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**Dover High School Family Information Update
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The weekly email is formatted so that new information appears at the beginning of the email and information that has appeared in previous emails follows in a section entitled repeated information. We ask that you still scan that section, particularly at the beginning of the school year, to make sure you are aware of what is taking place at Dover High School.

On Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 pm we will be hosting our Second Annual Back to School Bonfire. We encourage everyone to attend to help kick off the new school year!

The Wentworth-Douglass Foundation is holding its annual 5 K Road Race/ 1 Mile Walk on Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 am to support the Seacoast Cancer Center. To register or to get more information including how to form a team, please visit SeacoastCancer5K.org.

The Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge # 443 will be hosting Meat Bingo on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm to raise money for the Brandon Cullen-Towle Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a Dover High School senior each June. Brandon was a graduate of Dover High School, Class of 2005, and decorated member of the Air Force who was killed in an accident in 2012. Each year his family honors his memory by awarding this scholarship.

Fall Sports

Information regarding on-line registration and physicals for fall sports can be found at <https://www.familyid.com/dover-highmiddle-school>. Football will have its first practice on Wednesday, August 9. Cheering, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, and volleyball will begin on Monday, August 14. Questions can be directed to the Athletic Department at 516-6920.

August 26, 2017 SAT Administration

This year the College Board is offering an August administration of the SAT to help students meet Early Decision deadlines. Our testing capacity of 500 students is almost full and we anticipate reaching that maximum. Because of the substantial number of students taking the test that day we will open the doors at 7:30 am, 15 minutes earlier than normal. Students should also be aware that this will tax our parking capacity and should build in time to walk from the Bellamy Lot or the Fire Station Lot should they need to park there. Students are not admitted once the testing process has begun.

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Freshman Orientation- Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

All freshman will attend an orientation that will allow them to meet their advisors, find their lockers, and practice both their Green and White Day Schedules. Upon arrival students should report to the cafeteria where they will receive an orientation packet that contains the schedule for the day, their Semester I Schedule, locker information, and a map of the school. After a brief assembly in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium, students will report to their Advisory and begin a rotation that includes their Green and White Day Schedules and time at their lockers. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm with buses departing at 12:05 pm.

All Dover, Barrington, and Nottingham buses will run their regular morning schedule and will depart from Dover High School at 12:05 pm to return students home. Information on bus routes and passes can be found in the section below on transportation. 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 down the street. We also ask you to note that both 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.

Student ambassadors providing help during Freshman Orientation should park in the Senior Lot. A parking pass is not required on Freshman Orientation Day.

First Day of School for All Students-Wednesday, August 30, 2017- 7:40 am to 2:30 pm.

All students return on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 for a full day of school. School hours are from 7:40 am to 2:30 pm with Thursday, August 31, 2017 being a full school day as well. Wednesday is a Green Day and Thursday is a White Day. On both days, students should report to their Advisory. Advisory assignments and meeting locations will be posted outside the Dean's and Main Offices, as well as on the mirrors on the Third Floor. School is not in session on Friday, September 1, 2017 or Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.

Transportation- Buses

All bus students will receive their bus passes in Advisory. They will not need one to ride the bus on the first day of school. Bus routes will be posted on the school web site and published in *Foster's* when they are finalized.

The link for the Dover High School website is <http://www.dhs.dover.k12.nh.us/>

First Student (Dover students) can be reached at 692-4406.

Dail Transportation, part of Student Transportation of America (Barrington and Nottingham students) can be reached at 1-800-711-5480.

The Provider (Student Services students) can be reached at 1-800-660-9664.

Transportation- Senior Parking

Information concerning the purchase of Senior Parking Passes was included in the mailing sent out on July 20, 2017. Eligible students with properly completed paperwork and no outstanding obligations can purchase a Senior Parking Pass on the following dates between 9:00 am and 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm: August 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Senior Parking Passes may also be purchased between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm starting Monday, August 29th. Beginning Wednesday, August 30, 2017 parking in the Senior Lot during the school day requires a valid 2017- 2018 Senior Lot Parking Permit.

Transportation- Junior Parking

Information concerning the purchase of Junior Parking Passes was included in the mailing sent out on July 20, 2017. Eligible students with properly completed paperwork and no outstanding obligations can drop off an application for a Junior Parking Pass beginning Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 7:30 am and may continue to do so through Friday, September 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Parking passes for juniors will be distributed beginning Monday, September 11, 2017. In case of the need for a lottery, students receiving a parking pass will have their names posted outside the Main Office. It is important to note that the order in which completed Junior Applications are received does not play a role in determining who receives a parking pass if a lottery must be used. Through Monday, September 11, 2017 juniors may park in the Bellamy Lot or the Fire Station Lot without a permit. Beginning Tuesday, September 12, 2017 parking in the Bellamy Lot or the Fire Station Lot requires a valid 2017-201 Bellamy Lot or Fire Station Lot Parking Permit.

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 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 down the street. We also ask you to note that both 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.

Transportation- Parking for Athletic and Other After School Events

Parking for events held at Dunaway Field and Bellamy Field is in the Bellamy Lot and the three lots located at the school: Alternative School Lot, Senior Lot, and Parking Lot A (in front of the main building). Please be sure to park in marked spaces only to ensure the safety of pedestrians and to allow access for emergency vehicles. There is no access to Dunaway Field from the current high school so be sure to build in extra time to walk to events.

You will find attached to this email an aerial view of the campus to help people find appropriate parking spaces.

The building is open daily from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. We encourage new students to come in and walk through the building and returning students to pop in for a visit. If we do not see people beforehand, we look forward to seeing freshmen on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 and all students on Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

Peter Driscoll
Dover High School Principal