

DHHS Newsletter

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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school. We have spent the summer preparing our building and student class schedules for the 2006-2007 school year, and we anxiously await the arrival of our students.

Please note below special bulletins to help in planning for the beginning of the school year:

- Homeroom assignments for all students will be posted on the Daniel Hand website, in the newspaper, and on channel 19 beginning the middle of August.
- Freshmen orientation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, in the Dining and Assembly Hall. Students will be escorted to homerooms by upperclassmen. During this time, they will receive their class schedules, receive an orientation, including a tour of the building, preview clubs, and have an opportunity to ask questions. At the same time the administration will be hosting a freshmen parent orientation in which we will address your questions and concerns.
- The first day of school for **ALL** students will be Thursday, August 31. It is our expectation that all students will report to homeroom at 7:25 a.m. At this time, they will receive their schedules, handbooks, and other miscellaneous information. For the remainder of the day they will follow an abbreviated class schedule, including lunch. The cost of a full lunch will be \$2.50. An a la carte menu is always available.
- The students will be receiving *The Handbook for Students and Parents* during homeroom on the first day of school. This book contains important information about academics, student services, student conduct expectations, activities, the school calendar, bell schedules, and other pertinent information. We ask that you take time to review this book with your student, and **sign and return the receipt of information form.**
- In addition to the information provided in *The Handbook for Students and Parents*, the Madison Public Schools has published a supplemental resource entitled, *Madison Public Schools Student-Parent-Staff Handbook Supplement School Year 2006-2007*. This publication contains selected Board of Education policies related to students' rights, responsibilities and behavior. This publication is available on-line at the Madison Public School District's website: www.madison.k12.ct.us. We ask that you carefully read both the Daniel Hand High School handbook and the supplemental material, as it is our expectation that all students abide by the rules and policies referenced in these resources. In addition, the entire *Handbook for Students and*

Freshmen Orientation (Class of 2010)

**Tuesday, August 29
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dining & Assembly Hall**

Back to School Night

**Thursday, September 28
7:00 p.m.**

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Parents, which includes the students' code of conduct, is available on the Daniel Hand High School website www.danielhand.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the main office at 245-6350, and we will provide you with a copy of the handbook.

- Safety concerns and efficiency in traffic flow have given us cause to require that parent pick-up and drop-off be in the back of the west building (gymnasium) before and after school. Late arrivals (after 8:00 a.m.) or early dismissals (prior to 1:45 p.m.) will be in the front of the east building (main office).
- In an effort to expand our home/school communications, conferences to discuss student progress will be ongoing and scheduled throughout the year at the request of parents or teachers at a mutually agreed upon time. Communication opportunities may include telephone conversations, team meetings, individual parent teacher meetings, e-mails, teacher newsletters, teacher websites, etc. This initiative will eliminate designated conference days/evenings previously included in the school calendar.

In closing, we encourage you to access our school website www.danielhand.org. This website is updated regularly in an effort to keep you informed about present and future events, scheduling dates of report cards and progress reports, newsletters, and other relevant information.

We look forward to sharing the school year with our students, and welcome and invite you to become an active part of our school community.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Britton
Principal

Bus Schedules and Bus Stops

Beginning in mid-August, students may obtain information about their bus schedules and bus stops on the district web site:

www.madison.k12.ct.us.

First Days of School

Students will report to homerooms at 7:25 and will follow a special schedule. Homerooms are located in the East Building.

8/31, 9/1, 9/5 All students report to homeroom for full school day

9/6 Regular schedule with students reporting to period 1

SAT Review Class

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand to prepare students for the November 4, 2006 College Board Scholastic Assessment Test. The class will meet for ten sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:15. The first class will begin on Thursday, September 28, and the last class will be on Thursday, November 2. The fee is \$100. Interested students should sign up in Room 221.

Counselor Assignments 2006-07

Grade 12

Abels – Clark	Coyle
Clyde – Gilson	Curran
Ginsburg – Martin	Judson
Matthews – Rodman	Skarsten
Roegge – Zhang	Annunziata

Grade 11

Abbott – Dallas	Coyle
Daub – Hanrahan	Curran
Hansen – Martin	Judson
Martinelli – Roseman	Skarsten
Rosen – Zwilling	Annunziata

Grade 10

Abely – Devin	Coyle
Dickey – Holzer	Curran
Honorof – McNerney	Judson
Messier – Ruben	Skarsten
Russo – Zak	Annunziata

Grade 9

Abbott - Colozzi	Coyle
Coppolla - Harding	Curran
Harris - McConville	Judson
McDonald - Sabo	Skarsten
Sangan - Zoufaly	Annunziata

