



## NEWSLETTER November 2008



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first two months of the school year have passed quickly and the first quarter of the school year has already ended. Grade reports will be issued to students within the next ten days. If your son or daughter is experiencing difficulty in a course, please encourage him or her to seek extra help from the classroom teacher. I suggest that you communicate with the teacher to discuss your concerns and to help your son or daughter develop an action plan to address the situation.

### *Fall Play: Much Ado About Nothing*

Performances of this year's DSHS fall play *Much Ado About Nothing* took place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thursday and Friday evening performances were held on the Dover Town Common. Saturday's performance was moved inside to the Great Hall in the Dover Town Hall because of inclement weather. I commend everyone who had any role in this production, and I applaud the cast and crew for their outstanding work and for braving the elements. I thank Director Joseph Catalfano, Music Director Robert Martel, Costume and Properties Designer Judith Grassia Cranshaw, Vocal Director Joshua Bridger, Scenic Designers Len Schnabel and Heather Greenwood, Superintendent of Buildings for Dover Karl Warnick for his assistance in arranging the use of the Dover Town Hall and Dover Town Common, and Friends of the Performing Arts for their support and assistance.

### *Jazz Brunch*

The DS Jazz Brunch was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Sherborn Inn. I send kudos to all of our performers and a message of thanks to the advisors of the Chorus, Jazz Band and The Junction Street Harmonics. I thank the Friends of the Performing Arts for organizing this event.

### *Dr. David Stember's Presentation, Guidance Parent Coffee*

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. David Stember gave an evening presentation on adolescent stress and anxiety. Director of Guidance, Joann Kenney, and Heidi Loando, Adjustment Counselor, hosted a follow up parent coffee on the morning of October 29<sup>th</sup>. On last year's School Council Survey, students listed stress as the number one issue negatively affecting school climate.

### *Election Activities*

Students in Social Studies classes engaged in various activities related to the presidential election. An all-school election was held on 11/3 and 11/4. Government classes participated in a mock presidential campaign and held mock presidential debates. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, students in the government classes traveled by bus to the Westin Hotel in Boston for an election night event. At the Westin, they watched election results and completed an activity on the Electoral College. These activities are aligned with our school's mission statement, promoting civic responsibility among our students. I thank Mr. Thomas Bourque and the other members of the Social Studies Department for organizing so many opportunities for students.

### ***D-Stress D-S***

The HS PTO hosted a no-cost break for students on October 21<sup>st</sup>. On behalf of the students and staff, I thank the members of the PTO who organized this event.

### ***Forty-Fifth Mathematics Olympiad***

The Forty-fifth Mathematics Olympiad was administered on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Students who qualified for the next round of competition will receive notification in a few weeks.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### ***Sophomore Parent Coffee***

There will be a Sophomore Parent Coffee hosted by the Guidance Department on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

#### ***DSEF Gala***

The Dover-Sherborn Education Fund Gala will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Charles River Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you attended our fall Open House, you most likely heard many faculty members speaking about equipment and programs that were funded through DSEF grants made possible by the generosity of so many parents and community members. Our interdisciplinary initiative based on *Three Cups of Tea* was partly funded through a DSEF grant. The LCD projectors in many of the classrooms and the Student Response System (clicker technology) are other examples that you might have seen at our Fall Open House.

#### ***Bonfire, Pep Rally and Thanksgiving Day Football Game***

The Boosters are hosting the annual Bonfire and Pep Rally on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Dover-Sherborn hosts Medfield for the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game here at D-S beginning at 10:00 a.m.

#### ***December 1<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Day***

December 1<sup>st</sup> is a full day professional development day for teachers. School will be closed for students. On that day, Dr. Elizabeth Englander from the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) at Bridgewater State College will be providing information and training

for staff to help address bullying. After the presentation and a follow up discussion period, regional staff (Grades 6 through 12) will meet by department to work on curriculum alignment and coordination and to discuss other pertinent issues.

***Please refer to the calendar that follows this letter for a more comprehensive list of upcoming events.***

### **Congratulations**

#### ***National Merit Program***

Dover-Sherborn High School was informed that the following students received recognition through the 2009 National Merit Program. I congratulate these young men and women and their families.

#### **National Merit Semifinalists**

Winthrop Harvey  
Victoria Kocsik  
Andrew Mayfield

#### **Commended Students**

Jane Cai  
Jaclyn Carroll  
Jessica Firn  
Clare Foster  
Anna Gaissert  
Emma Hershey  
Samuel High  
Alexander Hudson  
Mark Landy  
Rachel Liu  
Mario Maletta  
Elizabeth Matthews  
Abigail McHugh  
Nicole Seidman  
Nathaniel Storer  
Peter Willett

### *National Honor Society*

On behalf of the Dover-Sherborn High School Community, I congratulate the following students who were inducted into the Dover-Sherborn Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rachael Bornstein	Samuel High
Georgiana Burruss	Alizabeth Knapp
Jane Cai	Victoria Kocsik
Bianca Cutler	George Kouris
Irene Darras	Allison Kuzinevich
Parker DeRensis	Jamie Lawson
Philip Dershwitz	Nicholas Maletta
Cassandra Dunn	Erin McCall
Kayla Fernandes	Jennifer Savage
Benjamin Firn	Emma Shannon
Gillian Fitz	Zachary Sokol
Emma Gallagher	Lauren Springett
Katheryn Goldman	Brett Stevens
Charlotte Guertler	Nathaniel Storer
Page Hamilton	Emma Straus

I thank our guest speaker, Ms. Dot Walsh, Program Director for the Peace Abbey, faculty advisors Laura McGovern and Elisabeth Melad, and the members of the Review Committee for their efforts.

### *Foreign Language Honor Society*

This year, a Foreign Language Honor Society was instituted here at Dover-Sherborn High School for students of Chinese, French, Latin and Spanish. To be eligible for induction, students must have taken at least two years of the language at the high school level, must be enrolled in or have completed the highest sequential course available, and must have earned a final average of A- or better in that foreign language for each year of study. I thank Linda Lannon, Department Head, and all of the members of that department for their efforts in helping to establish this organization. The following students will be inducted at a ceremony on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Chinese**

Kristen Askin  
Jane Cai

#### **French**

Robert Angell  
Jane Cai

#### **Latin**

Georgiana Burruss  
Jessica Firn  
Clare Foster  
Anna Gaissert  
Philipp Gaissert  
Winthrop Harvey  
Victoria Kocsik  
George Kouris  
Andrew Mayfield  
McCleary Philbin

Abigail McHugh

Julia Madden  
Jennifer Savage  
Nicole Seidman

#### **Spanish**

Cari Lawson  
Erin Sacks  
Lauren Springett  
Kate Vacovec  
Sara Williams

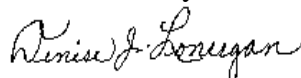
### *Teacher Recognition*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology forwarded a copy of a letter that was sent to Greg Tucker, a teacher in the Science Department, informing him that he was named by DS graduate Anugraha Raman as a teacher who has been especially influential in her development. I congratulate Mr. Tucker on receiving this honor.

I wish good luck to all of our athletic teams who are involved in tournament play and hope to see you at the Thanksgiving Day football game here at DS. Go Raiders!

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Most sincerely,



Denise Lonergan

PTO Meeting	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 a.m.	Room 113
Picture Retakes	November 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Election Night Field Trip	November 4 <sup>th</sup>		Westin Hotel, Boston
Arab Banquet	November 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Lindquist Commons
Sophomore Parent Coffee	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Cafeteria
DSEF Gala	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Charles River Country Club
Junction Street Harmonics Concert - Dover-Sherborn's a capella group - will perform along with other a capella groups	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Lindquist Commons
Hypnotist – Sponsored by the Senior Class	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Alan Mudge Auditorium
Veterans Day – No School	November 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Adolescent Brain Seminar sponsored by SPAN	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Alan Mudge Auditorium
GSA Movie Night	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Faculty Room/High School
Freshman Seminar	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	
Spirit Week	November 17 <sup>th</sup> – November 21 <sup>st</sup>		
School Council Meeting	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m.	Room 113
History Night at the Movies	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Mudge Auditorium
National Merit Breakfast	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	HS Library
AFS Weekend	November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Thanksgiving Break	Early Release at 10:50 on November 26 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens for students on Tuesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Bonfire and Pep Rally	November 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Football Practice Field
Thanksgiving Day Football Game Dover-Sherborn host Medfield	November 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Stadium Field (Frothingham Field)
Professional Development Day for Staff – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY	December 1 <sup>st</sup>		
PTO Meeting	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 a.m.	Room 113
Sophomore/Junior Parent Standardized Test Presentation	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Choral Room

## News from S.A.D.D.

We have “America’s Next Top Role Model” here at DS!

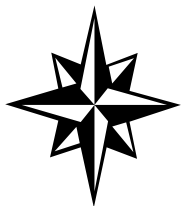
S.A.D.D. members Allie Kuzinevich, Stephanie Plageman, Elpida Velhamos, and Kendra Fernandes attended the two day Massachusetts S.A.D.D. Youth Conference at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers two weeks ago. 200 S.A.D.D. members from across the state attended workshops, listened to national speaker Cara Filler, enjoyed themselves at the hotel’s indoor water park, and mingled with other young adults from S.A.D.D. chapters across the state. Liz Matthews and Anna Gaissert, S.A.D.D. co-presidents and members of the Massachusetts Student Advisory Board, helped organize the event that was fashioned after the popular television show “America’s Next Top Model”. The S.A.D.D. conference’s title and theme was “America’s Next Top *Role* Model”, and emphasized throughout the two days, was the fact that these conference attendees are true role models for students within their own schools. When these S.A.D.D. members choose to wear their seatbelts, or choose to drive soberly, they are quietly influencing others to do the same. Oftentimes teen-agers are not noticed “doing the right thing”, but here was proof that many, many students *are* choosing to make healthy and good decisions.

The positive energy these six students displayed throughout the interactive workshops, action planning, and collaborative activities was astounding. Dover Sherborn High School is proud of these S.A.D.D. members.

## Peer Leadership Conference

In mid-October, S.A.D.D. members Sherry Albert, Nicole Huang, and Elizabeth McMullen attended the Norfolk School Partnership 7th annual Peer Leadership conference in Norwood. One hundred twenty-five high school leaders watched two performances - "I Am Dirt", an entertaining and informative one-man show about substance abuse and choices, and "Removing the Glove", a play about differences and diversity, performed by the

Franklin High School peer leaders. In the afternoon, workshops were offered on addiction, different drugs and their effect on teens, and classroom management/public speaking. These S.A.D.D. members shared this information at the next S.A.D.D. meeting and will then use this information when working with the 8th grade health classes at the end of the semester.



# Dover Sherborn Guidance Corner

## November 2008

### SENIORS

#### REMINDERS:

Seniors applying to post-secondary schools should be sending their standardized testing scores to colleges at this time. Colleges will not accept scores unless they are officially sent through the College Board (collegeboard.com) or ACT (act.org). If standardized testing is required, applications will NOT be consider complete without these scores.



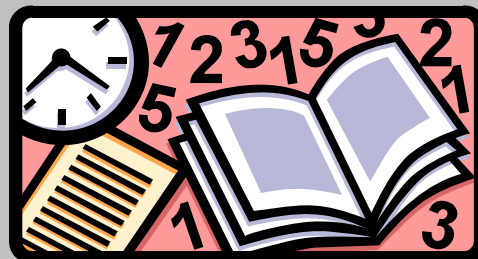
**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** is the deadline for seniors to request transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent to colleges before school ends for the December vacation. Students with January 1, 2008 deadlines must be aware of this December 1<sup>st</sup> Guidance deadline.

In order for material to be send from guidance, seniors need to complete the following in their Naviance account under "My Colleges":

- Complete the Waiver information
- Enter your Common Application Username and password-Don't forget to press "submit" at the bottom left hand corner of the screen
- List all the colleges to which you are applying
- For each college to which you are applying, select 'request transcript'
- Once you have completed an application, please check off the box stating "I have submitted my application"

☞Remember to turn in your \$10 processing fee

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** So far, **52** college representatives have visited Dover Sherborn High School and there are **8** remaining visits during November. The list is posted every Friday on the daily announcements.



#### TEST DATES FOR 2008-2009

##### SAT TEST DATES

Dec. 6, 2008  
 Jan. 24, 2009  
 \*March 14, 2008  
 May 2, 2009  
 June 6, 2009

##### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Nov. 5, 2008  
 Dec. 26, 2008  
 Feb. 10, 2009  
 March 31, 2009  
 May 5, 2009

\*Test offered @ Dover-Sherborn (SAT I ONLY)

Remember SAT and SAT Subject Test *cannot* be taken on the same day

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

##### ACT TEST DATE

Dec. 13, 2008  
 Feb. 7, 2009  
 April 4, 2008  
 June 13, 2009

##### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Nov. 7, 2008  
 Jan. 6, 2009  
 Feb 27, 2009  
 May 8, 2009

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

A letter will be sent out this week for any senior awarded the **John and Abigail Adam's Scholarship**. In order to receive this scholarship and free-tuition at a state college or university, a student must have scored in the top 25% district-wide on their tenth grade MCAS.

## Development of the Adolescent Brain



A workshop on “Adolescent Brain Development” will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Alan Mudge Auditorium of Lindquist Commons. On Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Guidance Department will be sponsoring a follow-up coffee and discussion focusing on adolescent development. This round-table discussion will be held in the Alan Mudge cafeteria of Lindquist Commons at 8:30am-9:30am.

## JUNIORS



**JUNIOR PARENTS:** Please mark your calendars to join us on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Alan Mudge Auditorium of Lindquist Commons to begin the dialogue of post-secondary planning and the college search process. More details will follow in December.

**SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR PARENTS:** On Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., members of the Guidance staff will be hosting a presentation on interpreting your child’s PSAT score report and will provide an overview of standardized testing connected with the college process. This event will be held in the Middle School Chorale room.

## SOPHOMORES



**SOPHOMORE PARENTS:** We hope you will be able to join us on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am for coffee. This event will be held in the Alan Mudge Cafeteria of Lindquist Commons. For those parents who are unable to attend, we will be hosting an evening coffee on Thursday, April 2, 2009.

## FRESHMEN

**Mark your calendars for**

**Mid-Year**



**Exams**

Currently exams are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Focus of the December Freshman Seminar is preparing for Mid-year exams. Peer Helpers will review the upcoming exam schedule and provide useful tips to assist freshmen as they prepare for their first exams as high school students.