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Dear Darien Community,

It looks like we will finally have a weekend with beautiful weather and no storms on the horizon! Fall in the Northeast is the most beautiful season and I hope you take advantage of the many community events, athletic competitions, and programs that will be happening in Darien.

Award-Winning News: *The Darien Difference* Recognized by CABE!
We are thrilled to share that *The Darien Difference* has won a Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Communications Award for best newsletter! We are deeply honored by this recognition and so grateful for our community's continued support and engagement. Interested in seeing what makes it award-winning? You can browse past issues here. Mark your calendars and keep an eye on your inbox—our upcoming October edition drops on Friday, October 30th!

Safety & Security: Parent-Guardian Emergency Information Brochure
We would like to share our Parent-Guardian District Emergency Information Brochure with all of our families. The safety and security of our students is our highest priority, and while we hope to never be in an emergency situation, it is important for families to be familiar with the ways that the District prevents and manages them should one occur. Please take a moment to look through the brochure, and reach out to Director of Safety and Security John Shaughnessy (jshaughnessy@darienps.org) with any questions.

Darien High School Trunk or Treat
Darien High School is hosting a Trunk or Treat event this Sunday, October 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for all DPS students 5th grade and younger! Teams and clubs from the high school will be decorating cars to provide a safe, fun trick-or-treating experience for all. While the event is free, please consider a $5 donation per participant to support Darien Social Services or the donation of a new or gently used Halloween costume to be given to the Person-to-Person organization.

Around Town

Mather Homestead Fall Festival
The Mather Homestead is hosting their Fall Festival tomorrow, Saturday, October 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join them for pony rides, hay rides, face painting, crafts, treats, live music, pumpkins, and ride-on farm equipment! It is truly a day full of fun for all ages. Tickets and more information can be found here!

Post 53 Haunted House

Join Darien EMS–Post 53 for their annual Haunted House & Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Post 53 Headquarters, Ledge Road in Darien. Bring the family for an afternoon of Halloween fun featuring pumpkin decorating, face painting, a bake sale, ambulance tours and more. Costumes are encouraged! With three levels of fright, there's something for everyone, from our youngest trick-or-treaters to our bravest thrill-seekers. Admission is $10 per child. All proceeds support Darien EMS–Post 53, the town's volunteer emergency medical service staffed by highly trained, state-certified Darien High School student EMTs and adult EMT advisors.

Athletic Schedule

Congratulations to all of our Blue Wave teams that have qualified and started their post-season tournament competitions, and best of luck to those finishing out the fall regular season matchups! Here is the schedule for Friday, October 23 (there are no varsity games on Saturday this week!):

Friday, October 23:

Girls Swimming vs. Greenwich High School: 4:00 PM, Greenwich High School
Boys Soccer vs. Staples High School: 4:00 PM, Bedford Middle School
Girls Volleyball vs. Wilton High School: 4:30 PM, DHS Gym
Football vs. Brien McMahon High School: 7:00 PM, Brien McMahon High School

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Sincerely,



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