HAPPY FEBRUARY DULANEY!!

Dulaney High School, as many of you know, is need of a renovation, air conditioning and so much more to make our school fit for teachers, students and staff. A few pipes burst this past year, necessitating repairs; but what about other unseen hazards.

A group has recently formed called Friends of Dulaney High School. They have a Facebook page: Friends of Dulaney High School. The page has lots of information and pictures about some issues that are of concern. They speak regularly at the Baltimore County Board of Education meetings and have had school board members and local politicians tour the school to learn of our concerns. They need your help. ‘Like’ their page; they’d also love to have you attend some School Board meetings and speak on our school’s needs and the important role this plays on behalf of our students’ education now and for future students.

It’s amazing that we’re halfway through the school year. Be part of our long standing commitment to our school by joining our PTSA for only $8 per person and making your Lions Share donation now. We haven’t reached our membership or Lions Share goals, so be part of our great community. Forms are on our PTSA website for easy access. While the suggested donation for Lions Share is $40 per family, your donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Send these donations to the office, addressed to the PTSA. If you have already made your donations, we want to offer a big THANK YOU for continuing our PTSA tradition of supporting our fabulous school.

Patty Buck
DHS PTSA President

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
05 – REPORT CARDS distributed to students
07 – ACT
09 – Sports Booster Meeting; 7:00 pm, Library
14 – SGO Winter Dance, 7-10pm (snow date 2/22)
16 – Presidents’ Day- SCHOOLS CLOSED
19 – PTSA Meeting; 7:00 pm, Library

SENIOR CAPS AND GOWNS

Orders for graduation caps and gowns have already been completed. If you did not order a cap and gown for your child, YOU must contact the Baltimore County Public School vendor, NRP Atlantic, directly at www.nrpatlantic.com.

Caps and gowns are a requirement to participate in the graduation ceremony and students who do not order a cap and gown will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Therefore, it is critical that orders are placed now.

Questions? Senior Class Advisors:
Sean Bowmaster: sbowmaster@bcps.org
Rene Curry: rcurry2@bcps.org

PEER TUTORING

3RD Quarter…consider how you’re doing with your studies. GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HELP!! DON’T BE EMBARRASSED! No matter the time of year, everyone needs a little help. Dulaney offers FREE, CONFIDENTIAL Peer Tutoring sessions? Grab a sign-up form in the Library. Get help before/after school; maybe even at lunchtime. WR1, All in!! Your tutor could turn out to be your new best friend!
MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Six choral members have been selected to represent Dulaney High School in the All-State Choral Festival. Of the approximately 1,500 students who auditioned, only 1/5 were selected to participate, so this is quite an achievement!

Please be sure to congratulate the following students:

Mandy Bilger
Daniel Morthole
Sahana Raju
Sarah Ruehle
Anna Steuerman
Louis Witt

Additionally, two of these students were identified as representing the top 6% of the State of Maryland and have been invited to sing in the All-Eastern Festival, which will take place in Rhode Island in the Spring. That honor goes to Mandy Bilger and Sarah Ruehle! Way to go!!

RELAY FOR LIFE

Again, we are so excited to announce the installment of our school's chapter of "Relay For Life" (a huge fundraiser for cancer research, part of the American Cancer Society) this year. Students, faculty, parents, and members of the community can make teams. Teams raise money all year and everyone comes together on April 25th at Dulaney for the Relay event. Until then, you and your team (usually teams are around 10-15 people, but there is no limit) fundraise. You can either register as a team or as an individual at relayforlife.org/dulaneymd. Get started TODAY!

GRAD GALA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Grad Gala, a safe After-Prom Party free to all seniors and their guests, will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015. If you have not yet sent in a contribution to help make this year’s gala a success, please consider doing so. In addition to personal contributions, please consider making a donation from your company, if you are in a position to do so. All corporate contributors will be acknowledged in our advertising for this event. Should you have any questions, be sure to contact Diana Williams (dtjwilliams@yahoo.com) or Chris Chambers (bradandchris@comcast.net) with any questions. Thank you for your support.

GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN’

Elite Driving School offers driver education classes monthly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3pm-6:15pm. This convenient service also serves as a fund raiser for the PTSA. For each driver’s ed student at Dulaney, Elite donates money to the PTSA. Last year alone we raised over $4000 that helped fund various PTSA activities. Elite is the only AAA certified school in Maryland, has an A+ rating with the BBB and is a very active and supportive member of our community for over 20 years. Check them out at www.drivingschool.net. Upcoming classes below:

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STUDENT CLUBS – To any group looking to raise awareness about teen driver safety, Elite will be happy to help out. National youth lead programs such as NOYS’s Act Out Loud http://www.actoutloud.org/what-act-out-loud and State Farm’s Celebrate My Drive http://www.celebratemydrive.com/About offer students an opportunity to raise awareness while raising money. These programs are peer to peer and an excellent opportunity for teens to show leadership skills while raising up to 100k for your school.

GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE??

Send it over to dulaneynewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd week of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter (if appropriate)!! Note, next newsletter will be March 1, 2015.

WANT THE 411 ON OUR SCHOOLS??

Do you want to learn more about BCPS initiatives and what's happening in our schools? Please subscribe to the BCPS weekly e-newsletter for the latest news about school system initiatives, honors and activities – as well as a weekly message from Superintendent S. Dallas Dance and other information about upcoming Parent University offerings. To subscribe, please visit the following site: http://www.bcps.org/news/TeamBCPSNewsletter.html.
Coach Desi Mc Nelis was captain of his wrestling and soccer teams while attending Loyola High School. In college, he lettered multiple times in cross-country and wrestling. As a wrestler, he was named Outstanding Wrestler in the Junior College State Tournament and started in his last two years at Division I East Stroudsburg (Pa.).

Having only begun his wrestling career in 9th grade, he did not start reaching his potential until after college, when he competed year-round for another 15 years. He was Greco-Roman National Champion and reached All-American status numerous times in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman. Internationally, he won the English Open and placed 4th at the World Cup. He was an Olympic Trial qualifier in 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988. Coach Mc Nelis placed 6th in the 1984 Trials and was Olympic alternate in 1988.

As a runner, he has placed as high as 19th overall in the Maryland Marathon, as well as being part of a relay team that set a world record. It lasted in the Guinness Book of World Records for more than 16 years.

Coach Mc Nelis is entering his 34th year as head wrestling coach and his 17th year at Dulaney High School (17 years at St. Paul's School for Boys). Coach Mc Nelis has coached three State Champions, 22 County Champions and has over 400 career dual meet wins. He earned his 300th Dual victory with Dulaney at this year’s Loch Raven Duals Invitational.

Desi will be inducted into the Baltimore County Wrestling Hall of Fame Saturday, February 21st at the County Championships held at Franklin High School. We are all so proud and excited for Coach Mc Nelis!

Congratulations!
DULANEY MUSICIANS HELP LONDON RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Timonium, MD -- Sixty-three members of Dulaney High School’s Marching Band and Color Guard, “The Lion’s Roar”, have returned from London, England, where they exhibited phenomenal talent and marched right into the hearts of every spectator of the 2015 London New Year’s Day Parade.

This was their second appearance at the parade; their inaugural trip was in 2011. Once the representatives of the London New Year’s Parade committee realized how the 2011 crowd enjoyed their performance, the band was invited to return for the 2015 parade.

The “Lion’s Roar” is known for its impressive sound and marching skill. This precision has earned the band many “First Place” and “Best in Class” awards in parades and performances throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Another part of the festival was the LNYD Concert Series, during which the Dulaney Wind Ensemble gave a stellar performance in Cadogan Hall.

Director Barry Chesky leads both the marching band and the wind ensemble. Be sure to congratulate all of them on another impressive show!!

Photo credit Scott Upton.
DULANEY THINKS PINK

Timonium, MD – During the week of January 19th, the Dulaney Student Government Organization joined forces with the girls basketball teams to sponsor Cancer Awareness Week. Each day, students and faculty were asked to wear a specified color that corresponds to the support of cancer survivors. The week ended in ‘Think Pink’ activities. In the morning, students purchased a Hat Pass for a dollar donation which allowed them to wear hats in class.

The ‘Think Pink’ basketball games were postponed due to inclement weather. They have been rescheduled for Monday, February 9th, junior varsity plays at 4:30 p.m. and varsity plays at 6:00 p.m. The team members will wear the ‘Roar for a Cure’ shooting shirts and the gymnasium will be “pinked out” with balloons, ribbons, posters, etc. A concession stand bake sale, halftime prizes and giveaways will brighten the event. Everyone is welcome. All donations and the gate admissions to the games will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Stacy Herring and Vicki Bracken are the advisors of the SGO. Jessica Szymanski is the girls varsity basketball coach.
Students Examine World Hunger

Timonium, MD – Nutrition and Foods teacher, Belinda Knott, and Environmental Science teacher, John Enders, joined their classes for a lesson designed to make students aware of world hunger and its relation to poverty, using the OxFam America Hunger Banquet format. This format brings attention to the more than 2.5 billion people who live in poverty, suffering from chronic hunger.

Students were divided into three socioeconomic levels -- higher class, middle class, and lower class. Each group was served a representative meal while role playing a real-life character and how their circumstances were changed. The high income group was served a nutritious meal while seated. The middle income group was called to a buffet. The low income group sat on the floor and ate rice served from a large bowl.

Students prepared for the banquet by reading articles and having discussions through blogging. Most of the reaction from students was positive, sharing personal feelings about social injustice and what changes can be made to fight world hunger.
Not long ago, a fellow Dulaney student and I toured the halls of our school with two special visitors: a Senator and a school board member. During that tour, we voiced not only concerns of ours, but those of our classmates, from water quality to auditorium renovations and the like. Somehow it all came back to two major problems: air conditioning and piping. What would impact students the most would certainly be the former; however, the lack of safety and total damage caused by the old pipes carrying brown water is arguably a close second.

We covered a lot of space in a short amount of time, but that was not the only reason we were out of breath by the end. Two hours of constant conversation about what we need to address to make our school a better place was exhausting (both physically and mentally.) Stopping for a moment to simply focus on the facilities where we learn every day was a bit depressing for us, since during school we usually try to focus on what we are afforded instead of that which we are not. I’d like to think the majority looks at the glass as being half full instead of half empty. Personally, I often worry about this as I reflect on why students don’t have more school spirit at Dulaney. How can I blame them, when they are surrounded every day by brown water, sweaty, over crowded hallways, and cracked pavement in parking lots without any assistance from an earthquake? It would not be rational in any way to tell students that they should be proud of that. To be quite honest, we’re still trying to figure out a way around it.

While it would take an immeasurable amount of time for me to enumerate what we need to fix school-wise, I can provide a more uplifting answer to the immediate question of what we can do starting right now. Both of our visitors expressed a particular interest in hearing our concerns as students, meaning: they would like to see us become more involved in improving the facilities on our own before they intervene (a logical first step in any major project.) We can start by asking ourselves: How can we take a more active role in improving minor things without additional funding? Are there student committees working together to help maintain what we already have? Have we reached out to others in the community with the Friends of Dulaney Facebook page? These are just a few questions to get the ball rolling on how to tackle our massive school improvement project already under way. While we’d all like to make for a better tomorrow, we truly need to be ALL IN on this to make a difference for current and future Lions. Please join us in helping to make Dulaney a better place.

-Kristin Newman, SGO President
National Honor Society
Selection Criteria

Membership in the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon those students who exemplify high standards of scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Candidates for membership must have attended Dulaney High School for at least one semester and must be second-semester sophomores or members of the junior or senior class. In addition, they must meet the following criteria:

Scholarship
All candidates must have a cumulative, unweighted Grade Point Average of 3.30 or better.

Service
In general, we are seeking students who...
- have demonstrated quality service to the school and to the community
- are OFTEN involved in such service
- demonstrate willingness to serve others without complaint or for recognition
Specifically, a candidate ...
- must have been involved in school and community activities which benefit others and for which they do not receive compensation.

Character
In general, we are seeking students who...
- are highly regarded by peers and faculty
- have integrity above reproach
- consistently follow sound ethical and moral principles
Specifically, a candidate must...
- demonstrate the highest standards of honesty and reliability, observe instructions and rules, be punctual and comply with all school regulations
- take criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously
- show a consistent willingness to assist classmates, faculty, and staff, demonstrating honor, trust, and integrity

Leadership
In general, we are seeking students who...
- successfully and commendably hold an elected office or position of leadership in school activities and/or
- promote worthy and proper school activities
- support class and school rules
- demonstrate dependability and initiative

Note: The Faculty Council of the National Honor Society alone will judge whether a specific activity is of leadership nature, after conferring with sponsors and/or teachers. Paying jobs or activities connected with them will neither count for leadership or service nor serve as an excuse for not having such activities.

1. Identification of candidates begins with the release of first semester report cards. Students who have attended Dulaney High School for at least one semester and who are members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class are eligible to be considered for membership. **There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 2:30 in the auditorium to discuss selection criteria and determine scholastic eligibility.** (Last day to check grades is Tuesday, Feb 10th, 2014 by 2:30 in Room 113)

2. Students meeting the academic requirement of **3.30 unweighted GPA**, cumulative from grade nine, and who are interested in being considered for NHS membership must complete a Student Activity Information Form. **It is the student’s responsibility to get the form and submit it by 2:30 on Friday, February 13, 2015.** As the process for NHS selection is lengthy, NO STUDENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP WHO HAVE NOT MET THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FORM.

3. The NHS Advisors will check that the students have met the “Service” requirement for eligibility. They will then prepare a list of eligible students for faculty members to rate for “Character” and “Leadership.”

4. NHS Advisors will collect and tabulate the faculty ratings and compile their comments for each student.

5. The Faculty Council of the National Honor Society will then meet to vote on selection of new members.
   - There must be sufficient evidence in all four areas (Scholarship, Service, Character, and Leadership) for selection.
   - Student Activity Information Forms will be used to ascertain the degree of commitment each student has made to “Service.”
   - Faculty evaluation will be presented to the committee as a positive total in separate categories of “character” and “leadership”. Each “no” vote received will require two “yes” votes to cancel it. The council will also be apprised of all faculty comments regarding the candidates.
   - A majority vote of the Faculty Council of the National Honor Society will determine election to membership.

6. Students will be informed of the decision of the Faculty Council of NHS. **Formal induction into membership takes place on Tuesday, March 31st, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**
Dear Parents,

On Friday May 15, 2015, the Senior Class will have its Prom. The ‘Grad Gala’ is immediately after the Prom, runs until 3:00am, and is held at Towson University. It is a nonalcoholic, drug-free event put on by the parents. Its purpose is to give the Seniors a safe place to go after the Prom. There are games, music, prizes, food, etc. It takes a great deal of time, effort and volunteers to make this event a success. We need about 100 volunteers the night of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emily Miller at pmiller21@verizon.net and indicate if you want to help with set up/decorations, clean up, prizes, games, food, security, lion loot (the money they use for the games) or registration. You must be a PTSA member by the night of the event. We will have a Volunteer Meeting in late April or early May to discuss the details of the event.

Thank you,

Emily Miller
Volunteer Chair
Dulaney Student’s Poetry Reading Earns Award

Timonium, MD – The Maryland State Arts Council recently held its annual ‘Poetry Out Loud’ competition, Baltimore County division. Contestants from private and public schools were judged on their memorization and performance of poetry.

Lisa McCullough, Dulaney High junior, won third place with her entries "Onions" by William Matthews and "On a Drop of Dew" by Andrew Marvell. Congratulations Lisa!!

Judges commended the unique performances and amazing talent in the competition. Participants noted this opportunity was an amazing way to discover poetry. ‘Poetry Out Loud’ is a literary arts program created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.
February Grad Gala Restaurant Events

Mark your calendars for two great Grad Gala Fundraising events in February. Both events will benefit Dulaney’s Post-Prom Party.

California Pizza Kitchen – Hunt Valley

Monday, February 16th All Day
Dine In or Carry Out
Please mention Dulaney when ordering.

Chick-fil-A Timonium

Tuesday, February 24th 5pm – 9pm
Dine In or Carry Out
Please mention Dulaney when ordering.

Thanks for your support!!
THE LION’S $HARE
THE ANNUAL PTSA FUND-RAISING DRIVE

• As the only school-wide PTSA fund-raiser of the year, the Lion’s $hare campaign gives each Dulaney family the opportunity to make a contribution that will have an immediate impact on Dulaney High School.

• Last year, Dulaney High School families generously donated $20,000. Thanks to all those who gave to the worthwhile projects of the PTSA.

• Those funds were used to:
  + Publish your PTSA Newsletters, Directory and Tri-fold
  + Support the school news paper, The Griffin, and the literary Magazine and The Sequel
  + Support student awards programs, Parent Network Projects, and individual departments
  + Award $6000 in college scholarships
  + Support School and Grounds beautification projects, School Spirit, Special Projects, and PTSA leadership activities

• We are requesting a donation of $40.00 per student. If you are able to give more, your generosity would be especially helpful. Donations of any amount are acceptable and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

• Please use the tear-off below to send in your donation to the school’s main office. Make checks payable to Dulaney High School PTSA.*

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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DULANEY LION’S SHARE CONTRIBUTION 2014 – 2015 CAMPAIGN

Parents’ Names ___________________________ Amount Contributed ___________________________

Street Address ___________________________ Telephone Number ___________________________

City, Zip ___________________________ Email Address ___________________________

Student’s Name ___________________________ Grade ___________________________

Student’s Name ___________________________ Grade ___________________________

*Lion’s Share contributions ONLY in the Lion’s Share envelope provided, PLEASE. 07/14/14
PTSA Membership
It’s a great investment!

Dulaney High invites you to join the PTSA for the 2014-2015 school year. The PTSA offers many benefits to our teachers, students, and school.

- On the state and national level, PTSA provides a voice in local, state and national governments on important topics such as school funding, facilities, and teaching standards.
- Dulaney PTSA provides a direct benefit to our school through support for the various departments including Art, Business Education, Dance/Fine Arts, Drama, English, Foreign Language, Guidance, Health Services, Home Economics, Journalism, Library, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies and Special Education.
- Our school also benefits from PTSA funding for The Literary Magazine, Book Club, teacher appreciation activities, school beautification projects and much more!
- PTSA distributes a monthly newsletter to faculty and parents helping to keep everyone up to date with current events and important issues happening at Dulaney.

Please consider joining with us to make this our best year ever! Your membership will help us to meet our goals for the year. Dues are $8.00 per person. To join, simply complete the attached envelope, enclose cash or check made payable to Dulaney High School PTSA, and send to the main office.

Thank you for your support and best wishes for a successful school year!
DULANEY HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA Membership Envelope

Please return this envelope to the appropriate homeroom teacher via your student as soon after the opening of school as possible.

Mr. ___________________________ $8.00
Mrs. ___________________________ $8.00
Student (s) ______________________ Homeroom Grade __________ $8.00
________________________________ Homeroom Grade __________ $8.00

Address ____________________________________________________________

Zip Code __________ Total Amount Enclosed ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Phone # ____________________________________________

E-Mail Address ______________________________________________________

A portion of your dues is paid to our county, state and national PTA organizations.
Thank you for your support.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY