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Student Recognition

DHS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) announced their winners for the October challenge. For October's "Attendance Counts" event, we had 102 students go the entire month without any verified/unverified absences, late tardies, or tardies in any class period! These students essentially had perfect attendance for the month of October! That is nearly 30% of our student population.

We are now moving into "No Zero November," which was popular the past two years and helped to boost grades before final exams.



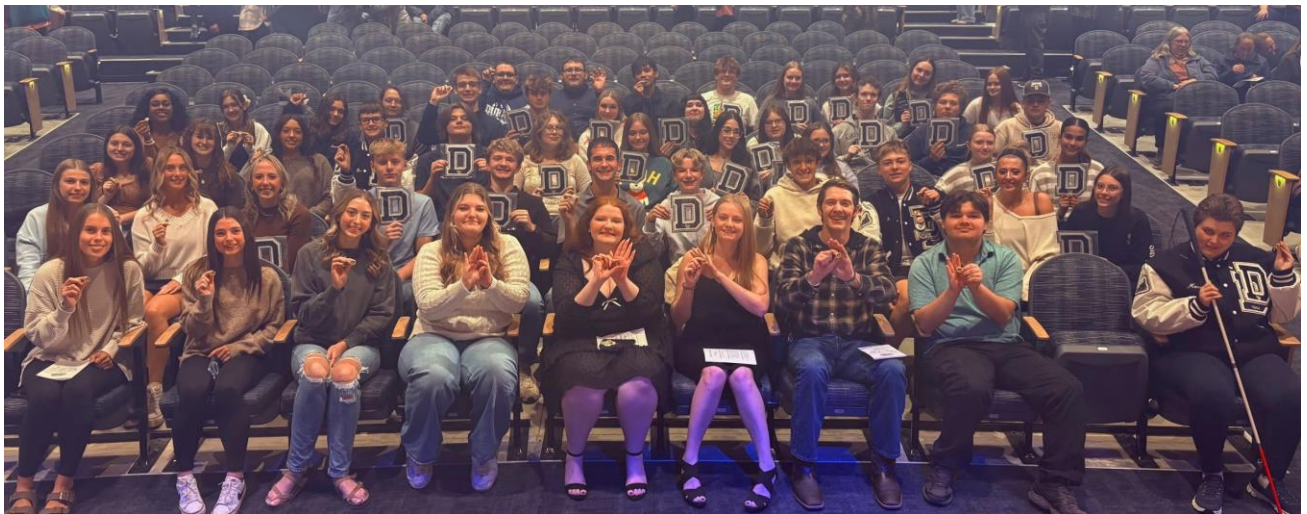
Ten to Win!

Our attendance secretary, Mrs. Wood, organizes a Ten to Win initiative as part of our PBIS plan as well. Students who have no absences or tardies for ten consecutive days are entered into a drawing. The rewards are a little different every time, but the students pictured below received a pass to be first to the lunch room/line for one week!



Academic Awards Night

On October 22, we held our annual Academic Awards Night for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who have achieved a GPA of 3.3 or better. Of these three grade levels, we had 111 students who earned academic honors, which is 43% of those students! We are proud of the continued success of these hard-working students!



Leadership Class Reopens “DHS Express” and Gives Back

Mrs. Schaub’s leadership class has reopened the school store, named the DHS Express. They will be donating a portion of their profits to a local charity through their “Pay it Forward with Profits” program.

FFA National Convention

Cheyenne Rambo, Kirra Shepard, Chloe Jones, Madison Lanxton, Camden Shelly, and Lucas Sutton represented Durand as chapter delegates at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. This experience, overseen by allows students to expand their network and build relationships with others in the agricultural industry. They attended informational sessions and heard several motivational speakers during the trip. They also attended a college and career fair with over 300 entities represented. It was a fantastic experience for these students!



New Roof on Soccer Concession Stand!

Mr. Spaulding's wood tech classes were able to gain some real life experience while also supporting our school. They were able to complete a new roof on the soccer concession stand in just a couple of days. We appreciate the effort by Mr. Spaulding and his students to make this happen!



Blood Drive

Mr. Lincoln held our first blood drive of the year on November 4. They collected 41 units of blood, which is more than any of the blood drives last year! It's always a great opportunity for students to gain valuable experience helping facilitate the blood drive, and also to donate and give back. Students can earn cords to wear at graduation if they make three contributions to the blood drives!



Cookies and College Apps

October is College Application Month, and Mrs. Chandler organized our annual “Cookies and College Apps” event. Students were able to get help creating their FSA ID, beginning their FAFSA applications, and filling out college applications. For each step they completed, they earned a raffle ticket and won lots of awesome prizes!



Halloween Fun

Costume contest winners: Boston Perrin and Nash Carpenter, Annabella Drauch, Sienna Leonard.



The staff used the theme “Fast Food Workers” as their costume inspiration!

Sophomores Visit CCRC

The 10th grade students were able to visit the College and Career Readiness Center (CCRC) in Vernon to explore CTE program offerings such as public safety, heavy equipment, welding, electrical, and more. These students will be able to apply for CTE programs, dual enrollment, and early college next semester!



Other - Michigan State Police visited DHS on November 5 and 6 to present to 9th and 10th grade students on topics such as vaping, human trafficking, school threats, and other topics. They focused on warning signs, consequences, and ways for students to report concerns. Mr. Birchmeier's Zoology classes visited Munsell's Poultry Processing in Fowlerville to compete in the State Broiler Contest. We held the fall choir concert and parent-teacher conferences. Mrs. Bowman's adulting class has been helping decorate at the depot, and our school improvement and student government teams have been collaborating on ideas for supporting students and families for the holidays. Students also began completing their annual Xello college and career planning with Mrs. Chandler, and we completed our annual perception surveys for students, parents, and staff. It has been a busy month!