

DHHS Newsletter

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August, 2007

Upcoming Dates

Freshmen Orientation (Class of 2011)

Wednesday, August 29

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Dining & Assembly Hall

Underclass Pictures

Thursday, September 6

Friday, September 7

Auxiliary Gym

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 27

6:45 p.m.

Dining & Assembly Hall

Bus Schedules and Bus Stops

Students may obtain information about their bus schedules and bus stops on the district web site:

www.madison.k12.ct.us

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school. We have spent the summer preparing our building and student schedules for the 2007-2008 school year. We are now ready and 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 Wednesday, 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 30. 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 2007-2008*. 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*

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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 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 alleviate traffic congestion in the mornings and afternoons, we ask that you encourage your children to take the bus.
- Due to an increase in the size of this year's senior class, **parking privileges will only be available to seniors.** Information regarding parking procedures and parking applications will be provided on the first day of school. The cost of parking will remain the same as last year (\$60). Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- In an effort to encourage 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.

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

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.

8/30, 8/31, 9/4 All students report to homeroom for full school day

9/5 Regular schedule with students reporting to period 1

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SAT Review Class

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand to prepare students for the November 3, 2007 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 Tuesday, October 2, and the last class will be on Thursday, November 2. The fee is \$100. Interested students should sign up in Room 221. Class size is limited to 30 students

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Counselor Assignments 2006-07

Grade 9

Abbondandolo - Depierro	Coyle
Derken - Kasprow	Curran
Kawai - Morin	Judson
Morris - Sparr	Skarsten
Speedling - Zhao	Annunziata

Grade 10

Abbott - Colozzi	Coyle
Coppolla - Harding	Curran
Harris - McAndrews	Judson
McCrea - Sabo	Skarsten
Sangan - Zoufaly	Annunziata

Grade 11

Abely - Devin	Coyle
Dickey - Holzer	Curran
Honorof - McLaughlin	Judson
McNerny - Russell	Skarsten
Russo - Zak	Annunziata

Grade 12

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

Students and Media Coverage

Madison Board of Education Policy #5180.4 provides guidelines for the use of schools or students for publicity purposes. The policy requires that parents be given the opportunity to withhold permission for interviews, photographs, and videotaping of their child at school. If you wish to withhold permission for your son or daughter to participate in school related publicity, please fill out the form below and return it to the Principal's Office as soon as possible. For topics of a sensitive nature featuring specific students, specific parental permission will be obtained. Remember that all Board of Education Policies are available for your review at each of the school buildings and at the Board of Education Offices at Town Campus and on the MPS website (www.madison.k12.ct.us).

Public News Media Refusal Form

I refuse permission for my son/daughter to be interviewed, photographed, or video taped in conjunction with school related publicity.

Student's Name _____ YOG _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Student Recruitment

The newly revised Board of Education policy on Student Recruitment #5100.9.1, in compliance with new federal legislation, now permits the distribution of students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers to branches of the armed forces of the United States of America, as well as educational institutions who may request them for the purposes of recruitment. Parents, guardians, or students who have reached the age of 18 may withhold consent of the release of this information by completing the form below and returning it to the Principal as soon as possible, but **no later than October 30**.

Student Recruitment Refusal Form

I do not grant permission to Daniel Hand High School to release the name, address, and telephone number of the above named student to any outside agencies (U.S. Armed forces, educational institutions, etc.) for the purposes of recruitment.

Student's Name _____ YOG _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____