

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

DETROIT EDISON PSA

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# PIONEER NEWS



## To do

- Complete and return emergency contact forms
- Ensure you are signed up for CurbSmart for grades K-8
- Ensure students have their school supplies
- Ensure your student have all uniform pieces
- Pack a healthy lunch NO takis, no sugary drinks, etc. Items will be collected..

**CURBSMART - INDOOR DISMISSAL BEGINS ON 9/22 - PERTINENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT OUT. PLESSE REACH OUT IF YOU NEED SUPPORT.**

**COUNT DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025**

**FAMILIES, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING UNHEALTHY FOODS FOR LUNCH. I.E. TAKIS, DONUTS ETC. ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED.**

**[Click here for School Calendar](#)**

**[Click here for School Supplies](#)**

**[Click here for Legacy Handbook - Code of Conduct](#)**

**Uniforms:** We are excited to share that DEPSA school uniforms can now be conveniently purchased through Print Giant on our school's website.

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Navigate to MENU - RESOURCE - PURCHASE UNIFORMS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. \* Tau Alpha Omega Chapter

### Youth Leadership Institute Orientation

Saturday, September 27, 2025 🍀 10AM-12PM

Parents & Guardians, Register Youth today @ families@akatao.net

**University YES Academy**  
14669 Curtis Street  
Detroit, MI 48235  
Lynda Dandridge, President

**About YLI**

- Youth Driven Initiatives & Activities
- Engages 11-13 Year Old Adolescents
- Real World Impact in Your Community!

Tammi Jenifer, VP & Program Chair



DEPSA K-8

# CurbsSmart™



## What is CurbsSmart?

Curbs-Smart is the mobile app that simplifies daily student release for parents, students, and school staff.



## How does it work?

Parents check in on the app downloaded to their phone when they have arrived on campus. The student is then released by their last hour teacher or directly to their after school activity.



## What are my next steps?

- Read the parent guide
- Download the app
- Use the placard number that will be provided

## When will we start to use the app?

Monday, September 22nd

Special note: if a parent does not have the app, the student will be dismissed by 3:50 PM via their respective Academy door. If a student is going to an after school activity here on campus, we will dismiss them. You do not need to worry about dismissing them.





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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Detroit Edison, we believe that Athletics is a privilege and an extension of the classroom. Participation in sports allows our students to develop leadership, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance qualities that can open doors to future athletic scholarships and lifelong success.

In order for your student-athlete to participate in practices, games, or competitions, the following requirements must be met:

- **Attendance:** Students must be in school before the start of the 2nd hour to be eligible to practice or play in a game.
- **Academics:** Student-athletes must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 in core classes.
- **Medical Clearance:** A valid medical physical from a doctor is required.
- **Safety Requirement:** Completion of the Concussion Awareness Packet is mandatory.

**Additionally, all student-athletes are expected to follow our athletic guidelines:**

**Dismissal Procedures:** Student-athletes who have practice must leave the building at dismissal and return at the scheduled practice time. They are not permitted to have siblings attend try-outs or practices. (Other enrichment programs are available for siblings.) Students, can

**Campus Rules:** Once dismissed, athletes who leave campus may not return until the start of practice.

**Restricted Areas:** Student-athletes are not allowed to enter the K-8 campus at any time. Violations will result in disciplinary consequences for both middle and high school students

**Siblings are NOT permitted** to stay for practice or attend tryouts. The coaches' responsibilities are solely to the players, and they cannot monitor additional students. This presents a safety concern.

**Consequences Matrix:**

**Warning - Logged in DeansList and sent home via printed letter**

- Suspension from one practice.
- Suspension from one game.
- Removal from the team.

We thank you for supporting these expectations, which are in place to ensure the safety, academic success, and athletic development of our student-athletes. Together, we can create an environment where our students excel both in the classroom and on the field of play.

If you have any questions, contact the Athletics Department at [mbrown@npfeschools.org](mailto:mbrown@npfeschools.org) or (313) 877-9381 ext 2136

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# Important Information

Below is the DEPSA [transportation](#) link. Please complete this link regarding bus transportation for 2025-2026 school year. Transportation is not guaranteed. Select the bus stop location closest to your home. A team member from the operations department will contact families with more details.

Click [here](#) for the 2025-2026 Transportation Form



**Emergency Cards and Corewell Consent** forms have been sent home with your child. These forms provide access to the free school-based clinic and list who is authorized to pick up your child. Please complete the forms and return them to school with your child.

In September your child will participate in Fall **NWEA MAP testing**. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress and is a standardized test that provides information on academic skills students have acquired during a school year. Our students take the test in Reading three times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring) and twice a year in Math (Fall, Spring). Students will then be placed in reading groups to receive targeting instruction to develop and increase their reading skills. Our Success for All reading program **will begin September this week**.

**Arrival:** Student arrival time every day is 7:50am and may enter through the playground area (Door 2). Students are marked tardy by 8:05am. Parents can only enter the building with a parent I.D. For all tardy students, please sign in at the main office door.

**Dismissal:** Student dismissal begins at 3:30pm. Students will dismiss out of Door 2 and will wait for parent pickup with their grade level. Parents, please come and pick up your student from their teacher. Students are not allowed to walk through the parking lot without supervision from an adult or older sibling (JA or High School). No early pickups after 3:00pm every day. Students will only be released to parents/guardians on file and individuals listed on the emergency contact form. Please make sure that you complete the emergency contact form with current information.

**Students must be in COMPLETE uniform daily.** Students who are not in compliance with the uniform rules will be written up and possibly sent home, this is including clear or mesh book bags, and all black shoes with no other color on them, and tie. Please be sure your scholars are in complete uniform daily.



Students are **not allowed to use cell phones within school**. Please note each Academy has their own collection procedure. All cellphones will be secured and placed and returned at the end of the day.

## Homework

Students are expected to complete **homework**. Please ensure that your child completes their homework daily. The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week. Part of this practice involves our students building the habit of completing homework every day.

Middle school students have assigned reading for their Read & Respond. See supplies list given to them for title of the books.

### JOIN US: Celebrate Constitution Day on Sept 20

The purpose of Constitution Day is to commemorate the signing of the U. S. Constitution, and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. We will celebrate this day during the



**Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 11am-1pm.**



## Message from Mrs. Garvin, PreK Director

**Dear Pre-K Families,**

Your child is now beginning their **third full week of Pre-K at DEPSA!** Our Pre-K staff are carefully and intentionally introducing each child to a structured school environment—one where children take turns, listen to teachers, build friendships, and steadily develop new skills.

These skills include growth in the following areas:

- **Social-Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Language Development**
- **Cognitive Development**
- **Literacy and Mathematics**
- **Science & Technology**
- **Social Studies**
- **The Arts**



*In previous newsletters, we shared how children learn through block play and early writing experiences.*

*This week our focus is on "**Dramatic Play.**"*



## *Message from Mrs. Garvin, PreK Director*

### **Why Dramatic Play Matters**

When children engage in dramatic play, they deepen their understanding of the world and practice skills that will benefit them for years to come.

### **Language & Literacy**

- While pretending with others, children use language to explain what they are doing, describe ideas, and answer questions from peers and teachers.

### **Cognitive Growth (Math, Science, Social Studies)**

- Pretend play encourages children to create mental pictures and imagine different situations—a foundation for abstract thinking.
- For example, when a child uses play money to “buy” food at a grocery store and then “makes” a meal, they’re exploring math concepts like counting and sorting.
- By playing with others, children share ideas and solve problems together.

### **Physical Development**

- Children strengthen small-muscle skills when buttoning or snapping clothes on dolls.
- They practice hand-eye coordination and visual skills when putting away props and materials.

### **Social-Emotional Growth & Social Studies**

- In dramatic play, children often act out real-life roles—such as pretending to be a doctor, giving “shots,” or applying “bandages.”
- This type of play helps them learn to cooperate, negotiate, and engage in socially appropriate behavior.

### **How Teachers Use Dramatic Play**

While children are involved in dramatic play, teachers observe and assess how they:

- Interact with adults
- Interact with peers
- Make friends
- Respond to emotional cues

These observations help us support each child’s growth and ensure they’re on track for a successful transition to Kindergarten next year.





## Message from Principal Withers

At DEPSA, we know that every day counts. Strong attendance is the foundation for student success, and we are asking for your partnership in ensuring your child is present and on time each day. When students are in school consistently, they not only grow academically but also contribute to building a culture of critical thinkers who are ready to solve problems and reach their fullest potential. As we move through the 2025–26 school year, our theme One Team. One Mission. reminds us that together—families, staff, and students—we can achieve our goals. Thank you for your continued support in making sure your child is in school daily and prepared to learn.

## COOL KIDS



A'Miyah Shooks



Lorielle Harrison



Kobi Towns



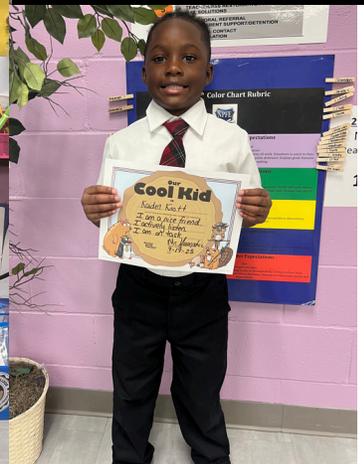
Landon Green



Aria Campbell & Diante Benjamin



Kaiden Knott





## NWEA

We will continue NWEA testing for math this week. Please make sure students are ON-TIME, has had an adequate amount of sleep and a nice breakfast.

## UNIFORMS

This is a UNIFORM school. Please make sure your scholars are in COMPLETE uniforms daily. If you have any issues please reach out to Ms. Williams, Mr. Reeder or Mrs. Withers. We will support as best as we can.

## COOPERATIVE CHALLENGE

**Monday:** This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use Stop and Stay Cool. When your feelings thermometer is at a 10 you could try: going away from the person you're angry with for a while.

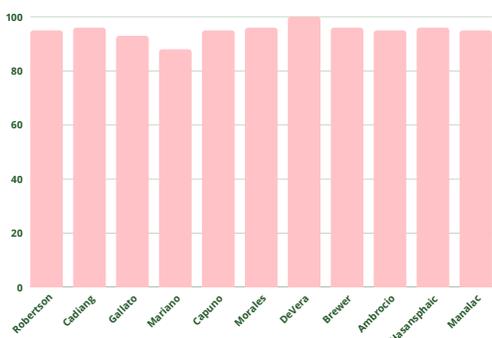
**Tuesday:** When your feelings thermometer is at a 10 you could try: taking deep breaths and blow the air out hard to send the anger out.

**Wednesday:** . When your feelings thermometer is at a 10 you could try: make the anger cooler by running, riding a bike, or doing something you really like to do.

**Thursday:** This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use Stop and Stay Cool. Remember it is OK to have strong feelings but doing something such as yelling or hitting can hurt us or someone else. When your feelings thermometer is at a 10 you could try: resting a while

**Friday:** This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use Stop and Stay Cool. Remember it is OK to have strong feelings but doing something such as yelling or hitting can hurt us or someone else.

## HOMEWORK DATA





## Message from Principal Dr. Peart

Let the Joy Continue!

Week 4 was amazing — our staff and students truly leveled up! 🎉

In alignment with our Cultural Force of Routines & Structures, please review these important reminders to keep our learning environment strong and our dismissal process safe:

- **Academics:** NWEA test continues this week; your child must be in school
- **Daily Attendance:** Each day your child is absent, valuable learning time is lost. Please ensure your child is present every day so they can continue to grow and succeed.
- **Curbsmart:** Thank you to the families who have already signed up for Curbsmart — your partnership helps us keep dismissal smooth and secure.
- **Dismissal Safety:**
  - Families are not allowed to enter the playground to pick up their child.
  - Parents, guardians, and siblings must wait outside the gate to pick up students.
  - As a safety precaution, students are not allowed to play on the playground during dismissal.
  - Students exit through the playground doors and will greet their ride outside of the gate.
  - Students who are not picked up immediately will wait outside of the gate with their teacher.
  - Any student not picked up by 3:50 PM must be picked up from the cafeteria.

Thank you for partnering with us to reinforce consistent attendance and safe dismissal routines. Together, we ensure our scholars have a joyful, secure environment to learn and grow.

**Legacy Handbook:**

Please click on the link to read the [Legacy Handbook](#)

**One Team, One Mission—With Joy, We Learn, Lead, and Succeed!**

### Cool Kids



# HOMEWORK

•Students are expected to complete homework by their classroom teacher along with their Reading (Read and Response and C3). Homework is due daily.

Monday 9/22

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Tuesday 9/23

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Wednesday 9/24

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Thursday 9/25

Read & Response, C3 Homework

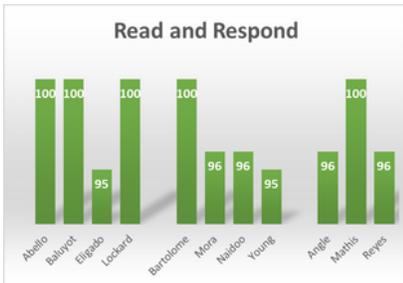
Friday 9/26

C3 & RR Due

The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week.

Homework will be checked EVERY DAY- thank you for helping your child build their work ethic by completing their homework every night.

Shout of to the following classes who received 95% of higher submission rate: Ms. Abello, Ms. Baluyot, Ms. Eligado, Ms. Lockard, Ms. Bartolome, Ms. Mora, Ms. Naidoo, Ms. Angle, Ms. Mathis & Dr. Reyes



### Science Time





# Elementary Contacts

Staff		R M	Email	Extensio n	Deanslist Text #
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Ms. Bennett	FA		jbennett@npfeschools.org		3135280717

# Elementary Student Schedule

TIME	3	4	5
7:50 AM	ARRIVAL	ARRIVAL	ARRIVAL
7:50-8:05 AM	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
8:05 AM	TARDY	TARDY	TARDY
8:05-8:45 AM	SOCIAL STUDIES/GAT/CLASS COUNCIL	SOCIAL STUDIES/GAT/CLASS COUNCIL	SOCIAL STUDIES/GAT/CLASS COUNCIL
8:45 - 10:15 AM	SFA	SFA	SFA
10:15-11:00 AM	WRITING	WRITING	WRITING
11:00 - 11:45 AM	SPECIAL	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
11:45-12:10 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	RECESS 12:15-12:30	MATH 12:15-1:15	MATH 12:15-1:15
	MATH 12:30-1:30	RECESS 1:20-1:35	MATH INTERVENTION 1:15-1:45
	MATH INTERVENTION 1:35-2:05	SPECIAL 1:40-2:25	RECESS 1:45-2:00
	SCIENCE 2:05-2:50	MATH INTERVENTION 2:25-2:50	READING INTERVENTION 2:05-2:30
2:55-3:30 PM	READING INTERVENTION 2:55-3:30	READING INTERVENTION 2:50-3:30	SPECIAL 2:35-3:30
3:35 PM	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL



## Message from Principal Collins

Hello JA Families! This week our students are deep into their learning and routines. Please remember:

- Read & Respond (ELA) and C3 Math are due Friday morning—work on a little each night!
- Our IB focus is Caring—ask your child how they’re showing it.
- Consistent attendance and on-time arrival make a big difference.

Thank you for partnering with us to build a culture of thinking, achievement, and kindness at JA!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF  
**READING 20**  
MINUTES PER DAY!



**SCHOLASTIC**

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



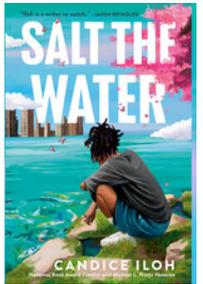
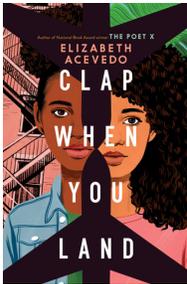
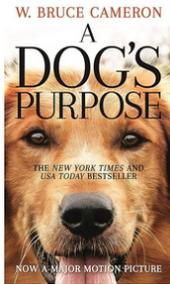
	RR	C3
	WK of 9.8	WK of 9.8
6.1	78%	92%
6.2	44%	84%
6.3H	100%	74%
6.4	87%	92%
7.1	62%	63%
7.2	65%	76%
7.3H	100%	96%
7.4	57%	68%
8.1	100%	71%
8.2	100%	100%
8.3H	100%	72%
8.4	100%	100%

**CLICK HERE**

**CLICK ABOVE TO ACCESS THE HOMEWORK FOLDER FOR RR AND C3S**

**Read & Respond**

**6 7 8**



Junior Academy

# DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

2025-2026																	
DRAFT																	
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PERIOD	TIME	Brown ELA (260)	Gaspar 6/7/8 ELA Honors (261)	David 6 ELA (259)	Sicat 7 ELA (262)	Davis Morton Sci (227)	Reyes Cantrelle Sci (228)	Emma Math (264)	Francisco Math (263)	Bien SS (258)	Wellerritter SS (257)	Montgomery Digital Media (226)	Lee PE/Health (245)	Gracin Performing Arts (252)	Butler Performing Arts (251)	Ouoba French (242)	
1	8:05 - 9:10	8.1	7.3	6.1	7.4	7.1	8.3	8.2	6.4			6.2	7.2	6.3		8.4	
2	9:15 - 10:10	8.1	7.3	6.1	7.4	7.2	8.4	8.3		6.3	8.2		6.2	7.1		6.4	
3	10:15 - 11:10	8.2	6.3			6.4	8.1	7.4	7.2	6.2	7.1	6.1	7.3	8.4		8.3	
4	11:15 - 12:10	8.2	6.3	6.2	7.2	6.1		7.1	7.3	6.4	8.4	7.4	8.3			8.1	
LUNCH		12:15 - 12:40															
5	12:45 - 1:35	8.4		6.2	7.2	6.3	7.4	8.1	6.1	7.3	8.3	8.2		6.4	Multi grade	7.1	
6	1:40 - 2:30	8.4	8.3	6.4	7.1		7.3		6.2	6.1	8.1	7.2	8.2	7.4	Multi grade	6.3	
7	2:35 - 3:30		8.3	6.4	7.1	6.2	8.2	8.4	6.3	7.4	7.2	7.3	6.1	8.1	Multi grade		

## DEPSA is an International Baccalaureate School

“Caring is more than kindness— it is showing empathy, compassion, and respect, and acting to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.” — IB Learner Profile

Our IB Learner Profile for the month of September is Caring. How can parents help to develop students who are caring at home?  
**Show care for the environment: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.**

Detroit Recycles: Since 2014, the City of Detroit has offered free curbside recycling to all single-family homes and multifamily buildings with 1-4 units. Recycling is offered on an "opt-in" basis which requires residents to request a recycling cart and "opt-in" to the free program. Sign up online using the QR code.



**Why do we implement the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme in Junior Academy?**



**Learn by doing and experiencing**

Through Service as Action (SAA) you learn to serve your community and connect what you learn in the classroom to "real life."





## Message from Principal Blackburn

Hello DEPSA Families,

Thank you for another great week! Our attendance was outstanding, with several days close to 100%. This is a huge win for our school community.

Special shoutouts to:

- 12th grade: **99% attendance** on Wednesday.
- 10th grade: **97% attendance**, right behind them.

**NWEA Testing** starts Monday, September 22.

This key assessment shows us where students are academically, helps us set growth goals, and guides instruction. To ensure accurate results, families can:

- Make sure students get good sleep and eat breakfast.
- Ensure students arrive on time each day.
- Encourage honest effort, no shortcuts, so results truly reflect their progress.

When students give their best, we can give them the best support.

Please click the link below for the full DEPSA newsletter.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER](#)



[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)



# ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
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8/28	<del>@COURTNEY STEVENSON</del>	<b>WIN</b>
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9/6	<del>@MILWAUKEE</del>	<b>LOSE</b>
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9/12	VS. ROMULUS <del>SUMMIT</del>	<b>WIN</b>
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9/19	VS. OLD REDFORD	4PM
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9/26	@VOYAGER	7PM*
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10/3	LINCOLN KING	4PM
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10/10	@CHANDLER PARK	7PM
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10/17	@ECORSE	7PM
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10/24	@ALMONT	7PM
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10/31	PLAYOFFS	TBA
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## DEPSA FOOTBALL 2025

CHAMPIONSHIP  
MENTALITY  
ON AND OFF THE FIELD

DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
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9/16	<del>VS. MT CLEMENS</del>	<b>WIN</b>
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9/18	@HAMTRAMCK	5PM
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9/23	VS. MI COLLEGIATE	5PM
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9/25	@PAE	5PM
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9/30	@VOYAGER	5PM
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10/2	VS. ATAP	5PM
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10/7	PUBLIC SAFETY	5PM
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10/9	@JRLA	5PM
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10/9	@CPA	5PM
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10/18	PLAYOFFS	
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## DEPSA VOLLEYBALL 2025

EXCELLENCE

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPSA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# SENIOR SUNRISE

AND SENIOR BREAKFAST

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DEPSA FOOTBALL FIELD

7:23 AM SUNRISE

SENIOR BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW

# UNIFORM POLICY

## DEPSA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



**BLACK OR RED BLAZER**  
**WHITE BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT**



**KHAKI PANTS OR SKIRT**

*\*SKIRTS MUST BE KNEE LENGTH*



**SOLID BLACK SHOES**

**BLACK AND RED STRIPED TIE OR GIRLS TIE**



*\*APPROVED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS*

**CLEAR OR MESH BACKPACKS**

*NON-CLEAR BACKPACKS ARE NOT ALLOWED*



*APPROVED FOR GRILS*



*NON-CLEAR BACKPACKS ARE NOT ALLOWED*