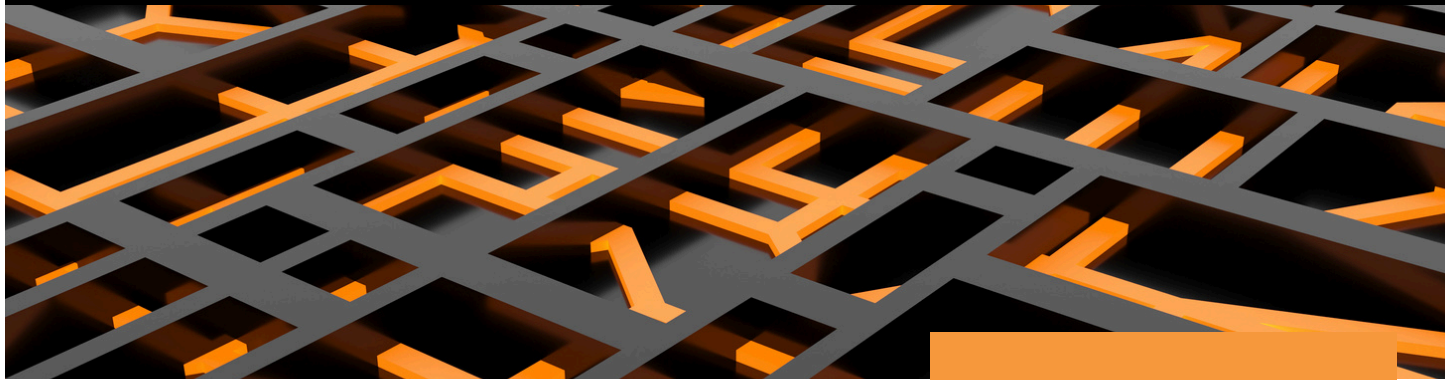




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NEW & IMPROVED DIMANREGIONAL.ORG

IS SCHEDULED TO GO LIVE ON NOVEMBER 4th!!

We know everyone has been patiently waiting (and noticed that lovely red exclamation about our website, much like our new school, being under construction). IT will be working over the weekend to double check the content of the new site, but we have determined the best approach forward is to Go Live and address content updates as the year progresses.

We know everyone is eager to learn the new process regarding content updating to their areas, but ask that users continue to send emails to webmaster@dimanregional.org for any updates once the new site is live. After everything is live and functioning IT will be reaching out to communicate the process of updating.

We are also working to consolidate FORMS that may have been accessed via the website, the idea being that most of the forms and links Faculty/Staff will need live in the "Staff Information Share - Diman" Google Shared Drive.

Edited by Dre Sylvia

YOUR MONTHLY
DOWNLOAD FROM THE
DIMAN IT DEPT

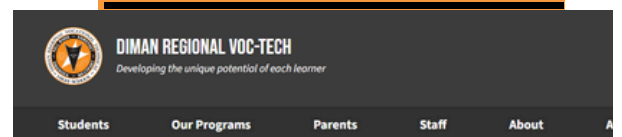
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NEWS



Now Accepting 2025-2026 Homebuilding Construction Applications

October 16, 2024

Diman now accepts applications for the 2025-2026 homebuilding construction project.



Now Accepting the Class of 2029 Applications

September 9, 2024

Diman now accepts applications for the class of 2029.

DIMAN'S DATA NEEDS

Edited by Karen Glover

As discussions surrounding Data Privacy and AI evolve, one thing is and has always been clear: We NEED Data. Metrics to assess our students progress, data to measure performance, etc. The need for Cybersecurity and prevalence of cyber attacks illustrates how valuable data is in our current society.

In working with our Director of Diversity and other administrators on their data needs, IT has discovered Diman needs something more in order to visualize and better assess their data: While we do not have much more than that to share at the moment, we can say we're actively vetting products that will meet this need and very excited with some of the things we have found.

Student Data Privacy:

In another reference to discussions around AI with other district Tech Directors, Student Data Privacy also keeps coming up. While the topic may not sound exciting, it is important. Diman has a service we contract that vets potential software and ensures privacy agreements are signed and upheld by vendors, as a way of protecting ourselves and our student's private data. We are working to build an online listing of approved software and those agreements, the hope being this listing will be live shortly after our new website.

The expectation is that ALL SOFTWARE in use by the district is subject to these agreements and must be contained within this approved list. The state has recognized how important this is and Massachusetts even contains its own listing of approved software (as well as software/vendors that have violated these agreements). IT will be reaching out over the next two months regarding any software in use by your department: This is just informational, so that we are able to build the listing. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation on this sensitive matter.



Notables

- The Massachusetts Student Privacy Alliance Main Page with resources regarding software can be found at:

https://sdpc.a4l.org/view_alliance.php?state=MA

- The District's Approved Software List will be contained within our own area of the Student Data Privacy Alliance site and posted publicly on our webpage.



Colby's Chromebook Corner:

Notables

- Chromebook Repair services in the library Tuesdays & Thursdays 3rd Period
- Anyone needing IT support should be emailing helpdesk@dimarnegional.org



While we fine tune the Chromebook Repair process (and implement some new changes in the process with next year's Freshman class), IT would like to offer dedicated repair times each week.

Beginning November 5th, students who have Chromebook issues should report to the IT area of the library for diagnosis/replacement on Tuesdays and Thursdays during 3rd period. A member of the IT department will be stationed at the desk to the right of the Library entrance during 3rd period on those days.

If students require repair outside of these hours, please confirm someone is present in the Library area before sending the student down.

In regards to the Library, Officer Riley has also done an amazing job of maintaining it. If he is present in the library outside of these hours he may be able to direct students to the kiosk.

Edited by Colby Sylvia