



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

December 17, 2015

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Thursday, December 17:

DHS Instrumental Music
Winter Concert, 7 p.m.
Auditorium

Friday, December 18:

Annual Holiday Breakfast in
Mr. Konzman's classroom,
Hahn Intermediate

Spotlight Choir performs
with 6th Grade Band and
Orchestra, 9 a.m. Hahn
Intermediate cafeteria

Spotlight Choir performs at
Ballard Village Senior Living
Community, noon, and then
singing Christmas carols
from 12:45-1 p.m.
downtown Davison.

Cookie Decorating Party in
Ms. Long's fourth hour
class as Cool to Care
reward

Wednesday, December

23: Winter/Holiday Break
begins. Have a wonderful
and safe break!

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DHS freshman stars in leading role in FYT's "Wizard of Oz"

Davison High School freshman **Chloe LaFave-Hale** always knew she had a gift for music but a new passion for the stage ignited after she accepted a part in a church play two years ago.



Chloe LaFave-Hale is Dorothy in Flint Youth Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz.

"I have always enjoyed the stage as a dancer, singer and violinist, but this clenched it for me," Chloe said of the play in which she portrayed a victim of a crime. "At the final performance when I was taking my bows and I looked out at the audience, I knew I wanted to be not just a singer and a dancer but an actress as well."

Since then, Chloe has pursued her passion full speed ahead and recently landed her first leading role, that of Dorothy in the Flint Youth Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz." The show wraps up its final weekend with performances at 7 p.m. Friday, December 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, December 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20.

"I have loved the Wizard of Oz for as long as I can remember," Chloe said. "When I was very young I received collectible dolls that I still have, a music box, and Christmas ornaments of the Lion, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Dorothy. I have loved Dorothy my whole life so being able to be her has been a dream come true. I cried happy tears when I received the role. God is so good and I am so blessed and thankful for this opportunity."

Preparing for her role has taken a lot of effort but Chloe welcomed the challenge. She has been diligent about getting enough rest and eating well, practicing for three and a half hours every week night, attending voice lessons on Tuesdays and Opera workshop on Saturdays and keeping her grades up.

In addition to acting, Chloe is a talented musician and singer. After winning a scholarship to the Flint Institute of Music, Chloe performed in a Scholarship Winners contest. That same year she was chosen to perform in her first Voice Department Showcase Recital, an honor reserved for the "best of the best."

Last year, she sang some of Christine Daae from The Phantom of the Opera for the Flint Theatre Organ recital. She also was one of three singers selected among 100 contestants to perform at the "Seeing Stars" banquet for the scholar-

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ship donors in the area.

This year has also been a good one for Chloe, who received a superior rating at District Solo Ensemble Festival, participated in another church performance, won another scholarship at the Flint Institute of Music, performed in another Voice Department Showcase Recital and portrayed the role once again of a shepherdess in “Amahl and the Night Visitors” on December 14.

“I was also accepted into Davison High School’s Varsity Choir, which is a huge honor as a freshman,” Chloe said.

Chloe said she dreams of acting in many productions but those at the top of her list include the roles of Christine in “Phantom of the Opera,” Cosette in “Les Miserables,” Zerlina in “Don Giovanni” and Yum Yum in “The Mikado.”

“I most definitely plan on singing and perhaps acting for my career,” she said. “I have big dreams and want to go many places but especially to Indiana to attend the Jacob School of Music for my first year and then I hope to get accepted to Berkley or Julliard in New York City. Performing at the Met in New York is totally one of my biggest aspirations, and traveling and singing all around Europe, hopefully.”

Chloe thanks her mom, Kim, who is a teacher at Hahn Intermediate, and her grandmother for introducing her to old movies. She said she absolutely loves Hollywood movie legends Lucille Ball, Judy Garland, Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant.

In addition to acting and singing, Chloe enjoys horseback riding—she takes lessons in the summers, swimming on a local team, writing fictional short stories and hanging out with her friends and her mom.

Movie about foreign girl’s plight spurs DMS students to take action

A movie about a young woman’s fight for education has prompted students in **Mrs. Jan Crawford’s** social studies classroom to take action as well as realize how fortunate they are to be able to attend school every day.

After watching *He Named Me Malala*, a documentary about Malala Yousafzai, a young Pakistani activist who was outspoken and even shot over her advocacy for female education after the local Taliban had banned girls from attending school in her native town, Crawford’s students have been relentless in their mission to educate others about this travesty. They have been sharing Malala’s story with classmates by making posters and even a video (made by student Ellary Darling) and are holding “Popcorn for a Cause” fundraisers at lunch. Money raised from the popcorn sales will go to the Malala Fund to enable girls from around the world to complete 12 years of safe, quality education.

“This made me realize how we take school for granted,” said seventh grader **Elise Willingham**. “Even though some of us say we don’t like going to school, there are some kids who are fighting for the right to go to school.”



Cash King, Elise Willingham and Taylor Bogard are helping with the Popcorn for a Cause fundraiser at Davison Middle School.

"I think more people need to look at the big picture," said **Natalie Benjamin**, who completed an English project about Malala last year as a sixth grader in **Mrs. Stephanie Racette's** classroom. "I think sometimes people are focused too much on their own problems, which really aren't big problems compared to what is happening in the world."

Mrs. Crawford said she was extremely proud of her students' efforts.

"They have gone above and beyond," she said. "When kids get interested in global causes and realize the value of education is something meaningful—well, that is very important."

DHS student earns spot in State Honors Choir

Congratulations to **Tristram Shayna**, a sophomore at Davison High School, for securing a spot in the Michigan State Honors Choir. After competing at regional competitions, Tristram was chosen to be one of 300 students to perform at the Michigan Music Conference in January at the Devos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids. This is the second year that Tristram has made it to the state level.



Tristram

DMS students inducted into Jr. National Honor Society

More than 60 eighth-grade students were inducted into the Jr. National Honor Society last month at Davison Middle School. In order to be invited to become a member, a student must have had a 3.8 or higher grade point average during their 7th grade year. Teacher **Ms. Stephanie Davis** serves as sponsor of the JNHS.

Students inducted were: **Leah Albro, Cassie Allard, Abigail Arnes, Brendan Ashley, McKenzie Baldrige, Holly Bartholomew, Megan Baugher, Paige Benner, Maren Blanchard, Carsyn Bruns, Madelyn Caudle, Adam Craton, Peyton Dieterle, Madelynn Dunn, Christina Eisenman, Angelica Freese, Mackenzie Gilbert, Rachel Hall, Sophia Hall, Jackson Haw, Ryley Hazen, Alyssa Hennessey, Ethan Howes, Evan Karr, Griffin Kish, Kiera Kuzinski, Emillee Lane, Gavin Laux, Mackenzie Matthes, Mallory Matthes, Jake McCatty, Dylan McMullen, Kaili Miller, Jason Millis, Claire Minto, Hannah Murawski, Allison Nordquist, Logan Nuckolls, Cameron O'Connor, Samantha Odalovich, Elizabeth Olson, Megan Parsons, Jerud Payne, Victoria Pyrett, Zoe Rhines, Emily Rose, Marc Shaeffer, Reese Souders, Charles Stavros, Montgomery Stheiner, Jordyn Thrall, Grace Tiggart, Arianna Tomczak, Lauren Torok, Hailey Vansteenburgh, Hannah Vipond, Casey Wagner, Robert Walker, Grace White, Trevor Widajewski, Ryley Wilcox, Sarah Williams and Isabella Yelle.**

Cardinals of the Month named at Davison Middle School

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

Seventh grade: **Isabella Allen, Tessia Auger, Emma Aumick, Jacob Barrett, Natalie Benjamin, Enoch Berhe, Taylor Bogard, Kourtney Bowman, Grace Boyer, Elizabeth Brandes, Larrianda Charles, Tyler Chorley, Hannah Collick, Carson Craig, Isabella Cull, Terry Dean, Arianna Delarosa, Brielle Doyle, Mitchell Dyer, Hannah Eller, Joshua Garman, Claire Goulet, Jack Griswold, Garrett Harris, Alexia Howard, Camri**

Iddins, Brenden Jenkins, Nora July, Alivia Katrinic, Allycia Katrinic, Isabelle Keeler, Landon Kish, Tyler Lawrence, Roderick Lenoir, Taylor Lepper, Emma Lewandowski, Angalena Marquis, Samantha McGlashen, Abigail Merz, Aaron Moore, Braeden Moore, Adrianna Nellet, Jacob Old, Nicholas Patykowski, Keneddy Pearson, Presley Peplinski, Makayla Pringle, Nicholas Prior, Becca Roach, Mason Schafsnitz, Jack Slezak, Emily Smith, Regan Snyder, Keegan Stamper, Hannah Strouse, Talia Swayze, Christian Thrushman, Jalin Tippit, Aryca Tubbs, Harrison Unger, Ben Williams Jr., Troy Wittke Jr.

Eighth grade: Leah Albro, Mason Allen, Abigail Arnes, Brendan Ashley, McKenzie Baldrige, Holly Bartholomew, Mary Bidleman, Maren Blanchard, Madelyne Caudle, Riley Coleman, Ethan Deckrow, Peyton Dieterle, Christina Eisenman, Angelica Freese, Nona Garman, Milton Gonzalez Herrero, Samantha Hackman, Gabriel Halabicky, Rachel Hall, Kelsey Harper, Mya Hart-Armstrong, Ashlyn Harvey, Jackson Haw. Alexander Hazlewood, Ethan Howes, Cameron Hunt, Morgan Koop, Rylee Mabbitt, William McLaughlin Jr., Skyler Meehleder, Aleena Miller, Kaili Miller, Jack Mogg, Sabrina Moritz, Allison Nordquist, Leonard Pray III, Zoe Rhines, Abbey-Lyn Ross, Miles Russell, Taylor Silvey, Darek Skellenger, Madison Starr, Charles Stavros, Garrett Sumner, Meghan Symons, Maleia Thompson, Jordyn Thrall, Arianna Tomczak, Lauren Torok, Gage Tuttle, Kevin Vermilya, Serenity Yost.

Alumni News

Matthew Smith Jr. (Class of 2015) has accepted a temporary on-air position as a news reporter for WNEM Channel 5.

Olivia Halabicky (Class of 2011) will be the student presenter at a nursing symposium Thursday, December 17, 2015, at Saginaw Valley State University. Olivia will be speaking on her research project with Dr. Roe, discussing undergraduate students' attitudes toward the elderly.

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

Teen Jury

Students in Mrs. Jodi Aboneaj's Criminal Law class participated in Teen Jury November 5 at the Genesee County courthouse.



Central Elementary students were treated to an assembly by Brainstormers!, a company of professional actor-educators, technicians and media artists who put on high-energy creative writing shows. The troupe reviews thousands of students' stories for performances every year and used ideas from Central student authors as well as student volunteers to put on skits in the gymnasium on Wednesday. Based in Detroit, Brainstormers! has been nominated three times for a Governor's Award in Arts and Education and named Most-Recommended Assembly Program by the Michigan Principals Association (MEMSPA) for 18 years in a row.

