



Delaware Valley High School E-Newsletter Edition 2011-2012

“Educating for Life’s Journey”

Guidance News

Financial Aid Night

Any parent of a senior who missed the Financial Aid Night on January 10, 2012 and would like to obtain copies of the materials distributed can have their son or daughter pick up a packet in the 11/12 guidance office.

Course Selection for the 2012-2013

In the coming months students will be starting to select courses for the 2012-2013 school year. Guidance counselors will be obtaining recommendations from teachers in preparation to meet with students to complete the selection process. The course selection book can be viewed on the Delaware Valley web page www.dvgsd.org/dvworld or a copy can be picked up in the high school guidance office in the upcoming months. Students will have their course selections for the next school year to bring home for parent signatures.

Parent Teacher Conferences Planned

Upcoming Important Date: Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on February 16, 2012. Forms were sent home attached to report cards or parents can call the respective counseling office to schedule appointments.

SAT Dates

Juniors are reminded of SAT Reasoning testing dates:

<u>Test dates</u>	<u>Registration deadlines</u>
March 10	February 10
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 8

Students can register with a credit card on line at www.collegeboard.com. Registration forms and practice booklets can be picked up on the table outside the guidance office. Registration forms for the test are mailed directly by the student.

Senior Acceptance Letters

Acceptance letters for seniors to their colleges are coming into guidance. Reminder to seniors to please bring your college acceptance letter in to get your name up on the board. Congratulations to all who have been accepted thus far. Keep up the good work. Remember to keep working hard. Please keep the guidance office informed of any transcript requests from your colleges, as well as Mid-Year Reports which need to be sent to your colleges.

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award Winners

Each May Delaware Valley High School sends two sophomores to Millersville University to participate in the prestigious three day Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar. Last year's ambassadors, Alex Testino and Katie Krause, were instrumental in promoting the seminar to present sophomores who were encouraged to apply and submit an essay on leadership. The essays were reviewed by the 9/10 guidance counselors and six candidates were chosen to interview with Mrs. Corry, Miss Cosentino and Miss Westgate. The final candidates were interviewed by the Principal Ron Collins. Congratulations to Grace Farrell and Maisha Shamim, our HOBY ambassadors for 2011-2012 school year.

Art News

DV High School Visits Vernon for its Annual Art Show.

The Delaware Valley High School Art Department participated in the Vernon High School Invitational Art Exhibit. This was an exhibit and competition of ten surrounding schools in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey area. The University of the Arts was present to conduct the judging in five different categories: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Jewelry, and Open. Delaware Valley is pleased to announce that Lindsay Soares, Grade 11, won 3rd place for her stone sculpture. Congratulations also to the other eight students who submitted their work: Lauren Jones, Kristy DeMeo, Alex Spencer, Danielle Misiaszek, Brittany Manheim, Moriah Wolfe, Scott Jakubowski and Michelle Schaffer.

The Artery Gallery

The ARTery Gallery in Milford is again hosting a student show and sale beginning on March 10th as part of the "Art After Dark" event. The show will be juried, and any student who wishes to submit artwork must do so to Mrs. Sweeney in room B-3 from Feb 1st – 10th. Any kind of original artwork, with the exception of photography, will be accepted. Full details are found posted on the Art Dept bulletin Board outside room M-6, or by contacting any high school art teacher.

The Scholastic Art Awards

The Scholastic Art Awards is a regional competition conducted among 20 high schools in the Scranton Area. Over 1500 works were submitted for this juried show under 17 categories. This was the best year yet by far for our student artists at Delaware Valley. We are pleased to announce that we have 28 Honorable Mentions, 16 Silver Keys, and 11 Gold Keys.

The Gold Key and Silver Key show opens at the Suracci Gallery at Marywood University on Saturday, January 21 and will remain on display until February.

Honorable Mentions go to:

Jessica Bullis 12
Eileen Carofalo 11
Alexandra Connolly 12
Abigail DeVizia 11
Rose Fernandez 11
Scott Jakubowski 11
Lauren Jones 12 – (4 Awards)
Saige Krisanda 11
Aaron Lynch 11
Erin Mommsen 10 (2 Awards)
Taylor Moran 12
Alexandra Paino 12
Jessie Raynis 12
Natalie Rosen 10
Michelle Schafer 12
Jason Sladicka 12
Matthew Tidridge 12
Tara Trutt 12
Ashley Tucker 12
Douglas Wilklow 12
Moriah Wolfe 12 (4 Awards)

Silver Keys were earned by:

Alexandra Connolly 12
Michael Divis 11
Lauren Jones 12 (5 Awards)
Brittany Minetti 10
Alexandra Paino 12
Michelle Schafer 12
Tabitha Schmidt 12
Lindsay Soares 11
Matthew Tidridge 12
Caitlyn Trabucco 11
Moriah Wolfe 12 (3 Awards)

Gold Keys, the Highest Awards

Ruslan Dzhatdoyev 11
Emily Favaro 12
Sarah Hartmann 9
Lauren Jones 12 (2 awards)
Danielle Misiaszek 11
Erin Mommsen 10
Anthony Reyes 12
Michelle Schafer 12
Moriah Wolfe 12 (2 awards)

Portfolio winners

Special honors go to Moriah Wolfe for her entire Photography Portfolio and also to Lauren Jones for her Jewelry Portfolio. Both girls earned Gold Keys making them eligible to compete in the national level of competition where they could earn scholarships and other awards.

Empty Bowls

Mrs. Kaylor's ceramics students raised over \$550 for the Ecumenical Food Pantry by participating in the Empty Bowls service project. Students created handmade bowls as part of the ceramics curriculum. On December 16th students hosted a simple lunch consisting of soup and bread in the art room. The high school faculty was invited to the lunch in exchange for a donation to the food pantry. Soup and bread were donated by the Warrior Cafe and Peter's Europa House. The faculty took away the ceramic bowls as a token to remind them of the "empty bowls" in our community. Further information can be found online at www.Emptybowls.net

Science News

Forensics Class

On December 9th our Forensic Science students had the opportunity of listening to a presentation given by Mr. Don Roa, a Pike County Bomb Squad Technician. He was able to provide in depth knowledge of what being a bomb squad technician entails as well as a great deal of information on general jobs in law enforcement.

Egg Drop Project

Students in Mr. Curtis' Physics classes were excited to explore a hands-on application of the physics concepts that they have been learning about in class. Their mission was to design and construct a device out of cardboard and other common packing materials to protect an egg being dropped from a height - in our case, the football stadium bleachers. They had to work together in groups to brainstorm ideas for their device as well as collaborate on making the device. Their device had to take into account multiple principles of physics, including forces, momentum, impulse, and energy. No parachutes or air drag devices were allowed; other than that they were free to use their imagination. Some very innovative designs were developed and constructed. On a cold January day the students tested their device and had a 85% success rate on egg survivability, which is outstanding.

Family and Consumer Sciences News

Veterans' Dinner

For the 4th year in a row the Family and Consumer Science department prepared the annual Veterans Dinner on Thursday November 10th. The Dinner was headed by Miss Beth DeSantis. Donna Stuchlak, Jill Farr, and Leslie Sikora from the Family and Consumer Sciences department were also actively involved in the dinner preparation. This year we served a complete Chicken Parmesan dinner, with rolls, salad, and dessert. We had over 200 Veterans and guests from throughout the community to join us for an evening of food and entertainment provided by talented Delaware Valley students. Lori Simonelli, Jonathan McElhaney and Marc Valentine played an instrumental role in the dinner preparation as well. Without the many talents from our Delaware Valley students and staff, the Veterans dinner would not have been such a success!!!

Early Childhood Education

The new Early Childhood Education Career Tech classes are into their second year and running smoothly. We have twenty six preschoolers in the program and are actively engaged in our high school student directed activities. The high school students have developed lessons on the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes. Through December the Early Childhood classes taught the preschoolers about various cultures and holidays through class lessons and projects, including menorahs made out of bananas and pretzels. We were very lucky to have Santa (Mr. McElhaney) visit along with a guest speaker (our own Ellen Orben) who read a holiday story to the children. We are looking forward to the snow season as we begin our study of weather.

Combined English/ History

The Combined English/History classes for grades nine, ten, and eleven recently took part in debates concerning topics of national, local, and international significance. Students were responsible for conducting research, creating questions, and writing speeches about their given topics. The students then took their prepared materials and went head-to-head with students from the other classes. The results were impressive. The spirited exchanges between the students showed both tremendous maturity as well as in-depth content understanding, and the speeches were marked by powerful uses of diction and syntax to persuade the audience. It was a joy to watch the students take control of their own learning.

Foreign Language

National French Contest

This coming March, Mrs. Mahalidge's Advanced French students will participate in the National French Contest (Le Grand Concours). This is an annual competition that is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Le Grand Concours boasts competitors from all fifty states as well as schools abroad.

Students are required to take a written test that is comprised of both auditory and reading comprehension along with a section composed of various grammatical constructions. Their scores are matched against students with similar educational backgrounds for prizes. Student scores are then evaluated on a regional (chapter association) level and based on their scores, students are eligible to receive both regional and national ranking.

National Spanish Contest

In March, Mr. Cotroneo's Advanced Spanish students will participate in the National Spanish Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. This test encompasses students from across the United States as well as internationally.

The students will take a test that includes auditory and reading comprehension as well as grammatical constructions. Once the scores are evaluated, students are first ranked on the regional level and then the national level and prizes are awarded accordingly.

Health Occupations

NOCTI Exams

The Level 3 students are busy preparing for the National Occupational Competency Institute (NOCTI) exams, which will take place February 13, 2012. The NOCTI exam is given to all students who successfully complete 3 years of a Career and Technical Education program such as Health Occupations. It consists of a written and performance component. Achievement on the NOCTI exam demonstrates the student's understanding of concepts and knowledge needed to succeed in the workplace. A NOCTI certification is attractive to future employers and post secondary schools.

Level 1

The Level 1 students are continuing to explore basic concepts of health care. We have been learning about anatomy and physiology, along with disease processes of several different body systems.

Clinicals at Milford Senior Care

Level 2 & 3 students attend clinical at Milford Senior Care once a week. They are able to apply skills learned in the classroom in a real life setting. Professionalism, responsibility, dependability, and teamwork are among the traits that have been strengthened during our time there. The students have displayed such compassion and caring towards the residents and have had experiences that no textbook or classroom could provide them. We look forward to expanding our clinical experience to Bon Secours Hospital in the near future. Exposure to this acute care setting will allow students to explore other aspects of healthcare such as radiology, laboratory, and pharmacy to name a few.

Other HOSA News

We are excitedly awaiting our State Competition in Lancaster, PA on March 5, 6 & 7. We have 18 students competing this year. The students have been hard at work preparing for their events. We have great confidence for a successful competition and hope to place high enough to qualify for the National Competition.

Student Council News

Pep Rally

During the season of giving, the Delaware Valley High School Student Council has been busy with several events and community service projects. In November, the Student Council officers and members held its first fall Pep Rally as an after-school event. The Pep Rally featured members of the different classes, clubs, sporting teams and staff members in a safe, enthusiastic, and spirited environment.

Holiday Food Drive

In community service, this year's Holiday Food Drive brought in over three thousand non-perishable food items which were donated to the Milford & Greeley food pantries. The food pantry is always in need. Non-perishable food items or paper products are always welcome.

Jingle Ball

At the start of December, high school students came out and enjoyed this year's Jingle Ball dance. Admission was a donation to the Toys for Tots drive of the Salvation Army. Students enjoyed an evening of music while giving back to their local community. The Salvation Army was very thankful for all the donations from the students. As we head into the New Year, the officers and members are busy planning for future Student Council events and projects.

Other Club News

Political Awareness Club

The Political Awareness Club was created this year to raise awareness among the student body, dealing with issues on a local, state, national, and international level. A 10-person executive board was established in September to create the club's infrastructure. Since then, the centerpiece of the organization has been its monthly General Assembly meetings. These meetings are open to the entire student body and have consistently drawn attendance figures of 30-40 people. Executive Board members update the General Assembly on American political issues (from both a liberal and conservative point of view) as well as international affairs. The highlights of the General Assembly meetings are themed debates, where the entire assembly engages in rational discourse on topics including the economy, foreign policy, and abortion. The Political Awareness Club also maintains a regularly-updated bulletin board, where students can stop by and their "quick fix" of politics on their way to class. In addition, club members have contributed monthly commentaries to the school newspaper, the Del.Aware. New members are always welcome and are encouraged to seek out Mr. Pope in B-6 for more details.

Sports News

DV Black and White Game

6th Annual Black/White Games raised \$986 in cash and two cart loads of toys for DVSD Toys for Tots. Teams that participated in the event were Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Warrior Cheerleading, and Wrestling. Thanks to local businesses who donated items for raffle: SWB Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, Majestic Cinemas, and Two Rivers Grille.

Girl's Basketball

Our Girls Basketball Team participated in this year's black and white game on Dec. 6th. The team would like to thank all fans who stayed to watch as it was a great time. The Girls Basketball Team has been working hard under the leadership of our six returning seniors and we, as a team, are anticipating a great season. We hope to see you at some of the games as we wrap

Spring Sport Physicals

Spring sport physical are scheduled for February 15th.

If you need a physical pick up the paperwork in the athletic office, fill it out and return it to the athletic office with a check for \$20.00 made out to "DVSD" by February 8th.

Student Attendance Incentive Reminder

As we approach our second cutoff date for the student attendance incentive, Delaware Valley High School would like to remind students and parents of the segments of the incentive which can still affect students' attendance at the **semi-formal dance**, **prom**, and **graduation ceremony**.

The policy reads:

*Any student who has ten (10) unexcused absences or ten (10) days of out of school suspension or a combination of ten (10) days of unexcused absences and out of school suspensions by the date of the **semi-formal dance** may not attend the **semi-formal dance**. Any student who has fourteen (14) unexcused absences or fourteen (14) days of out of school suspension or a combination of fourteen (14) unexcused absences and out of school suspensions by the time of the **senior prom** and/or **graduation** will not be allowed to attend the **senior prom** and/or **graduation**. There are NO exceptions.*