Building Beat

October 18, 2021

Upcoming calendar reminders

Friday, October 22:
No school for students; Teacher work day.

PINK Out Home Varsity Game

Monday, October 25-Thursday, October 28:
Intersession I.
Only those students who are registered will attend.

Friday, October 29:
No school for students, staff.

Monday, November 1:
School resumes



Hill Elementary named among best K-8th grade schools

Hill Elementary has been named one of the best K-8th grade schools within the state based on rankings announced this week by U.S. News. It is the organization's first time to rank pre-K, elementary and middle schools. For years, U.S. News has ranked high schools and colleges.

Hill Elementary is the second school in the district to receive a “Best School” ranking. Earlier this year, Davison High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in the 2021 Best High Schools by U.S. News.

In this latest ranking, Hill Elementary ranked #45th among Michigan schools out of 102,610 pre-K, elementary and middle schools analyzed by U.S. News.

“This is something the Hill school community, and the District, should celebrate and be extremely proud of,” said Superintendent **Kevin Brown**. “We are very fortunate to have outstanding staff, not only at Hill Elementary but at every level in the district, who work tirelessly to engage students in the learning process and continually put kids first.”

Unlike the high school rankings, there are no national rankings of elementary and middle schools. There are overall state rankings and state rankings broken out by school district.

Scoring was almost entirely rooted in students’ performance on mathematics and reading/language arts state assessments. Each state administers these assessments to determine whether learning in core subjects is achieved and to review how well schools are educating their students – including but not limited to children from low-income households and children from historically underserved ethnicities.

To view the U.S. News report, visit: https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/search?state=MI

October is College Month at Davison High School

An annual FAFSA/Financial planning event and a weekly chance to win college swag are some of the activities held as part of College Month at Davison High School.



DHS Counselor **Amy Hyrman** said nearly 80 parents attended the FAFSA/Financial planning session, which included speakers and then the opportunity to complete their student’s FAFSA (Federal Application for Free Student Aid) application that night in the Media Center with experts on hand to assist.

As part of College Month, students also have the chance to participate in daily trivia contests. One lucky winner is selected in a drawing each day and at the end of the week, one lucky senior is selected to win a prize box filled with college swag. In addition to answering the day's trivia questions, seniors can earn raffle tickets by submitting their FAFSA, completing a college application or by sending their transcripts via Parchment. DHS senior **Emily Brown** was the lucky winner of the October 8 drawing.

House of Cards warm up with a win at off-season event

The Davison House of Cards FIRST Robotics Team 3534 competed in two Robocon tournaments this past weekend. Robocon is an off-season competition using the FIRST Robotics Infinite Recharge game from 2020, to help teams compete with their robots from the pandemic-shortened 2020 season and lack of in-person 2021 season.

On Day 1 held Saturday, October 16, the House of Cards team was the winner of the event with their alliance partners of Team 5460 Strike Zone and Team 33 Killer Bees. The House of Cards qualified 14th and was chosen as the second draft pick by the second-ranked alliance captain team Strike Zone. The Day 1 robot driver was **Andrew Meikle**, the co-drivers were **Owen Martin** and **Ivan Liang**, and robot technicians were **Markus Zuccaro** and **Tred Wittke**. Many other team members rotated through the human player position to experience robot competition first hand.

On Day 2 Sunday, the House of Cards team was the Finalist of the event with alliance partners Team 5460, Strike Zone, and Team 3539, The Byting Bulldogs. The House of Cards qualified third and became the second-ranked alliance captain. Team members played very well and narrowly missed their second win of the weekend. The Day 2 robot driver was **Peyton Spodney**, the co-driver was **Caden Tucker**, the robot technician was **Tred Wittke** and the human player was **Sydney Schneider**. This group was a first time rookie drive team. Peyton is the first young lady to lead the House of Cards to the playoff finals as a robot driver.



The House of Cards will start its12th season in January of 2022.





DHS ANIME CLUB



The DHS Anime Club meets twice a month, every other Wednesday, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45pm in the library. If students are interesting in joining the club they can stop by and see Club Sponsor and DHS Teacher Mrs. Mary Ann Stedry in Room 220.



