



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



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**Dover High School Family Information Update
May 23, 2018**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to make you aware that Netflix has released Season 2 of the series “Thirteen Reasons Why”. This series is based on the book that was released approximately 10 years ago. Season 1 showed a group of high school students as they followed the story that was left behind for them by their classmate who died by suicide. Season 2 trailers and advertisements for the series indicate that mature topics will be addressed. Potential topics may include: sexual assault, gun violence, suicide contagion, bullying and victim blaming.

The National Association of School Psychologists strongly recommends that vulnerable children and youth (such as those struggling with depression, previous suicidal behavior, or trauma) not watch the first season, and most certainly not alone. Please find out if your child has read the book, watched the series, or heard of the series; if they have, please talk with them about it. We suggest that you research the series so you understand what your child may be exposed to if they view the program. Below is a link with additional information.

<https://afsp.org/campaigns/talk-about-mental-health-awareness-month-2018/13-reasons-why/>

Thank you for your attention to this very important topic. Should you feel you need more information or support, please contact the School Counseling Department.

On Friday, May 4th seniors received information packets concerning end of the year activities and graduation. Please review this material with your student(s). Copies may be found online at: http://www.dhs.dover.k12.nh.us/for_families/graduation_2017_information.

Earth Action will be hosting a Clothing Swap from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria on Friday, May 25th.

Yearbook News:

At this time online ordering of yearbooks has ended.
Yearbook orders may be ordered at school in Room 328. Cash or Check (Payable to DHS Yearbook) - \$65.00
Thank you.

Attention DHS Alumni... There is a limited inventory of yearbooks from past years that are available for purchase, ranging in dates from 1967 - 2016.
Please contact Chris Stewart at c.stewart@dover.k12.nh.us for additional information.

Senior Banquet ticket can be purchased in Mr. Schlapak's room before or after school. Senior Banquet will be held on Friday, June 1st from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Harbor Events in Portsmouth.

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.

As the warm weather returns we ask that students review and adhere to the dress code. Please pay particular attention to parameters around appropriate tops and shorts. Shirts must cover the entire torso, shoulders are not to be bare, and straps need to be wider than spaghetti straps. Please make sure that shorts and skirts are appropriate in terms of coverage.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS!



The Barrington Public Library is looking for VOLUNTEERS (Adults and students age 14 & Up) to help with our summer reading program. We need volunteers to sign up for one (or more) 2-hour shift each week for eight weeks. Duties will include checking in reader's logs in our online system, handing out prize scratch tickets, shelving selected items, and small projects at the library.

Training will be held on Monday, June 4th 4-5pm. Shifts will be filled on a first come/first served basis – check your calendar. The Volunteer Schedule runs Sat., June 23rd – Sat., August 18th.

If you would like to volunteer this summer please come into the Barrington Public Library soon to fill out our volunteer application. (Pick up the working papers application for students 14 & 15 yrs old to turn into your SAU office). *Federal Labor Laws require us to have working papers on file for students 14 & 15 years old before they can begin volunteering.*

Call Wendy Rowe at the library @ 664-9715 for more information.

On Sunday, June 3rd at 9:00 am there will be a Two-Mile Dover Color Fun Run at Garrison Elementary School. The cost is \$10 and people may register at bit.ly/DoverColorRun. Proceeds go to Grassroots Soccer, an international organization that uses the power of soccer to connect young people with the mentors, information, and health services they need to thrive.

Repeated Information

The Dover School Board approved June 14, 2018 as the date for the Class of 2020's 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 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.

Seniors who will be recognized as New Hampshire Scholars will be given their medallions in the Mary C. Reilly at the start of 4th Block on Friday, June 1st. Congratulations to those seniors who have earned this recognition.

There will be a Sculpture Exhibit in the Mary C. Reilly Library at Dover High School between May 18th and June 8th. Dover and Somersworth High School art students are teaming up to present an exhibit entitled "Just Hangin". The show will feature hundreds of sculptures hanging from the ceiling. The exhibit will remain on view until June 8th.

The Marketing II class is conducting a survey to help determine which social media platforms would be best for communicating with students, staff, and parents/guardians. Getting a good representation from all groups in the Dover community is important. Please take a moment and complete the survey. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMZKNHN>

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.

The Dover High School Hockey Booster's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 22nd at The Links at Outlook in South Berwick, Maine. An informational brochure with a registration form is attached.

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.

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/

*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.

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
Dover High School Principal