



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.

May – June 2017

Congratulations to Douglas High School, Silver Medal Recipient from U.S. News and World Report’s “Best High School 2017” Report

As you may have heard, Douglas High was recognized last month by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top high schools in Nevada. This is an honor, and it is always positive to receive input from national groups and organizations. Our school has been recognized the past three years. For this year, Douglas High is ranked 10th in the state. Of the top 10 schools, four are from Northern Nevada, and three of those are comprehensive high schools (not specialized programs such as magnet or charter schools). This recognition is based upon our overall student achievement on state testing in language arts and mathematics, our small achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students, our solid graduation rate, and our participation and achievement on Advanced Placement examinations. These are areas for which we have goals es-

tablished as a school, so it is affirming to know that the hard work of our students, school staff, and families has positive results.

For more information about this award, you can visit <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview>.

AP Testing

AP (Advanced Placement) Testing will take place May 1-May 11, 2017. All AP students, please check with your AP teacher or visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org> for exact times and dates.

Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to the exam. Plan on staying 15 minutes after the testing window. No phones will be allowed in the AP testing rooms.

Do you have a graduation cap and gown collecting dust in your closet?

We would gladly accept your donation to help some of our seniors in need. If you have any questions, please contact Karan Seelbinder at extension 1711.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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) as well as 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 in the Tiger Cage and at the May 9 Free Physical Night.

RMA Registration will be open for Fall Sports Registration by June 15. Check the DHS Athletic Web Page for any updates.

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The Douglas County School District, in partnership with parents and community, will ensure that all students achieve excellence in education, character, and citizenship.

FREE PHYSICAL NIGHT Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m. – 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. Prior to Tuesday evening, please print and complete the Health History Form available on the DHS website's Athletic Main Page and the NIAA Physical form right above it. 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 Sticker payments can be made that night, cash or check to DHS only please.

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.

SENIORS – An Important Reminder from the Registrar!!

May 8 is the day that seniors may begin signing up to have their final official transcript sent to the college they will be attending. The final official transcript will have the second semester grades posted and also the graduation

date and diploma type. Please come to Mrs. Ovard's office and sign up. Students going to a Nevada college will sign up on the clipboard, while those students going out of state will fill out the blue half-sheet form. The transcripts will be sent out by June 19. **Many colleges and universities will place a hold on your second semester registration if they have not received the final official transcript.** You may request that a transcript be sent anytime a need arises – enrolling in a different school, grad school, or employment. After February 1, 2018, there will be a \$5 charge for an official transcript. The registrar's office accepts cash or a money order only. If you have questions or concerns, contact Mrs. Ovard at (775) 782-5136 ext. 1731 or email at aovard@dcsd.k12.nv.us

The Registrar's office will be open these days during the summer break: June 27 and 30, July 10, 18, 24, and 28. Summer hours will be 7:30 – 4:00. The best way to contact me is by email. I will then respond to you by phone or email, whichever is appropriate.

Senior Awards Night

Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00pm
LifePoint Church
1095 Stephanie Way
Minden, NV. 89423

All seniors and their families are welcome to come celebrate as we present senior scholarships and awards.

Upcoming Senior Dates for the Class of 2017

Review these carefully to make sure you don't miss anything.

May 1: Walking partner cards will be passed out in all government classes. Due back by May 12.

May 24: Senior Awards Night at LifePoint Church 6:00 p.m.

May 26: All outside coursework due to the registrar.

June 6: Senior Fines due and textbooks turned in.

June 6: Grad Nite at DHS at 7:00 p.m.

June 7: Graduation Rehearsal 10:00-1:00.

June 7: Graduation day at DHS: Ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m.



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.

Yearbook Update

Yearbook sales are closed online and a few are still available to reserve at the DHS front office \$95 cash/check. Yearbook distribution will begin Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 in the media center for seniors. All other grades may come after school to pick up their yearbooks. Students must bring a picture ID to receive their reserved yearbooks. Additionally, yearbooks can be picked up May 25-26 at lunch or after school in the media center. During distribution we will not have any yearbooks for sale, so if you have not reserved your copy, please do so ASAP at the DHS front office.

Attention Juniors: plan to get your senior portrait done over summer starting July 1 at Kid Pix Photography Studio. This is at no cost to you, but you must schedule an appointment or your portrait will not appear in your senior yearbook. Call 783-0880 to set your appointment time.

CTE Advisory Technical Skills Committee

The CTE Advisory Technical Skills Committee held its last meeting for the year on Thursday, April 13, 2017. At that meeting, the committee elected officers for the following positions for the 2017-2018 school year: Advisory Committee Chair – Doris Hoskin, Advisory Committee Vice-Chair – (vacant), Advisory Committee Coordinator – Jim Meyers, Advisory Committee Parent member – Carlo Luri, and Advisory Committee Student Member - (vacant).

Doris Hoskin has been involved with the Agriculture and FFA programs at Douglas High School and has served on the CTE Advisory Technical Skills Committee for

many years. Ms. Hoskin has a strong background in working with various committees at local and state levels and her experience will be a tremendous asset to our group.

Jim Meyers was elected to serve as Advisory Committee Coordinator and will be working directly with the Committee Chair. Mr. Meyers is the CTE Coordinator for the district and has served as the Advisory Committee Chair for the past three years. The committee recommended that a backup recorder be elected and Kerry Stack will be serving in that capacity. Ms. Stack is the Culinary Arts instructor at Douglas High School and Lead Advisor for SkillsUSA.

Carlo Luri has been elected to serve as the Advisory Committee Parent member. Mr. Luri is the Director of Government Affairs at Bently Enterprises and is an advocate for student success in career and technical education.

The first meeting for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 4:30pm – Douglas High School STEM Center Rm 706. The agenda will include elections for the following positions: Advisory Committee Vice-Chair and Advisory Committee Student member. These are one year positions and job descriptions are available from Jim Meyers. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, or if you have any questions regarding the CTE Advisory Technical Skills Committee, please send an email to Mr. Meyers at jmeyers@dcsd.k12.nv.us or call him at 782-5136 x1770.

Thanks for a great year and have a very enjoyable summer!

School Social Workers are Here to HELP You

As a year-end comes it is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. Students have a difficult time with change and transitions.

Did you know that School Social Workers can help with these difficult times! This includes support services for food, clothing, food stamps, therapy, summer programs and much more. It is our job to help you and your children succeed academically.

If you need additional information feel free to call Candi @ 782-5138 ext. 1856.

Own a Piece of the DHS Courtyard

We are now offering personalized pavers for you to mark special occasions. Graduation, birthdays, holidays, special dates in your DHS history. Here is an opportunity for you, your family, or your business to be part of Douglas High School for years to come. Get a piece of the Block! Become a donor to our Block D paver project.

Prices range from \$30-\$60, and your paver will be highly visible in the courtyard adjacent to the new STEM building and main entrance of the school. For full details and to design and order your own DHS paver, visit the following link: [DHS Paver Project](#). There will also be a link on our homepage.

Funds will help support the initial installation of the paver project and student needs and activities.

*“Once a tiger,
always a tiger.”*

A Foreign Exchange Experience

I wanted to take a moment to discuss my experience as a host family for a foreign exchange student. I never considered the idea until it landed in my lap this year. Both my husband and I are educators, so you may think that hosting would follow naturally. Actually, we are quiet folks who work hard with young people during the day and enjoy our quiet evenings with our son. I representative from the Rotary club approached me at work and asked if we knew anyone who could host a young man this year. My colleague pointed out that I had an extra room and a son the same age as the young man. It got us thinking.

We decided it would be a good time to take this on. This one decision has impacted our family in such a positive way, that I wanted to get the word out to other families. We added a young man from Spain in August to our family. We got him enrolled in school and settled at home. We relied on Google translate quite a bit at the beginning, but his English and my Spanish developed quickly.

In the beginning, it was a bit unusual having a guest in our home. That "guest" quickly became a member of our family. We shared holidays, birthdays, sporting events and discussions about his day in the evenings as he got used to our "cooking". We also got to travel to a few different sites in and around the U.S. Our family got to learn about his home and traditions...we even made a pretty good Paella.

His family came to visit this past February and even with the language barrier, their appreciation for making this experience

possible was palpable. Our host son has fully enjoyed his time in the United States and the three families who hosted him. He learned from each of us and what he has experienced was truly life changing for him. We all grew to love him as one of our own and cannot imagine missing this opportunity to get to know such a special young man.

I think that it is more important than ever to discover that our differences really are not differences at all. Host programs allow a young person to serve as an ambassador for their country, and creating opportunities for our children to get to know students from various backgrounds is an education that simply cannot be taught. Continents will not separate us from our host son. In fact, we plan on travelling to Spain to visit him and his family next summer. My family has grown by one and the experience we had with him simply cannot be measured. This has been a life changer for all of us involved.

If you would like to consider hosting; please contact Kris Robison at Douglas High School.

krobison@dcsd.k12.nv.us

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ozolins

*and
so the
adventure
begins*

Leadership News

Congratulations to the Officers for the 2017-2018 School Year.

2017/2018 DHS Student Government	
Office	Name
ASB President	Sean Dunkelman
ASB Vice President	Peri Buck
ASB Secretary	Scarlett Harmon
ASB Communications	Autumn Warren
Senior President	Carly Howe
Senior Vice President	Alyson Foster
Junior President	Hailey Hughes
Junior Vice President	Megan Perry
Sophomore Class President	Amanda Shaffer
Sophomore Class Commissioner	Hannah Campbell
Extra-Curricular Commissioner	Kennedy Lash
Co-Curricular Commissioner	Kevyn Reid
AMBUSH Commissioner 1	Austin Clutts
AMBUSH Commissioner 2	Hannah Kyle
Student Recognition Commissioner	Kaitlyn Rollins
Staff Recognition Commissioner	Andrea Perry
Kindness Ambassador	Ian Ozolins
Campus Environment Commissioner	Kaelynn Tholl

May - June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Home games are in red.</p> <p>Graduation information in purple.</p>	<p>1 B-day</p> <p>All Sports Boosters meeting 6:00 in the DHS Commons Golf @ Dayton 12:00</p>	<p>2 A-Day</p> <p>JV Softball @ Galena 3:45 Vars. Softball vs. Galena 3:45</p>	<p>3 B-day</p> <p>Track @ Spanish Springs 3:00 JV, Vars. B-ball vs. Carson 3:45</p>	<p>4 A-Day</p> <p>JV B-ball @ Carson 3:45 Vars. B-ball vs. Carson 3:45 JV Softball vs. Galena 3:45 Vars. Softball @ Galena 3:45 Dive @ CVSC 5:30</p>	<p>5 B-day</p>	<p>6 Track @ Carson 8:30 Swim @ CVSC 9:00 JV Softball @ Carson 11:00 Vars. Softball vs. Carson 11:00</p>
7	<p>8 A-Day</p> <p>Final transcript requests due Golf @ Dayton 12:00</p>	<p>9 B-day</p> <p>Golf @ Dayton 12:00</p>	<p>10 A-Day</p> <p>Dive @ UNR 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11 B-day</p> <p>PTSO Meeting 6:00 in room 107</p>	<p>12 A-Day</p> <p>Walking partner cards due Swim @ CVSC 1:00 Track @ Carson 2:30</p>	<p>13 Track @ Carson 2:30 Swim @ CVSC 10:00</p>
14	<p>15 B-day</p> <p>Golf @ Toiyabe 12:00</p>	<p>16 A-Day</p> <p>Golf @ Toiyabe 12:00</p>	17 B-day	18 A-Day	<p>19 B-day</p> <p>Track @ TBA TBD</p>	<p>20 Track @ TBA TBD Dive @ CVSC 9:00 Swim @ Carson 12:00</p>
21	22 A-Day	23 B-day	24 A-Day	25 B-day	<p>26 A-Day</p> <p>Outside coursework due Mountain Madness 6:00 p.m.</p>	27
28	29	30 B-day	31 A-Day	1 B-day	<p>2 A-Day</p> <p>Senior finals 5, 6</p>	3
4	<p>5 Finals 1, 3</p> <p>Early Dismissal 11:22</p>	<p>6 Finals 2, 4</p> <p>Early Dismissal 11:22 Grad Nite 7:00-12:00 at DHS</p>	<p>7 Finals 5, 6</p> <p>Early Dismissal 11:22 Graduation 5:30 p.m.</p>	8 Teacher Work Day	9	<p>10</p> <p>All game times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with the coaches for any updates.</p>



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Graduation -----June 7

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



Telephone Directory



Main Office ----- (775)-782-5136
Front Desk -----extension 0
Attendance -----extension 2
Counseling Office -----extension 4
Athletics -----extension 5
Registrar -----extension 6
Nurse -----extension 7
Fax ----- (775)782-7039

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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