



**DOVER HIGH SCHOOL
AND
REGIONAL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER**



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**Dover High School Family Information Update
September 15, 2016**

Next week is Spirit Week at Dover High School. As part of the week's festivities, we are participating in the New Hampshire Tackles Hunger sponsored by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) to benefit the New Hampshire Food Bank. Students are encouraged to bring in canned goods to earn points for their class as part of the Spirit Week competition. The collected goods will be transported to the Dover/Spaulding football game to be donated on Friday, September 23.

Information about a local visit by authors Karen Franco and Nancy Salerno, parents of students with special needs, is attached. They 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>

[Great Bay 5K](#) registration is open!

Want to win a FREE field trip for your whole class to the Great Bay Discovery Center? Be the fastest team of three or more from your school at the Great Bay 5K and win (teachers, administrators, and students welcome)!*

Also sign up for Run New England's top-ten rated 5K and be automatically entered to win a helicopter tour of the seacoast. It's the Great Bay 5K benefiting the Great Bay Stewards and the Discovery Center. Dress up in a Halloween costume and hustle through this mostly-down-hill course on Saturday, October 29 at 9 a.m. You could win a prize for your best costume! For those

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in the Seacoast Road Race Series, this is your last race of 2016. Be sure to get a long sleeve, made in the USA t-shirt and sign up by September 26.

This year it's \$15 for 15 and under, so make it a family affair.

<http://greatbaystewards.org/the-great-bay-5k/>

Repeated Information

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.

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.

Horne Street School Road Race

Runners and walkers are encouraged to support Horne Street School by participating in Fran's Fitness Walk. The event is Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m. We've had more than 500 participants each of the past two years. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for the school's parent teacher group. It's also part of the Dover Race Series.

Kids are FREE (with a paid adult in the run or the walk).

Pre-register at runreg.com

Race details at hornestreetschoolrace.com

Sincerely,

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