



May 2, 2019

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Thursday, May 2:

Volunteer Dinner, 5:45 p.m., DHS cafeteria

Opening Night of DHS Musical, "Willy Wonka" 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium, Tickets \$10

Friday, May 3:

Popcorn Friday at Hill Elementary

DHS Musical, "Willy Wonka" 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium, Tickets \$10

Saturday, May 4:

DHS Musical, "Willy Wonka" 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium, Tickets \$10

Monday, May 6:

Hahn PTO Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m. DHS AMR

Wednesday, May 8:

Early Release for grades K-12; NO Delayed Start for high school grades. NO PM preschool classes.

Thursday, May 9:

Siple Elementary 3rd Grade Recorder Concert

DMS Drama Night, 6-7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

House of Cards finishes exciting season at World meet

For the third time in the last four years, FRC Team 3534 competed on the world stage at FIRST Championship - Detroit.

The House of Cards competed in the Arcimedes Division and finished with a record of 5-5-0 and ranked 44 out of 68 teams in the division.

Overall, the team completed this year's Destination Deep Space season with a

state ranking of 79 out of 542 teams in Michigan. Thank you for an exciting season!



House of Cards team members at the world competition at Cobo Hall

DHS law class students victorious in mock trial competitions

Davison High School students in **Ms. Jodi Aboneaaj's** criminal law class participated in the mock trial competition last week at the Genesee County 7th Circuit Court. Students enjoyed a luncheon organized by the Genesee County Bar Association and spent time in the courtrooms competing and speaking to the Honorable Judge Duncan Beagle. Both DHS teams were victorious, besting Powers and Goodrich.

Students in Ms. Aboneaaj's class gain insight and appreciation of the legal system, the dynamic nature of law, the social impact of legislation and legal decisions, and the legal consequences of decision making. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Genesee County Teen Jury Program; and as a culmination of the class, all students participate in a mock trial where the



case will be of a criminal nature. This is the perfect course for any student who is interested in law or law enforcement as a career, or who simply has an interest in the legal system.

Meet our SVL students, teacher of year

Congratulations to Davison High School seniors **Ellie Timmons** and **Cannon Hall** on their selection as the 2019 Davison Cardinal Saginaw Valley League Scholar Athletes. Mrs. **Lindsay Gokey** was selected as Davison High School's Teacher of the Year.

The scholar athlete award is determined by a formula that considers a student's SAT score, grade point average, athletic participation and athletic awards. The SVL Teacher of the Year award, established in 1995, recognizes one teacher from each of the member high schools in the league.



DHS Teacher Lindsay Gokey, left, and students Cannon Hall and Ellie Timmons, right.

More awards for our amazing and talented DTV journalism crew

The awards keep coming for DTV students who recently learned that the program is the recipient of three student production awards from the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The awards were for the "DTV News Live Newscast," "In News We Trust" nonfiction story and "Miss Davison" feature story. Great job!

Another career readiness lesson for high school students

Davison High School students had another opportunity this week for some career readiness training by participating in a field trip that took them no farther than the backyard. Surveyors from Rowe Engineering visited the high school this week to demonstrate their drone and talk about certification to fly the instrument commercially and get paid to take photos.



"These experiences are important for students to make them aware of opportunities," said DHS Engineering Teacher Samantha Sny. "Students don't know about all possible career paths until they are exposed to them. Surveyors can easily make \$100,000+ a year if they start their own business, but even if they don't get the four-year degree and choose to start a business, the students now know surveying is an option with a two-year degree and is a great opportunity to

enjoy the outdoors or use their CAD skills."

The students were amazed when they watched the live feed the drone camera gave to the tablet as it took aerial photos of DHS sport fields.



FARM DAY

at
Thomson Elementary

It's an annual rite of passage for Davison kindergarten students—the day Upland Farms sets up shop in the gymnasium at Thomson Elementary. Students get a chance to “churn” butter (by shaking a jar of buttermilk), hear a rooster crow, see how wool comes from a sheep and even milk a cow!





Field Day

While the rainy weather prompted activities to be moved inside, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) preschool students who celebrated Field Day this week.





Recognizing staff members who go above and beyond in creating connections with students and living out our Kids First Mission. Staff members featured have been nominated for the monthly Kids First award but not randomly selected to win the \$100 gift card from the Mark Owen MEEMIC Insurance Agency. Their stories still deserve to be told!

Jason Book

**Nominated by Theresa Wendt,
Gates Elementary Principal**

Jason is definitely a Davison Kid's First Employee! Jason has been a Recess and Lunch Coach at Gates Elementary since the fall of 2017. And, he is all KID!

Jason is a retired Marine who moved back to Davison with his wife Brianna and their three children in 2016. When Brianna started as a monitor at Gates, Jason quickly followed suit, becoming a sub monitor and eventually a full-time monitor at the Middle School. Jason did this even though he already had a full-time job! And, he has juggled being a monitor with his full-time job ever since!



Jason comes to work each day with a smile on his face, ready to have a good time with students. He has been seen playing soccer, basketball and football; pushing students on swings; and helping students follow the Cardinal Code while on the playground all while being a positive role model to our students. Additionally, during the holiday season Jason took on the role of Santa (his idea) and visited all the classrooms talking to students and handing out candy canes. Jason clearly enjoys being around children!

Why does Jason choose to work two jobs? The same reason he is a Kid's First Employee - Jason LOVES kids!

