestigious and unique opportunity to do research in a world-class laboratory. Congratulations to Peter!

## October PSAT High Scores

The following students are to be commended for receiving high scores on the October PSAT.

Name	Grade
Brian Van Doren	9th
Gwendolyn Cannon	10th
Julie Eisenberg	10th
Christina Dollar	11th
Julie Gysavage	11th
Abigail James	11th
Semeon Kotov	11th
Peter Sylvers	11th
Jacob Watkins	11th
Mary Willard	11th
Doug Zellers	11th
Zakiul Zuberi	11th

### Correction to "What Do I do When the Bus Doesn't Come?"

The contact number for Clarksburg Bus Depot that was given out in last month's newsletter is not correct.

**The correct number to call for all bus issues is: 301-353-0955**

## Important Notes

### Student Parking

Parking continues to be an issue at Damascus High School. Please be reminded of the following information.

- Students must have an approved parking tag to park in the student lot.
- Students are not permitted to park in any other areas.
- If someone is parked in your spot, please report it to a security staff member.
- At a minimum, students violating the parking rules risk being issued a \$25 fine and/or having the vehicle towed at the owner's expense (towing costs can equal or exceed \$100).
- Parents will be notified by letter if multiple fines have been issued.



### Student Obligations

Parents we need your support. As of Feb. 22, we have 200 + students who owe obligations. Letters were mailed home in January to students who had an obligation and we listed how much their obligation was.

Students will not be able to attend the Prom or Senior Banquet without having paid obligations. Please make sure your student takes care of this obligation as soon as possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Lost and Found

There are two places you or your student can check for lost items during the school year. Items such as coats, hats, gloves, book bags, etc. are located on a coat rack in the back of the cafeteria. Items of value such as cell phones, calculators, jewelry, glasses etc. are kept in the Main Office. If you or your student has lost something either this year or in the past, please check one of these two areas.

## Important Notes (cont'd)

### Furniture




Over the last several years, we have been replacing furniture throughout the school. We recently purchased over 200 new student desks, which will be in place soon. In addition, several lab tables have been replaced. This will nearly complete our student furniture replacement plan. We ask students to do their part in taking care of the furniture.

## **New Course Offerings in Horticulture for 2008-2009 School Year**

Damascus will be offering the following courses next year and they are open enrollment for all students in 9-12 grades. Students who would like to pursue a course of study in Landscaping, Environmental Studies or other agriculture related fields are encouraged to add a Completer in Environmental Horticulture to their course of study at DHS. DHS is the only school in Montgomery County currently offering this course of study for students. Add an extra certification to your high school diploma! For more information on horticulture courses check out the Damascus High School Webpage-

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/damascushs/departments/cte/hort.aspx>

- ♣ Foundations of Horticulture A CRS# 553500
- ♣ Foundations of Horticulture B CRS# 553600
- ♣ Floral Design & Interior Plants – Sign-up for CRS# 552700 Horticulture 2A
- ♣ Greenhouse and Nursery Production – Sign-up for CRS# 552800 Horticulture 2B
- ♣ Landscape Maintenance – Sign-up for CRS# 553100 Horticulture 3A
- ♣ Environmental Studies – Sign-up for CRS# 553200 – Horticulture 3B

	<b>DHS Horticulture Plant Sale</b>
	April 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> & May 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>  Fridays 2:30 – 7:00pm Saturdays 9:00am – 5:00pm



## **Baseball Dugout Update**

Carpentry students are making excellent progress on the baseball dugout in spite of the cold temperatures. DHS Baseball athletes can look forward to a snug new “Nest” for the 2008 spring season. Students interested in taking the Carpentry Classes at DHS can contact Mr. Shiffler at [Todd\\_F\\_Shiffler@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Todd_F_Shiffler@mcpsmd.org).

## SAT On-line Study Program



All parents of DHS juniors and sophomores should have received a special invitation and password to access the College Board SAT On-line Program. This site allows students to practice on-line for their SAT test and read about how to approach each type of question that appears on the test. Since College Board also writes the Accuplacer, the PSAT and AP tests, knowing how to approach each type of question can be helpful for all standardized tests. Just like anything at which one wants to be successful, practice is the key. Parents are encouraged to help their students practice on the site at least 20 minutes three times a week. Certain sections of the site will not only explain if your answers are correct, but provide detailed information about why the answer is correct and how a test-taker should approach the question.

If parents of juniors or sophomores have not received the information, please feel free to contact Mrs. O'Brien at [Susan\\_S.Obrien@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Susan_S.Obrien@mcpsmd.org) to request the information. Please make sure you include your child's name and your home address in the email.

## AP Test Registration

**Parents:** Advanced Placement (AP) testing will be conducted May 5-9 and May 12-16, 2008. Registration began in February 20, 2008. Registration will end on March 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Students may register in the Guidance Office during non class times. The cost is \$84 per test. Limited financial aid is available for those who qualify; contact Mrs. Coleen Djouha at (301) 253-7037 for details. We encourage all students who are enrolled in an AP course to take the AP exam in May. The AP tests give your children an opportunity to earn college credits in high school. This will save you on tuition costs in the long run. One of our former students earned 22 college credits through AP testing. Check the Damascus High School website for more information in the coming months.

## Health Education

Family Life & Human Sexuality approximate start date is April 21, 2008. Parental permission is required for a student to be INCLUDED in Family Life instruction. Permission forms will be distributed on March 31, 2008.

Disease Prevention & Control approximate start date is May 12, 2008. Parental permission is required for a student to be INCLUDED in Disease Prevention instruction. Permission forms will be distributed on March 31, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stone at [judith\\_l\\_baggettstone@mcpsmd.org](mailto:judith_l_baggettstone@mcpsmd.org)

### Athletic Department Important Dates in March

March 1 or 3	Spring teams begin tryouts
March 3	Athletic Booster Club meeting
March 10	Football team to Annapolis for state recognition for being state champions
March 12	Meet the Coaches Night for spring sports
March 13	Team/individual sports pictures

**News:** The Athletic Booster Club will not be having their annual mulch sale this year.

### Yearbooks

Hurry up and order your yearbooks while supplies last - only \$70.

## Support Post Prom!!

**Don't forget to support the Post Prom Committee with your tax-deductible contribution!** The suggested contribution is \$40 per DHS family but every dollar will make a difference!

# Special Needs/ Learning Disabled

Recently we were in a doctor's office and observed the following little drama. We had just signed in at the check-in counter. A teenage girl accompanied by her blind father (he was using a white cane) had just begun to register after us. The girl started to fill out the forms when she was approached by the secretary, who began to tell her that she might not be able to be seen because consent for the treatment form needed to be signed by a parent (the girl was under 18). The secretary was poised with a pen and the said consent form in hand. The father then said "I may be blind but I can hear and I can sign my name!" The young girl started to cry just as her mother arrived from parking the car. The girl wanted to leave, but her parents insisted on staying. We do not feel this drama needs a lot of explanation. We ask you in the coming year to be sensitive to the handicapped. Just because you are blind does not mean you cannot hear or write. In our opinion the rudeness and insensitivity of that secretary is off the chart. I recall there was a large sign in the hallway saying NO FOOD OR DRINK BEYOND THIS POINT, perhaps it should be replaced with the "Ten Commandments of Etiquette for Communicating with People with Disabilities", produced by the Presidents Committed to Employment of People with Disabilities.

## ACTIONS

Outlined below are the "Ten Commandments of Etiquette for Communicating with People with Disabilities".

1. When talking with a person with a disability, speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter (unless they request for an interpreter).
2. When introduced to a person with a disability, it is appropriate to offer to shake hands. People with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb can usually shake hands. (Shaking hands with the left hand is an acceptable greeting.)
3. When meeting a person who is visually impaired, always identify yourself and others who may be with you. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking.
4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen to or ask for instructions.
5. Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names only when extending the same familiarity to all others. (Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulders.)
6. Leaning on or hanging on to a person's wheelchair is similar to leaning or hanging on to a person and is generally considered annoying. The chair is part of the personal body space of the person who uses it.
7. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking, be patient and wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for the person. If necessary, ask short questions that require short answers, or a nod or shake of the head. Never pretend to understand if you are having difficulty doing so. Instead, repeat what you have understood and allow the person to respond. The response will clue you in and guide your understanding.
8. When speaking with a person who uses a wheelchair or a person who uses crutches, place yourself at eye level in front of the person to facilitate the conversation.
9. To get attention of a person who is deaf, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand. Look directly at the person and speak clearly, slowly, and expressively to determine if the person can read your lips. Not all people who are deaf can read lips. For those who do lip-read, be sensitive to their needs by placing yourself so that you face the light source and keep hands, cigarettes and food away from your mouth when speaking.
10. Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use accepted, common expressions such as "See you later" or "Did you hear about that?" that seem to relate to a person's disability. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you're unsure of what to do.

The information for this fact sheet came from three sources: The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, *Guidelines to Reporting and Writing About People with Disabilities*, Produced by the Media Project, Research and Training Center on Independent Living, and *Ten Commandments of Etiquette for Communicating with People with Disabilities*, National Center for Access Unlimited.

- By your Special Needs Chair Person  
Patricia Regan-Allen (301-253-4586)

# Foreign Language Department News

The first semester has passed and we are very delighted with the results of the students in the French, Spanish and Russian classes. We will be working together with the students to ensure that the results will be repeated for this second semester. Please refer to Edline regularly for student grades and homework assignments.

The teachers in this department extend their expertise and support of the whole school beyond the classroom. The three after-school activities that we sponsor; the **Foreign Language Honor Society**, the **International Club**, and the **Latino Dance Club** have been active. The FLHS visited the Damascus Recreation Center where we sang and danced with the after-school children. We all had so much fun! We went to Baker Middle School last month to publicize the foreign language program at DHS. We will be celebrating **Foreign Language Week** during the first week in March. Our Speaker Day is **March 7**, where students and teachers (and sometimes parents) share their experiences overseas with the classes. We are currently accepting **applications** for the FLHS through the month of February. Please contact your foreign language teacher for these. Our **induction ceremony** will take place in April. The International Club will have an **International Night** in the spring.

If there are any concerns or questions about the Foreign Language Department, please contact Ellen Briggs at (301) 253-8708 or email her at Ellen [Briggs@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Briggs@mcpsmd.org).

Gracias et Merci,

## Important Upcoming Events for Seniors

Senior Banquet	April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 pm-9:00pm, Washingtonian Marriott
Senior Parent Meeting	May 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm, DHS Auditorium
Senior Breakfast & Class Meeting	May 16 <sup>th</sup> during 1st and 2 <sup>nd</sup> period, Cafeteria
Mr. Damascus	Date and Time TBA (possibly May 8th @ 7:00 pm)
Prom 2008	Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 am Marriott Inn & Conference Center, UMD – College Park
Graduation Rehearsal	Thursday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> in morning, DHS Stadium Field
Senior Picnic	follows Graduation Rehearsal, Butler's Orchard
Graduation	Friday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, DHS Stadium Field



## Post Prom Party at Dave & Busters at White Flint Mall



Our students will have the entire fun filled facility right after the Prom on May 18 from 1:00 until 5 a.m.!! The goal of the Post Prom Committee is to provide a safe, fun and most of all memorable alternative for our students. D&B provides great food, a multi-million \$\$ Midway with interactive games, billiards, virtual golf and much more!!! Bus transportation will be offered with advance reservations!!!!

**This year we may need to sell tickets for the Party to determine an accurate headcount.**

If you would like to volunteer Prom Night or to be included in the Post Prom Committee, please contact Sue Shepard at [shepardr@verizon.net](mailto:shepardr@verizon.net) OR 301-482-1634. Committee meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the Damascus McDonalds. Our next meeting is April 8.

# Music Notes

The Choral music program had a very successful trip to New York--performing at Saint John the Divine. The Instrumental music program is getting ready for their performance in Boston. Both programs are getting ready for the MCPS Festivals in March. CDs of the December concert performances are still available. Please email or call Mrs. Berry or Mr. Doherty for details.

Mark your calendars for the following instrumental and choral activities. Many of these activities are free of charge and very entertaining!

🎵 Band Cluster Concert	Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
🎵 Strings Cluster Concert	Monday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. Auditorium
🎵 MCPS Choral Festival	Tuesday, March 11 (during day--hosted at here DHS!)
🎵 Musical: Grease	March 13, 14, and 15 7:00 p.m. each evening *tickets needed for admission
🎵 MCPS Orchestra Festival	Tuesday, March 18 (during day)
🎵 MCPS Band Festival	Wednesday, March 19 (during day)
🎵 Band trip to Boston	April 10-13
🎵 Evening of Jazz: (featuring Duquesne Jazz Band)	Thursday, April 17 *tickets needed for admission



## Paid Summer Internships for Juniors and Seniors

Make a Difference in your community.

If you are a high school junior or senior with a passion for making a difference in your community, Bank of America can help you turn that passion into action. Application Deadline is **February 29, 2008**

To apply please visit: [www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders](http://www.bankofamerica.com/neistudentleaders)

This is an eight week paid internship opportunity.

Bank of America  
Bank of Opportunity



## Support Leo's Club!!

**New!** Coming to Damascus High School! In place of the annual Walk for Kids, the Damascus Leo's Club will be holding a Sumo Wrestling Competition. Don't miss the action! Teachers and some students will be competing in Sumo Wrestling suits, with live music and concessions sold as well.



**What:** Sumo Wrestling Competition  
**When:** March 18th from 7:30pm until 9pm  
**Where:** DHS gym.

Proceeds from this event will go to Camp Merrick (a camp for children who are blind, deaf, or diabetic) and Camp Friendship (a camp for children who have cancer). Admission is only \$5 - so come out and enjoy the fun!



# Scholarship Opportunities...

## Damascus High School PTSA Scholarship Application

Due Date: Friday ~ April 11, 2008

The Damascus High School Parent Teacher Student Association will award several scholarships to graduates of the Senior Class of 2008 who will be pursuing further education at an accredited institution in the following areas (mark only one choice):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Year Bachelor Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Need (Eligible free/reduced lunches) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Year Associate Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs (Has IEP on file at DHS)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Trade School   | <input type="checkbox"/> FOR ALL: School you will be attending:         |

The selected recipient will possess the highest level of the following criteria:

1) A record of participation in one or more of these categories:

- Non-academic extracurricular activities at DHS, example: SGA, Booster Club, sports teams, etc.
- Community involvement, example: 4H, BSA, GSA, church, seniors' home/hospice volunteer, etc.
- Paid employment.

Complete the chart on the reverse side of this application. NOTE: Verification will be conducted – include current contact name and phone number for each claim.

2) Demonstrated responsible citizenship, high moral character, and genuine respect for the school's staff/faculty, and peers: Provide name of a DHS staff/faculty member we can contact for verification:

Staff Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Well-defined personal values and goals: ON A SEPARATE SHEET, articulate your values and goals in one typed paragraph. The paragraph's topic is: "Where I intend to be three years after completing my education."

4) Academic accomplishments: ON A SEPARATE SHEET, create a list that includes all academic awards, certificates and improvements during your high school years. Ensure all of your Honors courses, AP courses and college courses, if any, are listed, and include grades achieved for each of these courses.

1<sup>st</sup> semester 2007/2008 GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

5) An essay: ON A SEPARATE SHEET, between 500 and 750 words on one of the topics listed below. This essay must separate you from the other applicants. Your work should be uninhibited, but respectful and tasteful. Not more than 10% of your essay may be quoted material, properly referenced.

ESSAY TOPICS:

- 1) Alternatives to War in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 2) The Dangers and Opportunities of the Information Age
- 3) Explain Voter Apathy
- 4) Principles of Government Under the American Constitution
- 5) What do we learn from a disaster such as the hurricane that hit New Orleans, the Tsunami or the attack to the Twin Towers on 9/11?

Optional alternative topic for vocational trade school and special needs scholarships ONLY:

- 6) Name a DHS staff/faculty member whom you admire. What special characteristics does he/she possess? How do they inspire others to be the best they can be and accomplish their goals?

**Membership Requirement:**

The family MUST be a member of the DHS PTSA. (You can still join if you are not yet a member.) Is your family a member of the DHS PTSA? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

*Good luck! The recipient of these scholarships will be announced at the DHS Awards Ceremony in May.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Class of 2009

We are proud to announce the Prom 2008 arrangements. The big event will be Saturday, May 17, 2008. The theme is Under the Sea. It will be a dinner and dance held at the Inn and Conference Center at the University of Maryland University College. Invitations will be distributed in English classes to all Juniors and Seniors the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ticket sales will begin the last week of April until May 9<sup>th</sup>. No tickets can be sold after May 9<sup>th</sup> as the final number needs to be given to the hotel one week in advance.

The dinner will be an elegant affair with an all you can eat buffet. The menu includes beef, chicken, salad and vegetables. The DJ will be present for the hour and a half that dinner is served. This ticket will cost \$70. At the conclusion of the dinner service, 8:30, those coming to just the prom will be admitted. This ticket will cost \$50.00.

In order to cut the cost of this expensive evening and insure our students' well-being we have hired coaches with DVD and CD players to transport our students. There will be a 10 to 15 dollar charge for the buses, far less than the \$120 per person cost of a limousine. The bus transportation includes after prom. Details will be in the invitation.

We look forward to having all the Juniors and Seniors attend the Prom.

Ms. Wade and Ms. Berg

### The Lauryn Grapski Scholarship Fund

Lauryn was a 1998 graduate of DHS. She was on her way home from college November 17, 2000, when another driver caused the accident that took her life. Lauryn's dream was to become an elementary school teacher. If you are planning on majoring in elementary education in college, please see the criteria below and apply for the scholarship. We will be giving two (2) or more \$1,000 scholarships this year. To date seventeen scholarships have been given.

**Criteria:**

- \* Majoring in Elementary Education;
- \* 3.0 GPA;
- \* Minimum of 100 hours of Community Service
- \* 300 word essay; why you want to teach.

Please pick up information and applications from the Career Center. Deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Post Prom (PP) Fundraisers!**

Spirit Night at Milestone McDonald's – early April

Mystery BINGO – Friday, April 25 at DHS

May 10 – Yard Sale in DHS parking lot, 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

You may participate in three ways:

1. Purchase a space for \$25, YOU sell your “stuff” and you KEEP the \$\$.
2. Donate your “stuff”. WE will sell it and KEEP the \$\$.
3. Come and SHOP!

### **Solicitation for PTSA Officers**

The PTSA is soliciting nominations for officers for the 2008-2009 school year. The officers are President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in running or know someone who is, please contact the nominating committee: Mary Harris (301-253-0836 or [Mary.E.Harris@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Mary.E.Harris@jhuapl.edu)), Carol Zehoroduy (301-482-2292), and Barbara Zellers (301-253-3465 or [bztower@yahoo.com](mailto:bztower@yahoo.com)).

## From the PTSA's President...

I want to thank everyone who came to our last PTSA meeting and offered their input to Mr. Doug Noble and Mr. Joel Cockrell of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board. Some great ideas were shared in our discussions. Please remember there is NO PTSA meeting in March. Our next meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It's hard to believe but we are beginning to making plans for the next school year. I want to thank the members of our Nominating committee for stepping up and helping us come up with a slate of officers for the next year. If you would like to be considered or have a name of someone who would like to be an officer of the PTSA next year please contact Barbara Zellers, Carol Zahorodny, or Mary Harris. See their article for more details.

Families with seniors – don't forget to take advantage of all the scholarship opportunities – including ours! Many are listed right here in our newsletter.

Bettianne Quinn, PTSA President

## The American Legion Boys State Program 2008



McDaniel College in Westminster, MD will be the location for this year's American Legion Boys State program which runs from June 15 through the 21. Over 200 young men from across the state will gather for this one week camp in order to learn about the operations, ideals, functions and goals of government.

Some of the specific objectives of Boys State are:

- To provide an opportunity to learn, understand and practice the basic principles underlying the representative form of government;
- To teach young leaders to make decisions in line with reason;
- To develop civic leadership and interest in governmental affairs;
- To meet other likeminded young men from across the state in a challenging, fun environment.

This program is limited to Damascus High 11<sup>th</sup> grade males who are in good academic standing and recommended by their counselors. This is a **competitive program** which requires a personal interview and a commitment to attend the camp for the entire week. Additionally, prospective candidates must be physically fit and willing to participate in directed activities. A physician must sign off on the application or the candidate must a high school physical exam on file.

There is no cost to participate and further information is available from Mr. Art Smith, counselor, at 301.253.7037.

The application **deadline is March 14, 2008 at 3 PM.**



### DHS Retired Staff Scholarship 2008

The DHS Retired Staff will grant a scholarship for \$1000 to a graduating senior who is planning to become a teacher. This scholarship is supported by contributions from the more than 75 retired teachers and staff from DHS. Applications are available from Mr. Martin in the Career Center at Damascus High School. **Applications must be returned by April 18, 2008.**

## Yard Sale


**(Post Prom Fundraiser)**

**When:** Saturday, May 10  
8 am until 1 pm

**Where:** DHS Parking Lot

# March

## PTSA Calendar

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3 Band Cluster Concert-7:30 / Auditorium	4 Swim & Dive Banquet – 6-8:30 / Cafeteria  AOIT Meeting-6:30- 8:00 / rm. 120	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 MCPS Choral Festival – 7:30-2:30 / Auditorium	12 Spring Meet the Coaches Night – 7:00 / Auditorium	13 Spring Team Pictures Taken  Spring Play "Grease" – 7:00	14  Spring Play "Grease" – 7:00	15  Spring Play "Grease" – 7:00
16	17	18 "Pampered Student" Day  Leo's Sponsored Sumo Wrestling – 7-8:30 / Gym (Tentative)	19	20	21 *Holiday – Good Friday – No School	22
23	24	25  S P R I N G	26 	27  B R E A K!!!!	28	29
30	31					

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# April

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4 End of Marking Period 3	5	
6	7 Professional Day – No School for Students	8	9	10	11 International Night – 6:30 – 9:00	12 Auto Trades Foundation Car Show – 8:00-4:00 / Parking Lot
13	14 SGA Sponsored Blood Drive	15 Report Cards Distributed  PTSA Meeting – 7:00 / Media Center	16	17	18 Thespians Showcase & Induction Ceremony – 7:00pm / Auditorium	19
20	21	22	23 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 6:00 / Auditorium	24 Senior Banquet – 6:00-9:00 / Rio Marriott  Spring Plant Sale	25 DOCCS Sr. Citizen's Prom – 6:30-8:30 / Senior Center  Spring Plant Sale	26  Spring Plant Sale
27	28	29	30 School Member of the Board Elections			

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### Important Phone Numbers

Damascus High School..... 301-253-7030  
DHS FAX Line ..... 301-253-7046  
Athletic Director..... 301-253-7050  
Attendance ..... 301-253-7042  
Business Office ..... 301-253-7048  
Career Center ..... 301-253-7045  
Guidance Office ..... 301-253-7037  
Health Room ..... 301-253-7051  
Media Center..... 301-253-7058

#### Website:

[www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/damascushs](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/damascushs)

#### Emergency Website MCPS:

<http://.mcps.k12.md.us/info/emergency>



## 2007 – 2008

### PTSA Information

**PTSA meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the Media Center at 7:00 pm  
An open meeting to all!**

President	Bettianne Quinn	301-253-0228
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Kathi Vanhoesen	301-253-2898
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Mary Jean Osborne	301-972-4581
Treasurer	Lisa Dinsmore	301-253-9169
Secretary	Jennifer McGolrick	301-253-1383
NAACP Rep.	Carolyn Gray	301-972-3866
Co-Cluster Coordinator	Kristin Tribble	301-414-2329
	Leslie Cuneo	301-414-7573
MCCPTA Delegate	Isle Light	301-414-0205
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