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# THE NEWSLETTER OF DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

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## From the Principal's Desk...

From October 19-26, we celebrated a very successful Homecoming Week. The students did an outstanding job dressing for school spirit, making banners, building floats, and decorating halls. The hall decorations were amazing. Congratulations to our students for a job well done. I would like to thank the class sponsors for all their hard work.

Ms. Berg, and Ms. Sluger- grade 12

Mrs. Jennings- grade 11

Mrs. Gallagher- grade 10

Mr. Gannon- grade 9

A special thank you to Ms. Voketitis, our SGA sponsor, who helped organize all Homecoming events.

October 14 was a busy morning at DHS. Over 135 of our seniors took the ACCUPLACER test (a placement test for Montgomery College), approximately 350 sophomores and 200 juniors took the PSAT test, and our 350 freshmen participated in a variety of different activities. It was a good, but busy day!

I am pleased to announce that Damascus High School has more students taking honors and AP courses than ever. **78%** of our students are enrolled in at least one honors class. Over 1100 students take almost 3500 honors courses and over 500 students are enrolled in over 900 AP classes. Building a strong academic program for all students will continue to be one of our primary goals. As parents, you can encourage your children to challenge themselves by getting good grades and by taking rigorous courses. **This will help them to better prepare for college and the job market.**

**Robert Domergue**  
Principal



### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10 – Fall Awards Ceremony  
 November 11 – Report Cards Distributed in Homeroom  
 November 17 – PTSA Meeting  
 November 18 – AOIT Parent Meeting  
 November 19 – Senior Citizens' Dinner – Cafeteria  
 November 23 – Mock ACT Test given to Juniors 7:25-11:55  
 November 25 – Early Release @ 11:40  
 November 26 – Thanksgiving  
 November 27 – No School  
 December 1 – Winter Chorus/Orchestra Concert – Auditorium  
 December 2 – Winter Band & Jazz Concert – Auditorium  
 December 3 – Winter Sports Meet the Coaches Night

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# From the Principal's Desk... (CONT.)

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following DHS Students

Congratulations to the cast and crew for the wonderful production of "Check Please". It was very humorous and entertaining.

Congratulations to Ginni Larosa, a 2009 DHS graduate, who has been awarded the James and Sarah Goddard Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to academically talented students who are currently enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

### Straight A's



#### **The following students have had Straight A's for 3 years:**

Sara Bleistein  
Michael Giroux  
Kevin Sanders

Gwen Cannon  
Mindy Markman  
Nicole Urps

Julie Eisenberg  
Frank Rumore

#### **The following students have had Straight A's for 2 years:**

Bernadette Cannon  
Daniel Osborne  
Rachel Wilson

Vivianne Dagher  
Lauren Simoncic

Caitlin Maczka  
Brian Van Doren

#### **The following students have had Straight A's for 1 year (08/09):**

Marlie Austin  
Alexandra Carroll  
Ethan Farrell  
Steven Harris  
Jamie Humphries  
Katarina Leiby  
Hannah McIlvried  
Amanda Sessa  
Melinda Tsai  
Kelsey Yeager

Shannon Burns  
Prachi Chadha  
Brian Fowler  
Abigail Henningsgaard  
Kenneth Hunsley  
Kara Marklin  
Dana Ng  
Shelby Stabler  
Suttida Vanaphongsai

Sara Caporaletti  
Lauren Doresey  
Herta Granado  
Dylan Howe  
Lexie Kambich  
Mary McGehee  
Nicole Pulley  
Katherine Stansell  
Kelsey Watkins

## **School Spirit Wear**

Wondering what to get that special student for the holidays? Looking for the perfect birthday gift for a DHS student? Check out Damascus High School **Spirit Wear**! You can shop in the convenience of your own home by going to the Damascus High

School website, select the SPIRITWEAR icon on the top of the page or scroll down to the **Our Community** section, and then merely click on **Spirit Wear**.

Here is the link to our website: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/damascushs/>

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

For those who are interested in purchasing Student Accident Insurance from United HealthCare Insurance Company, we distributed forms during the second week of school and we also have enrollment forms in our Main Office.

### **FREE OR REDUCED MEALS**

If you qualify due to household income level, your student(s) may be eligible to receive free or reduced meals. Application forms can be obtained from the Main Office.

# From the Principal's Desk... (CONT.)

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following DHS Students

### AP Scholars

Matthew Abelman\*  
Timothy Angel\*  
Michelle Blanchard\*  
Emily Buras  
Lindsey Carpenter\*  
Thomas Creegan  
Kayla Everett  
Kathryn Gentile\*  
Tyler Heshman  
Erika Hoffmeier  
Elaina Iosue\*  
Antonio Kallungal\*  
Jessica Kim  
Semeon Kotov\*  
Ginni Larosa\*  
Amelia Leach\*  
Emily McIlvried  
Danielle Moreau  
Dana Ng  
Jennifer Rawlings\*  
Krisiten Scuderi\*  
Matthew Sisson\*  
Nicole Urps  
Brian Wiacek\*  
Rachel Wilson  
Alexandra Yanus\*

Kojo Achiampong  
Adriana Balcazar  
Sara Bleistein  
Giuliana Burton  
Paul Cho\*  
Vivianne Dagher  
Brooke Feinhals\*  
Michael Giroux  
Hanna Hensman  
Nicole Hoffmeier\*  
Brittney Johnson\*  
Brendan Kelly\*  
Julie King\*  
Ian Lacy  
Timothy Lawrence\*  
Jacqueline Loberiza\*  
Kristofer Meiburger\*  
Evan Nehring\*  
Chelsea Onksen\*  
Frank Rumore  
Kathryn Setzler  
Kelsie Stabler  
Madeline Waters\*  
Mary Wildsmith  
Todd Wilson

Stephen Ajamian\*  
Victoria Barry\*  
Casey Bulmer\*  
Sara Caporaletti  
Evan Churchville\*  
Kelly Eby\*  
Margaret Fletcher\*  
Trevor Golden\*  
Christopher Heverly  
Cory Householder\*  
Victoria Jones\*  
Shahina Khan\*  
Kimberly Knipe\*  
Melissa Lane  
Sarah Layer\*  
Michael Marler\*  
Andrea Mobley\*  
Thomas Nehring  
Christophor Pedersen\*  
Kevin Sanders  
Sean Singh\*  
Christie Stegman\*  
Jacob Watkins\*  
Mary Willard\*  
Denzel Woode

### AP Scholars with Honor

Silvia Argueta  
Alexander Clayborne  
Brian Fowler  
Rachel Ibers  
Stephen Leas\*  
Sarah Russell\*  
Hannah Temme\*

Kara Bausch  
Lauren Dorsey  
Julie Grysavage\*  
Hina Ijaz  
Erinn Mcconville  
Megan Sanquist  
Sarah Vandoren\*

Gwendolyn Cannon  
Brian Fanney  
Jordan Hill  
Megan Johnson\*  
Robert Patton\*  
Katherine Stansell

### AP Scholars with Distinction

David Ahern\*  
John Connor\*  
Christina Dollar\*  
Emily Greene\*  
Nathaniel Lam\*  
Andrew Morris\*  
Stephen Ricketts\*  
Leah Thornton\*  
Douglas Zellers\*

Kathryn Allen\*  
Matthew Curley\*  
Julie Eisenberg  
Brianna Group\*  
Adam Lauer\*  
Andrew Osborne\*  
Samantha Russell\*  
Brian Vandoren  
Zakiul Zuberi\*

Kerry Campbell\*  
Lindsay Derby\*  
Laura Gibney\*  
Abigail James\*  
Valerie Maggio\*  
Andrew Quinn\*  
Peter Sylvers\*  
Angela Wong\*

\*Graduated in 2009



# Happy Thanksgiving

# !!!!!! IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR PARENTS !!!!!!

Parents, we are asking for your assistance with our Student Emergency Information updates. Each parent is now able to make any changes or updates pertaining to their student's contact and emergency information via EDLINE. If parents do not have access to EDLINE, please call the Guidance Office at 301-253-7037 with any changes.

We are asking that parents check their student's information and make any updates necessary. This is especially important as it pertains to H1N1 school closures or other emergency situations which could occur. Below are instructions:

- Log onto the **Damascus High School web page**
- Log into **EDLINE**
- On right side under **LINKS**, click on **Emergency Information Form**
- Select student(s) name from drop down menu
- Page 1, review '**custody concerns**' and at bottom of page '**authorization for administering first aid**' and make changes as appropriate
- Click '**save and continue**'
- Page 2, **review all information** (phone numbers, address, emergency contact, etc) and make appropriate changes
- Click '**save and continue**'
- Page 3, **review all information** (hospital preferences, allergies, medications, etc) and make appropriate changes
- Click '**save and exit**'

Once you make updates via EDLINE, it immediately updates our online student information database. This will assure that we have the most current information on our student population.



## ***Be Triumphant***

Help your daughter or son prepare for the PSAT, SAT, or ACT from the comfort of your home!

Using the Triumph program, students can access study guides and practice quizzes in preparation for taking the PSAT, SAT or ACT. Students need to go to the MCPS homepage, click on the "Students" tab, look to the far left of the screen and click on this rectangle:

**Prepare & Study for  
SAT/PSAT & ACTs**  
Free TCA online help

A list of schools will then appear. Students need to click on Damascus. This will take them to the Triumph homepage. Then they need to log-in with their Student ID as the username and password (sans the class year).

A window appears with options to understand the format, strategies and content of the PSAT, SAT and ACT. Students may also take skill-based quizzes or a 30 minute "Quick Test" to support their test preparation. Many seniors who have worked with this program find its information valuable. We hope your son or daughter will, too.

## The Challenge is On!



The overwhelming enthusiasm and spirit of homecoming will become the 'Spirit of Service' as the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors issue a challenge to each other for this year's DHS CANNED FOOD DRIVE. The drive will be held from Monday, Nov. 16 - Friday, Nov. 20. Students will drop off canned food and other non-perishables to their class sponsor's designated area every morning and a tally will be kept to determine the class that reigns supreme! The drive is co-sponsored by Interact Club, Leo's Club, and the LFI Program and all donations benefit Damascus Lions and Damascus HELP. The pantries are bare and the need is great - your support of this drive and pride in your student's graduating class is greatly appreciated!

## Student Service Learning

As in the past, high school seniors who earn a total of 260 SSL hours will receive the Certificate of Meritorious Service from the Maryland State Department of Education and Montgomery County Public Schools. This entails a certificate from the State and special recognition during the graduation ceremony. Because of the way spring break falls this year seniors must have all applicable hours turned in by the second Friday in April (April 9, 2010) to qualify for this award.

If your child is looking for activities he/she can visit <http://mcpsssl.org> to search the MCPS database of approved activities (FIND OPPORTUNITIES NOW link). In addition, your student can download and print the SSL Verification Form to complete after activities. Upon completion the student needs to turn in the forms to Mr. Brown in room 144.

If you have questions or concerns contact the DHS SSL Coordinator, Mr. Brown at 301-253-7062 or [jeffrey\\_t\\_brown@mcpsmd.org](mailto:jeffrey_t_brown@mcpsmd.org)

## Damascus Community News Flashes



Do you know about a Damascus student who has excelled in an area of community service or activity outside of school? Damascus High School would like to recognize these students. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Guidance Office. If there is a newspaper clipping, please attach it to the form.

Thank you so much for your input!

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service or Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary of Outstanding Effort:

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## **NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM**

By B.J. Plesniak, RN, SCHN

October is "Let's Talk Month," a time when parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about relationships, sex, contraception, and pregnancy. Decades of social science research makes clear that parents matter more than they think on these topics and public opinion surveys show that teens say parents most influence their decisions about relationships and sex---more than peers, popular culture, or the media.

So, parents, what are you waiting for? Here are some resources for you to get the conversation started during Let's Talk Month and in the future:

\* Ten Tips for Parents <<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=S7-sDFNtCmP30YNFVv2T4w>>

\* The Talk: It's More than Just Sex  
<[http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=QkgkwdzZuXK5tBZoCbZf\\_g](http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=QkgkwdzZuXK5tBZoCbZf_g)>

\* Aunt Sarah's List: Things We All Need to Say to Teens and Young Adults  
<<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=vxym4tWOKVI4OqCC3HKEQA>>

\* Resources for Parents<<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=zIMpSYtAnG2hSKSZDymAfA>>

\* The National Campaign Parents Portal <<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=y8u-VOBN9nUm5xcLIsJz5Q>>

\* Pregnant Pause blog post: Parents: Talking is Job #2  
<<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=cOnKtSMBpGtQiU0mRLotPQ>>

### **H1N1 FLU VACCINE ADMINISTRATION LOCATIONS:**

You may go to the following websites to check on where the H1N1 flu vaccine will be available in Montgomery County: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu)<<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu>>. This information is a work in progress so you need to check the site frequently.

If you are interested in sites outside of Montgomery County you may go to the following website:  
[www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination)<<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination>>.

We are definitely seeing an increased number of students with flu like symptoms. Remember the primary way to reduce the spread of influenza in schools is to focus on early identification of ill students & staff, staying home when ill, covering your cough with a tissue or into you elbow, frequent hand washing, and keeping hands away from face.

MCPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES HAVE DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

- 1 STUDENTS WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 100 DEGREES f OR GREATER WITH COUGH OR SORE THROAT HAVE THEIR PARENTS CALLED TO COME & PICK THEM UP & ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE. UNTIL THE PARENT IS ABLE TO PICK THE STUDENT UP THE HEALTH ROOM STAFF WILL ISOLATE THE STUDENT IN THE HEALTH ROOM
- 2 THE STUDENT SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL OR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS UNTIL FEVER FREE FOR 24 HRS WITH OUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION.
- 3 THE STUDENT MUST REPORT TO THE HEALTH ROOM BEFORE ATTENDING CLASS WHEN HE/SHE RETURNS TO SCHOOL.
- 4 STUDENTS MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN FREE OF FEVER (LESS THAN 100 DEGREES F) FOR AT LEAST 24 HRS WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION.

## **ON SALE NOW!**



Don't miss out on the Damascus High School 100th Anniversary Commemorative Yearbook. This will be out first every FULL COLOR yearbook, so it will be beautiful! The price is \$75 until January 4; afterwards the price will rise to \$85. Please send checks or cash to Mrs. McCormick in room 149 or send to the main office in her mailbox. Checks should be made out to "Damascus High School ." Or, you can go online to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and type in our order #: 5039. There is a \$3.50 process fee for using the website.

## **Send Your Graduating Senior Love!**

Remind your senior how much you're going to miss them next year by buying a Senior Ad in the yearbook. You can purchase a quarter page ad (\$75), half page ad (\$125), or a full page ad (\$235) through Mrs. McCormick. Please email her to get the formatting guidelines. Submit your ad before January 4th to avoid the \$20 late charge.

The Yearbook Staff is still looking for photo donations for the Now & Then section of the yearbook. If you have old photos of students posed together that could be used for this section please submit them to Mrs. McCormick on a CD. Please do not email these photos as they get compressed and cannot be used.

Please contact Mrs. McCormick for any and all Yearbook related questions!

[Lauren\\_E\\_McCormick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lauren_E_McCormick@mcpsmd.org)

## **Environmental Club**

Environmental Club is spreading awareness by showing a movie-of-the month! Please plan to stay after school November 19<sup>th</sup> to watch Planet Earth! Along with the occasional stream cleanup, the Environmental Club plans on teaming up with the Leo's Club this year to adopt a highway and beautify nearby roads.



But what can you do to help save our environment? You can:

- \* Turn off and unplug electronics when not in use
- \* Recycle
  - Old batteries
  - Old/Used ink cartridges
  - Plastic grocery bags
  - Plastic and glass bottles
  - Paper
- \* Purchase a polycarbonate water bottle instead of the disposable plastic water bottles

- \* Turn off lights when leaving the room
- \* Purchase a lunchbox or bag instead of disposable paper bags
- \* Check out the website: [www.50waystohelp.com](http://www.50waystohelp.com) to see what else you can do!

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION on H1N1 FLU**

The DHS Health & School Environment Committee wants to remind parents and students in our community about the simple steps we all can take to help combat the spread of swine flu. One thing is to please make sure you wash your hands often with an anti-bacterial soap and use hand sanitizers. Also, don't share eating utensils or drinks. In addition, make sure you cover your coughs and sneezes (then re-wash your hands).

If you have flu-like symptoms that persist for over a day, consider seeing your family doctor and perhaps staying home if the symptoms get worse or last longer. Discuss the possibility of getting the flu shot with your physician.

You can help take care of others just by taking care of yourself. Students are encouraged to see our Nursing staff and Health teachers for more information.

# ★ POST PROM 2010 ★



**PIZZA THURSDAYS** – Every Thursday Hot Pizza for sale by the auditorium.

\$2 per slice or 3 for \$5



## **POST PROM BINGO**

*Lots of great prizes!! Gift Certificates, Baskets, Pottery, Spirit Wear & more*

Date & Time: Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>; Games begin at 2pm.

Place: DHS Cafeteria

Tickets will be sold at the 10/30 football game or call Lisa Dinsmore for tickets 301-253-9169



## **3RD ANNUAL SHOPPING FRENZY**

Date & Time: Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Place: DHS Cafeteria

Vendors call Lisa Dinsmore at 301-253-9169 to reserve a table.

**DON'T FORGET – WE ARE ASKING EVERY DHS FAMILY TO MAKE A \$40 DONATION. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

Make your checks out to DHS Post Prom. Checks can be mailed to:

Lisa Dinsmore  
9724 Dixie Ridge Terrace  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

\*Please ask your employers to also consider making a donation. Donations Are Tax Deductible!

## **Social Studies News**

On October 13, business people spoke to our United States History classes about the importance of doing well in school so one can do well in life. Presenters encouraged students to think about their high school transcript and on-line identity and how they can help one gain success. Presenters also talked to students about financial literacy and the benefits of a budget. Our thanks go out to Rachel Sprecher of Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education for coordinating their *720 Program* (720 days in a high school career). We also wish to thank Glenn Byrd of MedImmune, Aaron Berkowitz of Deloitte, Kim Vandervoorn of United Healthcare, Kim Pham of Lockheed, Carol Burke of MedImmune, and Andy Pachucki and Adam Lackey of Clark for volunteering their valuable time to help our students.

If you have any questions about the Social Studies program, please contact John Mosier on Outlook or at 301-253-7072.

# Sociology Class Community Service Projects

From the beginning of this Fall Semester, the Juniors and Seniors taking Sociology here at Damascus HS have been participating in an on-going community oriented service project for which they do not receive SSL hours...they are helping just for the sake of helping.

For these past several months, they have been working on spreading awareness of particular needs addressed by various projects, and seeking to collect donated items in order to help others.

One of the projects, collecting colorful & festive blankets for children in hospital cancer wards, "Project Linus", has so far brought in four blankets. Another project serving children in hospital cancer wards is "Conkerr Cancer", where students are collecting colorful & festive pillow cases to be given to these young patients. If you would like to create and donate a blanket or pillow case to either cause, you are encouraged to check out their websites; <http://www.projectlinus.org>, or <http://www.conkerrcancer.org> to see how you can help (they also directly accept monetary contributions sent to them). Items can be dropped off in Rm. #134. There is even a 'No-Sew' blanket pattern (which is available online, or at JoAnne Fabrics, where some fleece fabric is on sale).

Other projects the students are actively participating in include collecting new or old warm winter jackets & blankets to be donated (not sold) by the Salvation Army with their 'Winter Assistance' Programs for the less fortunate. Thus far, the class has collected five jackets and three blankets, which will soon be delivered to the Salvation Army's community center off of Aircraft Drive in Germantown (not the store in Gaithersburg). In addition, the students have also collected new school and arts supplies, as well as new toys for children who are separated from the families and are residing at the "SanMar Children's Home" ('orphanage', which works with children whose ages range from 2-20...some from Montgomery County, all from MD) in Boonsboro, MD. Donated items for these endeavors can be dropped off at Mr. Dickie's classroom at DHS, Rm. #134. Community residents interested in assisting are asked to visit their websites; <http://www.montgomery.salarmydc.org>, or <http://www.sanmarhome.org>.

Our Sociology students gathered enough spare change to send a \$25 check to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, specifically to aid in the Pacific Tsunami Relief Effort, and also collected enough spare change to purchase 500 BOXES OF MAC-N-CHEESE from the Aldi grocery store in Frederick (where the boxes are regularly priced at 35 cents each)...enough to feed 1000 PEOPLE! Our community sons and daughters gave up their spare change, gave up buying a coke, in order to help feed others. We should be very proud of our students, and applaud their worthwhile efforts.

The students have also collected 7 cell phones to donate to 'Secure The Call' (<http://www.securethecall.org>) which gives old 911-ONLY capable phones to local battered women's shelters & Senior Centers, as well as to local law enforcement. Plus they have also collected several pairs of eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club "Gift of Sight" program which matches an old pair of eyeglasses with a needy person who may not be able to afford them so well. These items, plus empty ink jet cartridges, can be dropped off at DHS Rm. #134 for re-distribution.

All of Mr. Dickie's Social Studies classes this semester (AP Psychology as well as Sociology, including some past Anthropology students) have put in effort to make these great occurrences a reality. Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett awarded a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to the students in these classes for their incredible efforts, saying, "You are an inspiration to us all".

These students need your help spreading the word of what is needed to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, team mates, youth group and house of worship members...everyone, helping make them aware of what is needed, and how our community can assist others in our community. Directly thru contributions, or indirectly thru communication...any help is appreciated. Please look at the website for the different organizations, and if you have the extra means, please see if you can try to contribute anything. Donations will be collected and distributed between now and Friday, December 11, 2009...just in time for the Winter Holidays. Thank you.

## From the PTSA's President...

It was great to see so many students at the Kaplan SAT practice exam on October 17th. As many of you know, the Damascus PTSA is partnering with Kaplan SAT prep this year. On November 17th, Kaplan staff will be in the DHS media center from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, before the PTSA meeting, to go over the SAT exam results and disclose some SAT Test taking secrets to parents and students. The initial discussion will pertain to the test scores of the students who have taken the practice test. But, the majority of the session on November 17th is open to **all** parents and students who may be interested in hearing what Kaplan has to offer for improving SAT scores. I will be there and will be happy to talk to parents about the very positive results we have seen on the SAT exam, after completing the Kaplan SAT prep course. Since we are partnering with Kaplan, Damascus HS families will receive 50% off the original price of a Kaplan SAT prep course.

The PTSA continues to sponsor Sally Foster Gift Wrap. Please go to [SallyFoster.com](http://SallyFoster.com), place an order and enter # 574281 or enter Damascus High School PTSA during checkout. Damascus PTSA will receive 50% on all orders through December 30th. We appreciate your support!

At the October PTSA meeting we discussed the possibility of setting up a PTSA ListServe to communicate by email with other parents at DHS. We currently have about 350 PTSA members and those with email addresses will be given the opportunity to join the ListServe. We will let you know more about this in the next few months. Consider coming to the PTSA meetings on the third Tuesday of each month to learn more about what is happening in the school and how to find out about the things your students are interested in.

PTSA meetings are a place to ask questions and get answers. We always welcome new members and look forward to seeing all of our members at our meetings! We hope to see you at our next meeting which will begin at 7:30 on November 17th in the media center. Have a very relaxing and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

*Sincerely,  
Reina Sprankle*

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### Damascus High School 2009-2010 PTSA Membership Form - \$25 per family

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with:

Short term projects \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Appreciation \_\_\_\_\_ Post Prom \_\_\_\_\_

**PTSA<sup>®</sup>**  
*everychild.one voice.*

## PTSA Calendar

### November

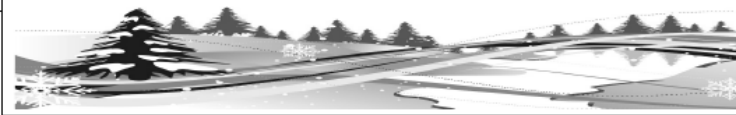
Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Professional Day – No School for Students	3 Marking Period 2  10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtg.- 7pm/Auditorium  Tree Dedication 2:30	4	5	6	7 SAT at DHS
8	9	10 Fall Awards + NHS Induction 2:30	11 Veteran's Day Open House  Report Cards Distributed to students in homerooms	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Mock ACT for juniors	24 Progress Reports	25 Early Release Day – 11:40	26 Hoiliday – Thanksgiving Day – No School	27 Holiday – No School	28
29	30					

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### December

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Winter Orchestra/Choral Concert – 7pm/Auditorium	2 Winter Band/Jazz Concert – 7pm/Auditorium	3 Winter Sports Meet the Coaches Night – 7pm/Auditorium  Pizza Thursday – 2:15	4 Christmas Tree Sale Begins – through 12/19	5 SAT
6	7	8 AOIT Pinning Ceremony 7:30/Rm. 120	9	10 Winter Play – 7pm/Auditorium  Pizza Thursday – 2:15	11 Interims Mailed Home  Winter Play – 7pm/Auditorium	12 Winter Play – 7pm/Auditorium
13	14	15 Mock SAT for Juniors	16 Best Buddies Holiday Party – 6- 8pm	17 Pizza Thursday – 2:15	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Holiday – No School	25 Holiday – No School	26 Holiday – No School
27	28	29	30	31		

Enjoy Winter Break!



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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>



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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	Reina Sprankle	301-253-0936
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Louisa Stack	301-253-8834
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Carolyn Gray	301-972-3866
Treasurer	Kristin Tribble	301-414-2329
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