
DHHS Newsletter

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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the time of this newsletter, there is less than one month of school remaining. Although I have been in the education field for quite some time, I am always surprised how quickly each year passes by. As I mentioned last year, I continue to be impressed with the work ethic of our students and staff. The level of instruction and engagement in the classroom are areas that often come to mind as I reflect on my many visits to teacher's classrooms. Outside of the classroom, our student athletes and coaches deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts. Add in our incredible musical performances, the spring musical *Les Misérables*, and our recent art show, and anyone can see why Daniel Hand is such an impressive school.

The number of events that occur during May and June can be overwhelming at times but have a positive influence on the school community. 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 and Senior Prom, our upperclassmen attended a presentation focused on decision making. Madison Youth & Family Services and M.A.D.E secured several presenters from the area for these assemblies. Although each presenter shared a different life-altering experience, I am hopeful that the presentations will leave a lasting impression on all our students. In the near future, our freshmen and sophomore classes will attend a presentation titled, *Don't. Hit. Send.*, written and presented by our STAR (Student Theatre Arts Repertoire) students. The focus will be on the respect, acceptance, and the appropriate use of technology.

It is quite evident that our students and staff will continue to work very hard right up until the end of the school year. I hope the upcoming summer months will offer all school community members an opportunity to relax a bit and recharge for the next school year.

I am close to completing my second year at Hand and can state with confidence that the quality of the staff, teachers, and coaches is exceptional. Working in a community that values and supports education is incredible. I would like to thank all the parents/guardians who send us such extraordinary children. They are a pleasure to work with and they appreciate and value their experiences at Hand.

On a final note, I would like to wish the Class of 2015 the best of luck in the future. They will certainly be missed.

I hope you enjoy the summer months.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Salutari, Jr.

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Principal

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GUIDANCE CORNER

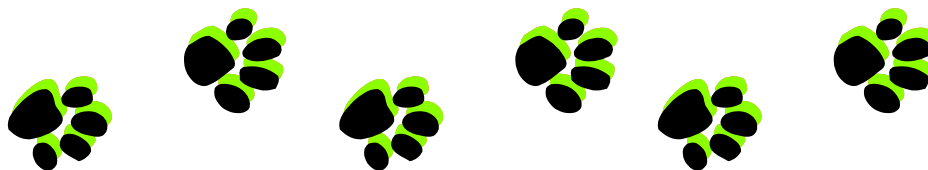
College Fair—Daniel Hand High School recently had their annual College Fair the evening of April 23. There were over 120 college, career, technical, and post-secondary representatives available to meet with students and parents. The evening was a great success, and we thank everyone who attended.

ASVAB Testing—The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test was held on April 1, 2015. This widely used aptitude test measures a student's general learning ability and potential for success in occupations that require formal courses of instruction or on-the-job training. This year, we had 27 students take the exam.

SAT Test—DHHS hosted the SAT test on May 2nd. We had over 175 students take the test. Our students are happy to take the test at a familiar location, and we look forward to hosting the SAT test again next year.

UConn ECE— Those students who have requested to take a UConn ECE class for the 2015-2016 school year must complete the on line application with UConn by June 1, 2015. Additionally, the course enrollment deadline is June 30, 2015. Students should see Mrs. Voytek in Guidance to pick up the ECE Consent Form which must be completed prior to applying and enrolling in courses.

JUNIORS—Parent Brag Sheet—We recently sent out a Parent Brag Sheet to all of our junior parents. Please be sure to complete this form prior to Friday June 5, 2015. This is beneficial to have on file when our school counselors begin writing letters of recommendations for your children.



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 http://www.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, and medications** for the next school year or questions/concerns that you may have. Donna Konarski, RN or Cathy McGrady, Health Paraprofessional II may be reached at 203-245-6370, DHHS Health Office.



Music Notes

The DHHS Bands had a terrific a spring. Twenty eight of our band and orchestra students played in the pit orchestra for the spring musical *Les Misérables* and helped make the show a huge success. The annual spring concert by all of the bands at DHHS featured their usual wide array of music and a special tribute to seniors. The Jazz Band played music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Steely Dan, Les Hooper, and Gordon Godwin. The 9th and 10th grade Concert Band performed a famous British march, selections from "West Side Story" and the Pixar movie "Brave," and two very unique and original compositions entitled "When The Spring Rain Begins to Fall" and "Electricity," the latter of which was performed largely in the dark. The 11th and 12th grade Symphonic Band played music by Strauss and Ticheli, original music written in the 1980s based on the Tolkien Lord of the Rings Trilogy, as well as a rousing medley of music by John Williams. The bands culminated their year with their annual appearance at the Memorial Day Parade and will perform at graduation on June 19th. It was another great year for the DHHS bands.

PTO Awards for Trimester II

Art

Freshman	Isabelle Doraz
Sophomore	Olivia Finke
Junior	Coco Charles
Senior	Cassidy Wygonik

Career and Technical Education

Business	Jack Kallinich (gr.12)
Family Consumer Education	Alexandria Mulh (gr.12)
Technical Education	Tristan Sorensen (gr.10)

English

Freshman	Lily McIntyre
Sophomore	Kasey Dugan
Junior	Ryann Corniello
Senior	Cassandra Braren

Health

Sophomore	Caroline O'Neil
Junior	Heidi Tweed
Senior	Michael Gulcicek

Math

Freshman	Jennifer Hellman
Sophomore	Juliet Friedman
Junior	Lauren Paidas
Senior	Trevor Paraiso

Music

Chorus	Gregory Bellinger (gr.12)
Orchestra	Nikitha Reddy (gr.12)
Band	Grace Squitiero (gr.10)

Physical Education

Freshman	Josephine Anderson
Sophomore	Morgan MacKay
Junior	Christa Marzitelli

Science

Freshman	Erin Naclerio
Sophomore	Chloe Moulin
Junior	Liam McCarthy
Senior	Dominic Scarpellino

Social Studies

Freshman	Michael Burchell, Jr.
Sophomore	Mariah Concannon
Junior	Cassandra Rossi
Senior	Cody Thomas

World Language

Freshman	Anna Schmidt
Sophomore	Isabella Reynolds
Junior	Courtney Katz
Senior	Jennifer Judge

DHHS Salutes....

The Hands-On-Stage production of the musical *Les Misérables* 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, **Mr. John Gage**, pit band director, and **Mrs. Jessica Littell**, stage crew director, are all to be congratulated for their expertise and hard work.

Recipients of the CABA Student Leadership Awards: **Emma Wellington** '15 and **Andrew Murphy** '15. Emma and Andrew were honored at the Board of Education meeting in May.

The following Juniors for being accepted into the National Honor Society: **Rebecca Anderson, Marissa Antoni, Monica Boretsky, Allison Buller, Paige Calvert, Ashwin Dcunha, Alina Dess, Elizabeth Dieli, Bridget Gautrau, Genevieve Geller, Alicia Gross, Samuel Herwig, Olivia Hiller, Emily Kuck, Krista Minniti, Samantha Pavano, Connor Sakmar, Filip Sestan, Julia Thompson, Bryce Thomson, Marcus Tung, Samuel Wilson, and Madeleine Yaggi.**

Meghan Wood '15, recipient of the Student of the Year award from the Rotary Club of Madison.

Garrison Fenner '16 who was selected by the Daniel Hand High School faculty to receive the Lion's Club Good Citizen Award.

Erin Schroeder '16 for being selected for the Yale School of Medicine's "Discovery to Cure" High School Internship. During the summer, Erin will spend eight weeks performing research experiments under the mentorship of Yale researchers.

Sina Analoui '17, **Charlotte Bellerjeau** '16, **Sean Collins** '16, **Evan Dennison** '16, **Jake Fay** '16, **Abby Fedus** '17, **Edmund Huminski** '17, **Kyle Kiss** '17, **Rebecca Luo** '16, **Molly Major** '16, **James O'Connor** '17, **Connor Parsch** '16, **Michael Rossi** '17, **Ankita Roychoudhury** '17, **Erin Schroeder** '16, **Samuel Wilson** '16, **Anthony Xu** '17, and **Madeleine Yaggi** '16 who participated in the American Chemical Society's Local Chemistry Olympiad Competition on March 24th. **Abby Fedus** '17 and **Jake Fay** '16 placed among the top ten scorers and qualified for the 2015 National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. Congratulations!

Michael Caruso '17, **Michael Gilchrist** '16, **Aidan Hughes** '17, **Bryce Leckey** '18, and **Bryan McManus** '16 for creating an outstanding public service announcement (PSA) titled "Traits for Success" for the *Integrity Works!* PSA Contest. The video was selected as the first place winner because of the video's portrayal of academic integrity values and creative presentation.

Jeremy Noel '15 who received 3rd place in Computer Aided Drafting, **Nina Lunn** '15 and **Jeremy Noel** '15 who placed 1st in Children's Stories, **Skylar Fang** '16 who received 1st place in Music Production and **Nina Lunn** '15 and **Jeremy Noel** '15 who received 3rd place in Problem Solving at the Connecticut Technology Student Association competition held at Killingly High School on April 27th. Congratulations to all the students who competed at this competition!

Newsy Notes

The **DHHS Math team** had a very successful season. This year's varsity captains were Courtney Burns '15 and Lily Zhao '15, and the varsity team included Kevin Zhao '17, Shayan Roychoudhury '15, Emma Boey '17, Ankita Roychoudhury '17, Skylar Fang '17, Katherine Clyde '15, Jake Fay '17, Eric Girardi '15, Julian He '17, Rochelle Horanzy '15, Heather Huminski '15, Steven Kao '18, Luke Li '16, Caleb Veth '15, William Viloudaki '15, Emma Wellington '15, Heather Wu '16, Eric Xia '17, and Anthony Xu '17.

The varsity team finished in 2nd place among the large schools in the Greater Middlesex County Math League. Kevin Zhao was the highest scoring sophomore in the league. Lily Zhao 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 9th out of 15 medium sized schools in Connecticut.

This year the junior varsity math team included the following students: Emma Boey '17, Julian He '17, Carolyn Quoka '18, Ankita Roychoudhury '17, Eric Xia '17, and Kevin Zhao '17. The JV team placed second among all schools in the Greater Middlesex County math League, and Emma Boey was the 3rd highest scorer among the sophomores. Kevin Zhao was the highest scoring sophomore, as well as the highest scoring student in the league.

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

Members of the **Stock Market Club**, seniors Brian Herlihy, Kyle Freiman, Justin Freund, Joseph Marino, Kipp Milone, Thomas Pellatt, and Zachary Pitsas competed as a team in the Knowledge@Wharton's High School Investment Competition. The competition promotes learning about teamwork, communication, risk, diversification, company analysis, industry analysis, and investing. The competition, through the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, asks students to develop a detailed investment strategy through their research of stock and industry analysis. Out of over 300 teams, the team from Daniel Hand finished in the top third, competing against high schools from across the country.

The **Woodsy Club** unveiled its rehabilitation of the CCC Hadley site on Warpas Road on April 25th. Student worked alongside volunteers from the Madison Land Conservation Trust to develop and install interpretive signs marking the location of historic buildings the CCC boys used during the Great Depression. Woodsy Club members met over April break for the second year in a row to clear structures and improve trails around the sites. Many students found relics from the Great Depression buried amongst the rubble.

Mark Your Calendar

June

2	Board of Ed. Meeting, Town Campus	7:30 p.m.
6	Senior Prom, Aqua Turf	6:30-11:00 p.m.
10-11	Senior Exams During Classes (Career and Tech. Ed., Art, World Lang., Music)	
11	Senior Awards, DAH	7:00 p.m.
11	Senior Locker clean up	
11	Last day of regular classes for seniors	
12	Senior Exams-Social Studies, English	7:30-11:00 a.m.
12	Junior Locker Clean-up	
15	Senior Exams-Math, Science	7:30-11:00 a.m.
15	Last day of regular classes for underclass	
15	Sophomore/Freshman Locker Clean-up	
15	Underclass yearbook distribution	
16	Senior Make-up Exams	
16	Board of Ed. Meeting, Town Campus	7:30 p.m.
16-18	Underclass Exams (see adjacent schedule)	
17	Senior Meeting, DAH	8:15 a.m.
17	Senior Brunch, Woodwinds	9:30-11:00 a.m.
17	Graduation Rehearsal, DHHS gym	11:30 a.m.
18	Graduation Rehearsal, Madison Green	1:00 p.m.
19	Underclass Make-Up Exams	
19	Last Day of School (shortened schedule)	7:25-11:30 a.m.
19	Graduation Rehearsal, Madison, Green	1:00 p.m.
19	Graduation Ceremony , Madison Green	6:00 p.m.

Newsy Notes

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On April 23rd and 24th students in **Ms. Browne's honors biology** and **Mr. Docker's horticulture class** went to visit the Monsanto research and development facility in Mystic CT. The students listened to a lecture explaining the science behind Genetically Modified Organisms, toured the labs and greenhouse, and had time to ask questions of the scientists giving the tours. The facility was focused on genetically modifying corn for agricultural purposes. It was an interesting and educational experience for the students and chaperones. A special thank you to Mr. Russo, Mr. Gaskell, Mrs. Filippone, Mrs. Larizza, and Mrs. Hilmer for chaperoning.

Monday, March 30 through April 2nd, five representatives from the music department participated in the **Connecticut Music Educators Association All State Music Festival** in Hartford. These five students were selected after a two-tier audition process, competing against other high school students across the state in the second tier. Michael Campanelli '18 and Erin Elliott '17 were selected to perform with the orchestra, Michael Gulcicek '15 and Clara Wang '15 were selected to perform in the concert band, and Olivia Heinrich '16 was selected to perform in the choir. Listening to their rehearsals showed the caliber at which these students are all capable of performing! The students had a great experience learning challenging repertoire, working under the guidance of renowned conductors, and working side-by-side with their peers. We are proud to have these students represent the music department, Hand, and Madison at this music festival.

Final Exam Schedule

For Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

Tuesday, June 16	7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 1st period class exam
	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 2nd period class exam
Wednesday, June 17	7:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 3rd period class exam
	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 4th period class exam
Thursday, June 18	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.*



This spring the **Marine Science/Technology and Ecology classes** worked together to help the Madison Shellfish Commission conduct a field survey of soft shell clams *Mya arenaria* on Seaview Beach. The purpose was to determine if healthy populations of large sized soft shell clams are present in enough number to be harvested. The survey of soft shell clams proved to be a success with 88 clams being caught in an hour. Marine science class then did a mathematical analysis based on surface area and number of clams caught and found that as many as 33,523 clams live at Seaview Beach. This number will be reported to the town officials and will most likely result in the clamming beds being opened again this season.

Senior Functions

May 26	UConn/ECE Physics exam
May 27	Senior Assembly—DAH— Period. 2
May 28	Lake Compounce—Physics trip
May 29	Senior Assembly , Gym - 8:15 a.m. Senior Outing , Holiday Hill, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June 6	Senior Prom , Aqua Turf, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.
June 9	UConn/ECE World Language exam
June 10	Senior exams during classes Career and Tech. Ed., World Languages, Music, Art Periods 2 & 6 UConn/ECE Calculus exams
June 11	Senior Exams* during classes Career and Tech. Ed., World Languages, Music, Art Senior Locker Clean up Periods 2 & 6 UConn/ECE Calculus exams Last Day of Regular Classes for Seniors Senior Awards Night , Dining & Assembly Hall - 7:00 p.m. <i>All seniors are invited to attend.</i>
June 12	Senior Exams* , LMC Social Studies 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. English 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Periods 1 & 2 UConn/ECE Chemistry exams Yearbook dedication and Senior distribution-DAH-2:05-4:00 p.m.
June 15	Senior Exams* , LMC Math 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Science 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Periods 1 & 2 UConn/ECE Chemistry exams
June 16	Senior Make-Up Exams for excused absences Senior obligations due at 2:00 p.m.
June 17	Senior Assembly , Dining & Assembly Hall - 8:15 a.m. Senior Brunch , Woodwinds - 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal , DHHS Gym - 11:30 a.m. <i>Attendance mandatory</i>
June 18	Graduation Rehearsal , Madison Green - 1:00 p.m. <i>Attendance mandatory</i>
June 19	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.

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Dress Code

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 class.

PSAT/SAT/ACT for 2015-16 school year

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand High School to prepare students for the redesigned PSAT and SAT. It will also include practice for the ACT. The class will meet for 10 sessions, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:10-3:10 p.m. The first class will be on Tuesday, September 22nd and the last class will be on Thursday, October 25th. 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 miller@madison.k12.ct.us.



NITE IN HAND

We are approaching the home stretch of the DHHS 27th annual NIH event! The Nite-in-Hand Committee would like to share a few announcements with parents of seniors and underclassmen.

RSVP: Senior parents, if you haven't sent in a check for your senior to attend Nite-in-Hand, it's not too late! This is a safe and substance free event your graduate WON'T want to miss! Make checks payable for \$85.00 to DHHS NIH and mail to Alison Garb at 39 Eagle Meadow Rd., Madison, CT 06443.

Senior Picture Boards: Have you sent in your senior's pictures for his/her personal picture board to be displayed? If not, please contact Cory Driscoll @corydriscoll@aol.com.

Decorations: The decorating committee is hard at work, and more worker bees are welcome. Please email Ron Bothelo @rjbot1110@gmail.com for schedule. **Art space is located at Orchard Park, just beyond Madison Music.**

Clean-Up: We are looking for help the morning after Nite-in-Hand! Many hands make light work!! We always appreciate volunteers and we are usually done in record time. Contact Ron @rjbot1110@gmail.com.

Raffle Committee: The committee is looking for raffle items for our college bounds seniors! Contact Laura Anderson @anderson@yahoo.com for volunteering or donating a prize.

Fundraisers: Bake sale 6-7-2015 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Stop & Shop, Madison. Please contact Bonne Frankel @madisonmotorsports@sbcglobal.net for donations and volunteers!

Nite-in-Hand donation cans can be found around town. Claudia Pace is collecting cans weekly from local businesses. Contact Claudia for details @claudiapace@att.net.

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For more info: <https://facebook.com/pages/Nite-in-Hand/>
NIH Event—June 19th registration is from 10-11:00 p.m.

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 2015 Summer Reading List 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.

The LMC would like to thank Jennifer Tung and Claudia Pace for their volunteer work in the LMC this year. You were both 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 every day they come to work. The LMC would not be able to function without them.
