

PARENT MONTHLY UPDATE

Principals' Corner

We are in the final weeks of the fall semester. It seems like yesterday when we both welcomed our returning students back from summer break and said hello to our new Suns, the class of 2020. We have had a productive semester due in part to your continued support in and out of school. I extend my warmest wishes to the DMHS community through this holiday season. Have a wonderful winter break, see you in the new year.

Parent Center

Parents, hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving along with your loved ones. We would like to wish you all a happy holiday season. Join us on Dec 8 for our How to Understand Your School's Report card workshop in the Parent Center. Please feel free to drop by the Parent Center or contact Dr. Leffall at 213. 481.0371 ext 5118, and Mr. Freddy Avellaneda at 213. 481.0371 ext 5188 (Se Habla Español). Also, if you are looking for a job, we might be able to help you find one for the Holidays.

SAVE THE DATE!



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| Parent Workshop | School Site Council | Fall Semester Finals | Winter Recess | Martin Luther King Jr |
| December 8 10:15am to 12:15pm | December 13 4:30 p.m to 5:30 p.m | December 14, 15, 16 Minimum Day | Dec 19 – Jan 6 NO SCHOOL | January 16, 2017 NO SCHOOL |

EduCare

The Educare Afterschool Program has had a great semester providing program, services and activities for our student's after school experience. We would like to thank everyone who came by to observe classes, took an interest in our programs, and gave us feedback. Educare staff members hope to continue to provide quality services for the students and help promote the culture of excellence that DMHS prides itself on. We look forward to coming back spring semester with more events, new activities, new college courses and more classes. You can find a list of program activities in the Educare office and in the Educare section of the DMHS school Website. Thank you and Happy Holidays!



(Congrats to our cross country team and Melissa (qualified for city and state) for their season)

Magnet Corner

As we get ready for winter break, I want to make you all aware of an important involvement opportunity at Downtown Magnets High School. This year we are implementing our Advisory Boards for each magnet pathway. Advisory Boards will serve to make suggestions for improvement to career readiness in each of our magnet pathways: Business, Fashion, Engineering,

Computer Engineering, and Multi Media & Digital Film-making. Please check the DMHS website in early December for our Advisory Board tab for important information and calendar or call Mr. Altuner at 213-481-0371, ext, 5113 for additional information and best wishes from the Magnet Office for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

College Center

Parents, this Thursday, December 8th from 3pm to 5pm we will be hosting our second Cash for College. Please be aware that the College Application Deadline has passed and we must now concentrate on applying for the FAFSA (Financial Aid) which will be due by March 2, 2017. For this and more information contact Ms. McGee at extension 5126.



International Baccalaureate

Academic honesty is a challenging tenet to emphasize and instill in the soul of a teenager. During the Spring semester of student's freshman year, Pre-IB, 9th graders are presented with the International Baccalaureate Academic Honesty Policy, a document signed at the time by both the student and parent(s). Each year, the topic is revisited in students' Advisory, and discussed in many classes as well. Students again sign the statement, agreeing to abide by and uphold the expectations associated with academic honesty. We strive to help students be discerning individuals, to hold them accountable, and we hope to foster an environment that is consistent with those expectations.



Counseling Center

Parents, be aware that student absences for extended family vacations during the Holidays cannot be approved through LAUSD policy. Every student at Downtown Magnets has an Individual Graduation Plan or IGP. The counselors meet with all students during class meetings, individual conferences, and in parent/student conferences to discuss their progress and make plans to complete graduation requirements. Counselors are now making appointments for parent/student conferences for all parents and students. If you'd like to make your appointment, please contact your child's counselor.

Intervention Coordinator's Corner

Our students are working diligently to improve their academic standing. I expect 60% of students in the Building Blocks Program, peer-mentoring program, to improve on their grades. I am in the process of streamlining communication between all stakeholders – current grade in the class, retrieving missing assignments – to communicate this back to the parents. Streamlining of communication will become more effective as our teachers become more fluent in using our new website. At our monthly SWPBIS (School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) meeting, we discussed our attendance, referral data and incentives for students. Our attendance rate is one of the highest in the District. Approximately 90% of our students are coming to school 90% or more within a school year.

