IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER

4 Winter Assembly 9:20 am - 10:45 am, Auditorium
4 Last Day to order Poinsettias (see flyer!)
7 Winter Concert A, 7:00 pm, Auditorium (Band, Choir, Guitar) (snow date 12/12)
9 ACT
11 Sports Booster 7:00 pm, Library Classroom
13 Winter Concert B, 7:00 pm, Auditorium (Band, Orchestra, Choir, Dance, Guitar) (snow date 12/19)
21 Chamber Choir Sings at Valley View Farms, 8-9 am
22 Winter BREAK begins at end of school day
Winter is Coming!

December is upon us and with the holiday break approaching the school is in full swing to get things done before ringing in the new year. Counselors have been visiting students and registration is in full force. Please take some time to discuss your DHS student’s options and choices. There are so many great classes to pick from and as I have experienced in the past, the best way to help your student succeed is to be involved and supportive.

You can also be involved and help the programs at DHS prosper by becoming a member of the PTSA. We are here to serve and we would love to have you on board. CLICK HERE if you would like to make a direct donation. It’s the giving season and your contribution directly improves DHS and supports your student.

Elite Driving School has a new blog with important information and tips. Check it out at http://drivingschool.net/blog

Don’t miss the Peter and the Starcatcher, the Fall drama production in the Auditorium 7:00 pm on 12/01 and 12/02. If you have never been to a drama production, you will be amazed! The kids and staff work very hard to make this happen and it is always really good. I highly recommend!

We also have the Winter concerts on the 7th and the 13th and the Chamber Choir will be singing at Valley View Farms on the 21st at 8 am. These are a perfect way to start the holiday season. You will not be disappointed!

Last but not least, I wish you all a safe and peaceful winter break and a marvelous New Year.

Camila Januario
Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor
camilasjanuario@gmail.com
A Word from your PTSA President

Holiday Greetings!

We hope everyone in our Dulaney community had a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday weekend. As we look forward to winter break, we are filled with gratitude. We are grateful for the teachers and staff who care about our students and keep things running at Dulaney. We are grateful for all the students who do their best both in their classes and in their roles as members of the school community. We are grateful to all the parents and guardians who have supported the school and the PTSA by joining, donating through Lions Share, and volunteering and contributing in other ways. We are even grateful to you for reading this newsletter! Our warmest thanks to all of you.

Here's a quick summary of some of the things your PTSA is working on right now:
* Advocacy! A very important role for any PTSA. See related article in this newsletter.
* Dulaney spirit wear.
* Winter and spring lunch events to help remind our wonderful teachers and staff how much they are appreciated by their school community.
* Working with guidance staff and others to meet critical needs of students whose families find themselves in challenging circumstances, and working to secure continued funding for these support activities.
* School Beautification - planting flowers and taking other steps to spruce up our school grounds.
* Reflections – the national arts competition.
* A new PTSA bulletin board at the school, near the guidance office, to help students and others stay informed about our activities.
* Looking for a coordinator for school activities during the national Screen-Free Week in the spring.

We are having a great time working on these things, and would love for you to join us. Each of these activities, like everything we do, can be made better by your participation. PTSA volunteering is extremely flexible and can accommodate your schedule and interests. Contact me anytime if you are interested in volunteering or joining our team this year. And if you volunteered in the past and haven't been contacted - sorry! Please try again. We do our best but we are all busy parents, and sometimes things slip through the cracks.

And one final note: if you are among the hundreds of parents and other folks served by the PTSA who haven't gotten around to joining yet, it's not too late! Just click CLICK HERE to join and donate quickly online.

Best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Sue Battle-McDonald
Dulaney PTSA President
suebattle@yahoo.com
Key Club News

Thank you for supporting Dulaney Key Club! Including the month of November, we have volunteered almost 2200 hours of service this year. This month, we'll help spread holiday cheer with events like Salvation Army Bell Ringing, tree decorating at St. Vincent's Villa, and our annual Holiday Concert at College Manor Assisted Living Facility.

We will also be selling SANTAGRAMS at all lunch shifts starting December 7th through the 20th! Proceeds for these plushies (pictured below) will go to the Thirst Project, an initiative aimed towards research and awareness for the global water crisis. Please support this cause by purchasing plushies for your friends (or yourself). They will be sold outside the Satellite Cafeteria for $3 each.
A Word from the School Nurse

Flu season is upon us and the key is prevention. The best way to protect your family is by receiving the annual flu vaccine. The viruses that cause the flu are constantly changing making it necessary to receive the vaccine every year. The vaccine is suggested for anyone 6 months and older. The flu season generally runs from October to May and should be received as soon as it becomes available. It is especially important for children suffering from asthma or diabetes because the flu can exacerbate these issues and cause serious complications.

Everyone must play a part in flu prevention to help maintain a healthy school. Sick days can be disruptive to students and teachers which is why everyone should follow these flu prevention tips.

- Receive annual flu vaccine
- Regularly wash hands
- Stay home if sick
- Cover mouth when coughing
- Refrain from sharing personal items *ex. Water bottles, chapstick etc.*

If your child is sick with a fever, please refrain from sending them to school. It is important to prevent the spread to other students and staff. The child can return to school once their fever has subsided for 24 hours without the use of medications.

If you notice any of the following signs and symptoms you should schedule an appointment with your primary health care provider:

- Vomiting for an extended period of time
- Fast or troubled breathing
- Fever
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Bluish/gray skin discoloration
Dear Dulaney Parents, Guardians & Friends of Dulaney, (from all grades)

We are the parent volunteers for the Class of 2018 Grad Gala. The Grad Gala is an after prom, off-campus event for our seniors and their prom guests. Each year we rent space and turn it into a fun evening/ morning for our graduates to celebrate the end of their senior year. We fill this venue with entertainment, food, games, prizes, movies and so much more to encourage them to stay all night, in this safe environment.

We have many volunteers working hard on making this event a wonderful experience for our children. There are many costs involved and we need your support, along with the local business community. There are many ways to get involve and help.

You can volunteer your time. You can make a donation. You can donate gifts or prizes. You can attend a restaurant fundraiser. There are so many ways to help. Please see our attached letter on the next page and our flyer for the Applebee’s Breakfast! So Please….. Get involve, make a donation, and attend our exciting fundraising events.

For more information visit our new website: www.DulaneyGradGala.wixsite.com/dhs2018

Thank you for all your support!
The 2018 Grad Gala Committee
Dear Dulany Parents, Guardians & Friends of Dulany,

On Friday, May 18, 2018, the class of 2018 will hold its senior prom, to be followed by the after prom event, known as the Grad Gala. The Grad Gala is an off-campus, alcohol & drug free event. It is FREE to all seniors and guests, even if they do not attend the senior prom. It draws more than 500 attendees each year and is a fun and safe event for after prom.

In order to make Grad Gala 2018 and unforgettable experience, we need your help. The cost of the event is usually over $25,000. The funds for this event are raised through donations from our business community. A bigger portion are donations made through families and friends of Dulany. This includes families of all grades.

Please consider making a $50 donation or any amount you feel comfortable with, to support this evening. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the key to making our 2018 Grad Gala a fun and safe alternative for our seniors.

Sincerely,

Maryann Carter & Katie Widner
Chairpersons, Grad Gala 2018 Planning Committee

Please make checks payable to DHS Grad Gala. Return your check to:

Dulaney High School
Attn: Grad Gala
255 E Padonia Road
Timonium, MD 21093

Student Name__________________________ Grade__________

Parent Name______________________________

Email Address____________________________

Donation Amount $______________________

I want to volunteer at the Grad Gala
Name________________________ Phone____________________

(All parent volunteers welcome from all grades. Ideal for parents of rising seniors.)
Dulaney Theatre Company Presents:

Peter and the Starcatcher

Find out how Peter Pan got his name and learned how to fly by supporting the Dulaney Theatre Company and see Peter and the Starcatcher on November 30th, December 1st and December 2nd at 7pm. With a special kid friendly show on December 2nd at 2pm. Tickets are $10 for everyone. Any questions email the Director, Ms. Moon at tmoon@bcps.org.

Hope to see you there!

National Honor Society

Sophomores and Juniors that would like to apply to be a member of National Honors Society:

We will have an informational meeting after school at 2:30PM on January 3rd in the auditorium. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory. If you have a GPA of 3.3 or above, we will give you an application at this meeting.

Looking forward to meeting with you.
Ms Hedrick (room 319) and Ms Siff (room 320)
NEWS from the
Student/Parent Advocacy Committee

The role of the advocacy committee is to represent the voice of our parent and student community and take a stand to accomplish positive changes for our children and families. Our goal is to serve you, the families that make up the Dulaney High School community and your Dulaney student.

We want every one of our children to reach his/her potential to its fullest. This can be accomplished by providing a supportive and strong learning environment and a school environment that actively strives to teach our children at its highest level and offers support for social events as well.

We encourage you to bring your issues to us so that we can research and address them as appropriate. Please let me know if you have any concerns that you think should be brought to the attention of the advocacy committee. Please email me at cebright@msn.com.

Capri Ebright
STUDENT ACCOUNTS AT BCPL

Effective immediately, all Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) students have access to Baltimore County Public Library resources via new Student Accounts

http://www.bcpl.info/kids-teens-parents-teachers/student-accounts

This initiative, the result of Baltimore County Public Library and BCPS’ shared goal of providing all students unfettered access to public library resources, removes any barriers — including late fees — that students and families may have faced in the past.

Through their Student Accounts, all Baltimore County Public Schools students are now able to borrow up to five (5) print or audio books at one time and have access to all Baltimore County Public Library’s online resources. Students who visit any of the library’s 19 Baltimore County locations may check out materials by scanning a BCPS One card or through their student identification numbers; online resources can be accessed on

http://www.bcpl.info/ via a student identification number.

In an effort to be as flexible as possible with young library customers, Student Account holders will not accrue late or extended-use fees. While borrowing privileges may be blocked due to unreturned items (30 days after an item is due), accounts will always offer access to online resources and databases.

Please contact Mrs. Sofinowski, library media specialist, with any questions. Asofinowski@bcps.org
Now Offering Classes At

Dulaney High School

2017 - 2018 Class Schedule
Monday-Friday, 3:00pm – 6:15pm

- 96% of our students pass the driving test on the 1st try!
- Two decades of driver education experience!
- Free pickup and drop off anywhere in our service area!
- Behind the wheel lessons available immediately!
- MVA Certified professional and patient instructors ready to teach you!

$25 Off
Any class session

Online Discount Code- DH127
Expires 12/03/2017
(Not valid after the 1st day of class)

To register or for more information visit
www.drivingschool.net or call 410-363-7483
(Mon-Fri 12:00 pm - 6:30 pm)

Follow our blog with important tips
http://drivingschool.net/blog/

***Students must be at least 15 years old to take Drivers Education. We recommend students are closer to getting their learners permit (at least 15 years and 9 months) before enrolling in class.

Class dates and times are subject to change. Dates listed are for the classroom portion only. Behind the Wheel lessons are taken after all classroom hours have been completed.

This organization and its materials are not affiliated with, sponsored by, or endorsed by Baltimore County Public Schools, the Superintendent, or this Baltimore County public school or office.
Dulaney High School Horticulture  Poinsettia Sale 2017

Dulaney is proud to have the only remaining Horticulture program in BCPS. Support this program as our students get back to basics learning how to care for plants, grow food and propagate plants. These beautiful plants are supplied by the White House Nursery in Sparks, MD. They will arrive Thursday December 14th and can be picked up between the gym and cafeteria during lunches. Please order before Dec. 4th.

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Sellers Name ______________________________ Checks payable to Dulaney High School
This form is due: Dec. 4th  Delivery date: Dec. 14 Questions? email: John Enders  jenders@bcps.org
From the Counseling Department

It is registration time! Counselors are giving presentations on the registration process, scheduling options, and how to complete the registration forms. (Directions are on the back of the forms.) Students will have two weeks to review their materials. Please review with them and sign their forms. We will then meet individually with each student beginning December 14th to review their selections, to answer all questions, and to collect their forms. We have asked students to hold their questions until their meetings as we will be in classrooms giving presentations.

When we return from winter break, counselors will be doing classroom lessons with sophomores and juniors on college and career planning, as well as updating everyone’s 6-year plans.
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**PTSA Funding Available!**

Are you in charge of an activity or event that could use some funding? Maybe you have a new idea that needs seed money? The PTSA needs to hear from you so we can try to work your needs into our budget!

Please email PTSA President Sue Battle-McDonald at suebattle@yahoo.com any time about any funding needs. Please include "PTSA funding" in the subject line of your email. If you're not sure whether your idea would qualify for funding, or how much you'd need, no problem - email anyway!
The Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) encourages students to submit their existing science fair or senior project for a chance to win college scholarships and greater exposure for their research.

Students have the opportunity to win up to $2,000 in undergraduate tuition scholarships and the top 5 finalists are invited to the National JSHS where they can win up to $12,000 in scholarships.

High school students from the State of Maryland who have conducted original research in one of eight categories (Mathematics & Computer Science, Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Medicine & Health, Biomedical Sciences, and Environmental Science) are eligible. In most cases, students' projects can meet the JSHS requirements with some tweaking. To learn more about JSHS, visit ter.ps/jshs.

Hosted and sponsored by the University of Maryland, in partnership with the Academy of Applied Sciences and the US Army Forces, the competition will be held on Wed March 14, 2018

Jan 16 - Deadline to submit papers

If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation about JSHS, please contact jshsterp@umd.edu or at 301-405-8467. Explore our website ter.ps/jshs
Prevent Violence

Safe Streets Sandtown Winchester
Community partners can provide:

- Charm cards/public transit tokens
- Gift cards
- New clothing
- Prizes for violence prevention events for youth
- Prepaid debit cards
- Meat

volunteercfs@cc-md.org | 667.600.3039

What goes up must come down!

UnDeck the Halls

at St. Vincent's Villa

Help tear everything down

Saturday Dec. 30th
10 am - 2 pm
WHY WRITE MULTIPLE CHECKS?

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PTSA MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS FOR LION$HARE* & GRAD GALA**.

CLICK HERE

VOLUNTEERING? SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THAT TOO!
THE INPUT FORM IS ALSO ON THIS WEBSITE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Lion$hare is the PTSA’s direct-donation fundraiser. We do this to avoid asking students to sell things.
**Grad Gala is Dulaney’s after-prom party, designed to provide a safe and alcohol-free environment for our students and their guests.

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:
@ dulaneyptsa
@dulaneygriffin
@dulaneyhigh
@dulaneysequel
@dulaneyscience
@dulaneylions
@REX1727 (robotics)
@DulaneyVoices (choir)
VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM
FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

Think you might be interested in volunteering in support of the PTSA and school community, but not sure what you’d like to do? Please review the options below and check the boxes next to those that interest you. NO OBLIGATION! If your availability or preferences change later, that’s OK. But we’d love to have you!

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To submit this form, either bring it to a monthly PTSA meeting or drop it in the PTSA box in the school office, or email a picture to PTSA President Sue Battle-McDonald at suebattle@yahoo.com. Questions? Interested in working on something not listed? Contact Sue!

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YOUR NAME

YOUR STUDENT NAME(s)/GRADE(s)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR E-MAIL