

PARENT MONTHLY UPDATE

Principals' Corner

Holiday season is around the corner. I want to thank all of the families who have participated in our Fall semester activities. Your feedback has helped us to increase parent participation and connect more effectively with our community.

As the finals begin, stress can increase for students. Please work with your student to help them manage their stress. Here are two tips: have students take one assignment at a time to avoid being overwhelmed and remind them to take care of themselves by sleeping and eating well.

Have a great new year!



SAVE THE DATE!



School Site Council

Dec 6
3:10p at P.C

Early Dismissal

Dec 12
1:27p Dismissal

Finals Week

Dec 13 - 15
12:12p Dismissal

Winter Break

Dec 18 - Jan 5
NO SCHOOL

Local School Leadership

Jan 9
3:10p at P.C

Parent Center

The parent center is happy to introduce our new Community Representative, Ms. Susana Morales. She will be here to answer any questions you may have. We also feel great to know that more than 50 of our students now have access to the tools necessary to be successful thanks to the Sprint 1 Million Project which delivered Chromebooks and hotspots for our students to use. DMHS parents, we would like to invite you to join us for Coffee with the Principal this Dec 12 from 9-10am and our SSC meeting this Dec 6th at 3:10pm. If you have any questions contact Ms. Susana Morales at the Parent Center @ (213) 481-0371 EXT. 5183

Science

The science department is excited about our continued efforts to implement the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). For example, Ms. Flummerfelt recently ran a precipitate experiment; Ms. Coffey's AP Biology course created 3-D models of proteins; Mr. Lee modeled state change of matter; and Mr. Lucido built socio-community learning with experiments on urban industrial smog. Our teachers are hard at work. Our effort focuses on every student, of all language or mathematical ability, succeeding. As department chair, I am proud of what our science team has accomplished.

English

All students in grades 9-11 have taken the STAR test to assess their reading comprehension level. Teachers in all departments will use this to target instruction and any necessary intervention. In addition, juniors are working on improving their reading comprehension by using ReadTheory.org in anticipation of the spring SBAC assessment. ReadTheory.org is a free online program, and it is recommended that all students who are reading below grade level use this program for 10 minutes every day..

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. We are looking for diverse stakeholder participation: Teachers, Lead Teachers, Coordinator, Administrative Staff, Alumni, Community & Business Partners, Students and Parents. This is a valuable opportunity to be part of positive change and growth at DMHS and we hope you will consider participating. If you are interested in participating, please 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!