



# DHS PTSA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 19-20 Underclassmen Yearbook Photos, Auditorium Lobby**
- 19 Back to School Night 6:00 pm, Auditorium**
- 25 Open Mic night 6:00 pm, Auditorium**
- 25 PTSA General Meeting 7:00 pm, Library**
- 26 College Planning for Seniors, 7:00-8:00 pm, Cafeteria**
- 27 Senior Barbecue 2:30 - 4:00 pm, at the Rocks**
- 30 Rosh Hashanah—Schools CLOSED**

### OCTOBER

- 1-2 Homecoming Dress Swap 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Library**
- 3 Financial Aid Night, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Satellite Café**
- 5 SAT**
- 9 Yom Kippur**
- 10 Homecoming Dress Swap 2:30 - 3:30 pm,  
Library**
- 11 Homecoming Pep Rally**
- 12 Homecoming - Parade 9 am, JV 11 am, Varsity, 1 pm  
Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm**

## President's Letter

Dear Dulaney Community:

Welcome to the start of our new school year! And thanks for reading our newsletter. We try hard to fill it with information you can use.

Many thanks to those of you who have already joined and donated to Dulaney's PTSA. If you haven't done so yet, please do; your support helps us support our school. Please also join us at any of our monthly meetings, which are on Wednesdays in the school library.

Our first one is on **September 25**. All are welcome and we would love to see you there!

Interested in volunteering? We have lots of opportunities! Come to any of our meetings to hear about them or contact me anytime. Right now we need someone to take the lead on the Reflections arts and literature contest; the past chair is available and willing to help. We are forming a new Committee on Devices in Schools, which has its first meeting scheduled for Sept. 12 and could definitely benefit from your involvement. And of course, if you have an idea for a new PTSA activity, we are happy to work with you.

We continue to join Friends of Dulaney in advocating for immediate installation of window AC units in our classrooms without air conditioning. We are very disappointed that this has not happened yet. Positive steps and funding decisions have been made, but full funding is not yet secured and no installation dates have been set.

Please follow the PTSA and Friends of Dulaney on Facebook if you're a Facebook user, and read our monthly newsletters for updates on installing AC units and on our pursuit of funding for a new school and fields.

Sue Battle-McDonald  
PTSA President



**Dulaney HS Chamber Orchestra** has been selected for performance at the Maryland Music Educator's Association State Conference in Baltimore on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The Chamber Orchestra will present a concert as the high school orchestra performance-demonstration ensemble at the conference and is the most prestigious honor by invitation for performance in the Maryland Music Educator's Association.

## **NEW PTSA PARTNER**

Does your instrument or its bow need TLC? The PTSA's newest partner is a local small business owned by a former DHS parent. Erika Grant <http://www.violinmechanic.com/> opened her own string instrument repair workshop. She repairs violins, violas and cellos and rehairs their bows (and bass bows). Her mission is to help families and schools by providing her services at affordable prices. Example: bow rehairs are \$45. She loves to polish and touch up instruments, restoring them to their most glowing state. Free checkups are available for all sizes violins, violas and cellos. She can be reached at 443-449-9411 and is conveniently located in Cockeysville.

# School Counseling News

**SENIOR INFORMATION:** Join us for “College Planning Night” on Thursday, September 26th at 7PM in the Cafeteria. We will review using Naviance, the college application process, and more.

**SENIOR INFORMATION:** Join us for “Paying for College Night” on Thursday, October 3rd, at 7PM in the Satellite Cafeteria, to learn all about Financial Aid. To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form after October 1st and before March 1, 2020. Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free and easier than ever.

Counselors did Naviance/College Application lessons in all 12th grade English classrooms this week. Seniors are prepared to use Naviance to manage their applications and deadlines. On their home page is a step by step guide of the application process. REMINDER: Students must send their own SAT and ACT scores to colleges through the testing web sites.

**All grade 9, 10 and 11 students will take a PSAT on Wednesday, October 16th.** All they have to do to is show up with pencils and a calculator. Upon receiving scores reports in December, encourage your students to link their PSAT/NMSQT results to Khan Academy to access their SAT practice plans. Your student’s score report will have instructions on how to link to Khan Academy.

We hope everyone is off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year! **Welcome Class of 2023!**

## **CLASS OF 2020 NEWS**

The class of 2020 president is Mikala Mellis.

The date of Senior BBQ is September 27th!

Donations of water bottles and chips/snacks will be needed for the BBQ. Look out for a SignUp Genius!

## **STUDENT ADVOCACY**

Any student or parent with an item requiring advocacy for our students can submit their concern to Capri Ebright at [cebright@msn.com](mailto:cebright@msn.com) If you have any great ideas on how to make life for our students richer and create a better learning and social environment for them while they are at Dulaney please send us your thoughts and ideas via email. Together we can make a difference.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The class of 2020 needs to identify a new

Grad Gala Chair. It is a fun volunteering opportunity!

If you are interested please reach out to Linda Frederick

[lindapfrederick@verizon.net](mailto:lindapfrederick@verizon.net)

## PTSA Partners

Remember to support the PTSA's three local business partners, who support us while serving our students and families. Here's information about each one. Your feedback about experiences with any of these services, good or bad, is always welcome by phone or email.



**Need SAT prep?** The Answer Class SAT prep service also offers classes at Dulaney. Their next session will be Sept. 21. Here's a link: [Dulaney High School SAT Prep - The Answer Class](#)



**Need driver's ed?** [Elite Driving School](#) has classes at Dulaney year-round. Next session start on October 23. Click [HERE](#) to see discounted dates and times.

# Social Media and Important Websites

## Official School Website:

<http://dulaneyhs.bcps.org/>

## School Newspaper: The Griffin

<http://dulaneygriffin.org/>

## Sequel Creative Arts Magazine:

<http://sequelmagazine.org/>

## Athletics:

<http://www.dulaneyathletics.org/>

## Follow the PTSA on Facebook

[Dulaney High School PTSA](#)

## Twitter:

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS  
AT 7 PM IN THE LIBRARY. PARENTS,  
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE EN-  
COURAGE TO ATTEND.**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**