



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

Building Beat

March 18, 2016

Upcoming ...

Friday, March 18:

Central Elementary
Reading Month/Reading
Jogs the Mind

Gates Elementary Spirit
Day

Mr. Davison, 7 p.m.
DHS Auditorium

Saturday, March 19:

MSBOA Solo and
Ensemble

Monday, March 21:

Central Elementary
Mini-QAR 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22:

Davison Middle School
Mini-QAR, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Hill Elementary 3rd/4th
Grade Music Concert,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Thursday, March 24:

Thomson Elementary
Mini-QAR, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Central Elementary Read-
ing Month/Bring a Stuffed
Animal to School to Read

Friday, March 25:

No school for students/staff.
Good Friday

Chess takes DAE by storm; tournament planned March 21



Chess has made a comeback at Davison Alternative Education thanks to an inspiring movie and the encouragement of teacher who is sharing his passion for the game.

Walt White, who has been teaching at DAE since 1999, recently showed the movie "Life of A King" to his students over the course of several advisory periods. The movie stars Cuba Gooding Jr. and chronicles his determination to help at-risk youths avoid the mistakes he made by forming a chess club to offer them an alternative to running with street gangs.



Students play a game of chess at Davison Alternative Education where the game is gaining popularity.

When the movie ended, several students asked Mr. White if he had any chess boards because they wanted to learn how to play the game. They quickly learned that Mr. White, who had once organized annual chess tournaments, was certainly no pawn but rather a knight in black and white checkered armor.

Mr. White quickly went to work, securing donations for chess sets and teaching students how to play the game. Once a student is finished with his or her class work, they may grab a chessboard and quietly play.

"They love the fact that it's their own thing," White said. "It's a pretty closely knit family over here."

The last time a tournament was held at DAE was in 2008, according to Mr. White, who still has flip charts detailing the brackets and winners of those tournaments dating back to 2000. Plans are in the works for a tournament this year, too, and 26 players have already signed up to play in the event, set for Monday, March 21.

"I'm excited to see (the game) has picked up again after fizzling out in 2008," White said.

Prizes including pizza certificates and a trophy for the champion will be awarded.

House of Cards Robotics Team secures second place at District

Team 3534 House of Cards came home with second place at their first of two district FIRST robotic competitions! Davison High School Teacher and Robotics Club Sponsor **Louis Renner** said the team is in good position to qualify for the Michigan FRC State Championship April 13-16 in Grand Rapids. The next district competition is planned for March 24-26 in Marysville, Mich. Good luck team!

BPA students look to take care of business at state conference March 17-20

Business Professionals of America (BPA) Club members are heading to State BPA Conference in Grand Rapids. BPA is a nationally known organization where students compete in events that are based upon the Career Technical Education curriculum. Davison High School Teacher and Club Sponsor Mrs. **Amy Fanning** says there are different areas that students are able to compete in: IT, Business Administration, Finance and Marketing.

This is the 10th Davison Team to compete at the State Conference. State Qualifiers include: **Michael Dotson**, 12th grade, Banking and Finance; **Carter Holmes**, 10th grade, Economic Research Individual; **Trifon Briskbikis**, 12th grade, Economic Research Team; **Corey Williams**, 12th grade, Economic Research Team; **Josh Pfiffner**, 12th grade, Economic Research Team; **Justin Simpson**, 12th grade, Economic Research Team; and **Maddison Luebke**, 12th grade, Entrepreneurship. State Alternates (if another school drops they will be able to compete) include: **Amelia Romzek**, 12th grade, Human Resource Management; **Preston Moore**, 12th grade, Fundamental Accounting; **Kevin Eynon**, 12th grade, Fundamental Accounting; **Mycaela Barden**, 12th grade, Global Marketing Team; **Melanie Wogaman**, 12th grade, Global Marketing Team; **Brian Tallieu II**, 12th grade, Global Marketing Team; and **Lauren Old**, 12th grade, Human Resource Management.

Davison Middle School students exceed Jr. Optimist goal for fundraiser

Davison Middle School students and staff exceeded the Jr. Optimist Club's \$1,500 goal by raising an astounding \$2,276.54 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Davison Middle School Teacher and Jr. Optimist Club Sponsor Mrs. **Jody Kosiara** said the mission of the LL Society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families who need LLS's Patient Financial Aid program. Yearly, this can help pay for medicines, the doctor or other treatment-related expenses.

Who will be crowned Mr. Davison? Competition set for Friday, March 18

Eleven Davison High School students will compete for the title of "Mr. Davison," Friday, March 18. The competition and class fundraiser begins at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The boys will be judged on confidence, quality of talent and crowd appeal. Each participant will compete in several rounds, including casual



Davison Middle School Jr. Optimist Club members.



Merek



Jordan



Noah



Brendan



Chase



Brandon



Luis



Kurt



Tanner

wear, talent, and formal wear. After the third round, the field of contestants will be narrowed to the top five. Those five will participate in the final question and answer round.

This is the ninth year for the competition. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Davison High School. Children under 5 are admitted free.



Corran



Dustin

The candidates include:

- **Merek Alam** is the son of Laura and Jamil Alam. He is a senior and is a member of the Marching Band, DTV and theatre groups. He was involved in the Cool to Care and Flint water drives. His hobbies include film, guitar and singing, music and theater. After graduation Merek plans to attend college (most likely Alma) and become a film maker.
- **Jordan Cooper** is the son of John and Trisha Cooper. He is a senior and is a member of the football and lacrosse teams. He has been involved with youth football and youth lacrosse camps and enjoys snowboarding. Jordan plans to attend Olivet College to play football and earn his degree in criminal law.
- **Noah Dieterle**, junior, is the son of Grant and Kris Dieterle. He is a member of the basketball team and has served as a referee for youth basketball.
- **Brendan Fleming**, senior, is the son of Mike and Stacy Fleming. He is a member of the basketball team and has served as a Hill Elementary reading buddy and youth basketball referee. He is undecided as to where he will attend college but plans to study sports medicine.
- **Chase Hall** is the son of Roy and Jen Hall. A senior, Chase is a member of the Student Council. Chase plans to attend Mott Community College and then Michigan State University and major in political science.
- **Brandon Murphy** is a senior. He is the son of Rob and Michelle Murphy and is a member of DECA, BPA and the baseball team. Brandon organized and hosted an alumni baseball game in the fall as part of his Senior Exit Project. He plans to attend college and study marketing.
- **Luis Perez**, junior, is the son of Diana and David Clark. He is a member of DECA and enjoys weight lifting. Luis plans to begin his college career at Mott Community College and then transfer to the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to become a personal trainer.
- **Kurt Schlak**, senior, is the son of Vickie and Randy Schlak. He is a member of the football and wrestling teams.
- **Tanner Thomas**, senior, is the son of Matt and Tami Thomas. He is a member of the football and wrestling teams. Tanner plans to attend Mott Community College.

- **Corran Thornton**, junior, is the son of Jennifer and Kenneth Williams. He is a member of the football and track and field teams. He has been involved in youth football camps and enjoys rapping. After graduation he plans to become a teacher.
- **Dustin Wood**, senior, is the son of Mark and Kari Wood. He is senior class president and a member of the National Honor Society, wrestling and track and field teams. He has been involved in officiating middle school track meets and helping at a senior citizen prom. His hobbies include amateur drone flight. He plans to study economics after graduation.

DECA students finish strong at state, some headed for national competition

Congratulations to the following Davison High School DECA marketing students who qualified at the State DECA Career Development Conference last weekend. Here are the highlights:

- **Morgan Freeman** and **Ashley Adams** are state champions in the Public Relations Project for their “Youth Dental Hygiene” campaign and qualified for nationals in Nashville, Tenn.
- **Morgan Graham** and **Monet McCoy** are state champions in the Cardinal Card - Learn and Earn event and also qualified for nationals.
- Also headed for Nashville are Davison DECA President **Cole Davis** and Vice-Presidents **Nathan Mudge** and **Chase VanWormer** who qualified for nationals in the Chapter Activities Program event.
- **DJ Harrington** and **Jeremy Nealis** are national qualifiers in the School Based Enterprise event.
- **Joseph Luna** and **Nick Brandes** were winners in the Economics and Marketing Math tests.
- **Janet Phillips** finished as a state runner-up in the Quick Service Restaurant Management event.
- **Dustin Wood** finished as a state runner-up and **Keegan Garrow** received on-stage recognition in Apparel and Accessories.
- **Grace Olsen**, **Erica Fredwall** and **Suzi Phunsang** finished as state runners-up in the Independent Business Plan event.
- **Nick Brandes**, **Sam Pfiffner** and **Tadziu Kosiara** finished as state runners-up in the Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan event.

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

St. Patrick's Day fun featuring Central & Siple Kids

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