

Durand Area High School

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Student Recognition

DHS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) announced their winners for the September "First Impressions" PBIS event. All staff at DHS submitted the names of students who had made good first impressions to start the year in the areas of behavior, preparation, grades, attendance, and work completion. We had several dozen students nominated. They all received a DHS PBIS Golden Ticket.



Students who received multiple golden tickets earned Plinko chips and were able to play during lunch to win gift cards. Our four gift card winners were Brody Demo, Lyza Schneider-Janes, Harper Sturgeon, and Owen DeLorge. Congratulations to all the winners for this month. October's PBIS event will focus on student attendance.



Senior Sunrise

Our seniors once again celebrated Senior Sunrise, which will be followed by Senior Sunset in the spring. This symbolizes the beginning and end of their senior year and gives the students one more opportunity to come together to celebrate such an important and memorable time of their lives. Students were treated to donuts out at the football stadium, and they had the most beautiful sunrise!



Homecoming Activities

Thank you to Mrs. Chelsea Schaub, our student government advisor, for a fantastic homecoming in her first year as advisor. It is a huge undertaking and she does a great job organizing everything and making it a special week for the students. We brought back a lunch activity, the seniors won powderpuff 26-14, and we had an epic battle of "rock-paper-scissors", ultimately won by Colten Fryer.



Congratulations to our homecoming court!

Senior boys: Carver Purdy, Brock Randall, Irie Ocenasek, Kingsten Kilburn, Noah Kauffman. Senior girls: Natalie Hernandez, Melanie Mills, Lorraine Smith, Hailey Betts, Madison Lanxton. Junior representatives: Brody Demo and Josephina DeYoung. Sophomore representatives: Lucas Goodman and Addison Minto. Freshman representatives: Noah Wood and Hadley Taylor.

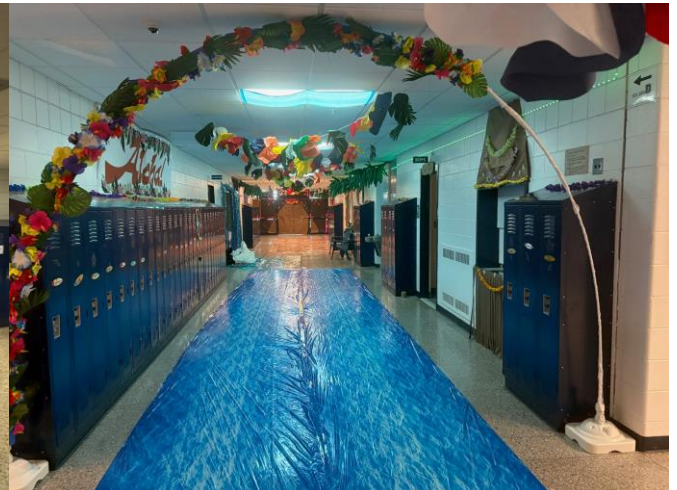


Congratulations to our homecoming king and queen, Kingsten Kilburn & Raine Smith!



Spirit Cup

Congratulations to the sophomore class for winning the hall decorating competition and the golf cart decorating contest. The freshmen led the way in spirit week dress up and activities, so the sophomores and freshmen are currently tied for first place in the overall Spirit Cup competition, with juniors in third and seniors in fourth. We had a fantastic turnout for hall decorating and it was nice to see plenty of students engaged in some friendly competition! Everyone stepped up their game this year!



Homecoming Assembly

We had one of the best assemblies ever for homecoming! The band, cheerleaders, students, and staff did a great job planning and participating. Tug-o-war was so intense that in the final match between the freshmen and sophomores, the rope actually broke in half right at its center!





Homecoming Dance

Around 200 students attended the homecoming dance. They all looked fabulous, had a great DJ who kept the dance floor packed, and they were very well behaved. It was a great event for our own students, as well as a great representation of our school for the guests who also attended from other neighboring schools.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our conferences are coming up on October 27 and 29.

Student Engagement

We are always looking for ways to engage our students, and with the nice weather this past month, teachers had several opportunities to move their learning outdoors. The students absolutely love this and it is good for them in so many ways!





Child Development Class Partners with Durand Memorial Library

Mrs. Bowman's second hour class has been visiting the Durand Memorial Library on Wednesdays to have our high school students read to and do activities with children during the library's Play and Storytime event.



Cookies and College Apps

Seniors were invited to our annual "Cookies and College Apps" event last week. Mrs. Chandler and Mr. Dallas organized the event to encourage students to create Parchment accounts for sending transcripts, complete college applications, and begin the FAFSA process. Many college applications are free this month, so we want students to take advantage of that free opportunity! The Durand Education Foundation generously awarded us a grant to provide prizes for participating students, which will be handed out later this week when the event wraps up.

Shiawassee Scholars

Congratulations to the Class of 2029 Shiawassee Scholars - Julianne Newman, Lidia Gilmore, Jeremy Halleaux, and Boston Perrin.



Count Day Treat!

DHS students were treated to ice cream on count day! Mrs. Kelley and I took the ice cream cart around during 4th hour (ice cream truck music and all) to show students how much we appreciate their good attendance on count day and every day!

