DHHS Newsletter

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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am always surprised with how quickly each school year goes by. Thankfully, the winter weather did not have too much of an impact on the school calendar, and it seems like the warmer weather is finally here. I have been continually impressed with the work ethic of our students whom I have observed both inside and outside of the classroom. Although it is difficult to keep up with the many accomplishments of our students, a few highlights that come to mind from the winter include state championships in gymnastics and boy's hockey, the spring musical *Beauty and the Beast*, and our incredible musical performances. I have really enjoyed attending our students sporting events and performances. If you have the time in your calendar, I would recommend attending some of these events as I am sure you will be quite impressed.

As many of you are aware, there are numerous events scheduled during May and June. The Junior Prom and the Senior Prom are two of the most exciting of the events. Although the adults enjoy these events, student safety and positive memories are always a priority. Prior to the Junior Prom, our juniors and seniors attended a presentation focused on reckless driving. Madison Youth and Family Services worked to secure a powerful and emotional presentation titled, *Matthew's Mission*, presented by Lynn Riordan. In similar fashion, prior to the Senior Prom, all seniors will attend a presentation about the many dangers and consequences associated with driving while intoxicated. I am hopeful that both presentations will leave a lasting impression on our students. Our freshmen and sophomore classes attended a presentation titled, *All That Should Matter*, written and presented by our STAR students. The focus was on the negativity of stereotypes and encouraged tolerance, respect, and acceptance.

One of the most evident observations I have made time and time again at Hand is the concerted efforts our students put forth to do their very best. This effort, at times does cause varied levels of stress. I hope the upcoming summer months will offer an opportunity for all of our school community members to relax a bit and recharge for the next school year.

I have really enjoyed my first year at Daniel Hand. The quality of the staff, teachers, and coaches is exceptional. We are lucky to be working in a community that values and supports education. Stating that our students are impressive is an understatement. They are friendly and caring and truly seem to appreciate the educational and social experiences at Hand.

I would like to wish the Class of 2014 the best of luck in the future. They will certainly be missed.

I hope you all enjoy the summer months.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Salutari, Jr.

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WINTER SPORTS REPORT

The winter sports season went well with several teams having an outstanding season. In all, over 400 student-athletes competed in 12 sports. Some of the highlights include:

Gymnastics: The girls won their sixth consecutive conference championship, and they won the state championship, making 15 state titles in all. Coach **Kelly Smith** was named the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association "Coach of the Year". **Stephanie Taschner**, '14, was named All Area Most Valuable Player.

Boys' Swimming: The boys won the Divison II Conference Championship. **Noel Haren**, '14, was named the Southern Connecticut Conference "Swimmer of the Year". **Teddy Zeng**, '17, won the Class L and the Open State Diving Championship.

Boys' Ice Hockey: The boys won the Division II State Championship. **Ben Solin**, '16, was named the Hartford Courant "Player of the Year".

Cheerleading: The girls were the All Girls Division Runners' Up. **Tiffany Kaufmann**, '14, was named the Southern Connecticut Conference "Cheerleader of the Year".

Girls Basketball: Won the Hammonasset Division in Basketball

Spring season is in full swing, with over 530 athletes competing in 12 sports.



Daniel Hand High School's Core Values and Beliefs

Our primary purpose is to graduate successful life-long learners who are responsible citizens in the global community. Daniel Hand High School students, in collaboration with educators, parents, and the Madison community, will develop as motivated, self-reliant, creative, and ethical individuals who respect differences in others.

Core Values and Beliefs Statement:

The Daniel Hand High School community believes that the mission of our school is to support all students by providing them with challenging educational opportunities which will prepare them to be globally aware citizens of the 21st century. To succeed in this mission, we recognize that our students must demonstrate competence in oral and written communications; understand effective and responsible use of technology; and develop critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity. In addition, it is critical that our students respect and contribute to the diverse, multicultural community and international community in which they live.

Nurse's Notes

REMINDER: Connecticut State law requires each student in grade 10

to have a physical examination performed by a MD, APRN, DO, or PA. *Tenth grade physical examinations are due before entry to the eleventh grade.* Forms (State of CT, blue, HAR-3 forms, rev 4/2012) are available in the DHHS Health Office, your provider's office or at this link: http://mww.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/

student/health/

har3 final.pdf

Donna Konarski, RN will be working limited hours during the summer months and looks forward to receiving the physical exam forms, sports registrations, medications for the next school year or questions/concerns that you may have. Donna Konarski, RN or Karin Thelin, Health Paraprofessional II may be reached at 203-245-6370, DHHS Health Office.



Music Notes

The Tiger Bands had a terrific end of the year. Their spring concert in May honored our wonderful senior class and featured a diverse program of music. In addition to music by Stevie Wonder and two classic jazz standards (featuring seniors Wesley Kimmel and Vivionna McElya), the Jazz Band featured seniors Liam Hye and Griffin McShane on the epic Buddy Rich Big Band chart "Channel One Suite." The 9th and 10th grade Concert Band played music by John Philip Sousa, Steven Reineke, Dana Wilson, and selections from "How To Train Your Dragon." The Symphonic Band, comprised of juniors and seniors, presented movie music from "The Empire Strikes Back", "The Godfather III", and renowned film composer Hans Zimmer. In addition to their end of the year appearances at the Memorial Day Parade and graduation, the bands also participated in the first ever "bed race" in downtown Madison, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

In April, three members of the music department participated in the Connecticut Music Educators Association All State Music Festival in Cromwell. The ensembles at All State feature the best high school musicians in Connecticut, chosen to participate after a rigorous audition process. Mikkie Chuʻ14 (violin) and Andrew Hookʻ14 (tuba) were selected to play with the orchestra, and Clara Wangʻ15 with the band. It was a great experience and we were very proud that they represented Hand at the festival.

PTO Awards for Trimester II

<u>Art</u>

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
William Gargone III
Heather Huminski

Senior Corey Akel

Career and Technical Education

Business Alex Distelman (gr.12)

Family Consumer Education

Bobbi Ann Donzello (gr.10)

Technical Education

Timothy O'Brien (gr.12)

English

Freshman
Sophomore
Julianna Egidio
Danielle Klaskin
Morgan Delahunt
Senior
Taylor Ardito

<u>Health</u>

Junior Michael Sampson

Senior Megan Savage, Brianna D'Angelo

Math

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior

James Bambrick
Andrew Harmon
Katherine Clyde
Melissa Parker

<u>Music</u>

Chorus Olivia McKissick (gr.12)
Orchestra Meridith Kuperstein (gr.12)
Band Evan Dennison (gr.10)

Physical Education

Freshman Olivia Fumiatti
Sophomore Paige Calvert
Unior Christopher Parker

<u>Science</u>

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior

Martha Given
Grace Adams
Kyle Lehmann
Morgan MacKay

Social Studies

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior

Daniel Lyon
Zi Yang Cui
Olivia Nace
Lillian Kennedy

World Language

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior

James Padelli
Alicia Imbergamo
Nikitha Reddy
Emily Vollmer

DHHS Salutes....

The Hands-On-Stage production of the musical *Beauty and the Beast* for their extremely successful show. The students involved delighted the audiences with their voices, acting, music, and sets. **Mrs. Joy Weaver**, play director, **Mr. Ron Soja**, choral director, **Mrs. Taralyn Bulyk**, pit band director, and **Mrs. Jessica Littell**, stage crew director, are all to be congratulated for their expertise and hard work.

Recipients of the CABE Student Leadership Awards: **Jane But-ler** '14 and **Adam Boey** '14. Jane and Adam were honored at the Board of Education meeting in May.

Paula Chabot, Latin teacher, for receiving the Matthew I. Wiencke Teaching Award for 2014 by the Classical Association of New England. The Classical Association of New England stated: "Please know that there were multiple nominations this year, but our choice was unanimous." Congratulations Ms. Chabot.

The following Juniors for being accepted into the National Honor Society: Kathryn Allen, Christian Amplo, Connor Bondarchuk, Lauren Cole, Grace Cummings, Catherine Florentine, Genevieve Galant, Emily Geller, Madeline Gould, Michael Gulcicek, Meghan Hjerpe, Kevin Kao, Sarah Kinch, Grace Kraus, Julie Lengle, Sarah Lynch, Scott Mathews, Katherine McKeon, Kipp Milone, Jeffrey Okamoto, Amelia Orlando, Christopher Parker, Catherine Peng, Nikitha Reddy, Samantha Schaefer, Adam Taylor, Caleb Veth, Alexandra Wagner, Meghan Wood, and Lily Zhao.

DHHS Odyssey of the Mind Team for placing 3rd in the state finals on Saturday, March 29th. Sophomore members of the team are: Alyssa Friend, Maddy Yaggi, Evan Dennison, Andrew Hurley, Justin Reid, Jack Dobson, and Nick Holland.

Kathleen Downes '14, recipient of the Student of the Year award from the Rotary Club of Madison.

Mathew Haigis '14 who won 1st place in the "Heist Challenge" with **Jeremy Noel** '15 and **Collen Nelson** '15 placing 2nd in the 4th annual Connecticut SeaPerch ROV Competition.

Isabel Baird '14 who was selected by the Daniel Hand High School faculty to receive the Lion's Club Good Citizen Award.

Daniel Grenier, who received the 2014 Local Supervisor/Leader of the Year Award sponsored by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) and Council for Supervision and Leadership (CSL). In addition, Dan also was recognized as the Connecticut Technology Education Teacher of the Year and member of the Connecticut Technology Education High School Program of the Year.

Lily Zhao '15 achieved the school winning score in the American Mathematical Competition. This enabled her to participate in the second round known as AIME, American Invitational Math Exam. Seniors, Wesley Kimmel and Austin Kane placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. There were 130 students who participated in the AMC 12 test and AMC 10 test. The three top finishers in the AMC 10 were freshmen, Kevin Zhao, Patrick Fahey, and Scott Chupp.

Eric Girardi '15 for being selected for the Yale School of Medicine's "Discovery to Cure" High School Internship.

Newsy Notes

This year there were 86 student submissions from DHHS to the **Shoreline Arts Alliance's Future Choices** juried art show. At \$5.00 per entry, \$430.00 was raised for the Shoreline Arts Alliance. Thirty pieces of art work from our school were selected for the exhibition at Lyme Academy that was held during the month of March.

The **Safe a Life Tour** was created in an effort to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving and distracted driving. The program was developed to provide a state-of-the-art, interactive hands-on simulation to show firsthand the deadly consequences of unsafe driving to students at over 1,500 different colleges and universities and over 300 different high schools across the country in the last three years.

On March 31st, the senior class participated in this event. The event kicked off with an assembly that included a video which detailed dangerous driving and a speaker about the dangers of unsafe driving. After the assembly, seniors experienced a driving simulator in smaller groups.

The **Environmental Club** is going to Jeffrey School to teach third graders in Ms. Church's team about repurposing. The club members will be teaching the students about migratory birds in Madison and making bird houses out of repurposed milk containers.

The **History Club, newly** formed, is working closely with the Madison Historical Society to develop a tour of the Madison Green Historic District. The tour will be offered in walking tours, an app and brochure form.

The **DHHS Math Team** had a very successful season. This year's varsity captains were Amanda Corcoran'14 and Wes Kimmel'14, and the varsity team also included: Lily Zhao'15, Kevin Zhao'17, Shayan Roychoudhury'15, and Adam Boey'14. Other team members were: Emma Boey'17, Courtney Burns'15, Katie Clyde'15, Felicia DeMatteo'14, James Dorfman'14, Colie Fahey'14, Patrick Fahey'17, Skylar Fang'16, Jake Fay'17, Eric Girardi'15, Julian He'17, Rochelle Horanzy'15, Jie Hu'15, Heather Huminski'15, Luke Li'16, Stephanie Melendez'14, Joey Milner'16, Ankita Roychoudhury'17, Emily Syvertsen'14, Will Viloudaki'17, Rachel Wallack'15, Emma Wellington'15, Heather Wu'16, and Zoe Zoufaly'15.

The varsity team finished in 1st place among the large schools and second place among all schools in the Greater Middlesex County Math League. Lily Zhao was the second highest scoring junior in the league. Amanda Corcoran was the second highest scoring senior in the league, receiving a scholarship in recognition of her achievement. In addition, the team qualified for and competed in the Connecticut State Math Meet, finishing 6th out of 13 medium sized schools in Connecticut.

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Mark Your Calendar

June

3	Board of Ed. Meeting, Town Campus	7:30 p.m.
7	Senior Prom, Aqua Turf	6:30-11:00 p.m.
11	Senior Locker Clean-up	
11-12	Senior Exams During Classes	
	(Career and Tech. Ed., Art, World Lan	g., Music)
11	Senior Awards, DAH	7:00 p.m.
12	Last day of regular classes for seniors	
13	Senior Exams-Social Studies, English	7:30-11:00 a.m.
13	Junior Locker Clean-up	
16	Senior Exams-Math, Science	7:30-11:00 a.m.
16	Last day of regular classes for underclas	S
17	Sophomore/Freshman Locker Clean-up	
17	Senior Make-up Exams	
17	Board of Ed. Meeting, Town Campus	7:30 p.m.
17-19	Underclass Exams (see adjacent schedu	ule)
18	Senior Meeting, DAH	8:15 a.m.
18	Senior Brunch, Water's Edge	9:30-11:00 a.m.
18	Graduation Rehearsal, DHHS gym	11:30 a.m.
19	Graduation Rehearsal, Madison Green	1:00 p.m.
20	Underclass Make-Up Exams	
20	Last Day of School (shortened schedule	e) 7:25-11:30a.m.
20	Graduation Rehearsal, Madison, Green	1:00 p.m.
20	Graduation Ceremony, Madison Gree	n 6:00 p.m.
20	Nite-in-Hand	10:00 p.m.

Newsy Notes

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Math Team continued

This year, for the first time in many years, we had a junior varsity math team. The DHHS junior varsity team competed in 3 meets this season and included the following students: Courtney Burns'15, Patrick Fahey'17, Jake Fay'16, Julian He'17, Luke Li'16, Joey Milner'16, Heather Wu'16, Eric Wu'17 and Kevin Zhao'17. The JV team placed second among all schools in the Greater Middlesex County Math League, and Kevin Zhao was the highest scoring student in the league.

The coaches, Mrs. Bagnoli and Ms. Groll, would like to thank the team for another excellent year and encourage any interested students to join either the newly formed junior varsity team or the varsity team for next year.

Madison Takes First Place in DMV—Travelers Teen Safe Driving Video Contest

The sixth annual DMV teen safe driving video contest's topranking winner is DHHS among a record-setting 46 schools that participated. Highway safety advocates, state and other officials honored teens from across Connecticut during April for their work to promote safe driving. The team consisted of Scott Sweitzer'15 (student director), Thomas Durkin'15, Stefan Pelletier'14, Seamus Reilly'14, Zachary Serio'15, Benjamin Swimmer'15, and Malcolm Watts'15. Congratulations!

Final Exam Schedule

For Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

Tuesday, June 17
7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
1st period class exam

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
2nd period class exam

7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
3rd period class exam

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
4th period class exam

7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
5th period class exam

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
6th period class exam

*All students are expected to take final exams at the scheduled time. Any requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing to the Principal by a parent or guardian as soon as possible.

Unified Basketball - One of the highlight events during the Daniel Hand Unified basketball season is the annual Unified vs. teachers basketball game which was played at Polson Middle School in March. Teachers from both Polson and Daniel Hand High School were organized into three teams for a small round robin tournament with the unified team. This is the fourth year we've had a basketball game between the unified players and the teachers and each year it grows a little bigger.

Woodsy Club - Students are partnering with the Madison Land Conservation Trust and the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection to improve Camp Hadley. The group cleared brush from rustic structures to create trails that will bring observers to the remains of a once thriving camp from the Great Depression era CCC.

Sam Wilson'16 brought attention to the site and sought out the Woodsy Club to lead the effort. Portia Blanchard'16 wrote a grant worth \$1000 through the Pardee Fund for the project to receive funding for a large interpretive sign to be placed at the entrance of the old camp. The Art Club is designing the sign and Liam McCarthy'16 wrote an essay describing its place in history.

In May and June, the Woodsy Club will be starting a garden at Bauer Farm. Meetings are Fridays at 2:15 p.m. outside the library. New members are always welcome!

Senior Functions

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May 23	Senior Assembly, Gym - 8:15 a.m.	
	Senior Outing, Holiday Hill, 9:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
June 7	Senior Prom, Aqua Turf, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.	
June 11	Senior Locker Clean-Up	
	Senior Awards Night , Dining & Assembly Hall - 7:00 <i>All seniors are invited to attend.</i>	
June 11 & 12	Senior Exams* during classes Career and Tech. Ed., World Languages, Music, Art	
June 12	Last Day of Regular Classes for Seniors	
June 13	Senior Exams*, LMC Social Studies 7:30 a.m 9:00 a.m. English 9:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.	
June 16	Senior Exams*, LMC Math 7:30 a.m 9:00 a.m. Science 9:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.	
June 17	Senior Make-Up Exams for excused absences Senior obligations due at 2:00 p.m.	
June 18	Senior Assembly, Dining & Assembly Hall - 8:15 a.m.	
	Senior Brunch, Water's Edge - 9:30 a.m11:00 a.m.	
	Graduation Rehearsal , DHHS Gym - 11:30 a.m. <i>Attendance mandatory</i>	
June 19	Graduation Rehearsal , Madison Green - 1:00 p.m. <i>Attendance mandatory</i>	
June 20	Graduation Rehearsal , Madison Green - 1:00 p.m. <i>Attendance mandatory</i>	
	Graduation Ceremony , Madison Green - 6:00 p.m.	
	Nite-In Hand, Daniel Hand High School - 10:00 p.m.	

Dress Code

p.m.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is suitable for a school environment. Clothing and accessories must not jeopardize the health or safety of the wearers or others, or cause distraction or disruption of the educational process as determined by the school administration. Clothing advertising drugs or alcohol is inappropriate for school wear. Footwear and shirts must be worn at all times. Shirts may not have razor back straps or large armholes, and straps must be at least an inch wide. Shorts must have at least a 3 inch inseam and must be worn high enough to cover boxers. The wearing of head coverings in the school building, except for religious purposes, is not allowed. Any student dressed inappropriately will not be admitted to

SAT/ACT for 2014-15 school year

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand High School to prepare students for the SAT and ACT. The class will meet for 12 sessions, Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:10-3:10 p.m. The first class will be on Monday, September 29th and the last class will be on Wednesday, November 5th. The fee for the course is \$150.

Interested students should sign up in the main office with a check for \$150 made out to DHHS. Class size is limited to 30 students. If more information is needed, please contact Mr. R. Miller at millerr@madison.k12.ct.us.

And More Newsy Notes...

On Saturday, March 15th, the juniors participated in the American Chemical Society's Local Chemistry Olympiad Competition held at Quinnipiac University: Anna Bueno, Shane Donohue, Eric Girardi, Brian Herlihy, Kennedy Hye, Julie Lengle, Jeffrey Okamoto, Christopher Parker, Catherine Peng, Nikitha Reddy, Shayan Roychoudhury, Alexandra Sammataro, Brian Venter, and Lily Zhao. Two students, Christopher Parker and Lily Zhao placed among the top ten scorers and qualified for the 2015 National Chemistry Olympiad Exam.

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NITE IN HAND

Spring is finally here, flowers blooming and so is NIH!! We have been busy these last few months to ensure that the seniors have a fabulous NIH as always!! BUT, with that said, we need YOUR support and help with the following areas and hope that you will participate in the upcoming events.

June 8, 2014-Bake Sale at Stop and Shop 11a.m-3 p.m. If you are able to bake or volunteer at S & S please notify Maryann at <u>fourfirstnames@sbcglobal.net</u>. Even seniors can help out on that day. Of course if you happen to be shopping on that day, feel free to stop by!

The 2014 DHHS graduate lawn signs are in! Please contact Martha at dmie87@gmail.com to get your sign for your yard or business.

We are also in need of getting your senior pictures in for the senior boards. Your seniors LOVE seeing these when they first walk into NIH. Please contact Carolyn at the4reuls@sbcglobal.net.

If you have not sent in your registration fee for your senior, PLEASE DO. Contact Rebecca at athomasdicioccio@aol.com.

Our decorating team has been very hard at work to provide the BEST theme for 2014 NIH. With that said, we need much more help. Volunteers needed to coordinate decorating small areas of the school. Please get involved and recruit as many parents as possible. The success of NIH depends on the parents. To get involved, please email hlgriff@comcast.net or 203-536-0341.

Set up and clean up for NIH on June 20 is a major undertaking as some of you may know. Please contact Sue at superotti@yahoo.com and Cat at cciotti2lynch@yahoo.com. All grade parents needed!

Thank you to all who have been working so hard already and to those who are willing to step up. We could not do this without YOU!

DHHS LIBRARY NOTES

The Daniel Hand Library Media Center is the place to be! The various end-of-year research projects and exams assigned to students have made the LMC a very popular location.

The <u>2014 Summer Reading List</u> is complete and will be on the school and district websites within the next few weeks. Mr. Petrakopoulos took suggestions from students and staff and tried to include something for everybody. The books are already in the Daniel Hand LMC. Many of the titles are available as e-books and audiobooks on Overdrive and Follett Shelf.

Speaking of the Summer Reading List, Daniel Hand High School was recognized by the state as one of the top performing schools in the *Governor's 2013 Summer Reading Challenge*. An award ceremony will take place in May at the Connecticut State Library where Governor Malloy will recognize students and staff. We couldn't have done it without our readers!

The LMC would like to thank Heather Lodge, Phyllis Annunziata, and Elizabeth Ruben for their volunteer work in the LMC this year. You were all a huge help. The LMC is always looking for volunteers to help with various tasks. Call us at (203)-245-6376 or email Gilbertd@madison.k12.ct.us for more information. It is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening in the school.

Last but certainly not least, The LMC would like to thank its own paraprofessionals, Dawn Tiscia and Debbie Gilbert, for their hard work, enthusiasm, creativity, and baked goods. Mr. Petrakopoulos is thankful for everyday they come to work. The LMC would not be able to function without them.