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**Dover High School Family Information Update
September 28, 2016**

Open House is Thursday, September 29. Students filled out a schedule for families to follow in Advisory today. If you have not received one, please ask your student for it. If they do not have one a template is attached to this email. Specific details about Open House that have appeared in previous email is found in the next paragraph.

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016. The evening begins for parents and guardians of freshmen at 6:00 pm in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium where the Guidance Department will make a presentation on the services it provides to students during their four years at Dover High School. At 6:30 pm, parents of all students will go through a Green Day and a White Day rotation to allow the opportunity to experience your student's schedule. The evening ends at 8:30 pm. Students will fill out a schedule for parents/guardians to follow that includes the times for each block that evening as well as course, teacher, and room number information. This schedule will come home on Wednesday, September 28.

Picture retakes will take place on October 25. More specific information will follow.

Anyone who is interested in joining the military is welcome to sign up for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) which will be given on October 17th at 8:00 am. To sign up, students should see Mrs. Correnti in the Guidance Office.

We want to thank everyone for making dismissal go as smoothly as possible. Generally, all traffic is away and moving at 2:40 pm, which is consistent with previous years. We ask that you review the information in the Repeated Information section on parking for afterschool events. When the Bellamy Lot spaces are full, overflow parking is available at Dover High School in any of our lots: Alternative, A Lot (front of school), C Lot (back of school), and the Senior Lot. The area inside of the gate at Dunaway is for game officials and handicapped parking. Thank you for helping us to maintain traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians.

On Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 am Dover High School will hold its annual Yes I Can 5k Race/Walk to benefit our unified programs. Please join us for this incredible experience in which our whole community comes together to celebrate the human spirit. Information and an application form is attached to this email.

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Repeated Information

The Dover High School Athletic Department will be hosting an information night for student-athletes and their parents on the recruiting process. This Recruiting Seminar will be held on Monday, October 3 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium.

“Coffee with a Counselor” – To the parents of freshman and seniors... In the fall, School Counselors hold two evening events for parents: Freshman Parent Introduction (Open House, 9/29, 6:00 pm) and College 101 for senior parents (10/4 6:30 pm). Can't attend an evening presentation? JOIN US for coffee/tea on **Thursday 10/6 from 7:30 am – 9:00 am for “Coffee with a Counselor”**, hosted at DHS's Gourmet Table. Counselors will be present to provide information from both presentations and answer your questions.

The Guidance Department is providing the following events for seniors and their families that address life after high school and the college admissions process. The following events have been planned:

***Life after High School** presentation for Seniors- **September 26 and 27** in English Classes

***College 101 for Parents of Seniors- October 4 at 6:30 pm** in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium at Dover High School.

***Financial Aid Night Presentation for Parents of Seniors- October 18 at 6:30 pm** in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium at Dover High School.

***Financial Aid for Seniors** In-school Presentations- **October 26 and October 27**. Students must sign up in Guidance.

***I am College Bound Day- November 17** at Dover High School. Hands-on assistance will be provided for students to submit online applications. Sign-ups will be held in advance and space is limited.

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Authors Karen Franco and Nancy Salerno, parents of students with special needs will be in Dover on Tuesday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 28.

Sophomores and juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT which will be administered in school on Wednesday, October 19 during Blocks 1 and 2. Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Schram will be visiting all sophomore and junior English classes on September 19 and September 20 to explain how to sign up for the test and its administration. There is a \$20 fee and students must be on-time in order to participate in the test. Once testing sessions have begun students cannot be allowed into the room. The memo that will be shared with sophomores and juniors next week is attached. Two sites with PSAT practice questions are:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

With sports, marching band, and color guard already in full swing, and Middle School Sports about to begin, we would like to point out some parking logistics related to these extracurricular activities. Traffic and parking will be impacted in a variety of ways depending on what events are taking place on a particular day. Please consider the following:

- ✓ Parents are asked to be cognizant of the effect this will have on the Bellamy and Alternative School Parking Lots and should allow for at least ten minutes when planning arrival and departure times while at the same time considering other locations to pick up their student-athletes such as the Alternative School Lot and A Lot which is located in front of Dover High School.
- ✓ At no time is anyone allowed to use B Lot located on the western side of Dover High School as that is now a fenced off area and inside the active construction site.
- ✓ For any events taking place on Dunaway Field, the only entry for spectators is on Bellamy Road and parking inside the gate is limited to those with handicapped stickers/plates and game officials.
- ✓ Please observe all parking rules and park only in designated parking spaces in order to expedite traffic flow and maintain the safety of athletes, officials, and spectators.
- ✓ Vehicles not parked in legal parking spaces are subject to ticketing by the Dover Police Department. **Illegally parked cars will greatly effect traffic flow, student safety, and emergency vehicle access and egress so please only park in designated spots.**

Thank you for your help and flexibility during the construction project.

Transportation- Parent Drop Off

We encourage students to take the bus and car pool to alleviate traffic and delays due to the volume of traffic in the area around morning drop off and afternoon dismissal. Our close proximity to the Dover Middle School and the limited ability of the infrastructure to handle the volume of traffic present at these times makes travel through the Durham Road/Route 108 and Bellamy Road corridors difficult at best. This situation will at times be compounded by the construction of the new school even though every effort will be made to limit construction related travel during arrival and dismissal times. If you are dropping your students off and/or picking them up, we ask that you use Parking Lot A (not the bus access road) in front of the school or the Alternative School Lot located across the street. We also ask you to note that both of these parking lots have one-way traffic patterns. For Parking Lot A, the entrance is on the Durham Road/Route 108 end of the lot and the exit is on the Bellamy Road end of the lot. For the Alternate School Lot, the entrance is on the Bellamy Road end of the lot and the exit is on the Durham Road/Route 108 end of the lot.

Sincerely,

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