



A MESSAGE from the SUPERINTENDENT



This past January, the Duneland School Board adopted the Duneland School Corporation 2024-28 Strategic Plan. The update to the plan will serve as a roadmap guiding us towards a future that is not only responsive to the evolving needs of our students, but also aligned with the values and aspirations of our community. The development of the plan was a comprehensive process that brought together an expansive group of teachers, students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders for input on identifying priority needs and district goals. The 2024-28 Strategic Plan is a living document that will adapt to the changing landscape of K-12 education, promoting flexibility and innovation. By articulating our priorities and intentions, we demonstrate our commitment to providing high-quality education that prepares our students for success in an ever-evolving world.

Please review the Duneland School Corporation Strategic Plan at: <https://www.duneland.k12.in.us/strategic-plan/strategic-plan>

Students in the Duneland School Corporation continue to lead the State of Indiana in a variety of performance metrics:

- **Grades K-8**
 - ▶ Ranked in Indiana's Top 10 school districts (public, private, charter) in Spring 2024 Indiana English/ Language Arts & Math ILEARN Assessments
- **Chesterton High School**
 - ▶ 99% graduation rate
 - ▶ 50% of graduating seniors participate in internship and/or pre-service apprenticeship programs
 - ▶ 33% of graduating seniors complete one year of college while still at CHS
 - ▶ Named Best High School in Northwest Indiana by NWI Times for 2nd year in a row

This August, long-term capital improvement projects will conclude at all K-4 schools, including a brand-new Yost Elementary School. We will also welcome our 5-8th grade students to a renovated building and campus at Liberty and Westchester Intermediate and Middle Schools. This commitment to safe and secure learning environments at the K-8 schools will provide solutions for another generation of students. Please come tour our new and renovated schools this September.

- **Community Open House and Site Tours – 5:30-7:00 p.m.**
 - ▶ September 11th – Brummitt (K-4) & Jackson (K-4)
 - ▶ September 12th – Bailly (K-4) & Yost (K-4)
 - ▶ September 16th – Liberty Intermediate & Middle School (5-8) & Liberty (K-4)
 - ▶ September 18th – Westchester Intermediate & Middle School (5-8)

Our schools add tremendous value to the community. In turn, your continued support significantly impacts how we will prepare our students for the future. Every property owner in the Duneland School Corporation contributes to student success in two ways:

1. Property Taxes

You likely noticed that your property tax bill increased this spring. This is NOT due to school construction projects. Your property value has gone up and your taxes reflect the assessed valuation increase. Figure 1 below outlines a property tax bill for a home assessed at the median in the school district.

AV - UNDERSTANDING THE MECHANICS		
What if a Taxpayer's Assessed Valuation increases but the School Corporation's tax rate stays the same?		
	\$325,000 Home 1% Cap	\$357,500 Home 1% Cap
Market Value/Gross Assessed Value	\$325,000	\$357,500
Less Current Homestead Deduction	(\$48,000)	(\$48,000)
Less Supplemental Deduction (35%)	(\$96,950)	(\$108,325)
Net Assessed Value	\$180,050	\$201,175
Divide by 100 = Net Assessed Value per \$100	\$1,801	\$2,012
Times Estimated Tax Rate from All Taxing Units*	\$2.40	\$2.40
Gross Tax Bill	\$4,322	\$4,828
Maximum Tax Bill Taxpayer Pays (GAV x 1%)	\$3,250	\$3,570

Per Indiana Code, the maximum amount of property taxes a homestead can pay is 1% of the Gross Assessed Value of the home.

10% in assessed valuation

Same Tax Rate

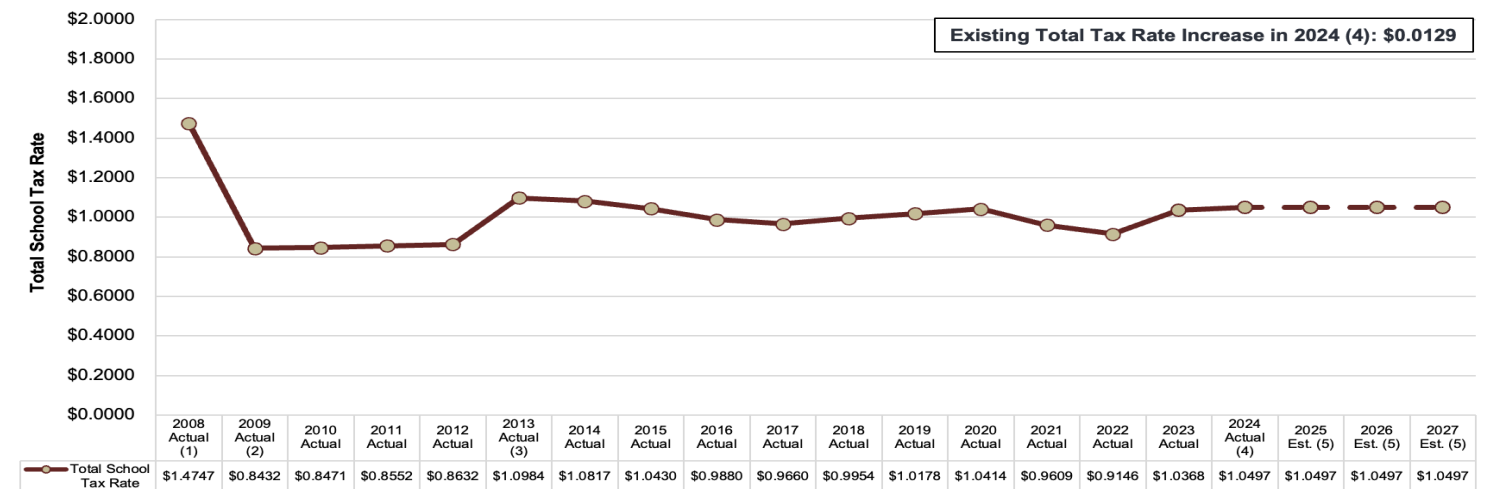
Larger Tax Bill

POLICY ANALYTICS LLC

The Duneland School Board has prioritized keeping the school tax rate flat (see Figure 2 below).

DUNELAND SCHOOL CORPORATION

CHART OF TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATES (2008 Actual – 2027 Estimated)



Note: The average total school tax rate in the State of Indiana for taxes payable in 2023 is \$1.0585.

- (1) In 2008, the total school tax rate included levies for the General Fund and Pre-school Education.
- (2) In 2009, School General Fund levies were eliminated, and the Indiana Department of Education assumed full control of School General Fund funding.
- (3) In May 2012, voters approved Duneland School Corporation's operating referendum tax rate in an amount not to exceed \$0.2200, which went into effect in 2013 and was renewed in May 2019.
- (4) Per the 2024 1782 Notice.
- (5) The estimated total school tax rates for 2025 – 2027 assume (i) the School Corporation's operating referendum is levied through 2027; (ii) the School Corporation levies the maximum operations fund levy, which in 2025 is projected to be 4.0% per HEA 1499, with projected levies in 2026 and thereafter based upon projected maximum levy growth quotients provided by Policy Analytics, LLC; and (iii) estimated debt service levies based upon existing debt service/lease rental payments and assumes the School Corporation utilizes available debt service fund operating balance to manage the total school tax rate. Estimated tax rates for 2025 – 2027 are based upon the 2024 certified net and referendum assessed valuations, with 3.39% annual growth assumed thereafter. Assumes a license excise/financial institutions tax factor of 5.66%, based upon the 2024 1782 Notice. Tax rates per \$100 of net assessed valuation.

Source: Historical total school tax rates for 2008 - 2023 per the Department of Local Government Finance (the "DLGF").

The money spent on recent K-8 capital improvements was captured from expiring debt used to finance the high school in 1999. As a result, the school corporation was able to address needs at the K-8 buildings without negatively impacting the tax rate.

2. Referendum Tax

Due to the lack of financial support from the State of Indiana, the Duneland Community has supported the school corporation with a twenty-two cents (\$0.22) tax levy originally approved in 2012, and continued in 2019, for the purpose of maintaining the current educational and operational programs in the school corporation. This general operating fund referendum makes up 11% of the district budget and will be considered for renewal in 2026. We are grateful to the Duneland community for partnering with us to help define the skills, attitudes, and credentials students need to excel in a 21st Century workforce.

In turn, we take our responsibility seriously to deliver world-class educational opportunities for our students. These include:

- High-quality teaching staff (low class sizes) – new teacher pay ranks 3rd in the State of Indiana
- Instructional Support – Reading Specialists & Instructional Coaches
- School Counselors in Every School
- Registered Nurses in Every School
- Six (6) School Resource Officers throughout the district
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at CHS
- Career & Technical Education Program Development - Law Enforcement, Civil Construction, & Early Childhood Education beginning in 2024
- Decentralization of Special Education Programs from PCES
- Birth to School - HUB Programs
- Dunes Learning Center Programs
- CHS Internship & Work-Based Learning Programs
- Extracurricular Program Support

We do not take this support for granted and believe it is our responsibility to provide a return on investment to our community as we continue to focus on academic achievement and growth for ALL children.

Respectfully,
Dr. Chip Pettit
Superintendent of Schools

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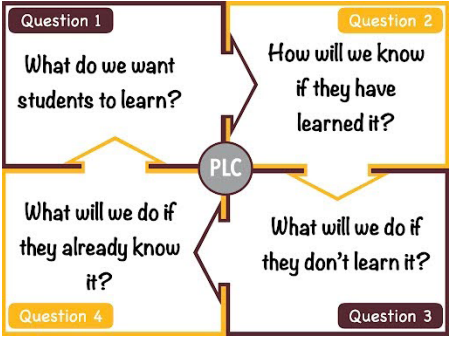
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GUARANTEED VIABLE CURRICULUM

The Duneland School Corporation (DSC) has made it a priority to establish a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) across all content areas from kindergarten through 12th grade. This initiative ensures that every student in the district has access to a learning experience that emphasizes prioritized standards, an engaging curriculum, and aligned assessments. DSC proudly celebrates the completion of over 90 courses developed by our dedicated teachers for the benefit of our students.

Moving forward, the district will leverage Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to adjust, add, and remove courses and course content as needed over time. The corporation is committed to supporting collaborative learning communities to ensure that ALL students receive a high-quality, aligned, and equitable education. Duneland's GVC is the product of the hard work accomplished within PLC meetings. The district's commitment to the PLC process also ensures that teachers will continue to have protected time dedicated to designing, developing, and evaluating lessons and assessments that support the growth of ALL students.



Another key component of the learning continuum is the system by which Duneland monitors student success through the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process. There are three important pieces to the MTSS system which include the following:

- 1. Response to Intervention (RtI): This involves teacher observation and monitoring of student progress to ensure every student is receiving the support needed to be successful.
- 2. Social Emotional Learning (SEL): This provides students with support and tools that build self-awareness and empathy for others and the world around them.
- 3. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS): This includes school-wide incentives to create positive learning environments for students.

The successful creation of courses and the development of the Duneland Guaranteed Viable Curriculum is a true point of pride for the Duneland School Corporation community. It is supported by a Multi-Tiered System of Support

and is continually evolving through active participation in Professional Learning Communities by our dedicated teachers and administrators.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING

The Department of Exceptional Learning had a great first year as an integrated part of the Duneland School Corporation. We have been emphasizing:

- Increasing student access to the general education curriculum and environment
- Redesigning programs and services for students with intensive emotional and behavioral needs with the help of a district committee made up of staff from all levels.
- Expanding programs for students with applied skills needs and emotional and behavioral needs so that students can remain in their home school to the greatest extent possible.
- Delivering professional development in co-teaching, verbal de-escalation skills, and trauma informed practices.
- Increasing the level of collaboration between staff at all levels and disciplines.

We are just getting started, and with the new 2024-2028 Strategic Plan in place, there are a number of other initiatives and projects in the works for the next 3-5 years. There will be additional training for teachers and instructional assistants so that they are better equipped to meet the needs of students; and a greater focus on improving behavioral supports and transition planning for student life after high school.

TROJAN LEARNING CENTER

The Trojan Learning Center (TLC) is an organizational structure within the Duneland School Corporation that includes programs for students age zero to graduation. TLC programs include early childhood, alternative learning (Rise Academy), and Duneland's online school (Northwest Indiana Online School). The TLC Main Office, Early Childhood and the NWIOS testing location are located at 601 W. Morgan Avenue. The entrance can be accessed at Door 9 located in south parking area of the Duneland Administration Center. The alternative learning program for the Duneland School Corporation is located at the TLC Annex Building, 411 S. 5th Street.

EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that Duneland School Corporation's Birth-to-School (B2S) initiative is the first of its kind in Porter County? The Duneland Early Learning HUB has been expanding every year since its launch in January 2022.

Unlike traditional preschools, the HUB invites caregivers and children to learn and play together. During the 2023-2024 school year, an average of 200 children and 150 caregivers participated weekly in various HUB activities. The HUB provides a range of free activities, resources, and educational opportunities from Trojan Music & Motion to Young Explorers, Monday through Friday during the school year.



The HUB is free for all Duneland families with children from birth to kindergarten. The HUB believes caregivers are a child's first teachers, learning starts at birth, and children learn best through play. The HUB is all about Helping, Understanding, and Building connections in our community.

In 2023-2024, the Early Learning Center added Developmental Preschool classes for 3-5 year olds with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Preschool Speech for qualifying children.

Coming in the 2024-2025 school year, Chesterton High School students wanting to become an instructor for preschool will have an opportunity to earn credentials while still in high school through a partnership with the Early Learning Center.

Contact Information

For more information about Early Learning opportunities, call 219-983-3743.
For details about the Duneland YMCA Half-Day Preschool, call 219-926-4204.

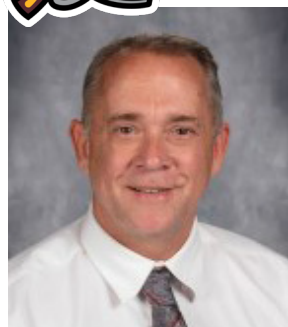
These early learning opportunities provide the ultimate social, academic and learning environment for young children. Plus, all children and their caregivers have a chance to meet other families in the community while focusing on foundational skills and social skills.



CHESTERTON

HIGH SCHOOL

Chesterton High School inspires and empowers all students to achieve their full potential while cultivating a safe, equitable, and collaborative learning community.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Brent Martinson



ASSOC. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Kristen Peterson



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mr. Robert Blumenthal



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Tiffany Hawkins



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mr. Adam Tenbarge



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Mr. Jeff Hamstra



ASST. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Mr. Tommy Berry



SCHOOL DAY
8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

BLOCK SCHEDULING
CHS utilizes block scheduling alternating Maroon / Gold days to expand instructional periods.



CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL (CHS)
2125 S 11th Street • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3730

LIBERTY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Liberty Middle School students learning today; training for life.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Mike Hamacher

ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Angela Grayson

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL (LMS)
44 W 900 N • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3740

SCHOOL DAY
8:50 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

WESTCHESTER

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Westchester Middle School empowers students to excel by fostering a collaborative environment dedicated to achieving tangible results, providing unwavering support for the growth of every student.



PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Lauren Seiss



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mr. Josh Tudor

WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (WMS)
1050 S 5th Street • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3780

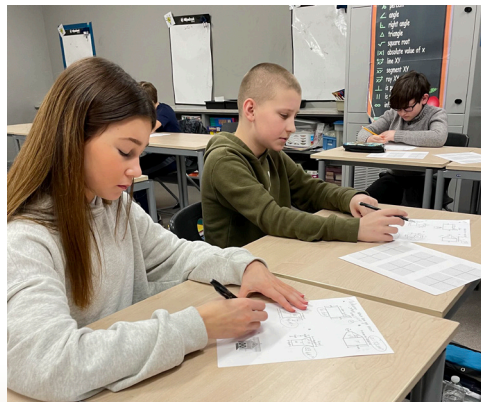


SCHOOL DAY
8:50 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

LIBERTY

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Liberty Intermediate School provides a safe and engaging environment where students are empowered to explore their talents, build on their curiosity, embrace high expectations, and become responsible, caring citizens.



LIBERTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (LIS)
50 W 900 N • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3690

PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Kelly Hardwicke

ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mr. Jack Wilson

SCHOOL DAY
8:50 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

BAILLY

ELEMENTARY

Bailly Elementary School works together with families and the community to help students reach their personal best by learning in a safe and positive school; we seek to develop lifelong learners who grow into responsible citizens.



BAILLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BA)
800 S. 5th Street • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3670



PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Carey Storm



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Sarah Kilander



SCHOOL DAY
7:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Shawn Longacre



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Joy Ramian

WESTCHESTER

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Westchester Intermediate School provides a safe and engaging environment where students are empowered to explore their talents, build on their curiosity, embrace high expectations, and become responsible, caring citizens.



WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (WIS)
1050 S. 5th Street • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3710

SCHOOL DAY
8:50 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Nino Cammarata



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mr. Justin Jenks



BRUMMITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BR)
2500 Indian Boundary Road • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3660

BRUMMITT

ELEMENTARY

Brummitt Elementary School provides a safe and engaging learning environment where students are empowered to explore their talents, build on their curiosity, embrace high expectations, and become responsible, caring, citizens.



SCHOOL DAY
7:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



JACKSON

ELEMENTARY

Jackson Elementary School, in partnership with all components of the community, will ensure a physical and emotionally safe environment for all learners. We are committed to creating and maintaining a responsive, child-centered learning environment in which students will acquire the knowledge and skills to be productive, lifelong learners by building upon students' individual abilities to reach their greatest potential.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Sam Marshall



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Jennifer Fairbairn



JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (JA)
811 N 400 E • Valparaiso, IN 46383
219-983-3680

SCHOOL DAY
7:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



PRINCIPAL
Mr. Josh Huwig



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Becky Holmen



YOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (YO)
100 W Beam Street • Porter, Indiana 46304
219-983-3640

SCHOOL DAY
7:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Heidi Hennigar



ASST. PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Kristin Bonez



LIBERTY

ELEMENTARY

Liberty Elementary School staff, families, and community empower students with the skills and mindset to succeed. We promote a safe and inclusive learning environment that fosters meaningful relationships. Liberty Elementary School staff provides a high-quality education, inspiring students to explore their talents within and beyond the classroom.



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (LES)
50-1 W 900 N • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3650

SCHOOL DAY
7:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.



TROJAN

LEARNING CENTER

601 W Morgan Avenue • Chesterton, IN 46304
219-983-3743



DIRECTOR
Mrs. Christy Jarka

NWI

ONLINE SCHOOL

SCHOOL DAY
K-12 Flexible Schedule

Entering its fourth year, the **Northwest Indiana Online School (NWIOS)**, previously known as Trojan Virtual Academy, offers a free K-12 public and virtual education to over 120 students each year. The Duneland School Corporation is thrilled to expand this virtual opportunity for students both within Duneland and across the state of Indiana.

NWIOS is dedicated to providing a flexible and personalized learning environment where students have the freedom to set their own pace while pursuing their passions and academic goals. With access to tutor assistance and live session support, NWIOS ensures that every student can thrive and experience a revolutionary approach to their education that goes beyond conventional schooling.

DUNELAND

RISE ACADEMY

411 S Fifth Street • Chesterton, IN 46304

High school students who need to accelerate credit attainment for graduation have access to the alternative learning program at the Duneland RISE Academy. In this program, students learn in an online environment but with in-person support from a verified teacher and special education teacher. With school day AM or PM options, work-based credit potential, and connections with career and technical schools, students have the flexibility to meet their schedule and their learning needs to address overall success.

SCHOOL DAY
RISE Academy - Two (2) Sessions:
8:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Student Performance - ILEARN Scores

Duneland Schools continue to demonstrate growth and achievement in our overall proficiency on the Indiana standardized assessments IREAD and ILEARN English/Language Arts and Math. On the Spring 2024 English/Language Arts and Math ILEARN assessments, Duneland students ranked in Indiana's Top 10 school districts (public, private, and charter schools).

2023 Cognia System of Distinction

Cognia® named Duneland School Corporation (DSC) a 2023 Cognia® School system of Distinction for excellence in education. In 2023, Cognia, the global nonprofit school improvement organization, recognized 33 schools and school systems in the United States and in four other countries across the globe as 2023 Cognia Schools or Systems of Distinction.

Purple Star Recognition

All of the Duneland Schools have been designated as Purple Star schools by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) for their significant display of commitment to service members, veterans, students and families connected to our nation's military.

2024-2025 Family Friendly Schools

Each of the Duneland Schools have maintained their designation as Family Friendly Schools from the IDOE since 2022 and each school has met either the Excelling or Progressing criteria. This state program recognizes schools that excel in involving families and communities in the educational process. The purpose of the program is to focus on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through schools and the community.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Four CHS seniors, Jai Barath, Adrian Dooley, Matthew Haubold, and Payton Whalen, were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and all four advanced to finalists in the Spring 2024. Three of the finalists received a college or corporate-sponsored merit scholarship to the college/university of their choice. In addition, two CHS seniors, David McGrogan and Nicholas VanWagner, were named Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

2024 Best High School - U.S. News & World

Chesterton Senior High School is a 2024 Best High School, based on rankings that U.S. News & World Report published in April.

2024 Best Public High School in Region

Chesterton High School was voted the 'Best Public High School of the Region' in The Times Best of Region 2024 Competition. This is the 2nd year in a row CHS has been awarded this accolade.

Class of 2024 Rising Stars

Four CHS juniors, Kaitlyn Downs, Quinn Fleming, Alaina McGrogan and Luke Sparks, were recognized as Class of 2024 Rising Stars of Indiana as part of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) recognition program.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools

Bailly, Jackson, Liberty and Yost Elementary; and Westchester Intermediate earned the PLTW Distinguished Program recognition for 2023-2024. WPLTW's recognition program celebrates districts and schools committed to helping students unlock their potential and own their education by increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

Duneland Robotics Teams Advance to State Competition

Duneland Robotics concluded its season with the State Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Competing were two DSC teams from Brummitt, Liberty Intermediate, Westchester Intermediate and Chesterton Middle School. The Brummitt Elementary GLAM Techs made the finals at the elementary level. The DSC Robotics program has over 200 students participating from 61 teams throughout the district.

CHS Music Receives ISSMA All-Music Total Department Award

CHS is one of 19 high schools in the state to receive this award. This award honors schools that offer a well-rounded music education, and have robust programs where students earn gold ratings in multiple events for band, choir, and orchestra. This is the 2nd year in a row that CHS has earned this prestigious award.

Show Choirs

CHS Show Choirs had an outstanding 2024 competition season. The Sandpipers were 2-time Grand Champions and 3-time First Runner-Ups. The Drifters were 3-time Champions of Division and 2-time Division Runner-Ups. The Show Choirs band, The Business, earned four Best Band awards. The lowest any group placed the entire season was second.

Speech & Debate Hall of Fame

Former CHS teacher and Speech and Debate Coach, Carol Biel, was selected as a 2024 National Speech & Debate Association Hall of Fame Inductee for the state of Indiana. Election to the National Speech & Debate Association Hall of Fame is the highest honor for any high school speech and debate coach.

Japanese Olympiad Team Wins State Championship

CHS won the state championship in the second-year division, and placed third in the third-year division at the Japanese Olympiad of Indiana at Ball State University in Muncie. CHS has now won the Japan Bowl/Japanese Olympiad state championship 23 times along with three national Japan Bowl championships and one national runner-up.

Cheer

The Cheer squad competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship and placed 7th overall.

Girls Golf

The Girls Golf team advanced to state for the first time since 2016 and had a final IHSAA State Finals finish of 18th place.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Boys Cross Country Senior Evan O'Connor; and Girls Cross Country Senior Ali Sierazy and Freshman Jessica Martin qualified and competed in the IHSAA State Finals.

Boys Soccer

The Boys Soccer team won as DAC Co-Champions.

Boys Tennis

The Boys Tennis team won both the DAC and IHSAA Sectional Championship. The team went undefeated in conference play to repeat as DAC Champions for the fourth consecutive year; and won as Sectional champs for the third consecutive year.

Gymnastics

In Gymnastics, CHS Freshman Sammie Boster finished her season in the IHSAA State Finals in 11th place in the All Around.

Wrestling (Boys)

The Boys Wrestling team won the IHSAA Sectional Championship. Senior Hayden DeMarco finished his season with a 46-1 record and an IHSAA Sectional, Regional and Semi-State Championship along with a State Runner-up Finish in the 132 pound weight class.

Girls Swimming and Diving

The CHS Girls Swimming and Diving team had a successful season that included another DAC Championship along with an IHSAA Sectional Championship. The season culminated in a 14th place finish at the IHSAA State Finals this year. The 200 Yard Medley Relay team of Adalyn Laughner, Annmarie Easter, Anna Wheele & Peyton Ostertag also made the podium at the IHSAA State Finals with 7th place (top ten) finish.

Senior Lucas Lauzon, the 200 Medley Relay team (Adalyn Laughner, Annmarie Easter, Anna Wheele and Peyton Ostertag) and 400 Free Relay team (Peyton Ostertag, Tegan Werner, Anna Wheele and Adalyn Laughner) were selected to the All American Team.

Boys Basketball

In Boys Basketball, Senior Tyler Parrish was selected to the Indiana High School All-Stars team.

Baseball

The Boys Baseball team, under the direction of first year coach John Bogner, captured the IHSAA Sectional Championship. Sophomore Rob Czarniecki had an outstanding high school baseball season that culminated in a selection to the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association All-State Team as an outfielder.

Boys Track & Field

The CHS Boys Track and Field team earned two medals at the IHSAA State Meet. Junior Kieran Barnewall placed 3rd in the state meet in the 110 meter hurdles and Junior Owen Edlen finished in 8th place in the shot put.

Girls Track & Field

In Girls Track & Field, Sophomore Kenedi Bradley earned a 5th place finish at the IHSAA State Finals for the 100 Meter Dash.

Girls Tennis

The Girls Tennis team were repeat DAC Champs and won the IHSAA Sectional Championship for the fourth consecutive year.

Boys Golf

The Boys Golf team advanced to the state meet for the second year in a row with a final IHSAA State Finals finish of 14th place.

Dance

The Dance team finished its second full season with many accomplishments at the Regional, State and National level. The CHS competitive dance team placed as Runner-up in the AAA Kick regional and state finals. The Jr. Ensemble took the state championship and the Small Ensemble placed as Runner-Up. Individually, there were several state finalists including a Runner-Up finish by Junior Level Soloist Vanessa Vega; and a 4th and 10th place finish by Senior Level Soloists Olyvia Clark and Adele Megaro, respectively. At Nationals, the team placed 4th in Medium Varsity Kick and 8th in Media Varsity Team Performance.

INSPIRE / ENGAGE / EMPOWER

Duneland School Corporation
2024-2025 School Year Calendar

AUGUST
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School Days 13

SEPTEMBER
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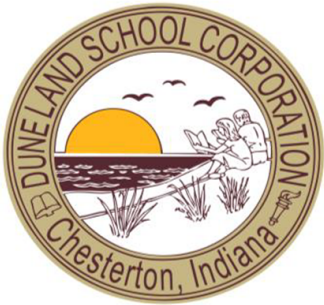
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School Days 17

- No School
- First/Last Student Day
- Electronic Learning Day
- Possible Make-up Due To Emergency Cancellation
- Teacher Work Day

- August
12-13 Teacher Work Days & PD (K-12)
14 First Day for Students
- September
2 Labor Day (No School)
- October
18 End of the 1st 9 Weeks
24-25 Fall Recess (No School)
- November
5 eLearning Day (Election Day)
5 Parent/Teacher Conferences K-4 & PD 5-12
27-29 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- December
20 End of 1st Semester
23 Winter Recess Begins
- January
6 Teacher Work Day (No School)
7 Classes Resume
20 MLK Jr Day (No School)
27 Teacher Prof. Dev. (No School)
- February
14-17 Winter Break (No School)
14 Make-up Day (if needed)
- March
14 End of the 3rd 9 Weeks
24-28 Spring Break (No School)
- May
6 eLearning Day (PD K-12)
26 Memorial Day (No School)
29 Last Student Day
30 Last Teacher Day
- June
4 CHS Graduation



FEBRUARY
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
School Days 18

MARCH
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School Days 16

APRIL
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School Days 22

MAY
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School Days 20

JUNE
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School Days 20

JULY
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School Days 20

1st Semester = 87 Days
2nd Semester = 93 Days
Total = 180 Days
Teacher Work Days = 185 Days
Board Approved 11/6/2023

LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The district renovations and new construction projects started in the summer of 2022 are close to completion. We look forward to the opportunities these projects provide for our students. The community is invited to come and tour the new and renovated DSC schools in September. The Community Nights are listed on the back page.

- Elementary Schools Improvements
- Safety and Security Updates
 - Student Cubbies
 - Extended Learning Spaces
 - Small Group Instruction (SGI)
 - Individualized Instruction Spaces
 - Large Group Instruction Space
 - Media Center as "Hub of Learning"
 - Maker Space/STEM
 - Restroom Wash Stations in Corridors
 - Student Support Areas
 - Counselor's Office
 - Calming Room



- Intermediate/Middle School Improvements
- Safety and Security Updates
 - Grade Level Houses - Separate 5/6 and 7/8
 - Student Support Areas
 - Cafeteria Services
 - Appropriate Site Traffic Planning
 - Individualized Instruction Spaces
 - Additional Opportunity Areas:
 - Performing Arts Area
 - Update Special Needs Areas
 - Media Center as "Hub of Learning"
 - Maker Space/STEM and Robotics
 - Athletics

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RENOVATION & NEW CONSTRUCTION

The community is invited to come tour the new and renovated DSC schools this September 2024

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE and SITE TOURS – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 11, 2024 – Brummitt (K-4) & Jackson (K-4)

September 12, 2024 – Bailly (K-4) & Yost (K-4)

September 16, 2024 – Liberty Intermediate & Middle School (5-8) & Liberty (K-4)

September 18, 2024 – Westchester Intermediate & Middle School (5-8)

2024-2025 CHS SPORTS TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket prices for the 2024-2025 season: All sports and levels at Chesterton High School will be \$7 per ticket for adults and students.

The Chesterton Athletic Department is again offering All-Sports passes for the 2023-2024 season.

- Trojan Fan All-Sport Pass - \$125. This is good for all CHS home events (except IHSA events) and is non transferable.
- Duneland K-12 Student All-Sport Pass - \$35. This is good for all CHS home events (except IHSA events) and is non transferable.
- Trojan Punch Pass - \$100 for 20 punches. This pass is transferable and can be used by multiple people. It works out to \$5.00 per person per event.
- Senior Gold Card (Lifetime Pass) - \$25 for Duneland School district residents age 65 and up. Must be purchased in-person at CHS Athletics Dept. License ID required.



Tickets are available for purchase at <https://sites.eventlink.com/s/chesterton-high-school/Tickets>

JOIN the DSC TEAM!

Visit duneland.k12.in.us/employment for a list of current openings.



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