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**Dover High School Family Information Update
April 18, 2018**

Spring Recess, aka April Vacation, is April 23rd through April 27th. Classes resume on Monday, April 30th at 7:40 am. The building is closed on Monday, April 23rd. Alumni Drive, from Bellamy Road to the Alternative School, will be closed on Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 25th to allow water and sewer line work to be completed. The school may still be accessed via Durham Road on these days.

The University of New Hampshire's College of Life Science and Agriculture Undergraduate Research Conference will take place Saturday, April 21. Oral presentations will take place from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Memorial Union Building's Theater 2 and poster presentations will take place from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM in the Memorial Union Building's Granite State Room. The UNH URC is one of the largest undergraduate research conferences in the country and regardless of students' interest in attending UNH it is a wonderful way to see what opportunities are available for undergraduate students.

Students interested in running for class officer must attend an informational meeting on Monday, April 30th during Block 4 in the Frederick C. Walker Auditorium.

Cap and Gown payments can be made in the School Store on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays during all lunches. The cost is \$25.00 and can be made with cash, check, or credit/debit card.

The Class of 2018 Project Graduation fundraising efforts are underway. To help make the event affordable to all, we are asking local businesses, organizations, and families to consider a donation. Please see the attached letter for donation details.

Repeated Information

The Dover School Board approved June 14, 2018 as the date for the Class of 2018 Graduation Exercises. Graduation will take place at 7:00 pm at the Whittemore Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. Weather impacts the date that is selected for graduation. School Board Policy and New Hampshire Department of Education regulations state that the school year for seniors cannot be reduced by more than five days. With seven snow days, we will request a waiver for two of the days because we will still exceed the Department of Education's requirement for 990 hours of instructional time. In selecting the date, we also work

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with Somersworth High School and Oyster River High School so that we can save money on set-up costs. The calendar and paperwork for senior activities will be put out in April.

The Dover School Board approved Friday, June 22nd as the last day of school for students. The last day for teaching staff will be Monday, June 25th.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. As we enter this season of celebration, we ask that you have candid conversations with your students around alcohol use, its dangers, and potential consequences students could face. Attached is a letter generated by the Dover Coalition of Youth that addresses underage drinking.

On Saturday May 12th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am the 2018 New Hampshire Military Service Academy Day will be held at the New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute located at 722 Riverwood Drive in Pembroke, NH. This day is designed for students who are interested in obtaining Service Academy Nominations from the New Hampshire Congressional delegation. Senator Shaheen will be accepting application materials through October 5, 2018. Information can be found under the Academy Nominations tab at <http://shaheen.senate.gov>

The New Hampshire Higher Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) will be hosting Summer Boot Camp workshops, led by college counselors, to help rising high school seniors embark upon the college admissions process in a relaxed, small-group setting with the support of college counselors. Registration is required (see dates on flyers) and all workshops are held at NHHEAF's Concord campus. The cost is \$25 per workshop.

The University of New Hampshire's Tech Camp has a set of summer programs for students entering grades 6 through 12 designed to increase STEM literacy. The programs engage young people in interactive, hands-on, problem solving activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). UNH Tech Camp is offered by the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of New Hampshire and makes available the benefits of the UNH research campus to the community-at-large. The Tech Leaders program runs from July 16 through July 27, and a girls only week runs July 9 through July 13th. This is a wonderful program to inspire and support girls who are thinking of or are already in the STEM pathways. See the attached flyers for more information.

Weather Analytics, a technology company located in Dover, New Hampshire, is hosting an essay contest for middle school and high school students. In our new office space, we have named all our conference rooms after influential women in STEM and would like to incorporate student essays in each room. Students who write a 300-word essay about one of the women listed in the attached packet will have chance to win. All students under 18 who wish to enter will need parental permission and to complete the attached entry and permission form. Essays must be emailed to Mallory.Hubbard@weatheranalytics.com no later than 11:59pm on April 27th. Eleven finalists will each win \$125 and be considered for the grand prize, winning a week at a UNH Tech Camp! More information and the entry/permission form are attached. Please feel free to reach out to Weather Analytics with any questions.

College-bound seniors are encouraged to check out the Scholarship Wall in the School Counseling Office. All the scholarships listed on the Scholarship Wall in the School Counseling Office are also posted online. The link is: http://www.dhs.dover.k12.nh.us/departments/school_counseling_department/scholarships/

The course selection process for next year has begun. The Program of Studies can be found on the Dover High School website. Beginning February 1 students may begin making appointments with their counselors to complete the course selection process.

*Students interested in a CTC Program can apply now on the CTC website and follow up with their counselors for selection of other courses.

*Questions concerning course recommendations that appear on the Quarter Two report card should be addressed to the specific teacher.

*Counselors welcome parent questions regarding course selection, requirements, and academic planning. Please reach out to your student's counselor with any questions.

Yearbook News:

Reserve your copy of Dover High School's 2018 Yearbook today!!
Order online at www.yearbookforever.com; or pay cash/check in
Room 328. Cost \$65.00

The Dover Police Department wishes to pass along a friendly reminder to both students and parents that the use of any handheld mobile electronic device while driving is against the law. The use of handheld electronic devices while driving causes significant distractions to the driver and increases your chances of being involved in an accident. The Dover Police Department strictly enforces all laws pertaining to the Use of Mobile Electronic Device While Driving.

We ask that you do not stop to drop off or pick up students on Alumni Drive. We only want students crossing the street in crosswalks. This practice is dangerous and negatively impacts traffic flow.

Sincerely,

Peter Driscoll
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