

DANSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS 🚯 WINTER 2023



Dear School Community Members,

Our students have enjoyed a wonderful winter full of activities, awards, community service and academic achievement. We are proud of them and they are enjoying their learning. The optimism and positive attitudes are noticeably improved over last year. Students are getting along better with one another and are respectful of our faculty and staff. We build strong relationships with our students and we have created a warm and welcoming environment in each school. Our therapy dogs are a big part of

that and our handlers and dogs were recently recognized by NYS Senator Pam Helming and Assembly members Marjorie Byrnes and Steve Hawley with an Excellence in Service Award. Good things are always happening at DCS.

We have our challenges too and we are running toward those challenges. We are working diligently to address bullying wherever we find it and we are reminded that the world is not divided into bullies, victims and heroes. Sometimes good kids can be mean. Sometimes a young person gets bullied and is mean to another student the next day. Sometimes innocent kids are victimized. As adults we need to be more aware of what is happening in the lives of our students and our children. We need to look at all sides of a situation and intervene as appropriate.

In Dansville, we have parents who are involved in their children's education and their lives. We have faculty, staff and administrators who care. We have good kids. The key is communication and working together.

I believe in the inherent goodness of our school community. We all want our students to be safe and take advantage of all that DCS has to offer without fear or unhealthy distractions. When you are aware of a bullying situation or relational issues between others, please contact a teacher, counselor or the school principal. If you feel you need more help, please contact me.

Yours in Education,

Paul J. Alioto



Photo courtesy Livingston County News

DHS Senior Jeffrey Birmingham Accepted into the Naval Academy in Annapolis

Jeffrey Birmingham, a member of the Class of 2023, has received an appointment from the United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis, MD to become a member of the Class of 2027. After attending Induction Day on June 29, 2023, he will start six weeks of basic training before beginning his first semester in August.

Jeff attended the weeklong summer seminar leadership program at Annapolis in June 2022, which activated the application process. Jeff's decision to apply to the Naval Academy was influenced by his experiences at the summer seminar program. These experiences reinforced for him that the Academy was a place he could serve and



learn, which are two things he values greatly. The entire application process was a rigorous endeavor involving a fitness test, medical history and exam, teacher and administrative recommendations, and interviews with both a Blue & Gold representative and Congressman Chris Jacob's office. Applicants must obtain a nomination from an official source (i.e. U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, or the Vice President of the United States). Jeff received nominations from Congressman Jacobs for both the USNA and the USMA (West Point) but the Naval Academy was an easy choice. Jeff's decision was based on several factors. He has spent much of his life around water (trips to Keuka lake, lifeguarding at Stony Brook, and swimming in high school). He also enjoyed the city of Annapolis and the academic opportunities the Naval Academy had to offer.

According to Daniel Goho Legion Post 87 records, Jeff is likely the first Dansville High School graduate to attend the Naval Academy. Although acceptance at military academies is extremely rare for our rural area, Jeff is not the only local senior attending the Naval Academy next year. Titan Rocha, a Wayland-Cohocton senior, will be joining Jeff on this journey.

Jeff would like to thank Mr. Pogel (DHS Social Studies teacher), Mrs. Haylo (past DHS business teacher), and Mr. Moodie (DHS principal) for their support with the application process. Their letters of recommendation were critical to his acceptance. He would also like to thank all of his teachers, coaches, mentors, and community members who supported him throughout his school career.

The Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Naval Academy students are midshipmen on active duty in the U.S. Navy. They attend the academy for four years, graduating with a bachelor of science degrees and commission as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. After graduation, Naval Academy graduates serve at least five years in the Navy or Marine Corps.

USNA Mission Statement

"To develop Midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government."



The Dansville wrestling and cheerleading programs joined forces for a show day fundraiser and basket raffle. The Wrestlers cheered on the Cheerleaders as they took the mat to put on a wrestling showcase. Then the cheerleaders showed their support for the wrestlers as they performed a mini cheerleading routine complete with jumps, tumbling, and stunts! Fun was had by all and ended with the cheerleaders voting to award Grayson Cartwright the "RockStar" award for rocking his routine on the mat! A new appreciation was gained for both sports by all athletes who participated!



Mustangs of the Month: November

Ashlyn Schledorn, Winter Cheerleading Ethan Canfield, Boys Basketball Brandon Foster, Wrestling Haley Beman, Girls Indoor Track Corey Beman, Boys Indoor Track Chelsie Tyler, Girls Basketball Section V Champion and State Participant: Girls Cross Country Team

Mustangs of the Month: December

Dawson Wadsworth, Boys Basketball Ethan Canfield, Boys Indoor Track Aynsley Belcher, Girls Basketball Brianne Hurlburt, Girls Indoor Track Hannah Bennett, Winter Cheerleading Elijah Bender, Wrestling

Mustangs of the Month: January

Callie Little, Alpine Ski Tyler Harris, Boys Basketball Patrik Puffer, Boys Indoor Track Zack Kreiley, Boys Swimming Taylor Hamsher, Girls Basketball Maggie Bacon, Girls Indoor Track Journie Heiman, Winter Cheerleading Peter Thompson, Wrestling



Our girls Alpine Ski team finished 2nd in the league this season with Callie Little placing 3rd overall. Dansville boys team finished 5th in the league. Grayson Wolfanger finished 4th in the league for Modified.

DHS Wrestling Team League Champions!



Congratulations to Zach Kreiley as he helped lead the Livonia - Dansville Swim Team to a Livingston Conference Meet Title in Haverling. Zack won the 200 freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly. He also brought home 2 Blue Ribbons with his teammates in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay. At the end of the evening Zack was voted by the LCAA Coaches as the Swimmer of the Meet. Tidbit of information - Zach was presented the award by his coach Jonah Kiehle (Dansville Alumni) who won that same award 21 years ago.





Sectional Wrestling Champion: Wyatt Sartori, 7th Grade

Wyatt Sartori, 7th Grade Qualified for States





Indoor Track MVP

Brianne Hurlburt has been named the MVP for South Division. She scored more points at the South Championship meet than any other female athlete from the 17 schools in our division. Congratulations!!

TTO KNOW your new DCSD teachers!



Katelyn Bailey **HS Special** Education



Megan Clement **HS English**

Jana Everett **HS Science**



Brittany Atwell, **HS Social** Studies



Chad Flint HS Business



Ryan Conklin

HS

Phys Ed



Price

HS

Reading





Sam Mueller **HS Science**

Kelsey Snyder HS Social Worker



Carrie Wyder **HS English**

Julia Mark EBH Special Educa-

Grace Mast **EBH Special**

Education

Ryan Conklin: "The highlight has been the welcome home. I have enjoyed teaching at the school that raised me. The new athletic complex allowed our classes to participate outside up until the end of November. Additionally, it has been fun working with my former teachers, specifically Mr. VanScoter and Mr. Sylor. They have been great mentors.

Julia Mark: "Successfully navigating my first job as a teacher and being a full time grad student at the same time." Hobbies: skiing, traveling, hiking, kayaking. Bucket List: Visit all 50 states.

Carrie Wyder: "I've found the students and faculty/staff to be very friendly, which has really made me feel welcome!" Hobbies: Besides all the normal English teacher stuff such as reading ... photography, but especially sports photography! I love to take pictures at my children's games and events, and I find the photo editing process to be relaxing. Bucket list: To visit the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania.

- Half-way through the year, what has been 1. the highlight of your career at DCSD?
- What are your hobbies? 2.
- What is on your bucket list? 3.

Grace Mast: "Watching students grow." Hobbies: Reading, coloring, riding fourwheeler. Bucket list: I am going to travel the US in an RV.

Katelyn Bailey: "Seeing my students improve from first quarter to second quarter!" Hobbies: DIY home projects, attending Alfred University football games/events, hanging out with my family & new puppy! Bucket List: Go skydiving & visit Ireland.

Brittany Atwell: "Being invited by my student for teacher appreciation night for basketball." Hobbies: Puzzles, traveling, reading. Bucket list: Travel to Japan, Australia and Greece.

Chad Flint: "Candy Cane Sale." Hobbies: Playing with my black labs.

Meghan Stefko: "The

relationships I've made with not only my colleagues, but the students as well. Being the building substitute, I love the advantage of getting to know more than just one group of students. " Hobbies: DIY projects, crafting, reading & spending time with my husband, daughter and our three dogs. Bucket list: Vacation in Montana.

Kelsey Snyder: "Getting to know all the students." Hobbies: Sports, reading, working out, traveling. Bucket list: To travel to England and Greece.



Meghan Stefko **EBH Elementary** Teacher

Bridgett Blodgett **PS 3PK Special** Education

Sam Mueller: "We have had some excellent challenges in our physics classes, and it has been great to see the unique approaches that some students are taking!" Hobbies: Camping, fishing, bladesmithing, board games and cooking. Bucket list: To travel to all of the 48 Continental states (4 left!) and to make it long enough to see the sequel to Breath of the Wild released!

Bridgett Blodgett: "Working with my amazing colleagues and getting to know and watch my students learn and grow in many different ways." Hobbies: Reading, spending time with family, gardening, and crafting. Bucket list: Travel to many different places.



Letter from Melissa Goho, Primary School Principal

Happy 2023 to All!

DPS teachers are currently busy completing benchmark and report card assessments for the upcoming March conferences. Assessments provide a time to celebrate the growth our students have made as well as to identify students who are requiring additional focused interventions to help bridge the academic gaps. DPS teachers and families did an excellent job of collaborating at parent-teacher conference time in November as 95% of families attended either in person, virtually, or on the telephone. Our goal is for the same or higher level of participation in March. By collaborating

together, we can help DPS students "Learn, Lead, and Achieve" and inspire students to see they have limitless potential.

Each month a guidance counselor teaches one lesson in 4PK-2nd grade classrooms on important topics. The lessons thus far have included skills for learning, interrupting, identifying feelings in yourself or others, coping skills, sharing, and empathy. The counselors share specific information about the lessons they teach each month in a "From the Counseling Office" note that is included in my principal weekly newsletters to families. Also, in my principal weekly newsletters once a month are notes from the Family Engagement Team about the 7 Leader in Me habits. These communications help families learn the language that their children are being taught and using at school which will support generalization of skills across settings.

We have had some exciting events at DPS! We hosted our first ever Cozy Christmas event which you can read more about on the next page. Jared Campbell an award winning singer/songwriter from upstate New York performed for our 3PK-2nd graders in the HS auditorium. Through songs he reinforced responsibility, respect, and other positive character building messages. His primary goal was to encourage the students to walk away feeling "AWESOME" about themselves and to understand that everyone has value which needs to be appreciated each day. It was heartwarming to hear the DPS students singing along and playing their air guitars! We celebrated Mo Willems, a favorite author and illustrator, for a week prior to his birthday on February 11th. A variety of daily themes were organized based on Mo's book titles, such as make a new friend (Can I Play Too?), bring your favorite stuffed animal to school (Knuffle Bunny), and enjoy an ice cream treat (Should I Share my Ice Cream?).

A big thank you goes out to Geneseo Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry who presented about good dental health practices and provided some important hygiene goodies for our students. Also, thank you to the Lion's Club for completing spot vision screening on over 100 DPS students.

I'm excited to see all the amazing things our students do under the guidance of such dedicated faculty and staff over the rest of the school year! I'll be sure to share it with you in my weekly newsletters too!

Best, Melissa Goho

Cozy Christmas

DPS hosted the Cozy Christmas Event and we had so much fun getting into the holiday spirit with our students and families! From cookie decorating and caroling to making reindeer food and a countdown chain, there was something to keep little ones busy and having fun! We had a special read aloud and bassoon playing with the Aliotos, letters to Santa and popcorn, and families even created their own jar of fun to take home to keep the holiday vibes alive! And don't forget the Elf Training that was going on in the gym! Each student was able to choose two brand new books to take home and keep among lots of other goodies! Big thanks to all of the DPS faculty & staff who volunteered their time for this event and also to the Family Resource Center and Livingston-Wyoming WIC and Liz Jackson from Rinker's Readers. We also received donations from Dansville Tops, Arby's, and the Booster Club, all of which helped make this event even more successful! Happy Holidays DPS!













DPS Honors Students

These DPS students received recognition as Student of the Month for Habit #2 - Begin with the End in Mind. They have a plan and show characteristics, such as:

- I plan ahead and set goals for myself.
- I am prepared at all times.
- I think about the positive and negative consequences of my actions before I act.



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The DPS Student Lighthouse facilitated the December morning meeting. Highlights of the meeting included: recognizing our Students of the Month who demonstrate Begin with End in Mind or have a plan, celebrating 4PK through 2nd grade students progress on their reading WIGS (wildly important goals), learning about Habit #3 - Put First Things First, and Dr. Alioto honoring Remington (Mrs. Bancroft's therapy dog).









The January DPS morning meeting celebrated Students of the Month for Habit #3: Put First Things First. These students work first and then play. They focus on:

- I do the things I have to before I do the things I want to.
- I stay focused on what I'm doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task.
- I spend my time on the things that are the most important.

On Saturday the DPS LEGO Robotics Teams participated in the FLL Explore Expo at Penfield High School. They showcased their hard work toward this year's challenge which was themed Super Powers. Each team won an award: Team 2 (black) won the Challenge Solution Award and Team 1 (Red) won Overcoming Obstacles Award. Great job teams!!





Jammies For a Cause

All three 3PK classes collected pajamas to donate to Ady's Jammies. Ady West is a teenager from Livonia who takes donations of pajamas and gives them to children at Golisano Children's Hospital. We've been collecting for a few years, but this was our biggest collection yet with 30 pairs of jammies! We are so proud of our kids and grateful to their families who helped us!





The DPS STEAM Lab was busy having fun and being creative. They learned to code their names into candy canes and made nuts & bolts Christmas trees and snowmen. <u>#DPSSTEAMLab</u> #dreambelieveachieve



DPS Celebrates Mo's Birthday!

DPS celebrated one of our FAVORITE authors this week: Mo Williams. We had a dress up day, a kindness/new friend day, a party day and more! Check out this AWESOME banner we made to celebrate Mo's birthday!



Letter from EBH Principal, Lisa Allen

Hello from EBH!

It has been a busy time for our students and the year is passing quickly!

We have enjoyed our Winter Concerts with our 5th and 6th grade band and chorus and our 4th grade band and chorus. It is so fun to listen to their talents and growth as musicians. The 4th graders just began playing their instruments in October and to hear

them play as a group already is wonderful! I look forward to hearing their spring performances. We also have had All County Band and Chorus members represent our school. These selected musicians give up a Friday afternoon and Saturday to practice with students around our area and then have a concert for families. What a fun time! We are proud of their work!

Our Chess Club has competed a few times and our players have met with success. Pageturners have also competed against area schools and they continue to show growth. I am particularly proud of all of the students in the various leadership positions that we have. Safety Patrol helps keep dismissal safer for everyone. We also have a group of students who are Leader Greeters and they greet everyone who enters in the morning. Our Student Council has planned a Spirit Week for fun and also hung signs in our halls about being a leader. I continue to have 6th graders help me with morning announcements as well. Our clubs and activities are numerous and popular! They continue to occur and we even have a new one - Stock Market Club! We can't wait to see if we are able to "make millions!!"

We are halfway through the school year and it can be a perfect time to check in with your child about how things are going. Ask them if they are enjoying school. Do they have some good friends? What is your favorite subject? What is something that makes school a bit tricky? Having these conversations and discussing how to face the rest of the school year is so important. We appreciate all of our family support and know that it will continue.

We are currently enjoying the book <u>Fenway and Hattie</u> as a school community. Every student received a copy of this book and we assigned a few chapters each week. Students can answer trivia questions each day with classes earning ice cream coupons for class participation. We also have a few bigger project opportunities that will allow some students to win gift cards or even a Kindle! Thank you to the Dansville Rotary Club for helping fund these prizes to motivate our students. We will finish up the book right before February Recess.

The week off during the week of February 20 will be a good break as well. In March we will have Parent Teacher Conferences that are Student-Led. You will hear more from your child's teacher as the time gets closer. Our students like to show off their work and classrooms to parents. We hope you are able to attend.

Thank you to the PTO for hosting a Family Dance for our families in grades PK - 4. A fun time was had by all who attended! We truly appreciate your support! We also want to thank the Family Resource Center that is housed in our building. They were able to give every one of our students a book to take home for the Holiday Break. What a generous thing to do!!!

We continue to be very fortunate at EBH—amazing students, dedicated faculty and staff AND supportive families. Thank you!

Lisa Allen, Principal

Classes Collaborate with Cookies

Mrs. Greenway's and Mrs. Bradley's 3rd grade class decorated holiday cookies with Mrs. Bacon's Culinary class, who baked the cookies and made the frosting. Lots of fun was had by all!





Dansville Family Resource Center

Dansville EBH Elementary School hosts a gem that many haven't heard about.

The Dansville Family Resource Center at EBH Elementary School in Dansville is a hub of community support services and opportunities for families with young children. The Center provides important connections for parents and kids.

Cassandra Gunderson, Program Director, said that the center provides parenting support, child development activities, access to external resources, parent leadership development and so much more! Families can drop in during open hours with their children for play, or to reach out to Gunderson for assistance and support. Gunderson said that FoodLink is a source of food that is given to families, and the program also has a diaper bank for families in need.

The Center serves families utilizing an approach that is multigenerational, strength-based and family-centered. Best of all, these amazing resources are free to participants!

ProAction of Steuben and Yates has developed the program. They are stewards of federal, state, and local resources, using them efficiently to improve the resiliency and future prospects of the people they serve. The vision of ProAction is a strong community where all individuals and families prosper. The Dansville School District supports this program with use of space in Ellis B. Hyde Elementary School, and the Education Success Foundation,

which supports the EnCompass afterschool program, also supports the operation of the Dansville Family Resource Center.

The Dansville Family Resource Center is open to families from Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:30pm. The Center is located on the first floor of the elementary school and is accessible by arriving at the front entrance and signing in. All families and children from prenatal through age eight are welcome to visit!





Pumpkin Pie Winner!

Ms. Wadsworth won the Pumpkin Pie Baking. Here's the champion with her trophy!!

November was National Gratitude Month

At EBH the Appreciation Station rolled right



on in!! Students and Staff paused for a moment to write notes of appreciation/thanks and filled the train. Isn't it amazing how something as simple as gratitude can give new meaning to life?

EBH Celebrates the New Year

EBH had a Back To a New Year Leadership Assembly and took a moment to review the many great things that happened in December with our students and also to recognize many students for showing the Leadership Habit - Put First Things First. The Assembly was kicked off by our 5th/6th grade chorus members singing the National Anthem. Classes who have won the Golden Tray for Cafeteria behavior were also given a shout out with a quick review of what our cafeteria expectations are. We look forward to future winners! Everyone was challenged to think about goals that will allow classrooms and families to be a Win-Win environment and to have the best year ever in 2023. This Habit **- Think Win Win** - will be our focus for January!



EBH Chess Success #1

Ty Cromp was fourth in the beginners division in the December chess tournament. Kyle Losey won first place in the intermediate division; Zach Helser was second and Caleb Baird won the gold medal with first place in the advanced division.





EBH Chess Success #2

The EBH chess club participated in the BOCES chess tournament. Caleb Baird was 3rd in the middle school division. Tiegan Komula was 1st in the intermediate and in the beginner section Xavier Valentin was 3rd and Keira Saltsman was 2nd. Ty Cromp also participated.







EBH LEGO Robotics Team Wins Award

On Saturday, January 14 our EBH LEGO Robotics Teams participated in the FLL Qualifiers at the May Center in Mt. Morris. They did an amazing job presenting their innovation projects about energies and how they may help our community, as well as competing with their bot in the challenge. They did not qualify for the championship round; they did not leave empty-handed though. The Red Team (The Dansville Robots) won the Core Values Award for demonstrating great teamwork, leadership, and inclusion! The Black Team (Dansville Robotic Builders) won the Breakthrough Award for being a shining example of what Core Values are, and sharing their innovation project with Dr. Alioto and Mrs. Allen! Ms. Petrillo won the Outstanding Coach Award as well for providing her students with leadership roles, a great sense of humor and always being there for her students. These teams did an amazing job, and Ms. Petrillo and Ms. Warman could not be more proud of how well they worked together as a team to problem-solve their way through challenges by seeking win -win solutions.





EBH All County

EBH: Friday January 27 and Saturday January 28, select 5th and 6th grade EBH band members travel to Perry CSD to participate in the GVSMA (Genesee Valley School Music Association) All County I Festival! These students have been learning three different songs on top of their other band music and should be so proud of all of their hard work! Lastly, a huge shout out to these students for coming in on their day off!

EBH Chess Club Update

EBH had several students compete in the chess tournament on Saturday. Hayden was first and Keira was second in the beginner division. Ty, Xavier, Alexandria, Zach, Caleb, Tiegan and DeClan also represented Dansville well with good sportsmanship and chess skills.

Jeriah Barrows won first place in the Middle School chess tournament on Saturday. Jeriah has won the past three tournaments. Jeriah has also been helping the elementary students to improve their chess skills.



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Letter from David Moodie, High School Principal



Dear Parents and Community Members,

To say that our students and staff have been working hard is an understatement. Each day at DHS, we end our morning announcements recalling our motto: We Learn, We Lead and We Succeed. Up to this point almost 400 students have received positive postcards home, as a means of recognizing them for their efforts and commitment to being a student at DHS (learning - leading - succeeding). We are very proud of our students' academic achievements at DHS. During the 1st marking period a total of 251 students earned Honor Roll status (GPA: 90 and above) and 140 students earned Merit Roll (GPA: 85 - 89). The 2nd marking period resulted in the following: 204 students on Honor Roll, 120 students on Merit Roll and 61 students selected as Mustangs on a Roll (an increased overall GPA by 3 or more percentage points). 61 students have also been recognized up to this point as Academic Department - Mustangs of the Month. We know that students really appreciate being recognized for their

hard work. Check out our Facebook pages to stay up-to-date on all of the impressive things that students are doing on a weekly basis.

Throughout the month of December, the DHS student leadership team helped high school administration organize an event that resulted in a truck load of canned and boxed food items being collected and donated to our local food pantry located at the Community Center. DHS students also provided a box full of holiday cards which were distributed to the employees at NOYES Hospital. This event is now a yearly tradition and one that allows our students to do something nice for others. Students and teachers associated with our Entrepreneurship class organized Ducks on a Desk. This event allowed faculty & staff to recognize a colleague while also donating funds to our local backpack program, which ensures no student goes hungry over the weekend. Be on the lookout for more events this spring in which community service and doing good for others is our focus.

Our college and career readiness program at DHS continues to thrive. Up to this point, seniors have been offered the opportunity to participate in 4 college visits during the school day with transportation provided. The feedback from students tells us that these visits are helping them to make informed decisions about their future. We also continue to provide opportunities for career exploration by having local professionals in on a monthly basis to present to students. If you are interested in sharing information about your career and the education and/or experiences needed to work in your field of employment, please contact me at 585.335.4010 x 1172. We would be happy to schedule a time for you to speak to interested students.

Beginning in March, students will be meeting with their school counselors to select courses for next school year. Please have a conversation with your child about their educational interests as well as careers that they may be interested in pursuing. We offer a variety of electives at DHS that will prepare students for their future. To help you in these conversations with your child, please refer to our course description catalog which can be found on our website at: Dansville CSD \rightarrow High School \rightarrow Counseling \rightarrow Academics \rightarrow 2023-24 Course Catalog

Lastly, I would like to mention the success of our extracurricular programs at DHS. In early February, members of our junior high band and senior high chorus participated in the All County Festival. Our varsity wrestling team was crowned LCAA D1 Champions (an accomplishment that hasn't happened since 2012). Wyatt Sartori (7th grade) is a Sectional Champion at the 102 lb weight class. Dansville swimmer Zack Kreiley was not only a member of the LCAA D1 Championship Swim Team, but was also recognized as Swimmer of the Meet at the County Championships. All of our winter sports teams were seeing individual and team success at the time of this publication, with many having high hopes for league and sectional titles.

Go Mustangs!

David Moodie, HS Principal



1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

High School Rotary Club Students of the Month

The Dansville High Schools "Rotary Club Student of the Month" has changed a bit from years past. Students are selected based on the Rotary "Four Way Test": By applying the "Four Way Test" to student nominations, we will be able to acknowledge students who are consistently helping others, volunteering their time, and generally being model students and citizens.

We are proud to announce the following students as November and December "Rotary Students of the Month":



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Aazan Sohail

Parents: Sohail Ashraf and Aisha SohailHonors/Activities: Three-sport athlete, Honor Roll student, Future Business Leader President.Future Plans: Attend 4 years of college to pursue a business degree at either RIT or Geneseo.



Riley Nagle

Parents: Kevin and Robin Nagle

Honors/Activities: Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Pony Express, Honor Roll, Script D, Varsity D, Tech Club and Student Council.

Future Plans: Attend college for Childhood Education and Special Education, and become an elementary teacher.



DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Stephanie Youngers

Parents: Dan and Mary Youngers Honors/Activities: Honor Roll, Script D, Varsity D, Scholar Athlete, Girls State, Junior Dairy Leader, Dairy Ambassador, and National Honor Society. Future Plans: Go to school for agronomy and teaching.



Zackary Kreiley

Parents: Chris and Laura Kreiley **Honors/Activities:** Honor Roll, NHS, Script D, Varsity D, Scholar Athlete, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Golf, Varsity Swimming: Sectional Champion, League Champion. Mr. Flint's Outdoor Business Management is currently experimenting with growing microgreens.



Mini Mustangs Basketball

On Saturday mornings throughout the month of January and February, girls in grades 3-6 and boys in grades K-2 were offered the opportunity to participate in Mini Mustangs. This program allows students who are interested in the game of basketball to learn fundamentals from varsity & JV basketball players.



Chef Howard Offers Expertise

The French flavor base called **mirepoix** is a combination of onion, carrot and celery generally cut to the same size. Local Chef Jason Howard, owner of Jack's Gaslight Grill, brought his expertise to Mrs. Bacon's Culinary Class this week to teach students how to build flavor when making soup. Students were given the opportunity to work alongside Chef Howard as he shared his knowledge of creating soup using salt, fat, acid and heat. The results were "out of this world!"







Juniors were able to attend a presentation by Mrs. Ann Valento about the Tech Prep Health Careers and Sports Science Academies. These programs are available to students in their senior year via an application process. Both programs are housed at the former Dansville Middle School/GCC campus and are half day programs. The Health Careers Academy is

designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of health careers while getting a head start in their college credits. Students explore multidisciplinary health professions and current research while earning 15 college credits. The Sports Science Academy is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of sports science and sports related careers while getting a head start in their college credits. Students explore multidisciplinary sports related professions and current trends while also earning 15 college credits.

Mustangs of the Month

At monthly department meetings, discussions involve selecting students to represent the department as a Mustang of the Month. The positive conversations that occur during this time are meaningful and celebratory in nature. Students who are selected receive a certificate and their picture, as well as, reasons for being selected are publicized. Who will be the next Mustang of the Month?

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Billups









Corbett



Brandon Foster



Yarrow Hanna





Aryana Heindl



Emma Mackey



Joslyn Morrow



Seth Mosman



Kaelyn Oliver



Quincy Price





Elise Bartolone



Aryana Heindl



Lauren Bishop



Kristina Monk



Rachael Blum



Sydney Silva



Feonna

Secor

Isaiah Goins



Stephanie Youngers

Kolton

Thomas



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JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Annie Ames



Harlowe Gleason



Milania Musto



Aiden Cooke



Justin Maine





Alexandria Daly



Kristina Monk







Connor Moose

Ray Daly



Dallas Forsburg



Joslyn Morrow



Aiden VanAuken





Dunlop Cooper Grade 9

Grade 7

Emma Nessler

Savannah Lopez Landon Cork Grade 12



Grade 11



Lillian Vann Grade 8



Taylor Walker Grade 10

#DansvilleMustangProud







DHS Chorus All County DHS students participated in All County for chorus and band.

HS: Duck on a Desk

Duck on a Desk was a huge success! The 2022-2023 Entrepreneurship students proudly announce that we were able to donate \$550.00 to our very own backpack program. We wish to thank all those who graciously helped us get our inaugural campaign up and swimming! Your donations, feedback, and patience as we interrupted the end of your day was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Lauren Cutting for her wisdom and guidance in helping us understand the importance of helping those in need and the prevalence of food insecurity within our community. We look forward to implementing some improvements to our system of inclusion and distribution in December of 2023!



Mustang Manufacturing and the Mustang Market

Thank You DHS Art Students

Thank you to our Public Art students and Mr. Buckholz for helping to prepare our local storefronts for the holiday season.



Holiday Music at the Star Theater

Members of the HS Chamber Singers and select members of the 7th and 8th Grade Band performed several holiday music selections inside Star Theater for Winter in the Village in December. The students did an outstanding job and it was such a fun way to help kick-off the holiday season!



DHS Drumline Performs in Corning Festival of Lights





Counselors Visit BOCES

The high school counselors attended the annual BOCES Counselor Appreciation Luncheon. Throughout the day, the counselors spent time with Dansville students while they were learning in their chosen fields of interest. Counselors were also able to get updates on the current programs available at BOCES, and then were treated to a lunch that was provided by the students in the Culinary Arts program. This opportunity is always a fantastic way for the counselors to see their students actively engaged in meeting their career goals as well as for the students to thank the counselors for their support along the way.

Culinary Class Cooks for DHS Staff



Mrs. Auble's and Mrs. Bacon's students put their skills to work! The Culinary class prepared and served 46 delicious lunches for the high school faculty and staff. Mrs. Auble's Entrepreneurship students marketed the event and the Interior Design students decorated the tables to create a warm, relaxing dining experience. The collaboration brought students together, showcased their talents and left them with a sense of pride and accomplishment.



Dansville Central School District is proud to be offering the TIES program beginning this year. TIES (Together Including Every Student) is a program of STARBRIDGE and promotes the participation of students and young adults who have developmental disabilities in our ongoing extracurricular and community activities. They will be mentored by DHS student volunteers.



This is a fantastic opportunity that offers growth, learning and fun for all participants!

Ms. Amanda Hilyard is the TIES Coordinator at DCSD. Hilyard offers a special shout out to the DHS Cheer Team--they have 95% participation in the program!

The DHS peer volunteers are in grades 8-12. After an application and training process, they share their extracurricular activities and support their peers in learning and having fun. The participants are children and young adults ages 8-21 with developmental disabilities. "Once we understand their interests and hobbies, I work with them and their family to develop a plan and guide the peer's support" explained Hilyard.

Denise Dunham, Director of Special Programs, is currently working with the CSE office staff compiling a list of students grades 3-age 21 that have eligibility through OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities). Three documents will be sent (emailed or mailed) to those parents/ guardians with eligibility to include: a letter from Amanda Hilyard, a TIES participant application and an introduction letter to parents/ guardians of students who are potential participants in grades 3- age 21.

TIES is a program of Starbridge and is funded by the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Regional Office and the Western NY Developmental Disabilities Regional Office for 2022-2023. Questions about the program can be directed to Amanda Hilyard at 585-991-2196 or email <u>ties@dansvillecsd.org</u>.



DHS Employees enjoyed a nice pre-holiday breakfast together, provided by the building administrators, before students arrived.

Seniors Visit Colleges

This past fall, interested seniors were able to attend a campus tour and information session at three local colleges- SUNY Geneseo, Roberts Wesleyan University, and Rochester Institute of Technology. This was a great opportunity for students to get a feel for different campuses to help shape what is important to them in a college. Finding the right match helps to make the college experience more successful academically, socially, and makes it a "home away from home" for students as they pursue their academic interests. This spring, interested juniors and seniors are also able to attend a campus visit and information session at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua. For more information, students can reach out to their school counselors. The Counseling Office looks forward to offering these opportunities next fall to the Class of 2024 as well.



Girls Basketball Team Honors Teachers





WHAT'S COMING UP AT DCSD



February 21-24	No School: Winter Recess
March 1	Healthy Heart Challenge
March 2	Kindergarten Teacher Tuck-In
March 6	3PK & 4PK Lottery
March 6-11	School Social Worker Week
March 13 & 14	11:30 Dismissal: Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 16-18	DHS Musical
March 23	Tech Wars
March 29	Spring Band Concert (7-12)
March 30	PS Easter Eggstravanza
March 30	New Teacher Celebration
April 3-10	Spring Break
April 19-21	Grades 3-8 ELA Testing
May 1	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2-4	Grades 3-8 Math Testing
May 10	School Nurse Appreciation Day
May 13	Junior/Senior Formal Dance
May 29	No School: Memorial Day
June 2	PK Career Parade & Celebration (12:30)
June 5-9	PS Book Fair
June 5	8th Grade Science Test
June 8	NJHS induction Ceremony
June 8	7th/8th Grades Honor's Tea
June 8	PS Camp Read-A-Lot (5:30-7:00pm)
June 12	PS End of Year Spirit Week
June 12	HS Athletic Awards Banquet
June 12	Kindergarten Graduation (6:00pm)
June 14	Flag Day
June 14-22	NYS Regents
June 19	No School: Juneteenth
June 21	Senior Scholarship & Awards Ceremony
June 23	HS Graduation

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February 22 is National School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day!

This is a perfect day to thank your bus driver.



Eighth Wall of Pride Seeking Nominations for Fall 2023

The Foundation for Dansville Education announces the call for nominations for the 2023 Wall of Pride induction to be held in October 2023. **Nominations will be accepted now through May 2023.** Nomination forms can be obtained from the Dansville Central School District Office at 337 Main Street, Dansville, or on their district website at this address: https://tinyurl.com/qvqhg46.