

DHHS Newsletter

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August, 2010

Upcoming Dates

**Freshmen Orientation
(Class of 2014)
Friday, August 27
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dining & Assembly Hall**

**Underclass Pictures
Wednesday, September 1
Thursday, September 2
Auxiliary Gym
Make ups - Thursday, October 7**

**Back to School Night
Thursday, September 30
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 2010-2011 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:

- PAW/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 Friday, August 27, in the Dining and Assembly Hall. Students will be escorted to homerooms by upperclassmen. During this time, they will obtain their class schedules, receive an orientation including a tour of the building, and have an opportunity to ask questions. At the same time the administration will be hosting a freshmen parent orientation in which questions and concerns will be addressed.
- The first day of school for **ALL** students will be Tuesday, 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 \$2.75. An a la carte menu is always available.
- All freshmen and students new to Daniel Hand High School will be receiving *The Handbook for Students and Parents*. They will also bring home a form called *Affidavit of Responsibility*. Please review the Handbook with your child, sign the Affidavit, and return it to school no later than Wednesday, September 8. All other students will receive a copy of any substantive changes to the handbook. In addition, the handbook is reviewed with all students in PAW groups during the first few days of school. This book contains important information about academics, student services, the code of conduct, activities, the school calendar, bell schedules, and other pertinent information. We ask that you take time to review the handbook with your child. For your convenience, *The Handbook for Students and Parents* is on the DHHS website, as well as in the Main Office or Guidance.
- 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

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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 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.
- Throughout the school year five DHHS newsletters will be published **on the website**. These newsletters contain good news about student accomplishments, friendly reminders, notes from our health office, and updates from guidance and counseling services, and the library media center. We also 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.

There are those times when notices such as weather-related schedule changes or information of an immediate and important nature need to be communicated. This year we will have a new system associated with Finals site. Please watch for a information on how to sign up for eNotify and be sure to sign up!

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. PAW/homerooms are located in the East Building.

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

9/2 **Regular schedule**

SAT Review Class

A review course will be offered at Daniel Hand to prepare students for the November 6 College Board Scholastic Assessment Test. The class will meet for ten sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:15 to 3:15. The first class will begin on Tuesday, October 5, and the last class will be on Thursday, November 4. The fee is \$125. For additional information contact Mr. Reed Miller at miller@madison.k12.ct.us. Interested students may sign up in the main office. Class size is limited to 30 students

Counselor Assignments 2010-11

Grade 9

Agresta - Crans	Coyle
Crisco - Helburn	Curran
Hendrick - Mazzio	Judson
McAndrews - Price	Skarsten
Rafferty - Zinser	Annunziata

Grade 10

Allen - Clarke	Coyle
Coady - Griffin	Curran
Guo - Mayhew	Judson
McAllister - Ryan	Skarsten
Sabo - Zoekler	Annunziata

Grade 11

Abely - Davidovich	Coyle
Day - Gyenizs	Curran
Hackett - McCann	Judson
McCarthy - Reynolds	Skarsten
Riccio - Zotto	Annunziata

Grade 12

Abbondandolo - Depierro	Coyle
Derken - Kasprow	Curran
Kawai - Morin	Judson
Morris - Sparr	Skarsten
Squitiero - Zhao	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 including athletic events, 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 _____