



DHHS NEWSLETTER - February 2018

Principal's Letter

To Parents and Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we have already passed the halfway point of the 2017-18 school year. I am hopeful that the remaining winter weather is cooperative and does not negatively impact any school or after school activities.

As always, a few required standardized assessments will take place at Daniel Hand High School. The junior class will take the Connecticut State Board of Education adopted SAT and, for the first time, the Next Generation Science Standard (N.G.S.S.) assessment that replaces CAPT. The SAT is currently scheduled on Wednesday, March 21st and the Next Generation Science Standard assessment will take place on Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th. Both the SAT and N.G.S.S. assessments will take place during the school day. For planning purposes, Trimester 2 exams are currently scheduled on March 15th, 16th, and 1th. Trimester exams will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. Students should be in school at 7:25 a.m. on these days. School dismissal on exam days will be at 12:15 p.m. As with any day, please encourage your children to get a good night's sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast. Please keep in mind that the exam dates mentioned above will be adjusted if school is cancelled for any reason prior to the scheduled dates. In our continued effort to be environmentally friendly, we will not be issuing paper copies of trimester three schedules. Students can access their schedules on Infinite Campus. Barring any school cancellations, trimester two will end on Monday, March 1th with trimester three beginning on Tuesday, March 20th.

In an effort to recognize the many wonderful student accomplishments at DHHS, we present students with PTO and Helping Hands certificates at the end of each trimester. Students receive this recognition for outstanding achievement, interest, or dedication in a particular subject or for selfless contributions that make our school community a welcoming environment. Mr. Bodner, Mrs. Schneider, and I met with the student recipients to commend them for their effort and positive character. On a similar note of recognition, the entire school community participated in the first ever DHHS Mid-Year Celebration on Friday, January 26th. One faculty member and two students were asked to speak at this event. Our faculty presenter, Mr. Balantic, delivered a very positive and energetic message about valuing the many experiences life has to offer while reminding all those in attendance just how quickly time passes by. Our student speakers, Gabby Egidio and Tucker Rathe encouraged the audience to appreciate all Daniel Hand has to offer and also encouraged the student body to enjoy their time in high school as it goes by very quickly. Two student leaders, Roisin Beirne and Luke Weber, did a great job as the emcees for the event. The speeches were well-received by the entire school community and the event culminated with a little time off, a juice, and a Beach donut for everyone. We plan to hold an end of year celebration in June.

The 2018-1 master scheduling process is well underway. Students received next year's Program of Studies and have already submitted the course selection sheets. As a reminder and for your convenience, an electronic version of the 2018-1 Program of Studies is available on our website. Our counselors are working diligently entering

requests into Infinite Campus. After all requests are entered, Mr. Bodner will begin the “build” process that is based on the course request information we gathered and entered from all students. Please keep in mind that once the scheduling process is complete, it is difficult to make changes. Our target date to mail course request information to parents/guardians is during the week of February 26th. Upon receipt, please carefully review this information and contact your child’s counselor immediately if there seems to be an error or if you have any questions.

Our fall athletic teams experienced quite a bit of success with the season ending in early December. I would like to share a special congratulation to three of our fall teams for winning state championships. Congratulations to the following state championship teams: Class L boys soccer, Class M field hockey, and Class L football. Many of our winter athletic teams are also experiencing success as the regular season is coming to a close and qualifying teams will soon be preparing for SCC and state championship competition. I not only make it a point, but also enjoy attending our team’s competitions. I am always impressed with the teamwork and efforts of our student athletes and our coaches as well as the consistent demonstration of positive sportsmanship and character no matter the outcome of the competition. We are lucky to have such quality coaches in our district. I am looking forward to attending more athletic events in the future.

Sporting events at Hand are certainly not the only events worth attending. The fall drama production, Cheaper by the Dozen, certainly did not disappoint anyone who was able to attend. Our student performers, the crew, Eli Sherer, Clare Stone, and Joy Grabow put on three incredible performances. I was able to attend the opening performance and was impressed with the production. This year’s spring musical, The Sound of Music, will be performed on April 5th, 6th, and 7th. The cast and crew are already busy preparing for what should be an amazing performance. If your calendar allows, I would highly recommend that you consider attending this exciting event.

As I am sure many of you would agree this school year is passing by very quickly. Our seniors are beginning to sense the reality that their high school experience is coming to a close. Discussions regarding end of the year planning and events, including graduation, have already begun. On a personal note, I continue to enjoy every opportunity I have to interact with the student body, staff members, families, and the entire DHHS community.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter article. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Salutari, Jr.

Principal

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.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE: 203-245-6355

Please call the attendance line if your child is tardy, has an early dismissal or is absent.

Main Office: 203-245-6350 Guidance: 203-245-6360

Important Safety Reminder: For the safety of our students, Student Drop - Off is in back of the west building in front of the "Tiger Door".

PLEASE DO NOT DROP STUDENTS OFF IN ANY PARKING AREAS.

Guidance Department

Open House for Prospective Students – The Guidance and Counseling Department hosted an Open House for 16 prospective incoming freshmen students on January 11, 2018. The students who currently go to private schools attended classes, had school tours, and received information about courses available at DHHS.

Program of Studies/Course Request Sheets - The School Counselors met with students to distribute the course request form for next year's course selection, along with the Program of Studies. Students need both their parent/guardian and current teacher signatures prior to turning them in during PAW on Friday, February 2nd.

Mandatory Testing for all Juniors - On Wednesday, March 21, 2018 all Juniors will take the Connecticut State Board of Education's mandated Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during the school day. In addition, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28th there will also be the mandated Next Generation Science Standard Test administered which replaces the former Connecticut Aptitude Performance Test (CAPT). It is important that all juniors report to their assigned rooms on testing days by 7:25 AM with pencils, calculator (not provided) and a snack. Room assignments will be posted in March. Registration will be completed here at Daniel Hand High School with no fees being assessed. If you have any questions, please see your School Counselor.

AP Testing - Please be advised that on Thursday, February 8th during all lunch waves, the Guidance and Counseling Department was outside the Dining and Assembly Hall to meet with all current AP students regarding AP Testing this May. Students will receive the Bulletin for AP Students and Parents 17-18, as required by the College Board. This bulletin includes such information as; the AP Exam Schedule, Basic Information for Preparation, Getting Ready for Exam Day, Getting Your Exam Grades, the AP Student Checklist and more. If you were unable to pick up the bulletin on the 8th, please stop by and see Mrs. Heller in the Guidance Office to receive your information.

Scholarships - A reminder to Seniors to check the Scholarship List located in Naviance to view all regional and national scholarships currently available. Please be sure to check this list frequently, as scholarships are posted often. The 2018 DHHS Scholarship's will be available to students in March. Any questions, please see Mrs. Heller in the Guidance and Counseling Office, or see your School Counselor.

College Outcomes – Once Seniors receive decisions from colleges (accepted, deferred, etc.) please be sure you let your School Counselor know. Additionally, please log-in to Naviance and indicate the result for each college you hear from. (1.) Go to Colleges, (2.) Colleges I'm Applying To, (3.) Click on the pencil "edit" button next to each college, (4.) Scroll down for "Result", and use the dropdown arrow to make your selection. We are excited to hear where you may be going!

Message from the Health Office

In order to protect the health of all students and staff, we ask parents/guardians to keep their children home when they are ill. Students must stay home from school if they:

- Have a fever over 100; recorded by a thermometer
- Have a severe cough
- Have an undiagnosed rash;
- Have vomited in the past 24 hours;
- Have more than one episode of diarrhea;
- Have copious yellow/green mucus discharge from nose;
- Complain of severe earache, with or without fever;
- Until treatment for conjunctivitis is initiated;
- Have an active infestation of head lice;
- Have a communicable illness.

And communicate with your child's medical provider for advice.

The flu season is approaching - please encourage your children to:

- fuel their system in the morning with a good healthy breakfast,
- get plenty of rest,
- wash their hands frequently,
- contact your medical provider for guidance regarding the flu vaccine.

Washing hands is one of the most important means of preventing the spread of infection.

For more information, please check the website for the Centers for Disease Control, www.cdc.gov/flu.

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, rev 4/2017 forms) are available in the DHHS Health Office & at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/har3_final.pdf.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Donna Konarski, RN or Mrs. Cathy McGrady, Health Paraprofessional II at 203-245-6370, DHHS Health Office.

Mark Your Calendar

February 19 - President's Day, No School

February 20 - Professional Development Day- No School for Students

March 9 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students

March 15-19 - Trimester 2 Exams

March 30 - Good Friday - No School

April 5, 6, 7 - Spring Musical - Sound Of Music

April 16 - 20 - April Break - No School

May 4 - Junior Prom

June 2 - Senior Prom

Trimester 2 Exam Schedule

Trimester exams will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. Students should be in school at 7:25 a.m. on these days. School dismissal on exam days will be at 12:15 p.m. Students are expected to be in class (including band, orchestra, and chorus) even if an exam is not given. The only exceptions are free periods or Study Halls.

March 15	Period 1	7:45 am - 9:45 am
	Period 2	10:15 am - 12:15 pm
March 16	Period 3	7:45 am - 9:45 am
	Period 4	10:15 am - 12:15 pm
March 19	Period 5	7:45 am - 9:45 am
	Period 6	10:15 am -12:15 pm

Yearbook

Purchasing Yearbooks: The deadline to personalize a yearbook is approaching. If you want to pre-order a yearbook and add a unique monogram, crest, text, and/or icons, you must make your purchase by Friday, February 16th. The book costs \$80, and personalization is available for an additional cost. You can order a book now at <http://jostensyearbooks.com>. Yearbooks will continue to be sold after February 16th, but they will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gift-A-Yearbook Program: The yearbook club is committed to ensuring that every senior who wants a yearbook receives one. If a family cannot afford one, the club absorbs the cost. Two years ago, one local family began the tradition of anonymously purchasing a yearbook for a student with financial need. If you would like to do the same, you may do so directly on the Jostens site.

Any questions concerning yearbook should be addressed to one of the advisors. Contact Julie Johnson (Room 3) johnsonj@madison.k12.ct.us or contact Josh Young (Room 328) youngj@madison.k12.ct.us.

Lost and Found

If you are missing a cellphone, camera, keys, or other electronic device, please contact the Main Office at 203-245-6350. For all other items (such as clothing, shoes, backpacks etc.) students should stop by the security office.

Visiting the High School

All visitors are required to sign in and sign out in the Main Office. Please remember to return your visitor's badge and lanyard, when signing out. If you have forgotten to turn in your badge, please have your student return it to the Main Office.

Sports Equipment

For your convenience, the Sport Barn opens 7:00am. Please drop off all sport's equipment to the Sports Barn. Any equipment brought in after the start of school must also be brought to the Sports Barn, not the Main Office.

Spring Musical - Sound of Music

Hands on Stage is proud to present "The Sound of Music", the perennial favorite about a problem named Maria, from April 5 – 7th. This musical is considered one of the masterpieces of modern musical theatre and marked the culmination of the epic Rodgers and Hammerstein collaboration. Featuring such theatrical standards as "The Sound Of Music", "How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria", "16 Going On 17", "Edelweiss" and "Climb Every Mountain"; The Sound of Music remains one of the most beloved musicals of the era and is guaranteed to win your heart!

Too high-spirited for the religious life, Maria is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of widowed naval Captain von Trapp. She gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, however upon returning from their honeymoon they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis. The family narrowly escapes to Switzerland providing one of the most inspirational finales ever presented in musical theatre.

The show will run Thursday - Saturday April 5, 6, and 7 at 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm on April 7th. Tickets will be available for purchase at our website <http://handsonstagecompany.weebly.com/tickets.html> , at RJ Julia Booksellers and the DHHS Main Office. Prices are \$15 when purchased in advance.\$20 at the door. Please make checks payable to “DHHS”.

Substitutes Needed

The Madison Public Schools is in need of Teacher and Food Service Substitutes. Looking for a flexible work schedule plus an opportunity to work with students?

To find out more information and/or to apply on-line, go to the Madison Public Schools' website at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/madison/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?internaltransferform.Url=>

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Spring Sports Registration – Deadline March 7th

Online registration for Daniel Hand High School and Polson Middle School Interscholastic Spring sports is now open.

You can access our online system through the Athletic page on each school's website.

If you already have a Family ID account, please be sure to log into it before registering to avoid creating duplicate accounts.

Contact the Athletics Office at 203-245-6366 or contact Robin Halloran halloranr@madison.k12.ct.us with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations must be completed no later than March 7th for DHHS Spring Sports (March 30th for Polson)

SAT/ACT Prep Class

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand High School to prepare students for the March 21st SAT. The class will meet immediately after school for 10 sessions, Monday - Thursday afternoons from 2:10 – 3:10. The first class will be on Monday, March 5th and the last class will be on Tuesday, March 20th. The fee for the course is \$150.

For more information contact Mr. Miller at millerr@madison.k12.ct.us.

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.

Nite-In-Hand

Planning for Nite-In-Hand 2018 has already begun!

As you may already know, Nite-in-Hand is an evening of celebration held on the day of graduation. This event allows Madison's graduates to spend the entire night celebrating together in a safe, substance-free environment. It has been shown that graduation night is one of the most dangerous nights for teenagers. Our goal is to keep the graduates and community safe!

We need DHHS parents (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior) and family/friends to volunteer. A successful Nite-In-Hand depends on great parent/community participation. Please visit the following link to our Sign-Up Genius page to see volunteer opportunities that are available:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fDa4acaa28a0f4-nite>

Nite-In -Hand meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, in the DHHS Library, from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. Come, learn and experience the Nite-In -Hand process so that this extraordinary tradition may be continued for years to come.

All are welcome!

World Language Department

The World Language Department at DHHS is excited to announce a Board of Education-approved Service Learning Trip to Peru in July of 2019. Students who have completed Spanish 3 will have the opportunity, over days, to experience Peru's beauty and wonder, including Machu Picchu, along with participating in a service learning project eligible for 8 hours of community service. If you know of someone interested in taking part in this special international opportunity, please contact Mr. Josh Hibbard, Daniel Hand High School Spanish teacher, at hibbardj@madison.k12.ct.us. Mr. Hibbard has led trips with students from DHHS to Spain in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and to Costa Rica in 2016. He will also be leading a trip to Spain this summer of 2018. Thank you for your enthusiasm for international learning!

Science Department

In January, nine AP Biology students braved frigid weather to attend a science conference held at the prestigious Rockefeller University in New York City. The topic was “The World’s Most Dangerous Animal”. Two scientists discussed why and how mosquitoes hunt humans, and explained the use of revolutionary CRISPR techniques that may prove to be a solution for stopping the transmission of devastating diseases like malaria and Zika.

In photo from left to right: Yuki Lin, Meghan Marrinan, Isabel Kelly, Frankie Antoni, Ellie Laffargue, Tillie Wang, Jordan Kim, Petra Sestan, and Emily Baker.



National Honor Society



Character

Scholarship

Leadership

Service

On November th, the following students were inducted into the National Honor Society:

William Akers, Amy Corcoran , Joshua Czaczkes, Holly Edwards, Paulee Fogleman, Lee Jiaen, Robert Israel, Erik Mathews, Erin Naclerio, Clare Nelson, Case Porter , Samantha Rodham, Lily Simon, Ashlinn Virgulto, Fiona Wu.

Congratulations!

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department

Come see the new Innovation Lab at Daniel Hand High School! The Career & Technical Education (CTE) department received a \$100,000 grant this past fall to help develop our Engineering/Technology career pathway and the courses within it. The primary goal of the grant was for equipment improvement and the development of a new career pathway. The items that were purchased include a classroom pack of high-end laptops to provide more flexibility and collaboration amongst the students, the latest version of SolidWorks which is a 3D-modeling software used within industry, three Ultimaker 3D printers to provide rapid prototyping solutions to challenges within the curriculum and four Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Mills to help introduce students to high-end manufacturing. The courses that will be taught in the new Innovation lab are:

Computer Aided Drafting & Design #541

Foundations of Engineering #540

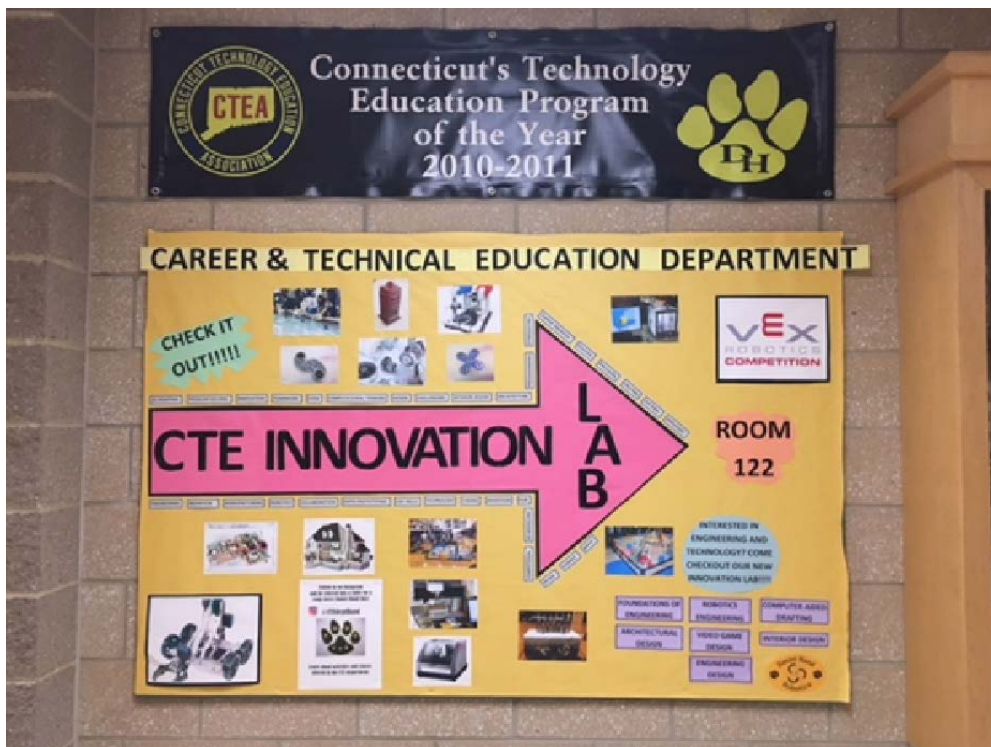
Engineering Design #542

Robotics Engineering #539

Architectural Design #543

Interior Design #561

Video Game Design #551



PTO Awards Trimester 1

Grade 9

Applied Education - Business

Sean Burke

Art

Lisa Liang

Art

Tatum Fitzmaurice

Band

Anna Son

Band

Erik Bernard

English

Joaquin Fernandez-Duque

English

Sophie Glassman

Math

Dayanara Bermeo

Math

Elizabeth Schroeder

Orchestra

Oscar Diaz

Orchestra

Zoe Rae Edgumbe

Physical Education

Dylan Stella

Science

Dalen Herrington

Science

Kyle Northrup

Social Studies

Cameryn Brown

Social Studies

Shaun Ryan

World Language - Spanish 3

Anna Cohen

World Language - Latin 1

Luke Newton

Grade 10

Art

Alexandra Lesnik

Art

Magdahlia Lesnik

Band

Alexandra Lesnik

Band

Samuel Hauser

English

Christina Coric

English

Emily Thornbury

Math

Molly Meyer

Orchestra

Allison Rumberger

Orchestra

Kiersten Mader

Physical Education	Maddison Thomas
Physical Education	Mark Tananykin
Physical Education	Tessie Sheehan
Science	Haley Bracken
Science	Riley Couto
Social Studies	Luke Conway
Social Studies	Melody Romine
World Language - Spanish 4 Honors	Abigail Pritchard
World Language - French 3	Chloe Manion
Grade 11	
Band	Hunter Singewald
Band	Nicholas Gross
English	Alison Lord
English	Eleanor McArdle
Health	Molly Sawyer
Health	Paige Baser
Math	Holly Gilbert
Orchestra	Alison Lord
Orchestra	Caitlin Rosinus
Physical Education	Chloe Veth
Physical Education	Hunter Bernard
Science	Elijah Labowe-Stoll
Science	Michael McKeon
Social Studies	Alanna McDowall
Social Studies	Katherine Isaac
World Language - French 4 Honors	Nicholas Chieppo
World Language- Spanish 4	Noelle Dougherty

Grade 12

Applied Education - Family Consumer Science

Applied Education - Technology Education

Art

Art

Art

Band

Band

Chorus

English

English

Health

Health

Math

Math

Orchestra

Science

Science

Social Studies

Social Studies

World Language - UCONN/ECE Spanish 6 Honors

World Language- Spanish 6 Cinema and Conversation

Alexander Newman

Christopher Arrandale

Hannah Bridge

Allysa Pardo

Clare Nelson

Ashlinn Virgulto

Kevin Lariviere

Jessica Keene

Amy Corcoran

Christopher Iannuzzi

Clemen Cheung

Quinlan Goddard

Brian Casagrande

Emily Baker

Amy Corcoran

Matthew Sanford

Ryan Regan

Caroline Schreck

Michael Card

Erin Naclerio

Liam Akers

DHHS PTO

Greetings!

Studies show the more connected parents are to their teenagers' lives, the less isolated the kids feel and the more successful they become as adults. A great way for you to be informed and involved in your child's high school experience is by attending the monthly DHHS PTO meetings. Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. (school calendar permitting) at DHHS. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for an open forum discussion regarding curriculum, sports, and navigating through your child's high school years. Most meetings feature a guest speaker from one of the DHHS departments.

Please support DHHS PTO by becoming a member today! Your \$25.00 membership dues (a tax deductible contribution) support the purchase of school equipment, books, and core program enhancements. The PTO also supports the fall and spring Blood Drives, Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Art Receptions, College Fair, and special event programming such as professional speakers or school-wide assemblies.

DHHS PTO Meetings Schedule 2017-2018

All meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. and are held in the Library or Guidance Center depending upon room availability. Every effort is made to hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Please complete the information below and make checks payable to DHHS PTO.

Membership dues: \$25.00 per family (a tax deductible contribution)

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Return to the Main Office or mail to:

DHHS PTO

Attn: Treasurer

286 Green Hill Road

Madison, CT 06443

Corporate Matching: _____

Company Name