
THE NEWSLETTER OF DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

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From the Principal's Desk...

I am very proud to announce that **Julie Grysaveg** was selected as National Merit Finalist. Julie scored in the top 1% of the nation on her PSAT tests while in grade 11. This is quite an accomplishment! Julie is also a Maryland Distinguished Scholar.

I am pleased to announce that 632 students made the Honor Roll for the 2nd marking period and there were 97 students who received straight A's. Our Honor Roll is posted in the lobby of the main entrance to the building.

On February 10, 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 February 3, DHS held a meeting for parents of our incoming grade 9 students. We had approximately 250 parents there. Feedback from parents from both meetings was very positive. They felt the meetings were helpful and informative.

As I see parents and students at all these events, I continue to hear many positive comments about DHS. Parents are happy with the quality of our academic and our athletic programs. Many former students visited us prior to the winter break and shared that DHS had prepared them well for college.

Thank you, parents, for sending us such good kids and for being so supportive of our school.

I also wanted to let you know that we have purchased the following items this year to make a more positive learning environment for our students.

- New student chairs for science (34)
- New student chairs (32) & desks (12) for special education classrooms
- New student chair-desk combos for room 150 (32)
- Additional computers (3)
- New lecterns (podiums) (2)

Robert Domergue
Principal

2009 Yearbooks

2009 Yearbooks are on sale now - \$70
Order yours while supplies last!
Order forms are online or in the main office

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AP Exam Registration

Parents: Registration for the 2009 Advanced Placement tests began on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Each test is \$86. Limited financial aid is available to those who qualify. You may register in the Guidance Office during non class times. Registration will end on March 20, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Please call Mrs. Djouha at (301) 253-7037 if you have any other questions.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the following DHS Students

9th Grade

Marlie Austin
Shannon Burns
Madeline Caffrey
Prachi Chadha
Dustin Colbert
Trenton Cope
Kelsey D'Ascoli
Kyle Demmerle
Herta Granado
Danielle Green

Abigail Henningsgaard
Dylan Howe
Justin Howe
Jamie Humphries
Lexie Kambich
Katarina Leiby
Mary Catherine McGehee
Hannah McIlvried
William McMinn
Caleb Neff

Annmarie Obendorfer
Emily Paciotti
Katrinya Perera
Nicole Pulley
Michelle Robinson
Lindsay Salisbury
Shelby Stabler
Melinda Tsai
Kelsey Yeager

10th Grade

Bernadette Cannon
Alexandra Carroll
Ethan Farrell
Hubert Gumbs
Steven Harris

Kenneth Hunsley
Caitlyn Maczka
Kara Marklin
Daniel Osborne
Lauren Simoncic

Fallon Taylor
Alexis Tippet
Suttida Vanaphongsai

11th Grade

Sara Bleistein
Samuel Brittan
Gwendolyn Cannon
Sara Caporaletti
Vivianne Dagher
Julie Eisenberg
Audrey Ervin
Brian Fowler
Michael Giroux

Hannah Hensman
Rachel Ibers
Joseph Kriz
Mindy Markman
Emily McIlvried
Dana Ng
Megan Polnasky
Jonathan Robinson
Frank Rumore

Kevin Sanders
Amanda Sessa
Katherine Stansell
Nicole Urps
Brina Van Doren
Kelsey Watkins
Rachel Wilson

12th Grade

Kathryn Allen
Maria Arellano
Ryann Brickley
Casey Bulmer
Kerry Campbell
Evan Churchville
Kathleen Davis
Lindsay Derby
Madelyne Elliott
Brianna Group

Julie Grysavage
Brittany Hale
Chad Hill
Sarah Hooks
Abigail James
Ginni Larosa
Adam Lauer
Valerie Maggio
Mallory McGolrick
Claire Mize

Jocelyn Munson
Mahyar Olomishirazi
Andrew Osborne
Andrew Quinn
Christie Stegeman
Peter Sylvers
Jessica Taylor
Hannah Temme
Angela Wong



Mr. Andrew Fields, our new assistant principal. Mr. Fields will be responsible for all grade 10 students and grade 9 students whose last names begin with A to G. He comes to us most recently from Northwest High School where he served as teacher and their head football coach. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal and Einstein High school. Mr. Fields is replacing Mr. Michael DeBoy who retired at the end of December. We thank Mr. DeBoy for his many years of service to DHS and its students and wish him happiness in his retirement.

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

♣ Damascus Chess Team



The Lady Hornets Chess Team came in 2nd place in the High School Division of the Maryland Girls State Chess Championships. Congratulations to **Emily McIlvried**, **Chelsey McMinn**, and **Alex Carroll** for their win.

- ♣ Awards Jacqueline Loberiza is the recipient of the Dr. Jose Rizal Youth Award
Brittany Johnson - county winner in American Legion Oratory Contest.

♣ Music

These very talented students auditioned and were selected for:

Montgomery County Youth Chorus



Meagan Alburger	Samantha Melkonian
Emily Buras	Nick Stamos
Lauren Koeritzer	Emily Trotter
Sarah Layer	



Maryland Senior All State Chorus

Lauren Koeritzer
Samantha Melkonian

All Eastern Nominee

Sarah Layer

All State Jazz Alternate

Brendan Kelly

Montgomery County Public Schools Senior Honors Band

Joshua Tsai

Montgomery County Public Schools Senior Honors Jazz Band

Stephen Leas

♣ College Signing

Congratulations to the following students for signing letters of intent:

Brad Harris for Football at Monmouth University

James Scafate for Football at University of New Hampshire

Sarah Van Doren for Swimming at University of Delaware

Marc Magas for Football at Towson University

Laura Shea for Lacrosse at Pfeiffer University

Taylor Wyatt for Softball at Lockhaven University

- ♣ Track Team: In an exemplary show of teamwork, both the Boys Indoor Track Team AND the Girls Indoor Track Team won the 3A West Regional Championships.

♣ Judo: **Connor Dantzler** has earned 2009 AAU High School All-American honors in Judo. He is a six time US junior national champion and has been named Maryland Athlete of the Year by the United States Judo Association.

- ♣ Thank you to Mrs. Mayhew and her Horticulture classes for providing us with Valentine's Day flowers.

♣ African American History Month



DHS celebrated African American History Month with a school-wide assembly on February 27. This year's theme was *Celebrating Diversity* and featured performances by students and staff. The Jazz Band performed two pieces, *Cute* and *Two Seconds to Midnight*. The Chamber Singers and Women's Ensemble accompanied two visual presentations that highlighted significant events in African American History and celebrated the cultural diversity at Damascus High School. AmpliFIY, an all-male multi-cultural dance group excited the students with rhythm and style. The show-stopper of the assembly was the Lady Steppers who were joined on stage by DHS faculty.



DHS vs. Clarksburg High School Staff Basketball Game Fundraiser

The DHS Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a DHS vs. CHS Staff Basketball game which will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm in the Main Gym. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available during lunches the week of the game. Tickets will also be sold at the door. There will be concessions, a bake sale, raffles, half-time contests and lots more! Come out and cheer on the DHS Staff basketball team!

Important Notes

Student Transfer Application Season - February 1 through April 1

Montgomery County parents who wish to request a change in school assignment for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season, which will be held from February 1 through April 1, 2009.

High school students are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence and are expected to attend their home school. Assignment changes of students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- ❖ Older sibling in the requested school,
- ❖ Continuation in feeder pattern from middle to high school, except when affected by boundary changes,
- ❖ A documented hardship situation

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents may request an assignment change form and an information booklet that describes the process and provides useful information. Assignment change forms and the Change in School Assignment Information Booklet will be available in schools beginning the first week of February. Special programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the booklet. Every effort will be made to notify parents of the assignment decision by May 15, 2009.

For more information about the transfer process, parents are asked to contact the principal of their home school. Non-English speaking parents may receive more information by calling the Spanish Hotline (301-230-3073), the Asian Hotline (301-230-5436), and the ESOL Parent Center (301-230-0674).

Did you know that DHS has:

- ❖ 105 students receiving AP recognition
- ❖ 61 AP Scholars
- ❖ 23 AP Scholars with Honors
- ❖ 20 AP Scholars with Distinction
- ❖ 1 National AP Scholars
- ❖ 8 National Merit- Honorable Mention
- ❖ 2 Maryland Distinguished Scholars- Semi- Finalists
- ❖ 32 Maryland Distinguished Scholars- Honorable Mention
- ❖ 4 Maryland Distinguished Scholars for Talent-Honorable Mention
- ❖ 1 National Merit- Semi-Finalist
- ❖ 95.6% graduation rate
- ❖ 75% of students take at least 1 AP or Honors class
- ❖ Over 60% of seniors take 1 AP class
- ❖ 475 students are enrolled in 875 AP courses
- ❖ 450 students took 731 AP Exams in May 08
- ❖ 79% of students in AP classes receive an A or B
- ❖ 89% of our students are earning A's-C's
- ❖ 50% of students make Honor Roll
- ❖ 90% of students go to college after graduation

Music Booster

Annie Lasagna Dinner hosted by the DHS Music Boosters

When: March 13, 2009 5:00 - 7:00PM

Where: DHS Cafeteria

What: Meat and Vegetarian Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, Bread, Salad, Drinks

Tickets: \$7 per person or \$25 per family (up to five people)

Tickets to Annie are sold separately



Evening of Jazz featuring the Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble

What: Baker Jazz Band, Damascus Jazz Band and Chorus

When: Thursday, April 2, 2009 7:00PM

Where: Damascus High School Auditorium

More: Dessert Reception following the concert & Basket Raffle

Suggested donation \$5 per person



The proceeds support the DHS Music Programs. Checks should be made payable to DHS Music Boosters. See any music student for tickets or buy them at the door

Scholarship Opportunities...

Damascus High School PTSA Scholarship Application

Due Date: Friday ~ April 17, 2009

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):

- Four Year Bachelor Degree Financial Need (Eligible free/reduced lunches)
 Two Year Associate Degree Special Needs (Has IEP on file at DHS)
 Vocational Trade School 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 of the 'Record of Participation' found on the PTSA portion of the DHS website.

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.

1st 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:

How has the economy affected:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) your community? | 3) your future? |
| 2) you and your family? | 4) your future educational plans? |

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 _____

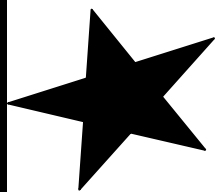
Good luck! The recipient of these scholarships will be announced at the DHS Awards Ceremony in May.

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

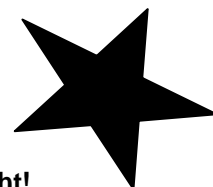
Address: _____ Phone # _____



The **Athletic Booster Club** is once again participating in Team Weeks at the Modell's in Germantown from February 27th thru March 26th. Tell the cashier that you are w/DHS Athletics and receive 10% off all purchases. 5% will be donated back to the Booster Club. Stock up on all your Spring Sports equipment and apparel today. Tell all your family and friends! Thanks for your support!



Post Prom 2009



Help Keep the Children in the Damascus Community Safe on Prom Night!

**Support our Fundraising Efforts
And make this an affordable night for all to attend!**

Make your tax deductible donations payable to DHS Post Prom and mail to:
Louisa Stack at 25431 Oak Dr. Damascus, MD 20872

Every DHS family is encouraged to donate \$40, but donations of any amount are appreciated!

If you would like to volunteer to assist with Post Prom events, please mail this form to the address above:

I would like to volunteer – my name is: _____

Student's Name and Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Prom Package

One Prize Package – Covers Prom Expenses for 10 Students
Tickets available before school on Mon-Wed-Fri, at the Pizza Thursday table and at many evening school events.

Total Package Value = \$1435
Raffle Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20

The Prize Package for 10 students includes.....

- Limousine service for 4 hours (tax & gratuity included) provided by **Abonmarche Limousine**. Value \$550
- 10 Post Prom Tickets. \$100 Value
- Dinner for 10, from a pre-selected menu, compliments of **That's Amore**. Includes tax & gratuity. \$350 Value
- Professional photography for your group prior to dinner. Compliments of **Photo Creations by Donna**. Each person receives a 5 x 7 of their couple and of the entire group. \$250 value
- 5 Boutonnieres and 5 Corsages. Courtesy of **Beall's Florist of Damascus**. \$185 value

Get in the Habit! Of 7-Habits

Get in the habit of sharing with your teenage sons and daughters a helpful hint from Sean Covey's *7-Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. In this edition of the PTSA Newsletter, we are thinking about Habit #4: Win-Win!

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game, right? Sometimes that's a difficult idea to accept, especially for teenagers as they enter into new and different academic, extracurricular and social experiences.

The pressures of wanting to become captain of a team, or to be accepted into the college of their choice, or to be asked to the prom by that special someone can be enough to cause our daughters and sons to become too competitive, or conversely, too passive. These behaviors can then create a losing situation when all they really want to do is to succeed.

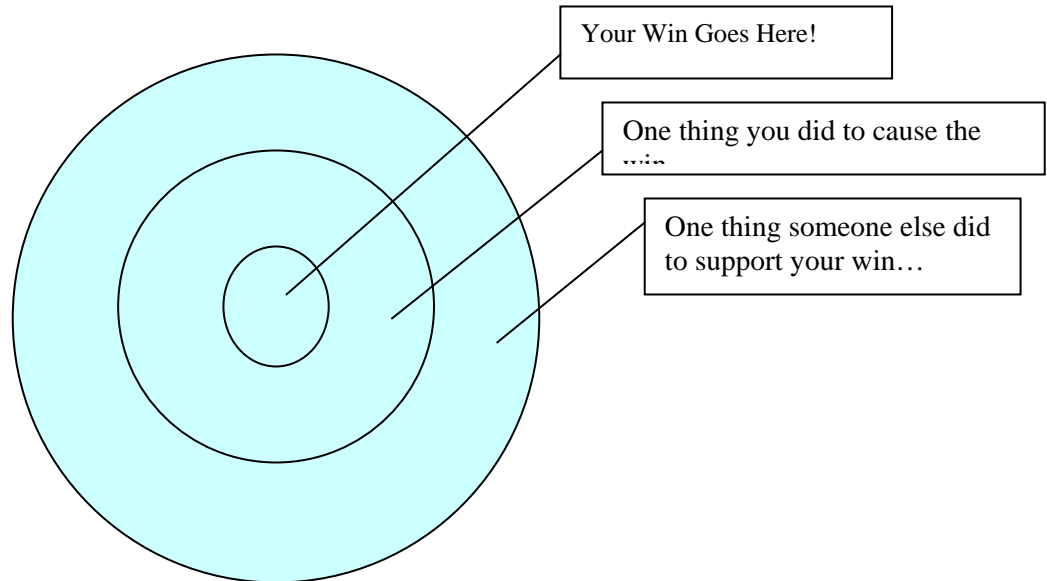
Success is achieved not by focusing so much on "the win", but by working effectively together. For it is only together that any of us have ever achieved the smallest prize to the biggest victory; and it is to others that we thank for the achievement of which we are rightfully proud.

Below is a suggestion adapted from 7-Habits of how to have them, and you, see what they can do, or already are doing, to think win-win.

"Parenteen" Activity

If you'd like to help your child understand how to create a win-win situation, consider the following activity.

YOU ARE A WINNER! Think about times when you have won the smallest prize to the biggest victory, whether at school, with friends, for family. Who helped you to win? How did you help yourself?



AFS Host Families Needed



AFS International Student Exchange has opportunities for about 15 Montgomery County families to host international high school exchange students for the 2009-2010 school year. Won't you consider it?

These are great, carefully screened kids. They come from over 40 different countries, and are eager to learn about America and take part in the activities of the host family and local high school. When you welcome a student from another country into your home, your children and family learn about the world, your AFS student takes home a part of America,

and you make a personal contribution to world peace and understanding. Two and single parent households, with or without kids, are eligible. The family provides a place to sleep (not necessarily a private room) and provides meals. Students bring their own spending money and have excellent health insurance.

Now is the time to start making the arrangements. Working with an AFS volunteer, you'll select your student from several who are a good match for the family's interests and lifestyle. All AFS students are above average scholastically and speak English. To learn more, talk with current Damascus AFS exchange student Nok Vanaphongsai (Thailand), contact Damascus HS AFS volunteer Sue Patton at 301-253-1204 (sue@patton.com), call 1-800-AFS-INFO, or visit the AFS website at <http://usa.afs.org/>

Social Studies News



Now that February has arrived we will be asking students to select courses for next year. Current 8th graders will take United States History. Current 9th graders will take National, State, and Local Government. Current 10th graders will take Modern World History. Current 11th graders can take Social Studies electives.

Next-year juniors have more choices than they had as younger students. First, they can take the required class (Modern World History) at an Advance Placement (AP) level. This means that if they do well on the AP test they can qualify for college credit. Second, they are eligible to take Social Studies electives. Our electives have been very popular with many students and they are all listed in the Course Offerings booklet that will come home with your student. Some of these electives can also be taken at the AP level and others are open to all students. If your son/daughter has done well in previous Social Studies classes and he/she **is willing to work hard** then an AP class should be in his/her future, if not during the junior year then in the senior year. Besides the possibility of college credit (thus saving you money and getting

your student a head start on others), AP classes do a better job of preparing students for the rigors of college. If you think that your student would benefit from the challenge of an AP course, but you are concerned that the homework would be too much or that your student needs more help with study skills, then consider "AP World History with College Literacy." We added this course a couple of years ago and it is a great way for students to break into AP.

Next-year sophomores can now take NSL-Government at the AP level. AP-NSL is a year long course that will prepare exceptional sophomores who are willing to work hard to take the AP American Government test that is normally given to juniors and seniors after a year of a required government class and a semester of an elective AP American government class. The course content needs to be covered both deeply and quickly so much is required of these students. The pay-off is better preparation for college and for future high school AP courses. We are also offering "AP-NSL with College Literacy" for students who want the challenge of AP, but are concerned about not having college-ready study skills.

Social Studies also would like to encourage all students to take advantage of a fresh semester. If you did not do as well as you would have liked now is the time to change your work habits. Natural ability and luck, while helpful, are not enough. Effective effort is the key to success and teachers are here to help you be successful. If you have questions about the Social Studies program please call your teacher or me at 301-253-7072.

- ❖ The **DHS Environmental Club** is collecting dead electronics batteries, burned out CFL light bulbs, and plastic grocery bags to be recycled and kept out of our landfills where they can cause harm. Please help keep our environment cleaner by collecting these items and dropping them off to Mr. Dickie's classroom, #134. Thank you.
- ❖ **Mr. Dickie's Sociology Class** is conducting a community service project in which they are collecting old cell phones to be donated to the Media Center to help raise funds for operations during this year on constrained budgets, as well as empty computer printer ink cartridges that the school recycles for money. His class is also collecting outdated eyeglasses to contribute towards the Lion's Club's "Gift of Sight" program that matches up donated pairs to people who cannot well afford to buy a new pair themselves. In addition, Mr. Dickie's Sociology class is collecting Campbell Soup Company product labels, such as; Swanson's foods, V-8, Pepperidge Farms, and of course, Campbell Soups. These labels will be used by the Damascus Elementary School for their own school supplies drive. Please send them in to Mr. Dickie's classroom, #134. Thank you for helping our students get more involved in our community.

Scholarships Available

The Lauryn Grapski Scholarship Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Grapski

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 your son or daughter is 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 nineteen scholarships have been given.

Criteria: majoring in Elementary Education; 3.0 GPA; Minimum of 100 hours of Community Service and 300 word essay; why you want to teach.

Please pick up application and information from the School Career Center. Deadline is April 30th.

From Teachers To Parents

Is Your Child Ready for School?

Just as you need a good night's sleep to do well at work, your child needs even more sleep to be successful in school. Adolescence is one of the biggest periods of growth, not only for the body, but also for the growth of connectors in the brain. If your child has not had enough sleep, or eaten a good breakfast, the brain's first attention goes to these deficits and the brain is not as available for learning. We also know that most teenagers do not function as well in the morning as they do in the afternoon; this adds another obstacle to learning, especially for the first two periods of the day. Since class scheduling is limited and every student can't take physical education during first and second period, it is even more important that students come to school well-rested, fed and ready to learn.

Coming prepared to school is one more thing that clears the path for learning. If a student does not have the necessary materials to start class at the bell, valuable instruction is missed while he or she borrows a pencil, paper or a book. Habits are practiced behaviors. According to research **it takes 21 to 30 days to form a new habit**. Help your child by getting into a habit of good preparation the night before school. For at least four weeks of school nights review their homework with them each evening, check their notebooks for plenty of clean paper, sharp pencils, working pens and erasers. Make sure they have the books and assignments they need for the following day set out and ready to go in the morning. Have a regular place, preferably in clear view of the door, where these materials are always left after the homework is completed. In the early morning rush to get to school, the few minutes spent the night before organizing will be invaluable.

Submitted by: Susan O'Brien
DHS English Teacher/Literacy Coach

The American Legion Boys State Program 2009



McDaniel College in Westminster, MD will be the location for this year's American Legion Boys State program which runs from June 21 through the 27, 2009. 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 11th 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 13, 2009 at 2:30 PM.

First annual Hornet Football & Speed Camp

The first annual Hornet Football & Speed Camp will be held July 20-24 and July 27-31 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Damascus High School. This non-contact camp is offered to students entering the 4th - 9th grade. Camp Instructors and Coordinators are Coach Eric Wallich, Head Football Coach at Damascus High School and Coach Dave Mencarini, Head Football Coach at Quince Orchard High School. If you have any questions, e-mail hornetfootballcamp@yahoo.com. Online information and registration is available at www.leaguelineup.com/hornetfootballcamp.

From the PTSA's President...

With second semester now underway and signs that winter is waning, it is also time to look ahead. In our newsletter this month you will find our PTSA Scholarship application. Mr. Martin also has copies and there is extra information online. I would encourage all seniors to apply. We do ask that you are a PTSA member, but it's not too late to join. Our deadline for submission is April 17.

Music has its booster club, and so does sports. I like to think that the PTSA is our Education booster club. Are you interested in making a difference in your child's education, or, since they are in high school do you feel you can let that slide? I hope your choice is the former. If it is, talk to us about the possibility of taking a leadership role in the PTSA in the fall. Whether it is just speaking out for the needs of special or gifted students, learning more about what goes on at the county level and reporting back to us your findings, or making sure our students are safe at a fun post prom event – both committee chairs and a new executive committee is needed for next fall. Our nominating committee consists of Louisa Stack, Lisa Dinsmore, and MJ Osborne. Their contact information is on the back cover. We also have job descriptions ready to share which tell the duties and time commitments for all the officers. Please ask to see a copy and consider becoming a leader.

Did you notice? Our PTSA newsletter which tries to support all DHS with sending you news on a regular basis was absent from your mailbox last month. This was due to financial constraints as our budget did not have enough money. We have 100 fewer members this year so our budget needed to be trimmed as we do not have any fundraisers except our dues. At our February meeting we cut our funding of the parent handbook and financial assistance to students in order to bring you this edition and 2 more newsletters this year.

Can you help us? Do you know of anyone who would like to advertise in our newsletters or student directory for the coming year? We would love your support! Please contact me or any PTSA officer and we will be happy to get you the information you need.

Can we help you? Please remember if you have any questions or concerns I am always willing to try to help find an answer. Come to our meetings, or just send me an email – I will try to find you an answer. My email is dhsptsa@gmail.com

Bettianne Quinn
PTSA President

Perfect for Prom Dress Shopping –
Don't Pay Full Price When You Don't Have To!

Formally Yours Dress Sale

Saturday March 14th, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rocky Hill Middle School

Hundreds of Dresses to Pick From -
Shop Early for the Best Selection!

Seamstress and Jewelry Designer on site that day!



March

PTSA Calendar

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Grade 11 Registration	3	4	5	6 Interims Mailed Home Spring Play "Annie" 7pm/Auditorium	7 Spring Play "Annie" 7pm/Auditorium
8	9	10	11	12 Leo's Club Fundraiser Sumo Wrestling – 7pm/Gym	13 Spring Play "Annie" 7pm/Auditorium	14 SAT given at DHS Spring Play "Annie" 7pm/Auditorium
15	16	17	18	19 DHS vs Clarksburg Staff Basketball game	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 End of 3 rd Marking Period	28
29	30 Professional Day – No school for students	31				

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April

Sun	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	
S P R I N G  B R E A K						
12	13 *Holiday – Easter Monday	14	15	16 Report Cards Distributed to Students	17 International Night – 7pm	18 DHS Car Show 7:00am – 3pm Student Parking Lot
19	20 DHS Blood Drive	21	22 Greenhouse Plant Sale Begins NHS Spring Induction 5:30- 8pm/Cafeteria & Auditorium	23 Senior Banquet – 7-11pm/Martins Westminster	24	25
26	27	28	29 SMOB Elections SGA Elections	30 Mr. Damascus – 7pm/Auditorium		

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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

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



Scholarship Nominating Committee

Lisa Dinsmore
Mary Jean Osborne
Louisa Stack

2008 - 2009

PTSA Information

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

President	Bettianne Quinn	301-253-0228
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