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August 21, 2017

Dear Danbury High School Families,

As principal of Danbury High School, it is my extreme pleasure to welcome you back to another exciting school year. The Danbury High School staff is committed to making your experiences at DHS the best they can be. We would like to have every child feel connected, welcome, and experience a place where they can grow intellectually and emotionally without fear.

While there is still some time left in the summer we must begin to think about the start of school. As we look at the 2017-18 school year, I am including some information for you to read. Please take the time to look at this and to visit our website. The DHS website has a tremendous amount of information especially in the Student Handbook.

Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school. This first day is a full day of school. We will not be mailing home schedules as they can be found in PowerSchool. Please bring a copy of your schedule with you on the first day. Students will report to their advisory classes at 7:20am. We will begin the first two days of school in advisory. On Thursday 9/7 students will report to their first period classes.

This is a reminder that summer work must be completed for all English, math, and AP classes. Assignments can be found at the DHS website and are due the first day of school.

As you are aware, DHS is still an active construction zone and some hallways and outside paths may be blocked. For everyone's safety, please refrain from entering a marked construction zone.

Open House will be held on September 18th and begin at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Open House is an important event that allows parents and guardians to preview their child's classes, receive information regarding each class, and begin a line of communication with their child's teachers. Please make every effort to attend. You should bring a copy of your child's schedule with you to Open House.

In an attempt to preserve resources, DHS will not be sending as many mailings as we have done in the past. It is imperative that parents and students have the correct information in PowerSchool. All communications will be emailed directly to parents. Please confirm

that the email address in PowerSchool is correct. If you need help accessing PowerSchool please contact your child's counselor.

This year I will be continuing with the Principal's Breakfasts. They again will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:20am and will begin in October. Last year, topics of discussion ranged from parking issues to college application processes. To sign up for the Principal's Breakfast you can visit our website and fill out the Google form. Participants will receive an email if they are selected.

Danbury High School is lucky to have a group of parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators who spend a tremendous amount of time looking at information to try to make DHS a better place. Our School Governance Council (SGC) is a way for parents/guardians and staff to collaborate on decisions that can affect DHS. The SGC has a singular goal of improving the experiences for all students at DHS.

All tenth graders are required to have a physical on file with the School Nurse's office. If you have not yet done so, please attend to this as soon as possible. Students who do not have physicals on file will be locked out of PowerSchool and unable to receive their schedule. Per state of Connecticut guidelines these student can be excluded from attending school.

<u>2017-18 Important Dates</u>
September 5th – First day of school
September 18th – Open House @ 6:30pm in the auditorium
November 20th – Parent-Teacher Conferences
January 26th – End of Semester 1 (subject to change)
March 5 – School Fair/ Spring Conference night
June 22nd - Tentative date for graduation

As I enter my second year as the principal of the best high school in the state of Connecticut, I am looking forward to seeing the students on September 5th and families on September 18th.

Best,

Dan Donovan
Principal

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General Information	203-797-4800		
Mr. Daniel E. Donovan, Principal	203-797-4803	NURSES OFFICE	
Ms. Miller, Administrative Assistant	203-797-4808	Mrs. Blair	203-797-4827
Dr. Meghan G. Martins, Associate Principal of Instruction for Secondary Schools	203-797-4802	Mrs. Kilcourse Mrs. O'Dowd	203-790-2825
Mrs. Jakobson, Secretary to API	203-797-4807	Mrs. Benicewicz,, Secretary	
Mrs. Mesa, Power School	203-797-4806		
Transcript Requests – Ms. Domingos	203-790-2800	School Based Health Center	203-790-2886
LEVEL I OFFICE		Attendance Office	
Mr. Michael Clarke, Asst. Principal	203-797-4716	TBD	203-790-2893
Ms. Alonzi, School Counselor	203-797-4816	Mrs. Carter	203-790-2864
Mrs. Aronoff, School Counselor	203-790-2881		
Ms. Lewis, Crisis Counselor	203-790-2822	Special Education	
	203-830-6321	Mrs. Coppotelli, Supervisor	203-830-6006
Mrs. Williams, Secretary	203-790-2870	Mrs. Zanno, Secretary	203-790-2865
LEVEL II OFFICE		Athletic Director	
TBD, Asst. Principal	203-797-4821	Mr. Chip Salvestrini	203-797-4853
Mrs. Carroll-Jones, School Counselor	203-830-6504	Mrs. Tatarzycki, Secretary	203-790-6563
Mr. Dittmar, School Counselor	203-797-4815		
Mrs. Kulbieda, Secretary	203-797-4824	Social Workers	
		Ms. Glintenkamp	203-790-2821
LEVEL III OFFICE		Ms. Roberts	203-830-6566
Mrs. Domitila Pereira, Asst. Principal	203-797-4801	Ms. Enright	203-797-4742
Mrs. Chance, School Counselor	203-797-4817		
Mr. Boucher, School Counselor	203-797-4810	Department Heads	
Ms. Santos, Secretary	203-797-4836	Career & Technical Ed. – Ms. Iaiennaro	203-797-4732
		English – Ms Martone	203-797-4837
LEVEL IV OFFICE; Freshman Academy		ESL – Mrs. Brugnolo	203-830-6536
Mr. Kristopher Davidson, Asst. Principal	203-797-4842	Fine Arts – Dr. Obre	203-790-2611
Dr.. Sarah Roy, DECO Director	203-790-2880	Math – Ms. Erhartic	203-830-6536
Ms. Harris, School Counselor	203-790-2883	PE & Health – Mrs. Robbins	203-830-6517
Ms. Ondek, School Counselor	203-797-4843	Science – Mr. LaRosa	203-790-2611
Ms. Rodriguez, School Counselor	203-797-4841	Social Studies – Ms. Tucci	203-830-6536
Mrs. Talarico, Secretary	203-797-4844	World Languages – Ms. Gonzalez	203-797-4732
		Mrs. Jennings, Secretary	203-790-2611
LEVEL III GUIDANCE SUITE			
Ms. Carlson, Guidance Department Head	203-790-2823		
Ms. DeMoura, ELL School Counselor 10-12	203-797-4822	Psychologists	
	203-790-2884	Mrs. Borges-Bostic	203-790-2848
COORDINATORS		Mr. Hunt	203-790-2846
Mrs. K. Casimiro – Humanities Curriculum	203-797-4849	Ms. Stupka	203-790-2820
Mr. A. Gomes – ELL/Bilingual	203-797-4793		203-790-2820
Dr. H. Rosvally – STEM Curriculum	203-797-4794		

Staff members may be contacted via email. Most addresses are the first five letters of the person's last name and the first initial followed by @danbury.k12.ct.us For example, John Smith's email address would be smithj@danbury.k12.ct.us A complete list of email addresses can be found at the DHS website; use the drop-down menu from About Us, to Staff Emails.

A list of school teams, as well as a list of clubs and organizations can be found in our Student Handbook, which is posted online on the DHS website. Use the drop-down menu from Students, to Student Handbook.

SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

Open communication between school and home is a key component in your child's success at Danbury High School. Joining and becoming active in the DHS Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) is an excellent way to hear what is going on at school and to have your own voice heard. The PTO meets every other month.

HOW YOU COMMUNICATE WITH US

- All faculty members, including administrators, teachers, and counselors, welcome emails and phone calls from parents and guardians. Staff email addresses are available on our website. Go to the drop-down menu at the "About Us" link and click on the bottom item, "Staff Email".
- Meet with your child's teachers. Time is set aside for conferences during the fall and the spring, but should you have any concerns, you are welcome to meet with a faculty member at any time during the year when it is mutually convenient.
- Send a note the day before, or call the Attendance Office if you child will be late or absent. Please leave a message at 203-790-2893 or 203-790-2864.
- Keep us up-to-date on your contact information. If you have a change of phone number, email, or home address, please contact your child's Level Office.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

- Visit the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. There you will find your child's grades, assignments, and attendance information. To access the Parent Portal, go to "Links" on our website and click on "Parent Portal" or "Portal Directions" or contact your child's Level Office for assistance.
- Report cards are posted in the Parent Portal four times a year. You will receive a "robo-call" when they are available.
- "Robo-calls" are sent home to notify or remind families of important information.
- A "robo-call" is sent home to confirm your child's absence from school or any class.
- A list of Student Announcements is read by students over the PA system every morning at the end of third period. You can access the content of these announcements at our website by following a "Quick Link" to "Student Announcements".
- Visit the Danbury High School website on a regular basis. There you will find information about events and activities, a link to the school calendar, Student Handbook, the Course of Study Guide, sports eligibility, services available through our Library Learning Commons, as well as procedures to follow for such things as obtaining working papers for minors, and much, much more.
- In addition to being communicated by a "robo-call", weather-related or emergency closings are reported to local TV and radio stations.
- The large LED sign in front of our building on Clapboard Ridge Road highlights important information.
- Our school newspaper, "The Hatters' Herald" provides in-depth stories written by our students about people and events important to the DHS community. You may access our online edition at www.hattersherald.com
- The quarterly DHS Honor Roll is printed in the NewsTimes
- In June, a list of scholarships awarded to our graduates is printed in the NewsTimes.

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OPT-OUT FORM

I, _____, hereby exercise my federal right, granted to me by the Congress of the United States under Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, (and any other applicable state, federal or local law or any school policy), and hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of _____, a current student at Danbury High School, not be released to military recruiters without prior written parental consent. I do, however, consent to the disclosure of such information to institutions of higher education other than military schools.

Signed by: (check one) Student____ Parent____

Signature_____ Date_____

Student ID number _____

Print name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Please submit completed form to the main office by October 2, 2017

Yearbook Information

Senior Portraits

The Danbury High School yearbook is off to a fine start. We have chosen a great group of students to lead the team as editors this year. I have high hopes for the new ideas and designs that these students will incorporate into this year's book. We are including in this newsletter some information as to deadlines for buying the yearbook as well as buying senior personal ads. The final date for the senior ads will be October 18th at noon. Please follow the directions to submit an ad, or to buy a book, carefully. There are more extensive directions for both on the DHS webpage (www.danbury.k12.ct.us) if you simply follow the links for yearbook.

Seniors need to schedule a session for their senior portrait now. The last date for photographs is in October, after that date there is no way to get your son or daughter's senior portrait in the book. If you call 1-800-426-9533 you can schedule an appointment now. There is absolutely no cost for this. You also need to understand that there is a strict dress code for the photos which will be strictly enforced this year. As always, if you should have any questions, please call the yearbook office at 1-203-797-4837.

Senior Personal Ads

There's no better way to commemorate years of accomplishment than with a personal message in the 2018 yearbook.

	Size	*What's included*	B & W Price	Color Price
Option 1	1/8 page	35 word message, no photo	$45	$50
Option 2	1/8 page	35 word message, 1 photo	$65	$75
Option 3	1/4 page	40 word message, 2 photos	$110	$120
Option 4	1/2 page	60 word message, 3 photos	$180	$210
Option 5	Full page	80 word message, 6 photos	$350	$400

The total words used in the ad could be less than the number indicated, but we will be forced to cut off any message which exceeds the maximum numbers of words cited above. Yes, even if it is only one word longer. Please double check your message and ensure the word count.

The deadline for purchasing an ad for this year's book is the close of school on October 18. Any ads received after this date (for a two week grace period) are subject to a $35 late fee. Checks should be made out to DHS Yearbook and the entire ad (payment, text, and photos) should be left in the main office, attention to Tom Porcelli/Yearbook, or dropped off at the yearbook office at any time. Questions should be directed to 797-4837 between 12:30 and 4pm.

Yearbook Sales

Danbury High School Yearbook--Aggregate 2018

For the third year in a row, we are happy to offer a new and easier way to purchase a yearbook. All you need to do is go to the yearbook website wwwyearbookordercenter.com and use order number 14095. If you'd like a yearbook this year, you will need to buy one through the Herff-Jones Company. They will offer you three ways to buy your book: by phone, through the mail, or online. For your convenience, you will now be able to pay by check, debit card, or credit card. Once you have paid, your child's name will be recorded and there will be a yearbook reserved for him or her. Our publishing company, Herff-Jones, will send you a reminder in the mail soon. If you do not purchase a book this fall, there is absolutely no guarantee that you

will be able to get a book in the spring. Furthermore, to ensure accuracy, **we will NOT be accepting money or orders for yearbooks at Danbury High School, all orders MUST go through Herff-Jones.**
You can contact Herff-Jones at 1-866-287-3096, or at the following email: www.yearbookordercenter.com or this website: yearbooks.biz or through mail at Herff Jones, Inc. P.O. Box 29, Edwardsville, KS 66113-9029. You'll need to know our school order number, and that is 14095.

We will offer reduced pricing for the books, so the lowest prices will occur in the fall, and they will gradually increase as the year progresses. I would like to suggest that you order a yearbook today to save yourself a few dollars and to ensure yourself a piece of Danbury's history.
Order the book from now until September 15 and it will cost you $60. The price increases to $65 for the next month, until October 15. From October 16 to November 20, the price is $70. Then, the price will be the regular rate of $78 from November 21 to March 1.

Photo Opportunities

If your child would like to be in pictures for the yearbook, they need to be seen! We will have photographers roaming the halls, the classrooms and the cafeteria on a number of days taking candid pictures of the students. This is an easy time to be available to have a picture taken with a friend or two. I will let you know that we rarely use large group photos in the book. The rationale for this is that the larger the group, the smaller the students will appear in the book. So, you might want to tell your son or daughter to avoid the large groups, but to stick with a friend or two.

On September 5th , a photographer will be taking candids throughout the building. On September 13 and 14 we will have a photographer taking photos of seniors and their cars. Again, we limit the students to being in only one of these pictures with no more than three friends. Photographers will be roaming the halls and such during spirit week and, of course, we will have extensive coverage of seniorfest and the homecoming game. Additionally, the yearbook staff will be balloting for superlatives in the cafeteria during October. In short, there are ample opportunities for your son or daughter to be photographed to be in the yearbook as much as possible, but the trick is to be here! We look forward to this exciting year putting together another fabulous book.

Senior Class- Celebrate your success

Celebrate your Graduate' success by purchasing a lawn sign to proudly display their achievement on your front lawn!! Cost is $20 without a name and $25 with the name displayed on BOTH sides. Complete the order form below and drop off in the Main office - Attn: Eileen Kline. Make checks payable to ***Hatters Foundation***. Any questions, send email to **thehattersfoundation@gmail.com**

Name:_____
Address:_____
Email: _____ Telephone: _____
No. of Signs(no name): _____ x $20 = _____
No. of Signs(with name): _____ x $25 = _____ Name:_____

CONGRATULATIONS

DHS CLASS

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Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)
K-12 Student/Parent Agreement

Use of a personal electronic device in the Danbury Public School system is subject to the following terms and conditions. By signing this agreement, you are bound to the terms as set forth below:

1. I acknowledge that I am choosing to use my personal electronic device for educational purposes while in school and may access the DPS Guest Wireless Network for said educational purposes.
2. I acknowledge that I assume full responsibility, and hold Danbury Public Schools harmless, for theft or damage to my personal electronic device, regardless of the manner in which it occurs.
3. I acknowledge that DPS is not responsible for providing technical support, maintenance, or troubleshooting for my personal electronic device.
4. I acknowledge that unauthorized use of my personal electronic device and/or the DPS Guest Wireless Network will result in revocation of the privilege of using both my personal electronic device and the DPS Guest Wireless Network, and that I will be subject to consequences as per Board of Education policy and the school's Discipline Code.

My signature below signifies that I have read, understand, and agree to the above conditions under which I may use my personal electronic device in DPS.

Signature of Student: _____

Print Name: _____

My signature below signifies that I have read, understand, and agree to the above conditions and have discussed the terms of this agreement with the student named above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Date: _____

Note: For Cum Folder – return to Level Office.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Danbury Board of Education declares the following to be "directory information" and the information relating to students may be made public if said information is in any of the following categories: the parent's name, address and/or email address, the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, photographic, computer and/or video images, date and place of birth, major field(s) of study, grade level, enrollment status (full-time; part-time), participation in school-sponsored activities or athletics, weight and height (if the student is a member of an athletic team), dates of attendance, degrees, honors and awards received, the most recent previous school(s) attended and student identification numbers for the limited purposes of displaying a student identification card.

This public notice is required by law before such information can be placed in yearbooks, student directories or other student publications. Since FERPA does not require disclosure of directory information, the Danbury Public Schools declines to release directory information when it is requested by third parties, while reserving the district's right to release directory information when district officials believe it is appropriate.

Within 30 days of receipt of this policy, a parent/guardian may object in writing to the disclosure of directory information. A form for such is available below. Such written objection shall be valid for only one school year.

PHOTOS FOR MEDIA USE (PARENTAL PERMISSION)

As stated in the Directory Information item above, unless otherwise notified by parent/guardian, the Danbury Board of Education will allow students to have photographs taken and used in the newspaper, videotapes, electronically including our website, and other publications. A form for such objection is available below. Such written objection shall be valid for only one school year.

Please complete this form ONLY IF YOU REFUSE CONSENT for the release of Directory Information. The form should then be returned to your child's Level Office.

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR THE RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT

I refuse to consent to the release of directory information for the student listed below. I understand that my refusal is effective only for the 2017-2018 school year. I further understand that, notwithstanding my refusal to consent to the disclosure of directory information to third parties, the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act permits the release of student information to certain individuals and/or organizations without parent consent under specific circumstances as enumerated in Board policy.

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Name of Student School

_____

Parent's Signature Date

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Student's Signature (if 18 years of age) Date

Danbury High School
Family and School Compact

Parents/Guardian: I will

- Contact teacher(s) if my child has any problems with learning
- Utilize the electronic grade book and other school-facilitated monitoring technologies to help keep in touch with my child's progress
- Foster an environment that is conducive to learning at home.
- Attend school-sanctioned events that inform parents and guardians
- Familiarize myself with the grade-level curriculum guides of my children
- Ensure consistent school attendance

Students' Pledge: I will

- Attend school and be on time for classes in accordance with school policy
- Come to class prepared to learn, organized, and ready to participate with required materials
- Let teacher(s) and family know if help is needed
- Demonstrate reasonable effort to complete classwork and homework
- Take advantage of extra help services and opportunities provided in school when in need
- Record assignments in the school planner or other graphic, personal organizer
- Dress as though school is your career and follow the school dress code

School & Teachers' Pledge: We will

- Reach out and attempt to create a partnership with every family of the students in our classes
- Monitor and provide regular feedback to students and parents/guardians in all classes regarding academic progress
- Make sure students are provided guidance and access to support
- Inform parents/guardians on a timely basis if students are struggling academically
- Utilize diverse teaching techniques which address multiple learning styles
- Ensure regular communication of learning objectives, rationale, and relevance of curriculum delivered daily
- Provide an academic environment that acknowledges and addresses the unique diversity of learning needs
- Foster an external and internal interface that welcomes and invites parent/guardian and community participation

	Parent/Guardian Name
Daniel E. Donovan, Principal	Parent/Guardian Primary Phone #
Student Name (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Cell #
	Parent/Guardian Email
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature

❑ My contact information may be shared with the Hatters Foundation, Inc.

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DANBURY HIGH SCHOOL PTO

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

The purpose of the PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at Danbury High School, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement, and to improve the environment at Danbury High School through volunteer and financial support.

Updated website: https://sites.google.com/danbury.k12.ct.us/dhspto/home

Join us via Facebook Group page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/283113835212477/

twitter **Join us via Twitter Group page:** https://twitter.com/dhspto1?lang=en

As one of the largest schools in the state, Danbury High School has so much to offer. We encourage you to become a part of the DHS community by joining the DHS Parent Teacher Organization. This is your opportunity to join in the excitement and vitality that is Danbury High School and it is a great way to stay involved in your child's education. The PTO Committee serves as an important communication vehicle between home and school. Our members give their time and talents to provide support for school photos, the Library Learning Commons, tutors, science fair/student mentors, and career speakers. Additional opportunities include dances (selling tickets, check in etc), play, senior activities, and graduation. Any time you can spare is appreciated.

Our Executive Board, Stephanie Fanning, Kim Moran, & Richard Matzinger are very excited to continue to provide informational sessions that help keep parents and guardians informed about activities relating to Danbury High School & your children. We have approximately 6 meetings/informational sessions a year. Past sessions have included teenage driving safety, drug and alcohol issues, and internet safety. We strive to bring age-related information to parents and guardians. We do fundraising as well. Last year we purchased charging stations for the Library Learning Commons and new filtered water fountains. Our goal is to provide items that can be used by the entire student population.

If interested in learning more about the PTO, or if you want to help in any of the above capacities, complete the section below and your information will be added to our database. It will be forwarded to the volunteer coordinator who sends out emails when help is needed. You can also become involved/find out more about the PTO by emailing us at DHSPTO@danbury.k12.ct.us or connect via any link noted above.

We are working with the district to attempt to replace the current water fountains on C3 and D3 with new filtered water fountains as we did last year near the gym. These water stations cost approximately $900 per unit. The DHS PTO is a 501c3 organization where all proceeds go to benefit our wonderful students. If you can help, please consider a tax deductible donation to the help us make purchases for school improvements useful to the entire student body. Your donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to the DHS PTO and mail to
DHS PTO, 43 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811 or drop off in the main office.

Our main fundraiser is a bake sale during Open House which is scheduled for September 18, 2017. If you are able to donate baked goods, snacks or water bottles for this event, please let us know at DHSPTO@danbury.k12.ct.us.
Our 1st meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017. Please stop by and see what we have planned for this year.

THANK YOU!

Please cut here*

DHS PTO/Volunteer Committee 2017/2018 (*Please Print Carefully*)

Name: ____

Student's Name(s) and Grades: ____

Phone or Cell phone: ______________________ **Email:**____________________@___________________

Please add my name to the volunteer list (please circle) Yes No