A Review of the Great Things Happening in Our Schools.

Building Beat

September 22, 2014

Upcoming ...

Friday, Sept. 26:
Spirit Wear and Popcorn Day at Gates

Summer Reading Challenge Lunch, Gates

Siple Stroll Fundraiser

Siple Family Night, 5-7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29:
School Picture Re-Takes at Davison High School

Wednesday, Oct. 1:
School Picture Day at Thomson Elementary

State Headcount Day

Powderpuff Football Game, 7 p.m. Tickets $3. No passes. Homecoming King crowned at half-time.

Friday, Oct. 4
Community Tailgate, 4-7 p.m. Visitors parking area in front of Davison High School. Free to all!

Homecoming Parade, 5 p.m.

Varsity Football Game, 7 p.m. vs Bay City Western

Watch for a special Homecoming edition of the Building Beat later this week with more details about events taking place next week!

House of Cards earns Design & Excellence Award

In its first outing of the 2014/15 school year, the **Davison High School Robotics Team 3534, House of Cards**, brought home the Robot Design & Excellence Award following Saturday's Kettering Kickoff XV.

"That's truly a reflection of last year's mentor and the students we have returning this year on the team," said **Louis Renner**, Team 3534 sponsor and Davison High School teacher. "This indicates we had a pretty strong robot and a good driving team."

The weekend event is just a prelude of the season, which officially begins Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. On that date, the team will gather at Davison Alternative Education to watch online the big reveal for this year's game.

"We will have six weeks to analyze, build, prototype, test and restart if we have to," Renner said.



The 2014 machine built by the House of Cards.

At Saturday's event, the House of Cards joined Alliance 6, which included Team 2612 Waterford Mott Destroyers and Team 5150 Kearsley Hornets. Unfortunately, the alliance lost but made a strong outing at the event, qualifying for the quarter finals out of 48 teams. Returning to the House of Cards this year are students **Jeff Dennis, Andrew Jimenez** and **Josh Sloat** and lead mentor **Chris Purdy**. Mr. Purdy started mentoring the House of Cards four years ago when his son, **Alan**, was a sophomore. Alan is now attending Kettering University where two former Robotics Team members are attending on FIRST For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology scholarships.



Constitution Day

Students in Mrs. Julie VanEvery's classroom celebrated Constitution Day on September 17 by writing their own classroom constitution. Some of the amendments included: "Be nice." "Be helpful." "Respect our school." and "No playing in the bathroom."

The Team is currently in need of sponsorships. Last year's sponsors included **Dr. Kenneth Vobach, Patti Engineering, Bartron, Kem-Tron, Inc**. and the **school district**.

Renner said the Team also plans to hold a couple of meetings before the January reveal date in hopes of finding more students interested in joining.

For sponsorship information or details about the House of Cards, please contact Renner at lrenner@davisonschools.org.

Auto Tech class puts DHS in running for Tomorrow's Tech 2014 School of the Year

Davison High School has been selected as one of the Top 20 finalists for the **Tomorrow's Tech 2014 School of the Year**. The contest is sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts, WIX Filters and Red Kap.

More than 150 entrants nominated high schools, technical schools and colleges. Davison High School is the only high school in its Region, which includes Elizabethtown Community and Technical College in Kentucky, Northland Career Center in Missouri, Northwest Iowa Community College and Owensboro Community and Technical College in Kentucky.

The Top 20 schools have been asked to submit a video highlighting their tech programs. Judges will review the video entries and select four finalists, or one from each region. The winner will be selected from the four finalists and announced at the Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo Nov. 3 in Las Vegas.

The winning school will receive:
• Visit by Tomorrow's Tech staff and program sponsors
• $2,500 WIX Filters donation to the school's program
• Uniform for every student from Red Kap®, a manufacturer and distributor of comfortable, durable work-related clothing and outerwear
• O'Reilly and WIX Filters gear (hats, backpacks, key chains, shop banners, T-shirts and product samples)
• Appearance by either the WIX or O'Reilly Auto Parts marketing unit
• Travel for the class instructor and a guest to Las Vegas to attend Babcox Media's recognition dinner at AAPEX

Each nominated school will also receive national recognition on the Tomorrow's Tech website and print edition, as well as through social media channels. Schools that are selected to the Final Four will receive a professional automotive tool set and a $250 gift card from O'Reilly Auto Parts, and Red Kap will provide hats or shirts to all four finalists.

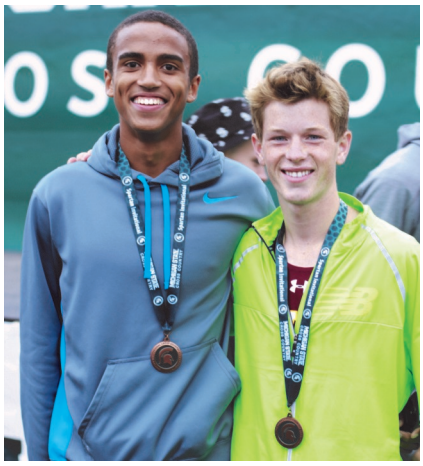
This is the seventh annual search to find the best technical training school in the U.S. The program is open to high schools or post-secondary schools that have a subscription to Tomorrow's Tech.

The Auto Technology class is taught by **Andy Michalik**. Earlier this school year, Andy shared with Superintendent **Eric Lieske** what his "Why" is. It is "to provide opportunities to kids that they never thought they had." It's

obvious that Andy is doing just that as you can see by this recognition and the fact that some of his former students are attending Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology on scholarship studying to be helicopter/jet mechanics.

Two Cross Country medalists and one new school record

Congrats to the **Davison Boys' Cross Country** team, which had a very successful meet in the special elite race at the MSU Spartan Invitational on Saturday, September 13. The team finished in 14th place. Davison had two medalists, seniors **Nick Schmidt** and **Joe Renner**. Nick also broke a long standing Davison High School cross country school record by running 15:47.0. The previous record holder was **Joe Whitman**, now a physical education teacher at Hill Elementary and Davison High School, from 2000.



Left to right, cross country runners Joe Renner and Nick Schmidt at the Spartan Invitational at MSU.

Transportation staff give school bus safety presentations

School bus drivers have been traveling throughout the district to share school bus safety presentations with students in grades K-6. Last week, the drivers were at Siple Elementary to reinforce procedures and show students how to exit out of the back door in case of an emergency.

Members of the **Davison Transportation Department's Safety Committee** have been performing the safety presentations for the past six years. Presentations are delivered in the fall and spring.

"It's very important to continue doing so because children have a tendency to forget things," said **Mark Fahr**, Transportation Supervisor. "We need to reinforce in their minds what they need to do in case there ever is an emergency so that it's second nature to them."



Left, Siple Elementary Teacher Debbie Bobchik helps a student exit from the emergency door at the back of the bus. Right, Bus Driver Karan Maurina explains to students that they need to wait for the go-ahead from their driver before crossing the road in front of the bus. Drivers on the Bus Safety Committee deliver the safety presentations to students in grades K-6 each year.



Quiz Bowl begins season



Quiz Bowl members prepare to leave for their meet last week at Central Michigan University. Left to right: Kali Nickle, Mattea Sutton, Tiara Sutton, Talia Pulliam, Todd Matteson, Calvin Phillips.

Davison High School Quiz Bowl members began competition last week at Central Michigan University. The team won its first match against Alpena but fell to Bay City Western in the afternoon round.

The team was recently invited to compete in the WKAR Quiz Busters tournament at Michigan State University October 14.

The DHS chapter belongs to the WCMU Quiz Central and Genesee Academic League, which consists of 25 teams in Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland and Shiawassee counties. The season is September through December with ad-hoc tournaments as the team gets invited, explained Coach and U.S. History Teacher **Mike Baysdell**.

Baysdell, who captained his Brown City High School Quiz Bowl team to the Class C State final game in 1997, has coached the Davison team for 11 years. He uses his experiences as a student and coach to jump in and challenge Quiz Bowl members at practices held twice weekly.

At competitions, the questions are determined by the host but come in several rounds, a lightning round, a Perfect 10 round and a Toss-up/Bonus round where up to three bonus questions can be scored.

Students interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Quiz Bowl team should contact Mr. Baysdell.

Equestrian Team Grand Reserve Champs; heading to Regionals this weekend

The **Davison High School Equestrian Team** may have only started competing this year but the team is galloping toward Regionals this Saturday after being named Reserve Grand Champions in its division.

Team members include **Madeline Bass, Stephanie Boonstra, Rylee Fritsch, Mia McWilliams, Michelle O'Dell, Dakota Powers** and **Aaron Shafer**.

"We are fresh and up and coming and everyone seems to be happy," said Coach Carrie O'Dell, who also plans to establish a JV Equestrian team with middle school students in 2015.

This weekend the team will compete at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. Members and their horses will be judged on horsemanship and reigning and in the categories of pleasure, trail, and speed and action riding. If the team performs well, they could be on their way to the state finals in Midland. Good luck team!

Grandparents visit Hahn







Grandparents and special visitors of fifth grade students at Hahn Intermediate have been visiting classrooms to assist students in making and decorating writing journals. Once the journals are created, students are encouraged to write a story or work with their grandparent or special person to write a special message, reflect on a special time in their lives or even have their grandparent write down a message for them to reflect on later. Pictured are students and grandparents visiting last week in Mrs. Chantel Doyle's and Mr. David Clifford's classrooms.





