



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

Building Beat

February 6, 2018

Upcoming ...

Tuesday, February 6:
Spirit Week Begins! Hippiie Day at DHS/DAE

Wednesday, February 7:
"Wear Pink" for DHS/DAE Spirit Day

Scheduling 101 for students currently in grades 8-11; 6 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Parent Info Meeting About District's Challenging Academic Potential (Gifted) Program, 6:30 p.m. Hahn Intermediate Media Center

Thursday, February 8:
"Cabin Fever" Spirit Day at DHS/DAE

Positively Engaging Partnerships Parent Night, 6 p.m. DHS AMR

Friday, February 9:
"Blackout" Spirit Day at DHS/DAE

Saturday, February 10:
Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7-10 p.m. DHS

Spirit Week activities begin at DHS/DAE

This week is Spirit Week at Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education. The week will culminate with a Sadie Hawkins Dance from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Davison High School.

Here is a list of the daily Spirit activities in case you want to get in on the fun:

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Hippiie Spirit Day

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Wear Pink Spirit Day

Thursday, Feb. 8: Cabin Fever Spirit Day

Friday, Feb. 9: Black Out Spirit Day

Don't forget to RSVP for food, childcare at Parent PEP Talk!

If you are planning to attend this Thursday evening's Parent Positively Engaging Partnerships (PEP) Talk, please RSVP by 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 7. In order to plan appropriately, please RSVP at this link: <https://www.davisonschools.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=108> or contacting the Communications Office at medwards@davisonschools.org or (810) 591-0852.

Seven tabletop topics will be offered:

- **Restorative Practices** - Learn how you can use the techniques of affective statements, restorative actions and community circles to restore peace in your own home. Recommended for parents of all age groups
- **How does the new third grade reading law affect you and your elementary child?** - Learn about the new law and reading strategies you can use at home.
- **Establishing routines** - Kids do better when following routines but how do you set consistent bed times and homework times when life is crazy busy? Find out how with these tried and true techniques.
- **Sex education - How can we help parents with "the talk?"** - Sex education experts have long said if you haven't taught your kids about the birds and the bees by the time they are in fourth grade, it's too late. How can parents address this sensitive subject at home?
- **"Help! My high schooler has no clue what he/she wants to do after gradua-**



Formerly known as Parent University, our new Parent Education Series is designed to put the "pep" into parenting. Called Positively Engaging Partnership (PEP), Davison Community Schools is offering "The Unconference" with facilitators hosting topics at 7 different tables. The 20-minute Table Top discussions will allow parents to visit up to three discussions during the hour or stay all hour at one!

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| <p>Thursday, February 8, 2018 6 p.m. Pizza and Salad 6:30 p.m. PEP Program Begins Davison High School Athletic Meeting Room (AMR) <i>(Entrance at rear of Davison High School)</i> RSVP for dinner and childcare by signing up on our website or calling/emailing our Communications Department at (810) 591-0852 or medwards@davisonschools.org.</p> |
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tion!” Learn how you can support your student and generate/encourage interests - like college visits, field trips to job/career sites and career fairs.

- **“Grandparents raising grandchildren. You are not alone!”** Meet Heady Gist, program coordinator for Kinship Caregivers, a grandparents raising grandchildren support group offered through Catholic Charities of Genesee and Shiawassee counties.
- **“Substance Abuse Prevention Among Teens”** Join Rochelle Gasso from Catholic Charities who will talk about how to spot early warning signs and next steps if you suspect your teen is using drugs or headed that way.

Nearly 100 DMS students inducted into National Junior Honor Society

In December, 95 eighth graders were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Davison Middle School. In order to be a member of the NJHS, a student must have had a cumulative grade point average for their 7th grade year of 3.75 and above as well as receiving all 3s and 4s (with at least 2 4s) in Cardinal Code.

Congratulations to the following NJHS members: **Gabrielle Abernathy, Corbin Allen, Calvin Armstead, Ava Arnes, Clara Asher, Gabriel Ashley, Christopher Beller, Halayna Bollwitt, Ryan Bougie, Anakin Brittain, Hope Conger, Brady Corkins, Caitlin Cottrill, Aiden Curl, Lucas Daunt, Caitlin Dellinger, Olivia Dirkse, Grace Dorman, Nicholas Dorner, Victoria Duckworth, Riley Duncan, Sydney Dyer, Arianna Edwards, Jonathan Faydenko, Aidan Fisackerly, Olivia Gean, Tristan Glann, Amanda Glanton, Annabelle Grech, Jasmine Hadley, Christopher Hall, Rebekah Hall, Jackson Hartwell, Allison Hawk, Emma Hawley, Carson Hennessey, Kylee Henney, Lauryn Henry, Kennedy Herriman, Chloe Hinkley, Abigail Howes, Chloe Hug, Savannah Hull, Ella Jones, Madison Jones, Andrew Keeler, Kadence Kenyon, Mya Kraut, Kylie Laux, Grace Luea, Danielle Marinco, Jonathan Mason, Lillian Mataway, Olivia McCurdy, Aiden McDonald, Ella McLeod, Avery Metzger, Marisa Metzger, Brianna Millay, Jessica Minto, Jody Nichols, Isaac Norton, Michael Osterholzer, Owen Payne, Sophia Perrault, Logan Pethers, Gracie Ploof, Connor Pollard, Mason Polmanteer, Grace Pratt, Drayaden Raby, Hadley Reek, Beatrix Renner, Elliott Sanford, Hope Scally, Syd-**



ney Schneider, Alora Sevenski, Emma Siekierski, Lilianna Smith, Dylan Sredich, Cy Stavros, Wyatt Stevens, Benjamin Stoica, Kate Stone, Angelina Szuch, Rebecca Talaska, Halana Vallance, Caroline Vance, Sydney Webster, Avery Wilson, Kelcie Woodruff, Hannah Woods, Taylor Woolman, Nayla Zimmerman and Marcus Zuccaro.

In addition, congratulations to this year's President, **Sophia Perrault**, Vice President, **Avery Metzger**, and Community Service Chair, **Kelcie Woodruff**.

DHS students, staff take the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

Davison High School DECA chapter members **Grace Olson**, **Libby Olson** and **Mitchell Malenich** organized Davison High School students and staff to participate in the 10th annual Polar Plunge Challenge on Lake Fenton held this past Saturday to raise money for the Special Olympics.

The snow and the cold couldn't stop Davison High School students and staff from taking a dive for a great cause. More than 50 family members, school staff and Davison students came to cheer on the Davison Cardinals as they took the plunge into frigid water.

"This was Davison's first time participating in this event but it will definitely NOT be the last!" said event coordinator **Grace Olson**.

Thirteen Davison high school students and two staff members took the PLUNGE to support the Unified Champions, a new club at Davison High school that brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to play united sports, participate in school leadership and bring awareness of respect and acceptance for ALL students.

Student jumpers included: seniors **Grace Olson**, **Mitchell Malenich**, **Carter Holmes**, **Drew Fleming**, **Ellie Crandall**; juniors **Ellie Timmons**, **Elijah Collins**; sophomores **Brendan Biazza**, **Lauren Torok**, **Spencer Torok**, **Ella Isham**, **Cassie Allard** and freshman **Joe Fry**. Davison High School teachers **Michael McCollum** and **Doug Wilson** also supported the effort.

"I was overwhelmed by the support we received from Davison students, staff and the community as a whole," Grace Olson said. "Everyone I talked to was quick to help in any way possible. It really helped raise awareness for students with disabilities and brought us together as a community. I feel proud of what we accomplished."

The Davison High School Unified Champion School Club raised more than \$2,300! The group set a goal of raising \$1,000 but more than doubled their expectations. Top fundraisers were Brendan Biazza, who raised more than \$800, and Grace Olson, who raised \$600. Every student reported they would definitely return for this event next year. In total, this year's area Polar Plunge raised more than \$81,000 for Special Olympic athletes.

"This group of students from DHS really took charge of this campaign to help a great cause and further the identity of the Unified Champions program started last year by some of these same student leaders," said DHS Principal **Sue Kenkel**. "They quickly realized the impact of their positive leadership when 15 students and staff agreed to take the plunge and they more than doubled the goal they had set for themselves. I am extremely proud of their leadership and passion to help bring respect and acceptance for everyone at Davison High School."



The DHS Unified Champions group meets on Wednesday mornings for group games, activities and projects. They have gone bowling together and plan to participate in the Special Olympics Bowling Challenge. The group decorates lockers with positive messages and randomly hands out business-card-sized kindness messages.

On Wednesday, February 7, Unified Champions has scheduled guest speaker, Anthony Ianni, former Michigan State Basketball player, who has overcome many challenges in his life including the hardships of having autism, to address the student body at Davison High School.

