

Message from Dr. Eberlin on August 15, 2024

Hello, Blue Devil Families! I hope everyone is beginning to get into the rhythm of the new school year and that routines are settling in. This week at 3319 Millwood, we held our New Student Orientation and our Back-to-School Bash. It was wonderful to see so many students and families on campus for those events. And thank you to our multiple sponsors for the prize donations. Our students truly enjoyed the scavenger hunt throughout the school! What a great way to help keep our students **present, involved, and engaged!** Here are a few items to share for this week and beyond:

- Quick note: today, the fire alarm went off due to a student vaping in the restroom. While we are following our District Code of Conduct regarding such student actions, please discuss with your students the health dangers of vaping and disciplinary consequences which may occur from such behaviors.
- **Thank you to our sponsors for the Bash Scavenger Hunt:** Camp Bow Wow and Frank Ellington; The Koger Center for the Arts and Nate Terracio; Custom Design Chics and Angela Mack; The Art of Real Estate and Mary Lane Sloan; Infinite Treasures and Carla and Na'Im Davis; Personal Touch Designs and Connie Gause; Rumsey Construction & Restoration and Megan Thomas; Realtor, Shantal Darby; Parent, Cassandra Eckstorm; A Touch of Love Massage and Nikea Berry; and Robertson Optical and Trevin Montgomery.
- Varsity Girls Tennis v. Cardinal Newman, August 15, 5pm.
- JV Girls Tennis at Cardinal Newman, August 15, 5pm.
- Sportsarama, Memorial Stadium, Friday, August 16, 6:30pm. Dreher v. Columbia, starting at approximately 7:50pm.
- Girls Varsity Tennis, Lexington Tournament, August 16-18.
- Varsity Softball, North-South Invitational. August 16.
- For a full schedule of all athletic events, please visit <https://dreherathletics.com/>. Come see our Blue Devils in action!
- Dreher High School Athletics is thrilled to introduce a one-stop shop for our community to access athletics and activity information—right from your phones! We've partnered with Snap! Mobile to create an app that has it all, including schedules, scores, rosters, updates, ticket links and more. Visit the app store for "Dreher Athletics" or click the link to download the app: <https://dreherbluedevils.app.link/download>
- *Into the Woods*, presented by the Dreher Dance Company, auditions: <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/4145>
- We are working to minimize classroom distractions and maximize a quality learning environment. **Please review the following in our Student Handbook:** the Attendance (p. 9) and Tardy procedures (p. 13), 24-25 Bell Schedule (p. 14), Cell Phone rules and procedures (p. 44), and Dress Code guidelines (p. 26). For our Student Handbook, go to: <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/1612>

- Please review the information regarding the **Pre-ACT for 9th graders and the PSAT for 10th and 11th graders**: <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/4174>
- A reminder that students cannot carry over the counter medication or prescription medication with them during the school day. All medication must be checked in with Nurse Jackson. If you would like your child to have access to their medication as needed, please complete the form and turn it into Nurse Jackson: <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/3550>
- Richland One College Fair, September 27, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, for juniors and seniors who return the permission form. More information regarding the permission slip is coming soon!
- **For your safety and others' safety**, drive through the car line to drop off students. When exiting the car rider lane, turn right onto Millwood. Also, please do not drop off or pick up your student along Millwood Avenue—it's not safe!

Thank you for all you do for our Dreher Community!

Go Blue Devils!

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Principal