

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to October at DHS!

IB Information:

I have just returned from an informative International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Conference in Dubai together with Liz Vallejo and Erin Rutherford, co-coordinators for the IB Center and other district administrators. We spent three days gaining information about existing IB Programmes throughout the Middle East. We worked as a team in the design of the ISG IB Diploma Programme. Mrs. Vallejo and Mrs. Rutherford will be posting more information on the DHS Website (dahs.org) in the areas of admissions, curricular program options and ISG IB Programme requirements.

WOW Week:

Our DHS Wow Week Committee comprised of David Butler, Alichia Gerber, Ami Nayef and Areej Saleh unveiled the 2010-2011 proposed WOW Week trips during the student assembly on October 4. This year's proposed trips include three Habitat for Humanity trips, a service trip to Kenya, recreational trips to Switzerland and Bali, and a cultural trip to Hong Kong. More information may be obtained on the DHS Website (dahs.org), at parent-teacher conferences and by contacting Mr. Butler. The DHS staff is excited about the possibilities for students to travel abroad and also committed to developing interesting activities for those students who choose to remain on the DHS campus. WOW Week will run from February 5-9, 2011.

ISG Virtual School:

ISG Virtual School Days will run from Sunday, October 10-Tuesday, October 12. Students will return to the school campus on Wednesday, October 13. The ISG purpose for conducting three days of virtual school for both students and teachers is to prepare and hone virtual education strategies and techniques for the possibility of a school closure situation. In the past ISG schools were closed for H1N1 and the King's visit. The DHS staff has prepared the Virtual School experience to present the curriculum as they would during a "normal" school day. Virtual School Days will run as normal school day (B A B rotation). This information was communicated home via a school letter and email. Student class information will be posted no later than 8 a.m. of that morning with teacher on-line office availability from 1 to 3 p.m. daily. For more information about DHS Virtual School Days please visit the DHS Website (dahs.org) and view DHS Notices and the Moodle icon.

Student Handbook Changes:

Mr. Butler and I would like to post a change to the DHS Handbook concerning students' morning arrival time and school expectations. Due to the volume of heavy traffic and road

construction, the administration will alter the school tardy procedures for the morning arrival of our students. Mr. Butler, Mrs. Stapp, Mr. Brackmann and/or I will monitor the morning entry of school traffic and accommodate those students who are tardy beyond their control. The original procedure was a strict rule of a 7:50 tardy to DHS. With parental and student input we have found that procedure to be unreasonable, as the circumstances were usually beyond students' control. We greatly appreciate any feedback or input to the DHS Handbook. Please contact Mr. Butler or me with your suggestions. Our email addresses are located on the DHS Website (dahs.org).

October is a busy month with many academic activities, athletic events and student organization activities. For more information regarding these scheduled events, please view the DHS Monthly Event Calendar on the DHS Website (dahs.org).

I appreciate the supportive community of students and parents with whom I am privileged to serve.

Sincerely,

David