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Important Dates:

- Feb. 8 ASVAB Testing Sign-up Deadline
- Feb. 11 ACT Testing @ DCH
- Feb. 13 Scheduling Fair, 6:30 pm
PTSA Open House, 7:00 pm
- Feb. 16 Cap & Gown Pictures
- Feb. 13-17 Military Recruiter Week
- Feb. 15 ASVAB Testing
- Feb. 20 Presidents' Day—Holiday
- Feb. 24 Miss Deep Creek
- Feb. 28 Winter Athletic Awards
- Mar. 2 Junior Access Night - 7:00 pm
- Mar. 6 End of 1st quarter
- Mar. 9 Senior Banquet
- Mar. 11 SAT @ DCH
- Mar. 18 PTSA Spring Craft Show
- Mar. 30 Student Talent Show
- Apr. 7 End of 2nd quarter
- Apr. 7 Early Release/Teacher Work-day
- Apr. 10-14 Spring Break
- Apr. 27-28 Spring Drama Play
- May 5 Prom
- May 6 After-Prom; SAT @ DCH
- May 15 End of 3rd quarter
- May 18 Spring Orchestra Concert
- May 22 Spring Band Concert
- May 25 Spring Chorus Concert
- May 29 Memorial Day - Holiday
- May 30 Academic Awards- 7:00 pm
- June 5 Choral Awards Banquet
- June 6 Academy Night- 7pm
- June 12 Spring Athletic Awards- 6:30pm
- June 15 End of 4th Quarter
- June 15 Graduation- 4:00 pm @ ODU
- June 16 Teacher Workday

2017-2018 Scheduling Information for Parents/Students

Once again, it is time for students to select their academic and elective courses for next year. Please see important scheduling notes below:

1. Students will receive scheduling information through first block classes February 8-13, 2017. Counselors will discuss the scheduling process, review diploma types and graduation requirements, and assist students developing their schedules. The guidance department will host a "scheduling fair" with departmental displays in the Commons Area prior to the PTSA Open House on **Monday, February 13th at 6:30 pm.**
2. Students are requested to take information to parents/guardians and discuss course selections for next year. A parent signature is requested.
3. Counselors will be available to meet with students before school and during lunch for consultation and finalizing course requests.
4. Parents/guardians, please make sure that you check your child's course selection sheet carefully and sign the form.
5. Students must return a completed course selection sheet with parent/guardian signature and teacher recommendation (if needed) to their homeroom teacher between **Wednesday, February 8th and Wednesday, February 15th.**
6. In the event a student fails to return their course request, the counselors will use the student's transcript and set up educationally sound schedule that meets graduation requirements for the student.
7. Parents/guardians, please make sure that you check your child's course selection sheet carefully and sign the form.

PTSA Corner

The Deep Creek High School PTSA will hold "Open House" on Monday, February, 13, 2017, at 7pm in the auditorium. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's second term classes and meet their teachers. Be sure to bring a copy of your child's schedule. Join and support the DCHS PTSA. Membership dues of \$7.00 and are still being collected.

The PTSA will be sponsoring a Spring Craft Show at Deep Creek High on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9am-4pm. Registration Forms are available online at www.myvlink.org/dchsptsa/

The DCHS PTSA is looking for PTSA Board Members for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested, please attend the Board Meeting to be held at DCHS on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm .

After School Enrichment Program/Study Hall & Extended Day

The purpose of the after-school enrichment program is to provide additional individualized assistance to students in their core content areas beyond the regular instructional time. Enrichment includes after-school study hall which allows students to get help in core areas, extended day to make up missed classroom time, a make-up center to allow students to makeup missed tests and quizzes, room 718 where students can read or use the computers, and SOL preparation and remediation prior to each testing window. Students will be given the opportunity to ask specific homework and content questions to core teachers. Students will also have access to computers for research or project completion and/or SOL review.

After school enrichment will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:50 pm to 4:35 pm on the 700 hall. Each student in attendance will be given a free healthy snack provided by our school nutrition services department. Attendance will be taken at each session and bus transportation will also be provided. Student pick-up will be on the bus ramp near the 700 hall. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Woodhouse in room 715 or Ms. Sperelakis-Babb in the main office. First semester enrichment ends Thursday, January 26th, and second semester enrichment will begin Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

- ◆ Please talk to your student daily about his/her school day.
- ◆ Please monitor student homework and study habits - all students have daily homework.
- ◆ Please monitor Synergy.
- ◆ Please call or email your child's teacher with questions.
- ◆ Please see that your child reads a variety of sources daily for school and enjoyment.
- ◆ Please monitor your child's social media.
- ◆ Please contact your child's counselor if your student needs assistance because of illness, stress, course selection, or for any other reason.
- ◆ Please send in written notes for all absences, tardies, or early dismissals.
- ◆ Please understand that we want to give you and your child our best each day, and we ask that you and your child give us your best.

Cap & Gown Orders

Balfour will be at Deep Creek High during all lunches to take orders and payments for cap and gowns on March 2nd and 3rd. Seniors can expect to receive caps and gowns on Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th, 2016. While the deadline for ordering announcements and accessories has passed, orders can still be placed at www.balfour.com and will ship directly to your home. Please contact Balfour directly with questions and concerns by calling (757) 420-2233.

Cap & Gown Pictures

Lifetouch will be at DCHS on Thursday, February 16, 2016 to take Cap and Gown portraits. The sitting fee of \$25.00 is due at the time of photography, and it can be paid by cash or a check made out to "Lifetouch." Key chains will also be available at two for \$20.00. Students interested in taking a Cap and Gown portrait must sign up prior to February 16th. A sign-up sheet with various available times throughout the school day has been placed in the main office. Lifetouch will provide a cap & gown for the picture.



Miss Deep Creek

Senior News

Class officers for 2016-2017:

President: Tasia Dawson
 V-President: Aset Bennett-Ricks
 Treasurer: Arielle McGlone
 Chaplain: Alyssa Ayers



Class Sponsors are Katherine Porzel (Room 707) and Vicki Glasgow (Room 610). Class meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 3:45 pm in Room 707. All seniors are invited to participate!!

Important Senior Dates:

March 9: Senior Banquet, 6:30pm
 March 2-3: - Announcements Delivered/**Last Chance to Order Cap & Gown**
 April 3-7: Senior Week
 May 5: Senior Prom
 May 25-26: Cap & Gown Delivery During Lunches
 June 15: Graduation: 4:00 pm at the Ted Constant Convocation Center

Senior dues are \$5.00 and must be paid in order to participate in Senior events such as the Senior Banquet and Junior/Senior Prom.

Seniors can sign up for text alerts for the Senior Class by texting the message "@dch2017" (no quotes) to the number "81010" or "703-687-9231."

Get your yearbooks NOW!!

Don't forget to pre-order your *2017 Hornet* yearbook. Orders can be placed online at www.jostensyearbook.com or at school with Mrs. Neal in room 209. The cost is \$80. If ordering through Mrs. Neal, payments can be made with cash or checks made out to DCHS.

Yearbook It!
 It's the biggest story of the year.
And you're in it.

Buy your yearbook @
jostensyearbooks.com

The Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology is recruiting for the 2017-2018 school year.

Information regarding a description of course offerings, the application process, and deadlines may be obtained from Mrs. Kathi Hite in the Guidance Department. Parents with questions should call Mrs. Hite at 558-5300. Additionally, information can be obtained on the CCST website: www.cpschools.com/schools.CCST. We will have CCST recruitment during all PE 10 classes on Thursday, February 9th. The deadline to submit CCST applications is Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Orchestra News

All orchestras are currently preparing for their mid-year performances. Chamber Orchestra and combined Prep/Concert Orchestras will represent DCHS at the **2017 VBODA Music Assessment** on the weekend of **March 3-4, 2017 at OSH**. Performance times are TBA and I will notify students as soon as I get the times from the chairperson. Rehearsals after school will be scheduled on an "as needed" basis. Any after school rehearsal scheduled will be required by all students. However, I hope all students will practice at home and prepare for class so we can get our rehearsals done during the school day. Please reserve this weekend on your family calendar. As noted on the orchestra calendar for the year, this performance is a graded performance.

Music is abuzz in the band department at Deep Creek! Congratulations to Carolyn Barrington for selection for All-District Band! She will represent DCHS and Chesapeake Public Schools at the Concert on February 4. Eight band students were nominated to participate in the Christopher Newport University Honors Wind Ensemble. Congratulations to Brenna Armstrong, Carolyn Barrington, Damien Miles, Michael Nguyen, Destiny Vinson, Roderic Williams, Caleb Wirt, and Abigail Young for selection into this prestigious ensemble! We are gearing up for our performance assessment, which will be March 10 or 11. There will be several before sectionals and after-school rehearsals in preparation for this performance – all after school rehearsals and performances are mandatory for grade 10-12 band students. Before school sectionals are from 8:10-8:30am and after-school rehearsals are from 3:45-4:30pm. Students will be able to catch the activity bus or attend the rest of their athletic practice after the afternoon dismissal. This assessment is sponsored by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association. Band 9 will be preparing for two upcoming performances: The SMA Open House (April 20) and Spring Band Concert (May 22) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Beck at Debbie.Beck@cpschools.com.

Calendar At-A-Glance

Jan. 17-27: Krispy Kreme Certificate Fundraiser for all band students
 Jan. 23 & 25: Brass Sectional (grades 10-12)
 Jan. 24 & 26: Woodwind Sectional (grades 10-12)
 Feb. 6 & 8: Brass Sectional (grades 10-12)
 Feb. 7 & 9: Woodwind Sectional (grades 10-12)
 Feb. 10: Winter Pep Rally block 4 (all band students)
 Feb. 28, March 2, 7, 9: After School Full Rehearsal (grades 10-12)
 March 10 or 11: Concert Assessment Performance @ GBHS time TBD



\$5.00 and can be paid to Mrs. Rau in room 710.

The Sophomore Class of 2019 is selling class t-shirts: \$15 of short-sleeved and \$20 for long-sleeved. See Mrs. Rau to place an order.

In December, The Latin Club attended Latin Fest held at Ocean Lakes High School and had a superb time with other students from around the area. To remain updated with the various events, activities, and competitions that the Latin Club will participate in, please contact our sponsor, Mary Burke.

We are missing calculators, library books, and textbooks from first semester. Please check your classrooms, book bags, closets, and cars for these calculators. Found calculators can be returned to Mrs. DeLorme in Room 202, overdue library books can be returned to the Media Center, and textbooks can be returned to Mr. Bolden or the assigned teacher.

Freshmen: Get started on achieving your short-term goals and working toward your long-term ones. Transportation home is provided at 4:35 pm. Door prizes, food and fun; activities will be announced on a monthly basis. Please contact Ms. Firth in the Guidance Department for more information.

Mark your calendar for all of our meetings:

- Feb. 22nd - March 29th - April 26th - May 17th

SOL Testing Dates

SOL Writing: March 20-24
 EOC Retest: May 8-12
 EOC SOL: May 17 - June 6
 Expedited SOL: June 7-12

Report Card Schedule

- February 3 - distributed during 1st block
- March 15 - distributed during 1st block
- April 25 - distributed during 1st block
- May 24 - distributed during 1st block
- June 21 - mailed home

Media Center

Deep Creek High School's library continues to promote the Virginia Readers' Choice program, sponsor an enthusiastic book club, and provide a place for students to read and learn. Our mission is to meet each student where they are with reading and move them forward. We want all of our students to find the joy in reading.

Reading makes us better individuals and better citizens; there are things you can do to keep your teenagers reading or encourage them to read: (1) Be a role model and read; it does not matter what you read as long as you do; (2) Share what you are reading with the teenagers in your life; (3) Encourage them to read; (4) Talk to them about what they are reading; (5) Make sure they have things to read such as newspapers, magazines, and books; (6) Take them to the library and/or bookstore; and (6) Remind them they have a great library at school that does not charge them overdue fines!!

Please contact one of our media specialists, Tanya Breathwaite or Darla Cline, if you have more questions about getting your student to read.

Buckle Up!

In cooperation with the AAA, the students of the SADD club will be conducting seat belt checks. Currently students of DCH that are passengers are not using their seat belts regularly, particularly in the back seat. Please encourage your students to use their seat belts at all times while the car is in motion.



Graduation Coach

Deep Creek is very fortunate to have a full time graduation coach. Our graduation coach, Mr. Carson, is available during all lunches to provide extra help and tutoring. If your child needs help, please encourage them to contact Mr. Carson. He is one of the many resources available to help all students succeed.



PSAT Scores

Scores for the 2016 PSAT test were distributed to students on January 12th during lunches. If your student didn't pick up his/her score report, he/she may see Mr. Barber in Guidance for a copy.

SAT Dates:

- March 11, 2017 at DCH
- May 6, 2017 at DCH
- No SAT test will be given in June

ACCESS Program

ACCESS is a special program being offered to college bound juniors and seniors at Deep Creek High School. The ACCESS College Foundation is a non-profit organization designed to help YOU get to college. ACCESS provides an ACCESS Advisor in each of the South Hampton Roads public high schools to help you go to college. They offer a variety of services to help you focus on and get ready for college. Specifically, ACCESS Advisors file federal applications for student aid for students during their senior year in high school until they graduate from college. Also, ACCESS Advisors provide free SAT Prep workshops and college tours to juniors and seniors. Lastly, ACCESS Advisors assist students with SAT, ACT, and college application waivers.

The ACCESS Advisor at Deep Creek High School is Mr. Gabriel Hall. The ACCESS office hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. You may contact him by phone at 757-558-5313 or email at ghall@accesscollege.org

TCC Career Coach

The Career Coach empowers high school students to make informed decisions about their academic and career pursuits. He/she helps educate high school students and their families about the TCC college application process and assist students with developing a career and academic plan prior to graduating from high school. The Career Coach is always ready to assist with career exploration, college admissions, college readiness and connecting with parents.

The Career Coach at Deep Creek High School is Mrs. Sha'Ron Radford. Her office is located in the Guidance Department, and her office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Students may contact Mrs. Harrison by stopping by the Guidance Office during lunch or an excused block, or by scheduling and appointment on the Career Coach website: <http://www.tcc.edu/admission/career-coaches>

The Scholastic Bowl is a VHSL competition team. The team competes with other schools in our district and conference. Questions emphasize knowledge of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and miscellany (which includes fine arts, current events, entertainment/sports and religion/mythology/philosophy.)

The current team (2016-17) placed first in the Conference regular season and they competed in the Conference Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 at Churchland High School where they placed second. The Region 4A East Championship will be held at Monacan High School on Saturday, February 4th.

Team Members include:

Destiny Amadi	Bridget Bechtloff
Katelin Brunner	Maria Colonna
Alysia Craycraft	Katie Glemzu
Elaine Godwin	Cameron Keeley-Parker
John Kothman	Kayla Nguyen
Paola Serrano Osorio	Grace Paquette
John Pham	Jessica Smith
Christopher Waller	Natalie Weston

Ruriteen! *Raising the Bar*



Need some community service hours? Do you want to impact your community in a positive way? Do you want a fun productive get-a-way from school work? Well if you answered yes to any of those questions, Ruriteens is just for you! Ruriteens is the Deep Creek High School version of the larger community group, Ruritans. The Ruriteens are all about making a positive contribution through volunteering at various school and community events. In our first full year as a club, we the Ruriteens are dedicated to continuing our established trend of service and fun. Our main goal is community service but the Ruriteens are so much more than that. We are a fun, community unifying, productive, and exciting, movement of young people who encourage involvement in our community. So, I ask, need some service hours? Do you want to impact your community in a positive way? Do you want a fun productive get-a-way from school work? If so, come be part of something that's bigger than you, become a Ruriteen!

School Fees

Fees are collected by school personnel in accordance with state law and Board of Education regulations. The school board during its annual budget process determines fees that can be charged and establishes the maximum amount. No organization (athletic booster, band booster, etc.) established to raise funds to assist in the support of a particular curricular or extra-curricular area may assess fees on students.

Fees may be charged for:

1. Optional services such as parking or locker rental
2. Student-selected extracurricular activities
3. Class dues
4. Field Trips or educationally-related programs that are not required instructional activities
5. Musical instruments, as long as the instruction in the use of the instrument is not part of the request

6. Distance learning classes for enrichment which are not necessary to meet the requirements for a diploma
7. Summer school, unless the classes are required for remediation
8. Overdue, lost or damaged library books and media
9. Lost or damaged textbooks
10. Consumable materials
11. The behind-the-wheel portion of the driver's education program
12. A fee not to exceed a student's pro-rata share of the cost of transportation for voluntary extracurricular activities
13. Preparation and distribution of official paper copies of transcript; a reasonable number of copies of official paper copies must be provided for free, and all electronic copies of transcripts must be provided for free.



Consequences for non-payment of Fees

Students will be responsible for the care and return of textbooks, calculators, library and media materials and other non-consumable materials and equipment. As such, students will be responsible for payment of recovery costs relative to the loss or damage of textbooks, calculators, library and media materials and other non-consumable materials and equipment.

The consequences for nonpayment of fees include, but are not limited to:

1. Exclusion from the activity associated with the fee
2. Revocation of parking privileges
3. Inability to march at graduation ceremonies
4. Exclusion from class-wide voluntary activities such as junior ball or senior prom.

Sportsmanship at Athletic Events

As avid Hornet Fans, realize that you represent the school as a member of the team and you have an obligation to be a true sportsman. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team. Since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the players through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance. Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them. (VHSL Handbook and Policy Manual, 2016-17)

Southeastern District Principals and Conference 17 request that all fans stay off of the playing field before, during and after the game to insure safety of the players and promote good crowd control. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Deep Creek High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce its annual scholarship opportunity. Graduating seniors who have a parent or grandparent who is a DCHS graduate are eligible to apply. Two scholarships are available for \$500 each. Deadline to apply is March 6, 2017. The scholarship application is available in the Guidance Office.

Seniors who wish to learn about advertised scholarships should check Scholarship Notebooks available in Guidance, the Media Center and in English and Government classrooms. These notebooks are updated regularly. Seniors can fill out a form, found with each notebook, to request copies of any of the advertised scholarships. These forms should be turned in to Ms. Hughes in Guidance. There are a few scholarship opportunities for 9-11 grades, but the majority are available for current seniors.

The policy on early dismissal of students at DCHS is as follows: Parents must send a note to the homeroom teacher stating the reason and time the student is to be dismissed early. If no note is sent, the parent must come into the Attendance Office to sign out his/her child. Phone calls are NOT acceptable in signing out a student. Students will NOT be sent for until the parent arrives.

Parents, please remember to send a note with your student following an absence. This is required and must be submitted to their homeroom teacher the first day they return from an absence. If you have any questions regarding absences, excused or unexcused, give the attendance office a call at 558-5311. Please be reminded that in order for students to get credit for being in a class, they must be in attendance in each block for a minimum of 60 minutes.

Students arriving late to school during first block (8:40 – 9:10 am) will report directly to the tardy table in the main hall. After 9:10 am, students should report to the Attendance Office, present a written excuse from the parent or guardian, obtain an admittance slip, and then go directly to first block. The attendance clerk will issue an “excused or unexcused” admittance slip.

Students who are exempt from their exams must also have a written note for the absence, late arrival, or early dismissal.

BYOD - Bring Your Own Device

Our School Board passed the BYOD policy that allowed students to bring and use their electronic devices in the classroom. This policy was for the sole purpose to enhance learning. Therefore, while students are allowed to bring electronic devices to school, their use in the classroom will be at the direction of the teacher for the learning objective of the day. Students should not use their electronic devices in the hallway. Students are not permitted to send and receive personal messages, access social media or make phone calls; students must be connected to the school Wi-Fi, while in the building, that filters the Internet as mandated by federal and state law. The use of electronic devices in the classroom that is not directed by the teacher is a disruption to the learning environment and fall under the discipline policy. We want students to learn to use electronic devices in a responsible manner conducive for transition into higher education and the working world.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be given May 1-19, 2017. Students enrolled in an AP class are encouraged to take the AP examination. If you have any questions about your student's potential performance, please consult with your student's teacher.

Cost to take an AP exam is \$93.00. Registration period for taking the AP exams will be March 6th through 24th. All students who want to take an AP exam(s) must register in order to be able to take a test. A partial refund will be given to a student who registers for an exam and does not take it. Students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch will be given a fee waiver if they have signed up for the free/reduced lunch program. Students who are in an on-line Virtual Virginia AP course will also be eligible for a fee waiver.

Online payments for the AP Exams can now be accepted. Parents can go to DCHS website and click on the OSP link to select from these options. Please be aware that there is a surcharge of 4% plus a \$.35 transaction fee assessed for this convenience. The deadline for online transactions is Monday, March 20, 2017. Questions? Contact: Mrs. Winslow in the Guidance Department.

Reflections Contest

The theme for the Reflections Contest was “What is Your Story?” We had our 50 submissions this year with some truly outstanding work. Categories were visual arts, music composition, literature, film production, dance choreography, and special artist. Below are the students who won first place in their category and have continued on to compete at the citywide level.

Congratulations to our first place winners:

Diana Vick-Music Composition

Jennifer Vega-Literature

Peyton Davis-Photography

Julia Horigan-Visual Arts

Disabilities Notice

It is the policy of Chesapeake Public Schools to afford individuals with disabilities opportunities for full participation in its programs, services, or activities. In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the school system will provide auxiliary aids and services upon request to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who need to request reasonable accommodations should contact the principal of the school providing the programs, services, or activities at least one week in advance.