



Dekaney High School News

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Principal's Letter to Wildcat Parents

October—November
2009



Leading the Way to Excellence!

Dear Dekaney High School Community,

Leading the Way to Excellence! Yes - that is what Dekaney High School students and staff have been doing this school year! We are so excited about the many ways our school has been successful to date and how many ways we are planning to continue to create a culture of success at Dekaney High School.

1. Our Wildcat football team has been victorious and is this week's Channel 2 Team of the Week!
2. Head Coach Willie Amendola was selected as the Houston Texans Coach of the Week.
3. Running Back Trey Williams was selected as the Channel 11 Player of the Week.
4. Our ROTC placed 2nd at the recent Columbus Day Drill Meet in Conroe.
5. Our Speech students have earned medals, and we have three students who have qualified for the state Texas Forensic League competition!
6. We have 10 students who have earned District Choir honors, and they are on their way to the Region Choir Auditions.

Many of our clubs and organizations are just beginning to gear up for the year. I know you will be proud of the student success this year. Thanks in advance for being a positive parent!

We appreciate our school community for helping us lead the way to excellence!

Go Wildcats!

Delic Loyde
Principal
delicl@springisd.org

Associate Principal Corner

Dekaney High School has had a great start this year, completing the first six weeks of school. School moral/spirit has increased dramatically among the student body. With this being Dekaney's third year being open and its first year of having a true senior class, the seniors are excited about creating tradition. The 2009 - 2010 school year will be a great year at Dekaney High School.

GO WILDCATS!

Mr.Goston

Associate Principal of Administration

This year at Dekaney High School, we are "Leading the way to Excellence." In addition to the excitement that the new year brings, comes hard work and dedication. We are here to assist you and your child (ren) in any way that we can to ensure that optimal learning is taking place in every classroom.

We expect for every student at Dekaney High School to have a safe, effective, and comfortable place to learn. We are in for an exciting and joyous ride as we embark on the new 2009-2010 school year. With a school – parent partnership, we are confident that the students of Dekaney High School will be successful!

Sincerely,

Grace Nickerson, Ph.D.

Associate Principal for Small Learning Communities Instruction

With each new day comes a new beginning and an opportunity for our students to learn and grow in individual abilities and skills. Our staff has been focused on providing positive learning experiences for our students and I take great pride in our school's accomplishments this year. What a joy to see where we have started to where we are now! With full partnerships and support from our school community, the students of Dekaney High School are truly in for a fantastic 2009-2010 school year. We are here to support our students in their individual learning goals and we are fully committed to "Leading the Way to Excellence" each and every day.

Go Wildcats!

Sharon Bailey, Associate Principal

Assessment and Data Analysis

House Principals' Note to Parents & Guardians:

House 1

House 1 teachers are creating a culture of success. House 1 would officially like to welcome Mr. Hernandez to our team. He is a first year Spanish teacher who will work with a variety of Dekaney students to enhance their knowledge of the Spanish language. We welcome him with open arms.

Attention! Attention! House 1 Attendance is on the rise. We would like to encourage all students to attend school and class on regular basis. Right now we are holding steady at 94%. The goal for our house is 96% and above. Do your part by getting to school and class on time.

Ms. F. Stephens

House 1 Principal

House 2

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to this 2009-2010 school year. I must recognize our professional and paraprofessional staff here at Dekaney High School for the effort and energy put into getting this year off to such a great beginning. I would be remised if I didn't give proper recognition to you and your students for assisting us in having such a magnificent start.

Because we are a professional learning community, we have placed a laser-like focus on all instruction. Our students have completed their first phase of TRT's (TAKS Release Test), and we are now able to make decisions that will enhance your child's education and teachers' instruction. The data will be analyzed to determine each student's academic level to further individualize your child's education. To further impact your child's education, each teacher will offer tutorials that are content specific. For the first time in our school's history, we are offering night school. These are resources that our students have at their disposal to improve their academic standing.

As your Senior Class administrator, I urge you to please take a moment to read about the awesome activities that our Senior Class Committee, made up of teachers, students and administrators, have put into place for our full Senior Class! We are trying to make this Senior year unforgettable. Also, focus your attention to the Counseling Corner on our school's website and the House 2 office. Mrs. Prejean has given some extremely important information concerning schedule changes, valuable college and scholarship information, and other resources available to assist your student to lead their way to excellence!

Mr. Rickie Duncan

House 2 Principal

House 3

The House 3 staff would like to recognize the following students as the STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for the week of September 21st – September 25th are

James Jackson

and

Chelsey Coria

These two students are being recognized by their teachers for their excellent conduct and helpfulness to their peers. Way to go! In House 3, we are asking our parents to help us reach our attendance goal of 95% attendance daily. Please spend time explaining the importance of regular attendance to classes and school to your student. Together we will help our students reach "Destination Graduation."

-Great Job Jalyssa Craig-Soungie for placing 4th out of 36 in Prose and 8th place out of 29 in Poetry at the Dobie High School Debate Contest.

Denise Fields

House 3 Principal

House Principal's Note to Parents & Guardians:

House 4

We would like to thank you first and foremost for the support that you have shown us through the beginning of this year, and ask that you continue to keep in contact with us concerning your student. House 4 staff and students have started the year off great by "Leading the to Excellence!" We have great things going on here at Dekaney such as: Senior Recognition, Students of the Week, House Competition, and Night School.

We would also like to congratulate our 1st male/female students of the week for House 4.

Male

Eric Murphy

Rasaq Kotun

Female

Wendy Najera

Kimberly Ferguson

Please continue to work with our students so they can all be recognized for their accomplishments.

Dekaney High School is going green. The Environmental Systems class is starting a school wide recycling program sponsored by our own House 4 teacher, Mrs. Natasha Sullivan.

Senior Day, will be October 23rd -"Hats Off to Administration", sponsored by our own House 4 teacher and Student Council sponsor, Ms. Alyson Demouy.

Thanks again for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful second six weeks and more opportunities for student success here at Dekaney High School.

Kyle Taylor

House 4 Principal

House 5

Dekaney's Ninth Grade Academy is continuing their push towards excellence.

Our goal is to acclimate our freshmen to their new high school environment – while instilling in them positive social behaviors that will, in the near future, impact our overall school culture, as they grow and develop in our school community. We want them to feel a sense of belonging and pride. In the coming years each new freshman class will represent a new opportunity to further develop and refine our school culture towards academic excellence and moral integrity.

Our school opened three years ago and is growing every day. I am so very proud of our accomplishments we have through our awarding winning extracurricular teams and programs, as well as our TEA accountability rating of Academically Acceptable TEA. I believe our students have so much potential, and surely there is so very much more in store for the Class of 2013.

Elvis Anderson

House 5 Principal

Counselor Corner

Parents:

The Counselors of Dekaney High School are here to assist you. We encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

PSAT and ASVAB testing will be administered on Wednesday, October 14th. Tenth and eleventh grade students will be taking the PSAT, while seniors will be administered the ASVAB. Students with late arrival should report to school by the 7:15 start time to be able to participate.

Night School has begun! Students needing to recover credit in a class may see Ms. Salinas about registering for a Night School session. Each .5 credit course costs \$25 and students may select to attend a Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday or every other Saturday class day(s) option. It is not too late to register for the first session.

Students interested in taking a Credit by Exam should visit with their House Counselor to get additional information and an application. The deadline to register for the November test administration is Friday, October 9th. Testing will occur the week of November 2nd-6th.

College and Career Center

Get all the latest information at the College and Career Center website. Go to www.springisd.org. Go to schools and select Dekaney High School

Once at the Dekaney High School web page, select College and Career Center at the top left hand corner.

Information regarding scholarships and financial aid, SAT/ACT/COMPASS/THEA registration and so much more can be found by accessing the web page.

Senior Activities and College Planning Parent Meeting Scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 6:30p.m.

Parents of Senior Students are invited to join Mrs. Kristi Lynch, College Connections Counselor, and the Dekaney High School Counselors, for an informational meeting regarding senior timelines of activities and college planning information. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 6:30 pm in the Star Theater. Hope to see you there!

All DHS students in grades 10th-12th are invited to attend the The Maximizing Education Development through Academic & Leadership Skills (MEDALS) Conference at Texas A&M on November 13-14, 2009. During the two-day program, students are placed into small peer groups and experience topics such as college life transitions, higher education opportunities, college admissions process, college life and paying for college. There is a \$55 conference fee to cover the cost of program materials, workshop sessions, meals, overnight lodging and a MEDAL shirt. Transportation to and from College Station will be provided by Spring ISD transportation. **ALL PAPERWORK AND MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER BY Friday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m.** This opportunity is limited to the first 40 DHS students to return the required paperwork and \$55 (NO CHECKS, Money Order ONLY made to: MEDALS). Students may go to their House Office to pick up the 2009 MEDALS Conference Student Registration Form, Release Waiver & Authorization for Medical Treatment Form. If you have questions about this event, please email Texas A&M at registration@medals.tamu.edu or call (979) 862-3361. An informational letter will go home to those students attending in early November, explaining details regarding what time the bus will leave DHS on 11/13 and arrive back on 11/14 and what students should /should not pack.

Contests and Scholarships!

More info in the DHS College Career Center!

- **Due: Monday, November 30, 2009**

Hispanic Heritage Foundation and Colgate-Palmolive are partnering during Hispanic Heritage Month with the sole purpose of encouraging young Hispanics to "Haz la u" (make the U) and get them on the path to higher education. Sixteen Educational grants will be awarded to Hispanic students nationwide. One Grand Prize winner will win a \$10,000 educational grant, and 15 other students will also have the opportunity to win \$1,000 each. Students should go to www.colgate.com/hazlau and submit a short essay (500 words or less) on the following topic: "How do you think education can impact the Heritage of Hispanic generations to come?" Deadline is November 30th.

- **Due: Friday, November 20, 2009**

SENIORS - Have a "B" or better average; have participated in or exhibited leadership in school activities; volunteered in community activities; intend to be enrolled as a full-time college student. Winners MUST BE PRESENT at Career and Education Day Saturday, January 9, 2010 at George R. Brown Convention Center. <http://www.hispanicforum.org>.

- **Due: Monday, February 01, 2010**

BURGER KING® Scholars awards are \$1,000 each and may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. For students to qualify, they must be a high school senior and a resident of the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico that meets our criteria below. To learn more about the program, please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org> BURGER KING® Scholars Program criteria- Applicant must be a high school senior who: Maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, Works part-time for a minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 weeks per year, Are actively involved in community service activities, Demonstrates financial need (1040 form required), Plans to enroll in an accredited two/or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by Fall of the application year. Applications are available online Sept. 14, 2009 – Feb. 1, 2010. Applications and all accompanying materials must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2010. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS) at (615) 320-3149 or info@applyists.com or Barby Dorado at (305) 378-3186 or bdorado@whopper.com.

- **Due: Sunday, January 31, 2010**

Any student in grades 9 - 12 can apply for a \$1,000 cash award. Candidate is actively involved in school or community to advance the cause of race relations; complete an application with full description of activity; requires a recommendation from a supporter who can substantiate the positive impact of the activity. Applications in Mrs. Homer's office or online: www.princeton.edu/PrincetonPrize Student submits application directly to Princeton University. Questions? Call 800-742-1036 or email: PPrize@Princeton.edu Deadline for applications is January 31, 2010.

- **Due: Monday, February 15, 2010**

ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP: Seniors graduating in spring 2010; original essay, typed, double-spaced, no longer than one page (500 words), minimum font size = 12 points; include your name & title at the top of essay; no handwritten essays; no photos/drawings. Mail-in entries ONLY. ESSAY QUESTION: Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! delivers an important message about the chances and troubles that life presents. Thinking about the book, Oh, The Places You'll Go!, what kinds of opportunities and challenges do you think your education will present in the future? DUE: Entries must be postmarked by February 15, 2010. Complete details and requirements: www.ohtheplaces.org



DHS Cell Phone Policy

At Dekaney High School and at every other school across the country, cell phone and other electronic devices are interfering with learning in the classroom and can impact the overall climate of the school. We continue to enforce the rule that prohibits cell phone use in the classroom. However, students continue to bring their cell phones to the classroom; they receive and send text messages to and from parents, guardians, and friends, they use the phones to check the time, and the ringers are often left on causing a disruption in the classroom when someone attempts to make contact.

Please refrain from calling and texting your sons and daughters on their cell phones during the school day. These distractions are increasing and are disruptive to the learning environment in the classroom. If you must get a message to your son or daughter, please call the Dekaney Main Office Line at 281—891—7260.

Finally, if your son or daughter does not really need his or her cell phone or other electronic device at school, **we strongly urge you to have them leave those items at home!** These are expensive pieces of equipment. It is frustrating for us – and you – when they are lost or stolen. It becomes very disruptive to the learning environment at school. In addition, we are quite sure, these losses and thefts are very disruptive to your family budget at home.

Rules in general regarding cell phones:

1. Cell phones are not to be seen or on at any time in the classrooms without teacher permission. In addition, they should never be used in the gymnasium, auditorium, attendance make-up sessions, general or pep assemblies, study halls, tutorial sessions, homerooms, locker rooms, or bathrooms.
2. Students may not use cell phones during the school day;
3. Students may not use cell phones, or other electronic devices, to take photos, videos, or other recordings – at any time – at school without a teacher's or administrator's approval;
6. Violation of Dekaney's Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy may result in the cell phone/electronic device being confiscated by **any** staff member. Violation of this policy may also result in other disciplinary action. Confiscated cell phones will be turned into the Spring ISD Police Department.
7. Cell phones may be confiscated if there is reasonable suspicion of cheating, harassment, threats, illegal activity, or other actions that may violate school policy, or are disruptive to the school day or harmful to other students or staff.

Special Departments at Dekaney

A great welcome is in order for two new additions to the Dekaney High School Special Services department. Both ladies hail from a sister school within Spring I.S.D. Ms. Tina Thomas has hit the ground running in the Structured Learning room while Ms. Olivia Williams is taking it all in as a Behavior Intervention/Co-Teacher.

New partnerships are being formed as Special Services teachers work with General Education teachers for increased student success. With the whirlwind of content planning, helpful EPLT sessions, and the collaboration of every educator in the building, the effort being put forth to continue and grow our learning community is evident at every turn.

Those of us in the Special Services department have never been more excited to be a part of a school that focuses on the client-our students. Wonderful things will continue to occur as we all strive towards our goal of preparing young people to be nationally recognized leaders that are positive contributors to our world.

MATH

The Dekaney High School Math Department utilizes a challenging curriculum. It prepares students and productive members of the 21st Century. The mathematics curriculum at Dekaney High School aims to develop the knowledge and skills needed for daily and professional life. Dekaney High School math teachers help students to gain confidence and to think logically. By using activities that encourage the knowledge of math, students are able to internalize the logical structure and meaning of mathematics in the real world.

SCIENCE

Welcome to the 2009—2010 school year! Your child is currently enrolled in one of the many science courses that Dekaney has to offer which includes Integrated Physics & Chemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & Environmental Science. In order to meet graduation requirements, your child must earn the necessary credits in their science courses, as well as master the Exit-Level Science TAKS test which includes objectives from the previously mentioned course. Parents, your support is vital to success of your child as we strive to reach our Science TAKS goal of 80% mastery. Please encourage your child to be on time, participate in class, complete assignments, ask questions, and attend tutorials. **Save the Dates in Science : October 22, 2209-Exit Level Science retest; April 29,2010-Science TAKS test.**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

In the foreign language department, we have been testing students to place them in higher levels. We attended a KAGAN workshop to help employ fun and exciting strategies in our classes. Go Wild Cats! Rachael Treaster, the KAGAN workshop presenter came around to visit our classes, and she liked everything she saw.... The LOTE department is, "Leading the Way Excellence." Go Wild Cats!

SOCIAL STUDIES

As we begin this second six weeks grading period, we would like to say thank you to all of the parents and students for their hard work and dedication at the start of our new school year. Any student assigned to take the TAKS retest in October is expected to attend tutorials twice a week. All teachers are available for tutoring afterschool. Please speak with your child's teacher concerning the assigned tutorial days for that particular class. All Social Studies classes use the interactive notebook. Please encourage your child to study this material daily and complete all assignments within the notebook. Let's keep up the good work and continue on our way to achieving excellence in all of our classes!

All 9th grade students will have the opportunity to tour the Wunsche Academy in October. Please read all forms related to this tour and return necessary paperwork so that your student will be able to join us. . In our World Geography classes this six weeks, our students will study the units on North American and Latin America.

Our 10th grade World History classes are busy this new six weeks preparing our students for the units on the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation, and Age of Absolutism. Please encourage your child to review daily in preparation for class, assessments, as well as the TAKS test. Early U.S. History is a large component of the TAKS test so your student will be expected to review this material.

Our 11th grade U.S. History classes are exploring the Gilded Age, Progressive Era, Imperialism, World War I, and the Roaring 1920s as we start this new six weeks. Students will be engaged in independent as well as group work during these units of study. All U.S. History students will continue to review early U.S. History as well as current content in preparation for the TAKS test. Please encourage your student to review this material daily.

Our 12th grade Economics classes are studiously working on Market Structures, Financial Institutions, Money and Taxes, and the GDP. The 12th grade Government classes are diving into their studies of the three branches of government. The Economics and Government classes are both aimed at preparing our students for life beyond high school and require more advanced projects and assignments. It is crucial that these students prepare for class and have all required assignments completed in a timely fashion.

Any student assigned to take the TAKS retest in October is expected to attend tutorials twice a week. All teachers are available for tutoring afterschool. Please speak with your child's teacher concerning the assigned tutorial days for that particular class. All Social Studies classes use the interactive notebook. Please encourage your child to study this material daily and complete all assignments within the notebook.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you this year!

English Department Update

The English Department has completed the first phase of the ELA TRT. This test gave important information to the ELA teachers which will help prepare our students to take the TAKS Test in February. During the second 6 weeks our primary focus will be the composition and OER (Open Ended Response) questions.

English IV will be entering the English Renaissance period of British literature. Seniors will have the opportunity to attend the Renaissance Festival at the end of October.

English III classes will be writing a composition from a TAKS prompt. They will be studying literature from the Pre-Revolutionary Period of American Literature.

English II will be studying Antigone and Shakespeare's Julius Cesar. They will be completing a major project which will involve creating a CD of music to accompany the play.

English I will be continuing their study of the Odyssey. Students will continue their independent reading and vocabulary study.

All of the English classes require students to be reading outside of class. Students should read 20-30 minutes a night from books checked out of the library or the classroom. Classes visit the library on a regular basis so everyone has the opportunity to select a book.

Career & Technical Education Department

There are so many exciting paths that the Career and Technical Education Department is engaged in. Our business classes are digging into the core of how to start and run a business. The students are putting together the business plan, financial statements and projected earnings for their future business.

The Career Preparation classes are off and running, or shall we say, "working". The Business and Marketing classes are new this year to Dekaney High School and are off to a great start. Students are working in training stations from Exxon-Mobil to Sears. The students are learning how to work in these environment. In other business and marketing classes, students are exploring careers. They are doing research on a career and then applying it to software that students use to present their findings to their classmates.

Our culinary classes are gearing up to make and sell lunches to teachers. Yummy, they make the best lunches at an affordable price too.

Health Science classes are creating a study to determine if High School children without physical or intellectual challenges can learn professionalism and satisfactory social interaction by integrating with students with physical and intellectual challenges. In addition, an evaluation whether the social interaction between mainstream students and special needs students will enhance the learning curve the special needs students. Students from a 9th grade level medical terminology course will be integrated one day per week with special needs students that have severe physical and intellectual challenges. During this time together, the mainstream students will interact with the special needs students at the special needs students' level of abilities. The mainstream students learning will be measured using a rubric for professional behavior and a weekly journal to express their perception of the day and their feelings about the special needs students. The special needs students' progress will be measured using already established evaluation methods.

These are some of the great things happening in the CTE department at Dekaney High School.

Up Coming Events continued...

Art Department News

The **Homecoming Portrait Backdrops for the Dance** were painted by 25 of our upper level art students. The themes chosen were: the New York Skyline with the Statue of Liberty and a Japanese Pagoda in front of Hiroshima Mountain. Our students are very proud of these paintings. **Upcoming Events: National Art Portfolio Day Review** to be held in Austin, Texas on Oct. 10, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. AT&T Education and Conference Center, 1900 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705. Phone: (512) 404-1900.

Culture Shaper's Art Contest to be held on October 31, 2009. Entry fee is \$20.00 per category.

Scholastic Art Regional Competition to be held on December 4, 2009, Entry to be published later.



Library



Things to know about DHS Library:

Patsy McLaughlin (patsym@springisd.org) and Charles DeWitt (cdewitt@springisd.org) are the DHS librarians. Our aide is Katie Horne. Student aides this semester are Oseiel Sanjuanero, Huy Nguyen and Kahla Shepherd. Our phone number is 281-891-7341.

Hours: Monday: 7:15 -3:00 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday: 9:45 a.m. – 3p.m. & Friday, 6:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Parents who would like to use the library are encouraged to see the librarian to set up an account. We require a picture ID with a DHS area address.

Report card Holds: We hold report cards for overdue books and fines more than three weeks old. Overdue notices are sent 1-3 times per six weeks via students' English classes. Students may "work off" or "read off" their fines before or after school (see our hours above) at a rate of 25 cents for each 10 minutes of working or reading.

DSG: Students are encouraged to work in the library to earn DSG hours. Drop-ins are welcome, and are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. We accept 2-5 volunteers per day.



YEARBOOKS - Yearbooks will be sold beginning Friday, October 8, 2009 during lunches. The cost is \$50 or a \$30 deposit will hold your book until June.

Up Coming Events

Tidbits From The TAKS Lady

One of the most valuable lessons a Dekaney student will learn is how to strategically navigate towards a successful future. Assessments provide an opportunity to identify each student's academic needs and a platform on which to build their plans for success.

All grade levels will be involved in **Formative Assessments** during **Oct. 19-22, 2009**.

On **October 14, 2009** the **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered to all 10th and 11th graders and all seniors will take the **ASVAB** test (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery). Both assessments are designed to assess a student's academic skill level, provide online tools to initiate college and career planning, and provide avenues towards funding future educational endeavors. For more information, visit the following websites:

www.collegeboard.com/psat

<http://www.asvabprogram.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=overview.main>

The **October TAKS Exit-Level Retesting**, available for those 11th and 12th graders who previously were unsuccessful on TAKS, will be given as follows:

*Oct. 20th – ELA TAKS Retest

*Oct. 21st – Math TAKS Retest

*Oct. 22nd – Science TAKS Retest

*Oct. 23rd – Social Studies Retest

Personalized TAKS Study Guides have been distributed to students who did not master TAKS test in one or more subject areas last school year.

To ensure academic success, students must set goals for themselves, seek intervention and assistance with areas of difficulty, and work hard to achieve their set goals. Some resources available to help students focus on academic skills are:

1. Tutorials during and afterschool
2. TAKS released tests
3. TAKS Study Guides
4. Computer-based Programs

The **Texas Education Agency website** will provide a wealth of resources in preparation for the TAKS:

www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/release/taks

www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/guides/study

By utilizing as many resources as possible, each student will grow academically and move closer towards their destination...

GRADUATION!

For more information contact:

Donna Hawkins

Campus Testing Coordinator

Dekaney High School

Spring ISD

(281) 891-7303

Sharon Bailey

Associate Principal for Data and Assessment

Dekaney High School

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(281) 891 - 7267

Up Coming Events continued...



DHS Parent Academy

Greeting Parents,

Dekaney High School students and staff need your support! This year will be the first year that Dekaney will have a parent organization designed to support **every student** (regardless of club or organization affiliation) through parent volunteers. The Parent Academy is unique in not only how it supports all students in our school, but also the organization will offer parent education classes and address parent concerns. Please come out and join us on **October 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Dekaney Cafeteria!**

Purpose of the DHS Parent Academy

The purpose of the Dekaney High School (DHS) Parent Academy is to support the school as a whole. Provide financial support for projects or activities, solicit business support through donations (monetary or item) or sponsorships of particular events, provide parent support through workshops and informational sessions, and provide networking opportunities. Goal: work smarter, not harder. Rally more members. Mission: Together We CAN Achieve More.

Officers

- President—Anita Robinson
- Vice President—Gwen Mayers
- Secretary— Luellen Bledsoe
- Treasurer— Patricia Soria

Appointed Positions:

- Assistant Secretary— Cristina Cooper
- Freshman Parent Committee Chair—Christina Cooper
- Senior Parent Committee Chair—Ella Bennett

Please remember that volunteers are always needed. Look for the new DHS Parent Academy section on the Dekaney website.

Together We CAN Achieve More!

DHS Choir

The Dekaney High School Choir Department will present our Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 27th, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in the Star Theater.

Admission is free.

The choirs will perform a variety of music including Oh, Susannah!, The Artist Teaches Us All, Who Will Be A Witness, Arise My Love, Blackbird, and The Pirate. Join us in the Star Theater for a musical evening!

District Choir Auditions

We are pleased to announce that 10 out of 16 District candidates will advance to the Region Choir auditions in late October!

They represented Dekaney very positively . The students who will advance are:

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| Nissy Philip | Marnia Hamilton |
| Janae Breda | Brittany Bryant |
| Sydney Owens | Eric Barber |
| Danny Grigsby | Nick Washington |
| Jerrmiah Baker | Lorenzo Matlock. |

Student Tutorial Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English I	M. Adams, C. Fields, S. Houston, K Smith 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.				
English II	E. Mulholland 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m.	R. Malveaux, E. Mulholland, J. Daughrity 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.		J. Daughrity 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m.	
English III	V. McNair 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.	K. Castillo 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.	P. Baxter, C. Wilkes 2:30p.m. - 3:45p.m.		
English IV		P. Sears, J. Smith - 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.	T. Castro, P. McCombs - 2:30p.m.-3:45p.m.		
World Geo.	M. Andrade, B. Arabie, M. George, H. Mims,				
World Hist.	A. Demouy, J. Masters, J. Spence,				
USHist.	A. Brooks, J. Chesnut, S. Thornberry, C. Vaccaro,			A. Brooks, J. Chesnut, S. Thornberry, C. Vaccaro,	
Gov't/Eco	R. Boone, R. Gies, Ruth Lucas, Avice Clark				
Algebra I	Fischer, McMillan, Mukherji 2:30-3:45	Fischer, Mukherji 2:30-3:45	John, McMillan, Smith 2:30-3:45	John 2:30-3:45	
Algebra II	Allen, Brinkman, 2:30-3:45	Storms, Zychowski 2:30-3:45	Allen, Brinkman, Parker, Zychowski 2:30-3:45		
Geometry	Bruton, Howard, Scott 2:30-3:45	Bruton, Montelongo, Pham, Scott 2:30-3:30	Elmore, Pham 2:30-3:30	Montelongo 2:30-3:45	
MMA/Coll. Prep		Cullum 2:30-3:45	Tudman 2:30-3:45	Tudman 2:30-3:45	
PreCal/Cal		Glasgow, Noel 2:30-3:45	Glasgow, Noel 2:30-3:45		
Biology	Gomez, Derbes 6:45 - 7:10, May, Coleman, Price, Telek 2:30-3:45	Coleman, Telek 6:45-7:10, Price, Simon 2:30-3:45	May, Telek, Derbes 2:30-3:45		Simon 6:45-7:10
Chemistry	Chavez 6:45 - 7:10 & 2:30-3:30, Houghton, 6:45-7:10 Ayozie, Agapito, Thomas, Gautreau 2:30-3:45,	Chavez 6:45 - 7:10 & 2:30-3:45 Houghton, Johnson 6:45-7:10 Gautreau 2:30-3:45	Chavez 6:45 - 7:10 & 2:30-3:30, Houghton, 6:45-7:10, Thomas, Gomez, Ford, Agapito 2:30-3:45	Chavez 6:45 - 7:10 & 2:30-3:45, Ayozie 2:30-3:45	Johnson, Gautreau 6:45 - 7:10
IPC			Wilson 2:30-3:45	Wilson 2:30-3:45	
Physics	Chadwick 2:30-3:45	Chadwick, Wright 2:30-3:45			
Environ. Sys.		Sullivan 6:45-7:10	Sullivan 6:45-7:10		
Choir	Abrams, Likos 2:30-5:30	Abrams, Likos 2:30-5:30	Abrams, Likos 2:30-5:30	Abrams, Likos 2:30-5:30	
Art	Abshere, Lovett, Rodney 2:30-3:45		Abshere, Lovett, Rodney 2:30-3:45		
Band	Josafat, Cooper, Rinehart, Ruth 3:00-4:00	Josafat, Cooper, Rinehart, Ruth 3:00-5:40	Josafat, Cooper, Rinehart, Ruth 3:00-5:40	Josafat, Cooper, Rinehart, Ruth 3:00-6:15	Josafat, Cooper, Rinehart, Ruth 3:00-5:00 (Not on Game Days)
Theater/Speech		O'Bryan, Richardson 2:30-3:45	Heller, Kliewer, O'Bryan, Richardson 2:30-3:45	O'Bryan, Richardson 2:30-3:45	
Dance			Practice in the Afternoon		

Senior Corner

Senior Parent Volunteers Needed

We will need parent volunteers to assist with the different fundraisers and senior events such as Prom, After Prom, and Senior Picnic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Monique King at 281-891-7273 or MKing@springisd.org.

Fundraisers

- Fall Fashion Show - Friday, November 6th
- Dekaney has partnered with CiCi's Pizza to host monthly fundraiser nights. 10% of receipts collected that night will go towards Senior activities.

Senior Prom – Saturday, May 8, 2010

Prom tickets will go on sale mid-October. The cost is \$50 per ticket before January 19, 2010 and \$60 after that date. The theme is "City of Lights" and the location is the Marriott Waterway hotel in the Woodlands.

Senior Field Trip – Renaissance Festival

The government and economics classes will be taking their seniors to the Renaissance Festival Tuesday, October 27th. The cost is \$20. Each teacher will only be taking 60 students so seating is limited.