

.March 24, 2026 Report

- Wanting to gain volunteers for mentoring to help fix chronic absenteeism for students at Denfeld. DASH has a partnership with MentorNorth that would help provide mentors to work with students. Possible incentives for the mentors and mentees. DASH recently attended the Americas Future Summit in Wilmar MN and pitched this idea for absenteeism and this sparked by looking at a lot of data and articles on why students don't attend school and found that this solution works well in many other schools. In a similar program in NYC students gained 9 more days out of the 18 that makes them considered chronically absent on to their school year just from having a mentor and it is also shown that it can be done even in a cash strapped area with help from our community partners.
- 9th Grader Cadel Pohl, who participates in Cross Country running, skiing and track was just awarded MIEA (Minnesota Indian Education Association) Female Student Athlete of the Year at the annual conference last week.
- 11th Grader Madden Stone is a member of the Duluth Swimming Relay that won the 200 meter free relay at the state meet. According to duluthboysswim Instagram page: The team of Joey Zelen, Lucas Warren, Will Zelen, and Madden Stone claimed the STATE TITLE in the 200 free relay with an Automatic All American time of 1:23.99! That time also destroyed the school record by well over a second, and is the highest a Duluth relay has ever placed at state!
- DNA Robotics had their first competition March 5-7 Thursday at the DECC for the Lake Superior Regional. They had an overall ranking of ninth out of 42, and made it to the playoffs in the fifth alliance with teams 2823 from Chanhassen and 4778 from Saint Paul. Their next competition is March 26th to the 28th in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Our Annual Red Carpet Concert was held last Friday night in our beautiful and historic auditorium featuring performances by our band, choir and orchestra. It was a very well attended event with many parents and students. My personal favorite was the Jazz Band.

- Denfeld is hosting the third of four monthly community conversations tomorrow from 5:00 to 7:00 where we are asking students, families and staff to help us define the desired daily experience for Denfeld students to help us plan for next year and beyond.
- Opportunity Day not working for most students at Denfeld because not enough time to get caught up on school work and do clubs/activities. This may cause students to be less involved in school activities. For many students they feel as though they have to choose between getting missed work done or participating in their clubs.