



PARENT NEWSLETTER



DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

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Douglas High School Mission Statement

Douglas High School students will have opportunities to achieve their potential and to graduate as competent, life-long learners who will continue to grow as productive citizens.

April 2017

Douglas High Creating Opportunities for Students' College and Career Readiness

The past two years have brought a number of positive changes and potentially future-altering opportunities for our students. First, through the bond-funding supported by tax payers in our community, we have constructed the Dr. Lisa Noonan STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Building. It is the "hub" but not the only location where students access phenomenal opportunities to study and have hands-on experiences in STEM concepts. It has four fully-functional science lab classrooms, outfitted with stations to conduct biology, chemistry, physics, as well as other science courses, and fume hoods for working with chemicals or other combustibles that require ventilation. The building has two computer labs and one "flex" lab, which is a project room with flexible electricity sources, gas, and pressurized air for creating stu-

dent products. There is a classroom and study room for special education students to access from classes in this building or others, and six other classrooms dedicated to mathematics classes. A high percentage of our students have one or more classes in the STEM building during their four years at Douglas High.

State grant funding to support Career and Technical Education has aided our school in expanding a number of programs. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a national program we offer with three years of course work in biomedicine and engineering. Students get wonderful hands-on, real world experiences in these program, such as determining diagnoses for different diseases and translating two-dimensional plans to create three-dimensional objects using 3D printers. As well, we have added two computer science courses this year and plan to expand in the future. We now have Business and Marketing as well as Business Management with plans to develop this program in coming years. Our other Career and Technical Education

opportunities include agricultural science, auto technology, culinary arts, digital photography, graphic design, JROTC, web design, and fabrication/welding. Students who participate in these programs develop employability skills, learn valuable industry skills, apply what they are learning in English, math, social studies, and science to their activities, and graduate with opportunities to enter the work force and pursue further education.

Douglas High has an exceptional Advanced Placement program. Students can participate in any number of our 15 Advanced Placement courses. Because these are college-level courses with a test near the end, we do counsel students about the rigor and challenge of them. We have over 300 students annually who participate in this program, and many of them have college course work waived or credit awarded based on their test scores.

We are also excited to build upon our current Western Nevada College Jump Start program. This fall, we plan to offer

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dual credit courses for up to 35 juniors who qualify with the goal of having them earn 60 college credits during their junior and senior years and graduate with an Associate's degree from WNC. We will continue to offer dual credit opportunities for students in their senior year only as well. If your student is eligible for this program, you will receive a letter from WNC, and we have notified those students to meet to get more information.

As you can see, we offer a wide range of opportunities for our students, as part of our mission that "Douglas High School students will have opportunities to achieve their potential" We want all of our students to pursue their interests, passions, and talents that could take them to opportunities to succeed in the future.

Contingency Make-up Days

Many parents and students have been waiting for the decision concerning make-up days for the district due to a variety of issues that have taken place this semester.

The District wrote to the State for an appeal to our make-up days because our schools have hours built into schedules which exceed the State requirement. We were granted that appeal and do not need to use the contingency days to make up lost time due to weather. The last day of school for students will be June 7th as on the original calendar.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at 782-5136.

Come See the Dr. Lisa Noonan STEM Building

On Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, our STEM building will be open for the community to tour. We will also have information about the various STEM and CTE programs we offer our students. We hope that you can stop by, especially if you have not visited this new facility.



CTE Advisory Technical Skills Committee Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the spring meeting of the Career and Technical Education Advisory Technical Skills Committee. The committee is comprised of CTE educators, district administrators, community business leaders, students and parents. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee and help guide the direction of career and technical education in our school district, please plan to attend. We will be looking for new members for the 2017-2018 school year, particularly parents and students.

This open meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2017 at Douglas High School in STEM Room 706 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (signs will be posted). If you have questions, please contact Jim Meyers, CTE Coordinator at jmeyers@dcsd.k12.nv.us or call 782-5136 x1770. We hope to see you there!

It's Time to Order Your
YEARBOOK!



Yearbook

We have just a little over 100 books left for pre-sale. Please purchase soon if you are interested in owning a copy of the 2017 DHS yearbook—they will sell out. Books can be purchased at the front office with cash or check or online at <http://www.yearbookforever.com> to use debit or credit card payment. Don't miss the chance to capture these memories for a lifetime.

Bandtastic to be Rescheduled

The district-wide Bandtastic performance that was scheduled for Friday, March 24 has been cancelled, and the music teachers are working on rescheduling the event in May. If you have specific questions about this you may contact our music director at cblahnik@dcsd.k12.nv.us. We apologize that this has happened, and we are working to reschedule this event. Thank you.

AP Students

Please mark your calendars for the Pre-Administration "bubble-in" session assigned to you at lunch. All sessions begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. in the media center. See your AP teacher or Mrs. Parks for the schedule.

Counseling Department

Graduation is just around the corner...As a reminder, if your senior is taking online courses, Douglas High must receive a grade from the granting institution by Friday, May 12. With Spring Break coming up, the time away from school provides a last minute opportunity to complete course requirements and order the finals necessary for graduation.

Attention Graduating Class of 2018: Save the Date for May 15, 6:00 p.m. at DHS. A Senior Audit workshop for parents and students to learn about graduation requirements. The workshop will also include: Scholarship, ACT/SAT, and Career/College information. More information to come.

Speech and Debate

District Speech and Debate Tournament will be held at Douglas High School on April 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will be holding a congress style debate with 4 houses and a senate. We are always in need of judges, so if you want to see your future senators at work, please call Ms. Heine at 790-0659 to volunteer. We will also hold the debate and individual speaking competition on April 7 (from 3:00-9:00 p.m.) and April 8 (from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.) and again invite the public to come and watch and help us judge the competition. Please call with questions or to volunteer. It is a great opportunity to see amazing students speaking well and being persuasive. This is the competition in our league

that determines which students will qualify to attend Nationals in Birmingham, Alabama, this year. Food is served for free to those who help judge the competition. We will also be selling food in the commons as part of a fundraiser to help finance those who qualify.

Athletic Department

DHS Students interested in playing a Fall Sport?

Paper athletic packets are a thing of the past for DHS! All 2017-18 Athletes must have their parents register them on line at RegisterMyAthlete.com to be eligible for a sport in the new school year. Check out any of the DHS Athletic Websites for the link to RegisterMyAthlete (RMA). There is also a link to Instructions for Parents. Physicals and Health History forms can be turned into the Tiger Cage where they will be uploaded to your account, which, along with the parent and student electronic signatures, will complete the process. All incoming 9th graders must view the Drug and Alcohol Presentation with a parent/guardian and have a new physical on the NIAA form with the health history form. Physicals are good for 2 years.

\$25 ASB payment is required as part of the registration process. Payments will be accepted at the May 9 Free Physical Night.

RMA Registration should be open to select a sport by June 15. Check the DHS Athletic web page for any updates.

FREE PHYSICAL NIGHT

Tuesday, May 9, 5:30– 7:00 p.m. DHS students are offered a free sports physical each year in May, courtesy of Dr. Swanson and the staff at Tahoe Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Before Tuesday evening, please print and complete the Health History Form available on the DHS website's Athletic Main Page. Bring the completed form to the Tiger Cage Tuesday May 9 to pick up your appointment card in order for your student to receive a free physical. \$25 ASB payments can be made that night, cash or check only made out to DHS.

Cheer and Dance Tryouts

Varsity Cheer, Varsity Dance, and JV Cheer tryouts take place May 15-19 at DHS in the dance room from 2:30-4:30. Athletes must complete the online registration **Register My Athlete**, which includes evidence of a physical, by May 1 in order to try out. Please visit the DHS Athletics website for information on how to register through this new process. Visit www.bit.ly/dhsspirit, stop by Mrs. Laca's room 207, or email alaca@dcsd.k12.nv.us for more information on tryouts!

Track And Field Is In Full Swing!

We have two meets in April. April 11 is our home conference meet: Field events start at 3:00 p.m. and Running events at 3:30 p.m. April 29 is The Big George Invitational. We are expecting about 25 schools this year. We are need of volunteers for both of these events. If you are interested in volunteering please email Kim Tretton ktretton@dcsd.k12.nv.us



DRAMA

DHS Drama Presents Radium Girls

May 5-6 and May 12-13, Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the DHS Drama Room. Tickets: \$10.00 at the door; presale tickets are \$5.00, which can be purchased from the office or a cast member.

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.



Media Center Update

If you're looking for something to read, we have a stack of new books, with more coming in over the next few weeks. Thanks

to a grant from the *State Library Book Purchasing Program*, we were able to order over fifty new titles, and the new 2017 *World Book Encyclopedia*. We scoured Booklist, the New York Times Book review and YALSA (the Young Adult Literary Services Association) for recommendations and award winning titles to add to the library fiction and non-fiction collections. We were also able to add titles to our eBook collection as well.

We also thought we'd get a few cookbooks to inspire our patrons to try something new or maybe take their skills to the next level. From the novice to those with more advanced culinary skills, we've got something for you.

- *How to Cook Everything Vegetarian*
- *Joy of Cooking*
- *How to Bake Everything*
- *The Gluten-Free Cookbook*
- *How to Cook Everything*
- *Mastering the Art of French Cooking (50th Ed.)*
- *Whole30 Cookbook*

The New Artisan Bread (in five minutes a day).

If you love to read, or perhaps you're thinking you'd like to become an author, be sure to stop by and check out *You've Got to Read This*. Fifty-five famous authors introduce the stories that changed their lives and inspired them to become writers. *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher is coming to Netflix and *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle is in production now and set for release on the big screen next spring. The book is always better than the movie so stop by

and read the story before you see the film. Be sure to come in to the Media Center to see what's new. If you've got a request for a book that we don't have, be sure to let us know.

Leadership News

The Junior Class is proud to present DHS Junior/Senior PROM 2017: *Rustic Romance* to be held Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. – midnight at Genoa Lakes Golf Course. Join us for a night of dancing and deserts. Tickets will be on sale Monday, April 10, 2017 at lunch in the commons for \$40.00 per person/\$75.00 per couple. No tickets will be sold unless students have a current DHS Dance Contract signed and on file with the front office. Remember that all guests must have an approved Guest Dance Pass, available at the front office at DHS. All Guest Dance Pass Forms are due by Monday, April 10, 2017. For questions, please contact Karen Lamb at klamb@dcsd.k12.nv.us.

To stay up to date on DHS events and information, follow us:

Instagram: @dhstigers

Twitter: @douglastigers

To succeed... you need to find something to hold onto, something to motivate you, something to inspire you.

Tony Dorsett



April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Home games are in red. Graduation information in purple.			All game times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with the coaches for any updates.			1 JV Softball vs. Carson TBD Vars. Softball @ Shadow Mountain TBD Track @ Reed 8:30 Swim @ Northwest 3:00
2	3 A-day Block D Scholarship Dinner @ CVI 6:00	4 B-day Boys Golf @ Eagle Valley East 10:30 Track @ Bishop Manogue 1:30 JV B-ball vs. Reed 3:45 Vars. B-ball @ Reed 3:45	5 A-day	6 B-day JV B-ball @ Reed 3:45 Vars. B-ball vs. Reed 3:45 JV Softball @ Hug 3:45 Vars. Softball vs. Hug 3:45	7 A-day	8 Swim @ CVSC 9:00 Vars. B-ball @ Hug 11:00 JV Softball @ Reno 11:00 Vars. Softball vs. Reno 11:00
9	10 B-day All Sports Boosters meeting in the Commons 6:00	11 A-day Boys Golf @ Genoa 11:00 Track @ DHS 3:00 Vars. B-ball vs. Hug 3:45	12 B-day Staff PLC Day 90 minute delayed start (9:00)	13 A-day PTSO Meeting 6:00 in room 107 JV, Vars. B-ball vs. Reno 3:45 JV Softball vs. McQueen 3:45 Vars. Softball @ McQueen 3:45	14 B-day	15 Track @ McQueen 8:30 Swim @ CVSC 9:00 Vars., JV B-ball @ Reno 11:00, 4:00 JV Softball @ Bishop Manogue 11:00 Vars. Softball vs. Bishop Manogue 4:00
16	17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break JV, Vars. B-ball vs. Bishop Manogue 3:45	19 Spring Break Boys Golf @ Arrow Creek 11:00	20 Spring Break JV, Vars. @ Bishop Manogue 3:45 JV Softball @ Spanish Springs 3:45 Vars. Softball vs. Spanish Springs 3:45	21 Spring Break	22 JV, Vars. B-ball @ Damonte 11:00 JV Softball vs. Damonte 11:00 Vars. Softball @ Damonte 11:00
23/30	24 A-day Boys Golf @ Hidden Valley 1:00	25 B-day JV B-ball @ Wooster 3:45 Vars. B-ball vs. Wooster 3:45	26 A-day	27 B-day JV B-ball vs. Wooster 3:45 Vars. B-ball @ Wooster 3:45 JV Softball vs. Hug 3:45 Vars. Softball @ Hug 3:45	28 A-day Track @ Reed 1:30	29 Prom 8:00-12:00 Track @ DHS (Big George) TBA Swim @ Carson 9:00 JV, Vars. B-ball vs. Galena 11:00 JV Softball vs. Wooster 11:00 Vars. Softball @ Wooster 11:00



Upcoming Dates to Remember

All Sports Boosters -----April 10
 PLC Late Start Day -----April 12
 PTSO-----April 13
 Spring Break----- April 17-21
 Prom -----April 29
 Graduation -----June 7

For the Douglas County School District calendar, visit:
www.dcsd.k12.nv.us and click on the school calendar link.

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Telephone Directory



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 Registrar-----extension 6
 Nurse-----extension 7
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Counselors:

Kira Brown (A-Fa) ----- extension 1716
Alison Young (Fe-Lee) ----- extension 1718
Vanessa Ozolins (Rod-Z)----- extension 1717
Kris Robison (Leg-Rob)----- extension 1719
Jim Meyers (exit level 1 students) ----- extension 1770

Administration:

Marty Swisher, Principal----- extension 1711
Joe Girdner, Asst. Principal----- extension 1759
Tom Morgan, Asst. Principal----- extension 1763
Sarah Russell, Asst. Principal ----- extension 1761

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