



PARENT NEWSLETTER



DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

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Douglas High School Mission Statement

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November 2016

What We Want All of Our Students to Accomplish

The mission of our school focuses on our students and what we hope they will accomplish during their time at Douglas High as well as after they graduate.

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

As a school community, we have worked hard to update our facilities, our technology and resources, in order to provide a wide-variety of opportunities and experiences for all of our students. From our JROTC program to our Advanced Placement course, to our Career and Technical Education offerings such as agricultural science, culinary arts, and welding, to our Project Lead the Way pathways in engineering and biomedical; we continually take input from our community college partners and local businesses in order to develop and support offerings that meet the interests and needs of our students and our community.

The most important part of our mission is to strive to have every student graduate. This requires the collaboration of students, families, and school staff, and we want each

student to have a pathway to graduation that meets his/her goals while also meeting the district and state requirements for a high school diploma.

Beyond graduation, we want all of our students to be active members in their communities. We hope that they will invest in and give their talents, time, and resources to make where they live a better place because of their efforts. We also want our students to continue to learn and grow, whether that is through work-related experiences or continuing education through college coursework or technical training.

Ultimately, the actions of your student, supported by you and our school staff, move him/her forward each day toward fulfilling our school's mission both while your student is part of our school and in the future. Working together, we believe that all of our students can achieve our mission.

Half Way through the First Semester

We hope that your student has enjoyed his/her classes so far, is learning a lot and doing well academically, and is involved in a club or program at our school that will enhance his/her experience in high school. We have completed ten

weeks of school and have eight remaining until the first semester ends.

We want to provide you with some reminders and opportunities to help you assist your student to do his/her best with the remaining eight weeks of the first semester.

- If your student is doing well in his/her classes, continue to encourage and support him/her to keep up the great work.

- If your student is struggling in any of his/her classes, have your student set specific times to meet with his/her teacher to get help. You should email the teacher to ensure that your student meets with and works with the teacher.

- If you have questions or concerns about how your student is doing in any classes, please contact the teacher(s) first rather than your student's counselor because the teacher(s) will have the details about your student's progress to share with you.

- Take time at home to talk with your student about the current and upcoming assignments in his/her classes. Ask him/her to show you the completed work and have your student tell you when he/she has turned it in.

- Remember that zero and seventh period classes meet every day, and your student may not be absent

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more than nine class periods without having to appeal any additional absences related to illness, medical, or family emergencies. If you have questions about this, please contact our attendance secretary.

- If you and your student have not established a time and place after school each day to study and read, we encourage you to do this. Having an expectation and routine for completing homework is beneficial for your student's learning and achievement. On days when your student can show you he/she doesn't have homework or studying to do, have your student read something of his/her choice during the study time. Reinforcing good reading habits is helpful for all students.

- When your student has an important test, including final examinations, assist him/her in organizing notes and materials. Help your student to determine what he/she already knows and can do well versus what he/she needs to study carefully and practice, and make those areas and topics the focus of studying. It can also be helpful to encourage your student to work with classmates to study for tests.

-Please consider attending our monthly Parent/Teacher/Student Organization meetings. They occur on the third Thursday of each month in room 107 starting at 6 p.m. These provide you and your student with information about the school and its programs and opportunities to get involved.

Our goal and hope is that your student learns as much as possible and is successful during first semester. We also want your student to earn all of his/her credits, as these are the currency of graduation.

Counseling Department

-Important Dates for Seniors

- November 6 - Western Associates Collegiate Admissions

(WACA) at UNR 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. RSVP www.wacac.org

- November 15 - Early Decision due for UNR/Other Colleges
 - November 16 - ASVAB Interpretations 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the DHS Media Center
 - November 17 - Life After High School Fair in the DHS Main Gym All Day
 - November 30- College Application Workshop Media Center during Lunch
 - December 14- Financial Aid Night in the DHS Media Center 6:00 p.m.
 - January 26- WNC Bridge to Success; Sign Up in the Counseling Office
 - February 1- UNR Application Deadline for Scholarships
 - February 10- WNC Tour, Sign Up in the Counseling Office
- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB) Interpretation will be held on November 16 in the Media Center at 2:30 p.m.
- Douglas High School will be hosting the annual "Life After High School" College and Career Awareness Day on Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 7:30am to 2:00pm. Life After High School is a "career fair" style event that is designed to provide our students with information regarding options that are available to them after graduation. Last year's presenters included GE Bently, North Sails, Starbucks, Universal Technical Institute, UNR, WNC, TMCC, Sierra Nevada College, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, US Army, and US Navy – just to name a few! This year is looking to be even bigger than last year so please encourage your student to attend with their class. Parents are welcome to attend as well!

For more information, please contact Jim Meyers, CTE Coordinator, at jmeyers@dcsd.k12.nv.us or Kris Robison, Counselor, at krobison@dcsd.k12.nv.us.

Yearbook

It's time to buy your yearbook! If you have not already done so, be sure to order a yearbook now for \$85. We have already sold over 1/3 of our books, and we are on track to sell out for the THIRD year in a row! The price goes up when the semester ends, so give your cash or check payment to the front office today. You may also order online at <http://www.yearbookforever.com> and pay with credit or debit. Ensure your high school memories are captured for a lifetime with a DHS yearbook!

Do you have a graduating senior? We still have room for senior ads. Many parents choose to send baby photos, but your ad can include whatever you'd like! **Space is limited**, so submit your order as soon as possible. For order forms, prices, and information, please email yearbook adviser Kristina Erb at kerb@dcsd.k12.nv.us. You can also bundle your ad and yearbook order for even more savings. What a great way to congratulate your senior on the achievement of a lifetime!

DHS Improv Team

The DHS Improv team is ready to burn down the house with laughter at the first Improv Show of the year. Improv comedy takes audience suggestions to create interesting and odd sketches that often leave the audience in stitches of laughter. If you want more funny in your life, mark your calendar for Nov. 18-19, 7:00 pm in the DHS Drama Room. Presale tickets are \$5.00 and \$10.00 at the door.



Athletics

-Register my athlete online athletic registration comes to Douglas High School. **Effective immediately**, NIAA is requiring all Nevada schools to register all athletes online at register my athlete (www.registermyathlete.com). Anyone who was cleared for Fall sports/activities does not have to go online to register. Anyone who did not participate in Fall activities will need to complete the necessary paperwork from the Tiger Cage and register online. This is a change in our procedure as the NIAA transitions to the new program. Should you have any questions concerning this process, please contact the Tiger Cage at extension 1868. Instructions and online support is available. The student and parent need complete the online process using the link found on the athletics web page, the clearance page, as well as every winter/spring sport page. Parents may sign up several of their high school children using one parent account. When registering, you can sign them up for both a winter and a spring sport and they will be good for the 2016-17 school year. Instructions are available on each athletic website and on the form rack outside the Tiger Cage. If you have problems with the registration process, you can call the *register my athlete* support line at 435-213-1601 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Is your student interested in playing a winter and/or spring sport? To register an athlete for a

winter and/or spring sport you will need to do the following:

- turn in a completed athletic packet if you haven't already done so this year (in the Tiger Cage)
- register on line via *register my athlete*.

- if the student has played/completed a packet for a fall sport, they should complete a blue transfer sheet found in the wall rack outside the Tiger Cage and parent must register student online at registermyathlete.com.

Deadlines

Winter packet deadlines 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 7, 2016 – deadline for all basketball athletic packets

10:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 – deadline for all ski and wrestling athletic packets
Students turning in packets after these dates will not be able to participate in winter sports. Remember, parents must register their students online at www.registermyathlete.com as well as turning in the 2016-17 completed packet.

-Winter coach/parent/athlete/admin night will take place on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the DHS Commons.

-Students must have their student id with ASB sticker to get into all home games. In the event the card is lost or goes through the wash, the student can bring the receipt to the Tiger Cage with the card and receive a replacement sticker. Only current student ID cards with the 2016-17 ASB sticker are accepted to get into any of the DHS regular season home games.

-Attention all prospective wrestlers! Pre-season conditioning will start October 24 on the DHS track at 3:00 p.m. and will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in the weight room. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the track. Please bring a completed 2016-17 off season conditioning permit, running shoes, water, and a

sweatshirt. The full information packet is now available via the DHS wrestling website. Mandatory practice starts 10:00 a.m. November 12 in the small gym. Any questions, go to the DHS wrestling website and email the coach by clicking on his name. Keep watching the wrestling website for any updates.

-Any Douglas high student can save money when attending Douglas Tiger home games by purchasing ASB sticker from the Tiger Cage. Cost is \$25 and admits the student to all the regular home games throughout the 2016-17 school year. Cash or checks only made out to DHS are accepted.

-Want to catch the next DHS Sporting Event? Go to the athletics main page on the Douglas website and look for "click here for DHS athletic schedules". That will show you the next 7 days of tiger sports or select a date from the calendar on the right. You can also search by sport.

-2016 Fall Sports Programs –these programs have the rosters, photos and schedules for all our Douglas High fall sports. They are available for \$3 each at the Tiger Cage or at the home game ticket gates; we just have a few left. If you would like to order a full-color fall sports program with all the scores and stats and more color photos, please call or stop by the Tiger Cage to place your order. End of the season color programs are \$10 each, cash or check. Please contact the Tiger Cage if you have any questions.



The Douglas High School Family wishes you and your family a restful and thankful Thanksgiving.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All game times are accurate at time of printing. Please check with the coaches for any updates. Home games are in red		1 A-day Volleyball Regionals TBA	2 B-day	3 A-day Volleyball Regionals TBA	4 B-day	5 Volleyball Regionals TBA Cross Country State TBA
6	7 A-day All Sports Boosters 6:00 in the commons	8 B-day	9 A-day Staff-PLC Day 90 minute delayed start (9:00)	10 B-day PTSO Meeting 6:00 in room 107	11 Veteran's Day Holiday Volleyball State TBA	12 Volleyball State TBA
13	14 A-day	15 B-day	16 A-day	17 B-day	18 A-day	19
20	21 B-day	22 A-day	23 B-day Early Dismissal 11:52	24 Thanksgiving Break	25 Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28 A-day	29 B-day Girls JV, Frosh B-ball vs. McQueen 3:30, 5:00 Girls Vars. B-ball @ McQueen 5:15 Boys JV, Vars. B-ball @ McQueen 3:30, 5:15 Boys Frosh B-ball vs. McQueen 6:15	30 A-day			

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"Last thing, it's come to my attention that people are hanging up those hand turkeys that kids draw and, apparently, some employees find them offensive. So if you could please take those down..."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

PLC Late Start Day -----November 9
 Veteran's Day NO CLASSES-----November 11
 Early Dismissal (11:52) -----November 23
 Thanksgiving Break----- November 24-25
 Finals -----December 21-23
 Winter Break----- December 26-January 6
 Collaboration Day NO CLASSES ----- January 9
 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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 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
Vanessa Ozolins (Rod-Z)----- extension 1717
Kris Robison (Leg-Rob)----- extension 1719
Alison Young (Fe-Lee)----- extension 1718
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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