



May 14, 2012

Duxbury High School

WEEKLY NEWS

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MARK THESE DATES

May 14th
DHS PTO
7 pm

May 19th
Junior/Senior
Prom

May 30th
Senior Awards
7 pm PAC

May 31st
DHS
Baccalaureate
First Parish
Church 7 pm

June 2nd
Graduation
DHS 1 pm

June 18th
Last Day of
School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT – BEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS:

In their annual survey of public schools, U.S. News and World Report magazine has awarded Duxbury High School a gold medal. The organization evaluated nearly 22,000 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Schools were awarded gold, silver, or bronze medals based on state proficiency standards, how well they prepare students for college, and other factors. Based on these factors, Duxbury High School came in 272nd in the country and 13th in the state of Massachusetts. This is a significant 'feather in the cap' for our students, faculty and staff, parents, and for the community. Congratulations!

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for participation in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Analee Carpenter

Max Cook

Steven Kravitz

Hannah McLaughlin

Alexander Stewart

Matthew Tonis

Each of these students is among the 50,000 highest scoring participants out of 1.5 million entrants who took the PSAT/NMSQT and were invited to participate as a result of their high performance on that assessment.

JUNIOR PROM:

As you know, the Junior Prom will be held this **Saturday, May 19, 2012** in the DHS gymnasium. Students will begin arriving at 6:00pm and the event concludes at 10:30pm. This is a formal event and appropriate dress is required. Students are required to attend a full day of school on Friday, May 18, 2012.

If there are any parents interested in helping to park cars on Prom Day (Saturday, May 19, 2012) please contact Marc Talbot at 781-934-7650.

MCAS:

This week, on May 15 and 16, 2012, our sophomores will be taking the MCAS Mathematics assessment. On those days, all sophomores will report to the English wing at the start of the school day.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS:

Advanced Placement exams continue this week. Information is available in the Guidance Office.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Progress reports were posted to the portal on Friday. Please contact your son or daughter's respective teacher(s) if you have any questions.

REMINDER:

This is a reminder that the deadline for entering your essay in Duxbury's 375th essay contest is Friday, May 11th. The contest is open to all Duxbury students, grades 2 through 12, (regardless of where they attend school). The theme, ***What Makes Duxbury Unique to Me***, will be judged on 1.) Originality 2.) Standard English conventions 3.) Topic development 4.) Organization and 5.) Rich language/word choice, and should not exceed 750 words. The decision of the judges is final. (No essays will be accepted after May 11, 2012). An application form must be submitted with the essay and may be picked up at the Town Hall, the Duxbury Library, The Duxbury Clipper office, Duxbury Mortgage Company in Halls Corner or from our website www.duxbury375.com. Four winners (one from each grade level group) in grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12, will be awarded cash prizes: grade 2: \$50.00, grades 3, 4, & 5: \$50.00, grades 6, 7, & 8: \$75.00, grades 9-12: \$100.00. In addition, the winners will receive certificates and ribboned medals and will be recognized during the town-wide celebration on Sunday, June 17, 2012 on the Town Green.

This information is posted on our website at www.duxbury375.com.

Have a wonderful week!
Andrew Stephens, Principal

From the Guidance Office:

Seniors: The Massachusetts Association of School Counselors is conducting a statewide study with the graduating class of 2012 that seeks to answer the below questions and more - and our school will be provided with reports for our internal use that will describe, for example, the college and career readiness of our graduates as well as how our school counseling program aligns with the Massachusetts Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs.

* How do our graduates fare in their postsecondary pursuits?

* How many of our graduates, one year after graduation, are still pursuing the plans they made while they were in high school?

* How our graduates benefit from the work we do?

We are asking that all seniors over the age of 18 complete this survey via the link below:

<http://www.emergentfutures.org/grad/index.php?s=00820505> Please complete this by May 21, 2012. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact your Guidance Counselor. Thank you for your participation!!! Additionally all seniors must complete a Final Decision sheet so that we know their post-graduation plans and can send final transcripts if applicable. These were given out during advisory on Thursday, May 10th. If you did not complete one, please come to Guidance to do so.

Juniors: Now is the time to meet with your Guidance Counselor to discuss your post graduation plans. Please come to Guidance and sign up for an appointment. Remember that counselors work one evening a week to accommodate after school/after appointments as necessary. Keep in mind that counselors do not work over the summer so please plan accordingly.

Progress Reports: 4th Quarter Progress Reports for all students are available on the portal. Remember that grades close for seniors on May 25, 2012. If you have questions about a particular class, please contact the teacher directly.

A.P. Testing: Advanced Placement testing will continue this week and conclude on Friday, May 18th.

SAT: June 2, 2012 (June not held at DHS) To register for a test date please go to www.collegeboard.com

ACT: June 9, 2012 To register for a test date please go to www.act.org

Upcoming Dates: May 30, 2012 – Senior Awards Night at 7pm at the PAC

Registration for 2012 -2013 Bus Transportation is open!

Parents may now register their children for bus transportation for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Please be aware of the following changes: First Student has requested that rider information be provided to them by the Business Office by June 30, 2012 in order to create efficient bus routes and assign students to buses to avoid overcrowding. First Student is utilizing new software for this process.

In an effort to meet this deadline, the Business Office has automatically registered all current students (including students not previously registered for the bus) who will be in grades 1 – 6 in 2012 – 2013 that do not owe the transportation fee because their primary home address exceeds the 2-mile criteria.

Please register your child(ren) for which a fee is due before June 30, 2012. This would be children in grades K – 6 whose primary home address is within 2-miles shortest driving distance to Chandler School or Alden School and all students in grades 7 – 12. Please refer to the current Street Listing for 2012 – 2013 on our website. The fee remains unchanged from last year. It is \$250/student with a \$500 family cap if payment is received by June 15th. From June 16th on, the fee is \$270/student with a family cap of \$540.

Bus transportation information, printable application packets, online registration and payment are located at www.duxbury.k12.ma.us. Click on “District Services” and then choose “Transportation Services”. There is extensive information on our website to answer any questions you may have.

Please notify the Business Office if you have recently moved to ensure that we have the correct address on file for your family.

Bus passes will be printed and mailed in August. Any inquiries regarding the bus should be made to bus@duxbury.k12.ma.us.

Thank you for registering by the June 30th deadline!

From the DHS Health Office: Just a reminder that the Health Office website is up and running. Please refer to this as a resource regarding your student if needed. Go to Duxbury Public Schools website select **DHS**. Look at the toolbar on the upper right and select **Student Services**. Scroll down to Health. Once you are in the site there is a selection of current topics and frequently asked questions on the left side of the page. As always feel free to call us at 781 934 7665. Also just a reminder that Seniors will be receiving their immunization records with their diplomas. Enjoy the Spring!

Informational Music Career Night Duxbury High School Orchestra Room on May 23 7:30 pm

Interested in a career in music or a major/minor in music? Come join our Music Career Night discussion with a group of panelists who have been through the college application process and have industry experience. Panelists include: Eve Montague, Music Therapist; Jeff Largent, Berlee College of Music Faculty, Sound Engineer; Beth MacLeod, Shouth Shore Conservatory Director of Performance; Sam Pipp, professional musician and educator; a representative from Duxbury Music Faculty; Larry King, media-based career in radio; and a college music major. This event is free and open to interested students from schools throughout the South Shore. Come take advantage of this group of professionals and an informal question / answer format.

2012 Baccalaureate

The Duxbury Interfaith Council is sponsoring a Baccalaureate Service for this year's graduating class of Duxbury High School. Any senior who wishes to participate in the Baccalaureate must email their submission by 5 pm on Friday May 18th and attend both rehearsals. Due to program structure, no exceptions will be made. The service as well as both rehearsals will be held at First Parish Church, 842 Tremont Street.

Important dates to note:

Submission Deadline- Friday, May 18th at 5 pm

1st Rehearsal – Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm

Baccalaureate Service – Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 pm

Submissions must contain the following information: name of student or students

copy of the material being performed (e.g., artist and song lyrics, literature with author, etc.)

requirements for the performance (e.g., platform space for a large instrument, a music stand, stools, CD player, etc.)

Email all questions & submissions to: duxburybaccalaureate@yahoo.com

DHS Parents and Guardians,

The time has come for the Duxbury Gradnite Committee to thank you for donations, which has helped to make Gradnite a great success over the past 10 years. Parent donations helped to raise half the money needed for a great party. Plans for the Duxbury Gradnite 2012 celebration are well under way (Saturday June 2).

The main objective of a post graduation celebration is to provide a safe drug and alcohol free environment for our new graduates, as well as to keep our community safe on such a potentially dangerous night.

In order to keep the Gradnite tradition going, we ask that you please send in a donation of \$20.00 per undergraduate families.

We will strive to keep Gradnite an ongoing event that your children can look forward to attending when their time comes.

The time to get involved in Gradnite is while you have high schoolers. We welcome new participants!

For families of Grades 9, 10 and 11:

- Please donate to keep the tradition going
- Please consider helping out by doing 1 thing that is needed: setup or break down at DMS before and after Gradnite or chaperone during event

For families of Seniors:

- please make your contribution to the event (\$50 if paid by May 15th and \$65 after that date)
- Please join us for decorating at DMS (not DHS) art room
- Please send in copies of candid photos – group photos are best – of your graduate and friends

Thank you!! **Gradnite Committee Chairpersons: Chaperone Chairpersons: Food: Selden Tearse 934-5452**

Jill Cadigan-Christenson 585-0005 (jarcduxbury@comcast.net)

Debbie Findley 582-1629 Treasurer: Linda Landry 934-5859 Brian Tonis 319-0144 (btonis@gmail.com)

Lynne Lenhardt 934-8178 Activities: Lynn Jones 834-0907

DSU new memberships options open today to new members. A high school membership is just \$25 and comes with serious VIP benefits including private study rooms for homework or group projects, private room for your student taught music lessons, discounts to Acting and Film workshops, Music, and RAD programs, volunteer opportunities for community service hours and \$50 discount to host your own party at the DSU.

The DSU is here to provide safe opportunities and events for youth, designed by youth, of all ages. **Purchase a membership or make a donation today at www.duxburystudentunion.com.**

DSU Coffee House is Friday, May 11th at 7.30pm. There is so much local talent playing in basements and garages around Duxbury so in usual tradition, the DSU showcases local high school musicians with a night of entertainment. It's amazing what brews! Coffee, hot chocolate and by end the of the night fusions of bands playing Crossroads and other classics. Many DSU musicians have graduated DHS to pursue music and careers as professional performers. Come see Alenni Davis, New Violet, The Black Dogs, Revelators and The Pecan Sandies and watch them soar! Tickets \$7 students, \$10 adults, available at the door. This event is proudly sponsored by Vantage Point Realty Advisors of Duxbury.

Save the date Saturday, May 19th for **Post Prom Spring Fling Girls Night Out** from 7pm for middle school girls. Who doesn't love the red carpet at the Duxbury High School Prom? Enjoy the friends and fashions and then grab some girlfriends for a night of POST PROM festivities. Low pro nails, hair, makeup, gourmet dinner and watch Mean Girls (PG13) on the big screen. We'll be having a Kalteen ice cream sundae bar during intermission. Members \$25, nonmembers \$30. High school girls still needing community service hours are welcome to volunteer at admin@duxburystudentunion.com

"Candyland"



Duxbury High School Junior/Senior Prom

The Duxbury Junior-Senior Prom is right around the corner on May 19th, 2012. Ticket sales will begin May 3rd-11th. We urge all juniors and seniors to attend, whether stag or as a couple. A memorable evening in the high school gym, including dinner, entertainment, and court presentation is planned. Time: 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Many parents have expressed an interest in dropping by the prom. We hope parents and interested family members won't feel excluded, but this is an evening when students cherish their private time together. If you would like a "peek" at the prom, you are most welcome to drop by the high school on Saturday afternoon, May 19th, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

The Prom Committee is seeking your help with various subcommittee work. If you can help us, please sign and return this form to Lew Alberti at DHS. Please indicate dates, times and areas in which you could lend a hand.

PROM DECORATING:

Wednesday	5/16	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Thursday	5/17	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	5/18	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	5/19	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

VALET PARKING:

Saturday	5/19	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Lew Alberti, DHS, 130 St. George St., Duxbury, MA 02332

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Email: _____

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Decorating

(date) _____ (time) _____

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Valet Parking

PLEDGE A Plant

This year the Prom theme will be **“Candyland.”** We will need many plants and flowers for our landscape. The Prom Committee will be purchasing a variety of large plants and shrubs, which will be used to decorate the gym. For a small pledge of \$25.00 per plant, we invite you to come to Duxbury High School on Sunday after the Prom to choose your plants to take home and enjoy!

Please fill out and send in the attached form with your pledge money of \$25.00 per plant (checks payable to DHS Class of 2012) to:

Lew Alberti, DHS, 130 St. George St., Duxbury, MA 02332

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of plants _____ Amount enclosed _____

*We are sorry but we cannot accept requests for specific types of plants.

Thank you for your support!

