

September 22, 2019

Dear Dana Families and Friends,

From last year... Thank you to all of the families that came out and participated in our Back to School Night. I am incredibly grateful for everyone's patience as we navigated through our night with an altered bell schedule. As I previously mentioned, engaging parents and welcoming them onto our campus is essential in building family and school relationships. Middle school is a crucial time in the development of our young adults, making the partnership between the school and families even more important.

Thank you to the Wiseburn Education Foundation and our Dana PTSA for participating in our evening. Our school and staff is fortunate to have the unwavering support of both of these organizations. More information regarding ways to participate and volunteer in PTSA are below. This week is a regular, full week with 2:45 pm dismissal days. I wish everyone a wonderful week!

Take care,
Kiana Clark

Online Yearbook Sales Are Now Open at Yearbookforever.com!

Sales for the 2019-2020 Dana Yearbook were kicked-off last Thursday at Back to School Night. We are currently offering an "early bird" price of \$34. Take a look at the **attached flier** for more information.

Order early, a limited number of yearbooks are available for sale. The last opportunity for the school to increase the order will be in mid-January. Don't miss out.

Seventh Grade families – Catalina Trip Lottery

Information for this activity was distributed in Science classes on Back to School Night. Lottery forms will also be available before school in the library.

Reminder that all parent and student signed lottery forms must be turned in to Mrs. Ory **by the end of morning recess this Monday, September 23**. If needed, a lottery will be held after school on Monday, September 23. Students do not need to be present. Contact your child's science teacher if you have any questions regarding this activity.

Free or Reduced Lunch Applications

As a reminder, students that qualified for Free or Reduced lunch status last year and have **not** submitted a lunch application for the 2019-2020 school year will have their status changed to full pay effective **Thursday, October 10, 2019**. For further details please read the **attached letter** from our Food Services Department.

Dana Singers

Dana Singers will be meeting on Mondays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Music Room, 302, at Dana, starting this Monday, **September 23, 2018**.

Spooktacular - Save the Date!

It's almost time for Spooktacular! We are very excited for this annual community event. This year Spooktacular will be on Friday, October 25th from 5-8 pm on the Dana Middle School Campus.

This event wouldn't be possible without all of our amazing volunteers. Please click on the link below if you are able to give a few hours of your time. We truly appreciate your support!

Parent Volunteer Sign Up link:

<https://signup.com/go/anVaguT>

Wiseburn/Da Vinci student Sign Up link will be sent directly to each high school.

There will be an informational volunteer meeting on Wednesday, September 25th at Dana at 7:00 pm in the Room 201. If you are not able to attend, but would still like to help, you can send an email to danaptaspooktacular@gmail.com.

Join Dana PTSA Today!

Help us form a strong community of parents, students, and teachers, by joining Dana PTSA today! You can join online at <https://jointotem.com/ca/hawthorne/dana-middle-school-ptsa> or you can send in the flyer with your child to school. Our goal is 100% membership!

You are not obligated to volunteer or come to meetings when you join PTSA, you are just showing your support of our school, teachers, and children!

Monday, September 23– Periods 1 thru 6 – 2:45pm dismissal

- Congratulations to the 62 Dolphins who tried out for the first ever Dana Middle School Robotics Team last Saturday. The results have been posted in PLTW, Room 203. Please see Mr. D to see if made it to round 2.
- 10:16am – By this time all parent and student signed lottery forms must be turned in to Mrs. Ory in the library
- 2:50pm – Catalina trip lottery (if needed) will be held after school in front of the library. Students do not need to be present.
- 3:00pm- 4:00pm- Dana Singers- 302
- 3:15pm- 5:00pm- Girls Volleyball practice- gym
- 3:15pm- 5:00pm- Football Practice- field

Tuesday, September 24 - Periods 2, 4, 6 - 2:45pm dismissal

- Are you interested in Engineering? We are now taking sign-ups for the October 5th Engineering Hackathon. A Hackathon is a fun challenge where you will work on a team with a Chevron Professional to build a vehicle. Space is limited, sign up today during lunch and after school.
- 1:00-1:15pm – ASB officer election information meeting for interested 8 grade students in the library. Students must attend this meeting to receive a candidate form.
- 11:47am- 12:32pm WEB Committee Meetings during POD- 201

2:50pm- 3:40pm- JC Bible Club- 705
3:15pm- 4:30pm- Cross Country practice- Dana black top
3:15pm- 5:00pm- Football Practice- field

Wednesday, September 25 - Periods 1, 3, 5 - 2:45pm dismissal

3:30pm- 5:00pm- Rip and Go Sports- Basketball courts (blacktop)
6:30pm- 8:00pm- PTA Spooktacular meeting- 201

Thursday, September 26 - Periods 2, 4, 6 - 2:45pm dismissal

- Round 2 Robotics Challenge today after school in PLTW from 3-4pm. See Mr. D for more information.

11:47am- 12:32pm WEB Leaders meeting during POD- 201

12:32pm- 1:17pm- 6th grade lessons given by WEB Leaders in POD- 6th grade classrooms

3:00pm- 4:00pm- Afterschool Play Auditions – 705

3:15pm- 5:00pm- Girls Volleyball practice- gym

3:15pm- 4:30pm- Cross Country practice- Dana black top

3:15pm- 5:00pm- Football Practice- field

Friday, September 27 – Periods 1, 3, 5 - 2:45pm dismissal

- ASB is sponsoring a **Dolphin, Wear Blue, spirit day!**

- Congratulations to the Dana Middle School First Tech Robotics Team. The 15 students' names are posted on PLTW, Room 203! Go Dolphins.

- Reminder to all ASB reps to collect spirit day and VIP Recess Treat suggestions from your POD classes to bring to the October 9 meeting.