



*A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.*

Building Beat

April 22, 2016

Upcoming ...

Friday, April 22:

Hill Elementary School
Dance, 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 25:

Farm Day at Thomson Elementary

M-STEP testing window
begins for third graders

Wednesday, April 27:

Seventh grade orientation
for 2016-17 school year

Thursday, April 28:

Volunteer Dinner, 5:45 p.m.
Davison High School

Opening Night of DHS Varsity
Choir Musical, 7 p.m.
DHS Auditorium

Friday, April 29:

DHS Career Fair, Gym

DHS Varsity Choir Musical,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Saturday, April 30:

DHS Varsity Choir Musical,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Robotics Team headed to the World championships!

After tearing it up at last weekend's state finals, Team #3534 House of Cards is now advancing to the world competition in St. Louis, Missouri April 27-May 1. The House of Cards team consists of

Malachi Bergman, Ethan Besson, Montana Bishop, Austin Coykendall, Peyton Craft, JoAnna Hansen, Aaron Hazel, Cody Humphrey, Avery Lawrence, Nathan McCatty, Vynncent Murphy, Logan Peel, Grant Peel, Logan Smith, Katie Vobach and Austin Whitman.



House of Cards Team #3534 at last weekend's state competition where Gov. Rick Snyder stopped by.

Good luck!

DTV inducted into Hall of Fame

It has been a whirlwind week for DTV! On Monday, the student-led TV team was featured on the front page of the Detroit News. Two days later, the crew was in Lansing to showcase its program for state legislators and Governor Rick Snyder—



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who, by the way, was interviewed by DTV reporters **Jor-dynnn Bruns** and **Grant Pol-manteer**. And yesterday, DTV was back in Lansing to become the first video journalism program to be inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) Hall of Fame. In order to be considered for the award, a program has to show

excellence in longevity by earning nine Spartan awards within 10 years.

But the accolades don't stop there! On Saturday, DTV will receive the Best of Show award at the Detroit Institute of Arts for its "Undrinkable" documentary. The video will also be screened at the show.

On Monday, April 25, DTV will release its follow-up documentary, "Undrinkable 2," on the two-year anniversary of the City of Flint's decision to switch its water source to the Flint River.

The Student Emmy awards will be held Saturday, April 30, and DTV is nominated for two crystal pillar awards from Michigan National Academy of the Television and Arts & Sciences (NATAS). The ceremony will be held at the Detroit Public Television studio.

On Tuesday, May 3, DTV students will travel to Lansing once again for the annual Michigan Association of Broadcasters conference and awards.

DTV will feature its first feature film, a project created by students **Merek Alam, Cain Pedersen and Dane Morgan**, at the May 4 Arcadia Premiere.

Last but certainly not least, DTV will hold its third FNL, a live Saturday Night Live style show.

"It's been an incredible year for these DTV students," said DTV Teacher Mr. **Randy Scott**. "As always thanks so much for being supportive and understanding of our students and our program; none of this happens without your support. We always take that to heart and we try to represent DTV in the best light that we can."

Varsity Choir and Pit Orchestra to present 51st annual DHS musical

Excitement is building as Varsity Choir and Pit Orchestra students are about to take the stage for the school's annual musical. This year, students will perform "*The Secret Garden*." Performances are set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30. Tickets are \$8 and available in the main office at Davison High School or at the door.

This year's cast includes: **Cynthia Risch, Devon Marinco, Sasha Dudock, Cole Rutledge, Amelia Romzek, JJ Myers, Tyler Weidman, Tristram Shayna, Devynn Geisenhaver, Macy Mortimer, Chloe LaFave, Madison Lewis, Addison Wagner, Ellarie Prince, Simon Kimber, Katie Bozynski, Joe Nealis, Garrett Bay, Evan Johns, Maddie Luebke, Evan Bonasse, Bridgette Slezak, Olivia Johnson, Moriah Anderson, Garrett Bay and Kailee Tubbs.**

The Pit Orchestra includes: **Kelcey Gardner, Heather Radenbaugh, Faith Stillwagon, Courtney Kazor, Tadius Kosiara and Joseph Luna** on violin, **Aubry Davis, Marleigh Matthews and Arinn Pray** on viola, **Mckenna Dutkiewicz and Victoria Ostrander** on cello, **Jacob Gieselman** on bass, **Madison Stauffer and Madelyn Vamossy** on flute, **Madelyn Vamossy** also on piccolo, **Erin Mulkey** on oboe, **Taylor Berry and Katie Pulaski** on clarinet, **Mason Allen, Abigail Jancowski and Parker Marshall** on French horn, **Zachary Hathaway and Sydney Price** on trumpet, **Nicholas Brandes and Michael Nickels** on trombone, **Austin Barrett, Nicholas Garcia and Jacob Measel** on percussion.

Other key positions include **Lizzy Barrette**, curtain; **Bradley Skellenger, Baylee Dean, Olivia McMahon, Ryan Tubbs, Alena Baker and Abi MacDermid**, stage crew; **Becca Parsell**, costumes; **Abigail Radcliffe**, cover art/

posters; **Jimmy Ray**, sound board; and **Dillon Kinney** and **Adam Parker**, lights.

The performance is being directed by Mrs. **Jennifer Orkisz**, Vocal Music Director, and the Pit Orchestra is under the direction of Mr. **Jim Schuster**, Instrumental Music Director.

DHS once again named one of U.S. News Best High Schools

Davison High School has once again earned a bronze rating in the U.S. News 2016 Best High Schools.

To produce the 2016 [Best High Schools](#) rankings, U.S. News & World Report teamed with North Carolina-based RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm.

RTI implemented the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on these key principles: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

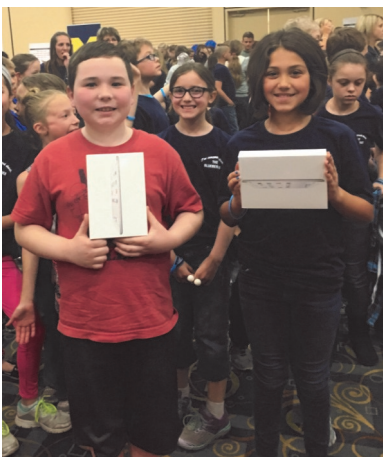
U.S. News studied 19,908 schools, which is the total number of public high schools across the country that had high enough 12th-grade enrollment and/or sufficient enrollment in other grades during the 2013-2014 school year to be eligible for the rankings.

In a major change to the Best High Schools rankings methodology, U.S. News added a new step this year that focused on graduation rates. High schools that made it past the first two steps of the methodology now have to meet or exceed a national standard high school graduation rate to be considered top-performing schools and to be ranked at a national level.

Here is the link of how Michigan schools ranked in the report:

http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/michigan/rankings_schooltypepublic=y&int=c0b4c1&schooltypemagnet=y&state=MI&schooltypecharter=y&page=13

Blueberry ambassadors earn prizes and a special award for a special teacher



Congratulations to all of our students and their teacher/school mentors who participated in the "I'm Concerned About the Blueberries" random acts of kindness program this school year. You are all an inspiration to us!

Also, congratulations to students **Abigail Latchana**, fourth grader at Hill Elementary, and **Alex Barrett**, fourth grader at Gates Elementary, who won iPad minis at this week's Blueberry Moments celebration held at the Riverfront Hotel downtown Flint. Hahn Intermediate Teacher Mrs.

Cayla Dowdall was also named the recipient of the Teacher Inspiration Award. Well deserved Mrs. Dowdall!



Davison High School names Students of the Month for March

Congratulations to the following Davison High School/Davison Alternative Education Student of the Month recipients for March:

9th grade – Faith Fortune (*Nominated by: Mr. Joe Novak*)



“Faith is the quintessential math student. Although she generally excels and grasps new topics easily, she is constantly asking for clarification on any items she is unsure of. To date, she has almost a 100% assessment grade in Honors Geometry!!! That’s astounding all by itself! Her quest for knowledge is ultimately why I nominated Faith today.”

10th grade – Darion Ferrell (*Nominated by: Ms. Darci Stocker*)



“Darion has made a huge turn around in the way he approaches school. Now he continually asks clarifying questions, he participates in class, he completes his school work, and has one of the highest grades in my class!”

11th grade – Kim Glazier (*Nominated by: Miss Leslye Long*)



“Kim is one of the most polite young ladies. She is always greeting me and saying hello in the hallway as well as in class. She goes above and beyond to be respectful, courteous and polite. Kim works hard each day to have the greatest understanding of the concepts in class. She uses her class time wisely to accomplish the task at hand. If she does not grasp something, she asks for help so that she can have the highest level of mastery possible.”

12th grade – AJ Barrett (*Nominated by: Mrs. Jennifer Orkisz*)



“AJ is a talented percussionist. I asked him if he would be interested in playing the Djembe drum for two of my choirs for our concert and also at District Choral Festival Competition. He agreed and took time out of his schedule to perform on three separate days/performances to add the essential style to our pieces. He rode the bus with us to festival. I offered to give him a gift card or something and he said ‘No. You don’t have to do that, I just play because I enjoy it.’ He is a genuine guy, hard worker, and just so kind.”

DAE – Sabrina Robinson (*Nominated by: Miss Crystal Weekley*)



“Sabrina is a kind and caring individual. She is always attentive, respectful and dependable. Her motivation in learning chemistry is contagious, and she is very supportive of others’ willingness to learn. She is apt to offer help in class discussions and works well with a team. Sabrina is a very talented student, and her appreciation for kindness and intellect is admirable. I am thankful to have such an excellent student, present in my classroom.”

Cardinals of the Month at Davison Middle School

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Cardinals of the Month at Davison Middle School for March 2016. Students are nominated by staff members for following the Cardinal Code.

Seventh Grade: Ethan Allen, Mason Barrett, Eric Bates, Emma Clark, Alexandria Dabideen, Jordan Herfurth, Alexis Hicks, Evan Hodack, Tyler Jelinek, Katelyn Johnson, Jaedon LaCross, Kate Lawrence, Alexia Love, Hannah Lucas, Grayson Lumsden, Nikolas Manning, Frank McLain, Andrew Meikle, Mason Miller, Alexis Ohlinger, Connor Pilot, Ian Priest, Melinda Rogers, Lauren Sayles, Logan Show, Arianna Smith, Raina Taylor, Hailey Willmore, Griffin Wills, Madison Woodell, Gabriel Worden and Alivia Yousif.

Eight Grade: Brendan Ashley, Raeanna Bates, Megan Baugher, Gabriel Dingman, Jacob Dorman, Isaac Dudla, Nevaeh Elem, Shane Harris, Lillian Hathaway, Sarah Johnson, Lydia Oppenheim, Kedree Proffitt, Alexander Ray and Cassidy Verdier.

Hahn Heroes named for the month of March

The following students were named as Hahn Heroes for the month of March at Hahn Intermediate. Great job!

Jaimee Croft, Morgan Rouse, Tyler Gist, Kennedy Herriman, Camryn Morton, Megan DeLay, Alana Ascencio, Mark Tedrick, Jade Krehel, Brock Echols, Theodore Haw, Allison Moore, Lindsay Williams, Kylie Laux, Oliver Stheiner, Emma Walker, Allie Bailey, Alexandra Gauthier, Makenzie Boshell, Arianna Edwards, Emalee Porter, Hailee Ridgeway, Brianna Churchill, Halia Green, Brenda Dougherty and Carson Hennessey.

Mark your calendars! DHS Auto Show is revving up for May 20

Shine up those Cragars and get your engines running! It's nearly time for the third annual Davison High School Auto Show.

This year's event will take place from 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 20, on the grounds of Davison High School. A Student Skills Competition will also begin at 5 p.m. where students will have the opportunity to win over \$14,000 in scholarships. Stay tuned for more information!

Alumni News

We love to hear from our alums! If you have a story to share or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at: medwards@davisonschools.org

Physics Class Hop at Hahn

Fifth graders at Hahn Intermediate had some massive fun with the Physics Class Hop held just prior to spring break. Each homeroom participated in eight class switches where a new activity related to physical science was awaiting them to participate in for 20 minutes before moving on to the next room. Activities included Friction Frenzy, Bean Bag Boss, Cotton Ball Balance, Roller Coaster Challenge, House of Cards, Slippery Stunts, Boat Buoyancy and Bonkers for Balance.





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Thomson Elementary students surpassed a March Is Reading Month challenge and logged an astounding 142,313 minutes of reading or being read to. As a reward, all students who turned in their Reading Calendar had their names entered into a drawing to throw a pie in the face of a Thomson school staffer. Students also selected who would get the pies in the face by "voting," i.e. placing stickers on the picture of the staff member they wanted to see get a pie thrown in their face! The "winners" were Principal **Mrs. Natalie Miller** and teachers **Mrs. Crystal Holland**, **Miss Lauren Ross**, **Mr. Michael Romanik** and **Mr. Ryan Welch**. Head Custodian **Mr. Jim Bass** was also a good sport and accepted the pie in the face challenge when students began chanting his name!



Water testing at Kearsley Creek

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Davison Middle School seventh grade students in Mrs. **Jody Kosiara's** class performed water testing on the Kearsley Creek at the Robert Williams Nature & Historical Learning Center Wednesday. Students in other seventh grade science classes also tested the water of Black Creek in the Jack Abernathy Regional Park.



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