

Dhahran High School

Weekly Family Newsletter



Mar 26-30 2011, Issue 3

This Issue's Snapshot

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2. Spring Break – Apr 3 -7
3. JV Boys Basketball
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Basketball Girls Team
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feedback

Here's what you asked about this week.....

What are A & B days at DHS?

Each day at DHS is either an "A" day or a "B" day for students where students have 4 subject classes on an "A" day (classes 1 - 4) and another 4 on a "B" day (classes 5 - 8). Class periods are 80 minutes long and the purpose of this alternate schedule is to help students as follows:

- To avoid having 6-8 classes of homework each day
- To provide longer blocks of time for work during the day
- To accommodate effective writing, lab work and physical activities

- To cultivate stronger teacher/student relationships

Please take a look at the attached March and April monthly plans and you will see the days written on each day as A or B. This indicates to the students (and now you too) the appropriate schedules.

How can DHS get information about a school closure out to students and families faster?

If school is to be closed prior to the start of a school day, we will send an email out to all families within ½ hour of receiving the information ourselves as we have re-structured our contact phone tree to shorten the time needed to contact our students.

Information will also be simultaneously published on the DHS website as we are currently working on the ability to do this from an off-campus location.

This means that information will be more efficiently communicated to our students

and families by immediately publishing the announcement

on the website, sending emails and using a more efficient phone tree system.

Do parents have to attend the Course Selection Nights?

Yes. Parents are expected to attend their child/ren's course selection night for the upcoming academic year with the student. It is a time to discuss course alignment with the counselors present as students move towards the graduation and the college application process, and so parents are highly encouraged to attend.

What are OLSAT 8 & SAT 10 exams?

Between the dates of April 20th and April 25th, all DHS 10th graders will be taking the OLSAT 8 & SAT 10 exams. The OLSAT will be given on April 20th and it is an ability test of abstract thinking and reasoning. The SAT 10 will be given April 23rd-25th and this is an achievement test



divided into reading comprehension, mathematical problem solving, and science.

DHS uses the SAT 10 results data to help determine at what level our 10th graders are performing and compare them to other 10th graders.

ISG uses the OLSAT 8 test results data to track the progress of ISG students who have taken this test previously when they were in the 8th grade.

Students are best prepared by coming to school well rested and having eaten a proper breakfast. Test results will be provided to families before the end of the school year.

How do we buy tickets for the school events?

Tickets for our events are usually sold from 1 month before the event during the lunch breaks in front of the cafeteria until 1 week before the event is scheduled. All guest names are required at the point of purchase so that the access gate list for the event can be compiled in time for the event

Your Suggestions & Feedback?

Should you wish to make suggestions, ask a question, or give your feedback about this newsletter, please send us an email to dhs@isgdh.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION to web address - 2011/2012 Course description booklets - DHS's 2011/2012 Course description booklet is available online at the DHS website from Weds Mar 16th at http://www.dahs.org/html/course_description_booklet_201112.htm

JV Boys Basketball – Jeddah trip Refund

Remember the SR's you paid for the canceled JV Basketball Tournament last Mar 16 & 17? Your son may now pass by Ms. Lily and collect your refund for that airline ticket to Jeddah. It will be very helpful if they have the receipt for the paid ticket.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JV GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BRINGING HOME THE TROPHY FROM THE TOURNAMENT HELD IN RIYADH MAR16 & 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

DHS SPRING BREAK – Sat Apr 2 – Weds Apr 6

COURSE SELECTION NIGHTS FOR:

- **DEMS STUDENTS - DEMS**, Sat Mar 26, 5-6:30pm
- **ISG JUBAIL STUDENTS** - JUBAIL, Sat Mar 26, 5-8pm
- **DHS 12TH GRADE STUDENTS** – Auditorium, Sun Apr 10, 5:30-7pm
- **DHS 11TH GRADE STUDENTS** – Auditorium, Mon Apr 11, 5:30-7pm
- **DHS 10TH GRADE STUDENTS** – Mini-Theatre, Tues Apr 12, 5:30-7pm
- **ARAMCO DHARAN (A-J)** – Mini-Theatre, Sat Apr 16, 5-6:30pm
- **ARAMCO DHARAN (K-Z)** – Mini-Theatre, Tues Apr 19, 5-6:30pm
- **ARAMCO (RT, ABQAIQ, UD'yah)** – Mini-Theatre, Sat Apr 23, 6:30-8pm

DANCE RECITAL – Auditorium, Weds Apr 13, 7-8:45pm

HFH DINNER & ART SHOW - Auditorium, Mon Apr 18, 6-8:30pm. Tickets are on sale up to Weds Apr 13 at SR55 each and children under age 5 are free.

3rd QUARTER REPORT CARDS SENT HOME – Mon Apr 25

MARCH 2011

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI
			A	2 International Day (Aud & HS Quad; 11:30-2:30pm)	3	4
				JV ISG Basketball Scrimage (Dammam/Jeddah)		
5 Progress Reports due from teachers	6	7	8	9 DHS MUN Conference	10 DHS MUN Conference	11
12	13	14 Sr Visa Info Session (Conf. Rm 3:30-4:30pm)	15 Graduation Night Parent Meeting (LRC; 6:30-7:30) EFFECT Coffee House (Dome; 2:45-3:30pm)	16 Minimum Day AMIS MUSIC TRIP	17 AMIS MUSIC TRIP	18
				JV Basketball Tournament (AISR & Jeddah)		
19 AMIS MUSIC TRIP	20 AMIS MUSIC TRIP	21 Prom Fashion Show (Mini-Theatre; 2:30-5pm)	22 AP Parent Info Night (Mini Theater & H Buildings, 6:30-8:00)	23	24 Battle of the Bands (Mini; 6-9pm)	25
				Varsity Basketball Tournament (DHS)		
26 Course Selec- tion Night DEMS (5-8:30pm) Course Selection Night Jubail(5-8pm)	27	28	29	30	31	
		Senior Glamour Pictures for Year Book				

APRIL 2011

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI
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2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7	8
9 School Resumes	10 Course Selection 12th Grade (Aud; 5:30-7)	11 Course Selection 11th Grade (Aud; 5:30-7)	12 Course Selection 10th Grade (Mini-Theater; 5:30-7)	13 Dance Recital (Aud, 7-8:45pm)	14 MOCK EXAMS (AM: Calc, AB Calc, BC, AP Lang PM: Biology, Psychology; Comm Rm, PD Rm & Mini Theater)	15
16 Course Selection Night Aramco Dhahran A-J (Mini Theater; 5-6:30)	17	18 HFH ART SHOW Dinner End of 3rd Quarter	19 Course Selection Aramco Dhahran K-Z (Mini Theater; 5-6:30)	20 OLSAT 8 EXAM Softball Tournament (ARAMCO)	21 MOCK EXAMS (AM: Macroeconomics PM: AP Chemistry; Comm Rm; 7-4)	22
23 SAT 10 EXAM Course Selection: Aramco/RT, Abqaiia, Ud- hahliyah (Mini Theater; 6:30-8)	24 SAT 10 EXAM	25 Report Cards go Home SAT 10 EXAM (NHS Induction (Theatre)	26	27 Debate Show (Mini-Theater; 2:45-3:30) Varsity Badminton Tournament (KAUST)	28 MOCK EXAMS (AM: US Hist; Mini Theater PM: Physics; H4; 7-4pm)	29
30 MOCK EXAMS (AM: French—B day; Rm 16; 1:10-5pm)						