



## Principal's Update

Happy February, Charger Country!

Congratulations to our students of the term for 2<sup>nd</sup> term: Leslie Ramirez: Business Education; Daniel Berchicci: World Languages; Mike Rice: Social Sciences; Talitha Matulac: Music; Miguel Solis: Art; Michael Beauchane: Industrial Education; David Hewitt: Family & Consumer Science; Katie Olson: Science; Millie Diaz: PE/Health/Dr. Ed; Jesus Ocampo: Community Support; Omar Rico: Community Support; David Sandoval: SEA Level; Magali Jimenez: Bilingual Education; Tim Burnier: English; and Madeline Sutton: Math. These students were chosen by each department for doing an outstanding job in their respective areas!

The following students participated at the State level for Music on January 29 in Peoria: Kelly Hof (All-State Choir), Talitha Matulac (Honors Choir), Lillian Reasor (Harp-Orchestra), Jessica Wendt (All-State Choir). Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the following six students who advanced to State Sectionals on Saturday for IHSA SPEECH TEAM...this is exciting as Dundee-Crown has not had a Speech Team for the past four years. Gina Paxson (12) - Dramatic Interpretation; Casey Wind (11) - Original Comedy; Tim Burnier (11) - Humorous Duet Acting; Dan Henry (11)- Humorous Duet Acting; Cassandra Mc Elroy (9) - Informative Speaking; Kyle Efken (9)- Extemporaneous Speaking. Good luck at Freeport on Saturday, February 12!

**Dundee-Crown encourages parent participation and involvement. Please sign up for Parent Conferences on February 25. We want to celebrate successes with you while also giving support for areas of concern. Thank you for assisting us in making Dundee-Crown the best we can be!**

Improving literacy is a main focus for the staff and students at Dundee-Crown. Improved fluency, expanding vocabulary, and deeper comprehension can only happen if our students read more. Unfortunately, our library is very limited in the selection of teenage books to entice students to read. The next two pages include a list of the top books teenagers are interested in reading. If you have any of these books lying around your house please think of bringing them to our library. I know Mrs. Wolf would be happy to accept them and label them as a donation from your family.

Have a wonderful February Dundee-Crown!

Keep Pushing that Charger Pride,

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## 2009 Best Books for Young Adults

The list of 86 books, drawn from 224 official nominations, is presented annually at the ALA Mid-winter Meeting. The books, recommended for those ages 12-18, meet the criteria of both good quality literature and appealing reading for teens. The list comprises a wide range of genres and styles, including contemporary realistic fiction that reflects the diversity of the teen experience, nonfiction that brings to teens an awareness of the world they live in and its history, and fantastical stories told in both narrative and graphic formats.

Read more about this list at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/09bbya.cfm>

### Fiction

**Almond, David.** *The Savage*. Candlewick. 2008.

**Anderson, Laurie Halse.** *Chains*. Simon & Schuster. 2008.

**Anderson, M.T.** *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: Vol. II: The Kingdom on the Waves*. Candlewick. 2008.

**Bartoletti, Susan Campbell.** *The Boy Who Dared*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Bell, Hilari.** *The Last Knight*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2007.

**Benway, Robin.** *Audrey, Wait!* Penguin/Razorbill. 2008.

**Blundell, Judy.** *What I Saw and How I Lied*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Booth, Coe.** *Kendra*. Scholastic/Push. 2008.

**Bradbury, Jennifer.** *Shift*. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum. 2008.

**Brothers, Meagan.** *Debbie Harry Sings in French*. Henry Holt. 2008.

**Bunce, Elizabeth.** *A Curse Dark as Gold*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Caletti, Deb.** *The Fortunes of Indigo Skye*. Simon & Schuster. 2008.

**Cashore, Kristin.** *Graceling*. Harcourt. 2008.

**Colfer, Eoin.** *Airman*. Hyperion. 2008.

**Collins, Suzanne.** *The Hunger Games*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Conner, Leslie.** *Waiting for Normal*. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. 2008.

**de la Pena, Matt.** *Mexican WhiteBoy*. Delacorte. 2008.

**Doctorow, Cory.** *Little Brother*. Tom Doherty. 2008.

**Dowd, Siobhan.** *Bog Child*. Random House/David Fickling Books. 2008.

**Dowd, Siobhan.** *The London Eye Mystery*. David Fickling/Random House. 2008.

**Fleischman, Sid.** *The Entertainer and the Dybbuk*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2007.

**Fletcher, Christine.** *Ten Cents a Dance*. Bloomsbury. 2008.

**Gaiman, Neil.** *The Graveyard Book*. HarperCollins. 2008.

**Gardner, Sally.** *The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution*. Penguin/Dial. 2008.

**Geerling, Marjetta.** *Fancy White Trash*. Penguin/Viking. 2008.

**George, Jessica Day.** *Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow*. Bloomsbury. 2008. 978

**George, Madeleine.** *Looks*. Viking. 2008.

**Green, John.** *Paper Towns*. Penguin/Dutton. 2008.

**Harmon, Michael.** *The Last Exit to Normal*. Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

**Hernandez, David.** *Suckerpunch*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2008.

**Hijuelos, Oscar.** *Dark Dude*. Simon & Schuster. 2008.

**Jenkins, A.M.** *Night Road*. Bowen Press/HarperCollins. 2008.

**Johnson, Maureen.** *Suite Scarlett*. Scholastic/Point. 2008.

**Juby, Susan.** *Another Kind of Cowboy*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2007.

**Katcher, Brian.** *Playing With Matches*. Random House/Delacorte. 2008.

**Kibuishi, Kazu.** *Amulet: Book 1: The Stone Keeper*. Scholastic/Graphix. 2008.

**Lanagan, Margo.** *Tender Morsels*. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

## 2009 Best Books, continued

**Lester, Julius.** *Guardian*. HarperCollins/HarperTeen/Amistad. 2008. 978

**Link, Kelly.** *Pretty Monsters*. Viking. 2008.

**Lockhart, E.** *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*. Hyperion. 2008.

**Marchetta, Melina.** *Jellicoe Road*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2008.

**Marillier, Juliet.** *Cybele's Secret*. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

**Mazer, Norma Fox.** *The Missing Girl*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2008.

**McMullan, Margaret.** *When I Crossed No-Bob*. Houghton Mifflin. 2007.

**McNamee, Graham.** *Bonechiller*. Wendy Lamb/Random House. 2008.

**Meldrum, Christina.** *Madapple*. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

**Meyer, Stephenie.** *The Host*. Little, Brown. 2008.

**Monninger, Joseph.** *Baby*. Front Street/Boyd Mills Press. 2007.

**Murphy, Pat.** *The Wild Girls*. Viking/Penguin. 2007.

**Napoli, Donna Jo.** *Hush: An Irish Princess' Tale*. Simon Pulse. 2007.

**Ness, Patrick.** *The Knife of Never Letting Go. Chaos Walking. Book One*. Candlewick. 2008.

**Padian, Maria.** *Brett McCarthy: Work in Progress*. Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

**Pearson, Mary E.** *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. Henry Holt. 2008.

**Pratchett, Terry.** *Nation*. HarperCollins. 2008.

**Reeve, Philip.** *Here Lies Arthur*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Reinhardt, Dana.** *How to Build a House*. Random House/Wendy Lamb. 2008.

**Schmidt, Gary D.** *Trouble*. Clarion. 2008.

**Schumacher, Julie.** *Black Box*. Random House/Delacorte. 2008.

**Scott, Elizabeth.** *Living Dead Girl*. Simon and Schuster/Simon Pulse. 2008.

**Scott, Elizabeth.** *Stealing Heaven*. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. 2008.

**Sheth, Kashmira.** *Keeping Corner*. Hyperion. 2007.

**Shusterman, Neal.** *Antsy Does Time*. Penguin/Dutton. 2008.

**Smith, Andrew.** *Ghost Medicine*. Feiwel & Friends. 2008. 978

**Smith, Roland.** *Elephant Run*. Hyperion. 2007.

**Tamaki, Mariko and Jillian Tamaki.** *Skim*. House of Anansi Press / Groundwood Books. 2008.

**Tharp, Tim.** *The Spectacular Now*. Random House / Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.

**Valentine, Jenny.** *Me, the Missing, and the Dead*. HarperCollins/HarperTeen. 2008.

**Venkatraman, Padma.** *Climbing the Stairs*. Penguin. 2008.

**Voorhees, Coert.** *The Brothers Torres*. Hyperion. 2008.

**Werlin, Nancy.** *Impossible*. Penguin/Dial. 2008.

**Wood, Don.** *Into the Volcano*. Scholastic. 2008.

**Woodson, Jacqueline.** *After Tupac and D Foster*. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 2008.

**Zarr, Sara.** *Sweethearts*. Little, Brown. 2008.

### Nonfiction

**Aronson, Marc and Campbell, Patty.** *War Is...Soldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War*. Candlewick. 2008

**Barry, Lynda.** *What It Is*. Drawn and Quarterly. 2008.

**Bowman, Robin.** *It's Complicated: The American Teenager*. Umbrage Editions. 2007.

**Engle, Margarita.** *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*. Henry Holt. 2008.

**Fleischman, Sid.** *The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West*. Greenwillow Press/HarperCollins. 2008.

**Kuklin, Susan.** *No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row*. Henry Holt. 2008.

**Menzel, Peter and D'Aluisio, Faith.** *What the World Eats*. Ten Speed Press. 2008.



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## Fine Arts Department

As part of the offerings of a comprehensive high school, the fine arts department at Dundee-Crown High School provides students multiple opportunities to develop and hone their skills and attributes that will ensure their future success as individual learners and leaders of our society.

The fine arts department represents the academic areas of art, music, and world languages.



In the art department, students can experience a myriad of options in two and three dimensional endeavors such as ceramics and sculpture, graphic design, painting, and photography. In addition, the department strives to increase delivery, student access, and use of technology in order to differentiate instruction as well as increase exposure to and creation of artistic works. For instance, this year, all D-C art students will be creating personal digital portfolios representing their work in the respective courses as well as demonstrating their personal growth as an artist.

The music program engages students in instrumental and choral performance ensembles as well as a variety of non-performance electives including guitar and AP Music Theory. The department aims to build students' music literacy, enabling their creative expression while cultivating a lifelong knowledge of and an appreciation for a variety of music. In addition to a number of upcoming instrumental performances, the students and staff are eagerly anticipating the upcoming spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof" on April 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Come one, come all!



Language and communication are at the heart of human experience and the world language department offers students rigorous and thorough courses of study in French, German, and Spanish. In addition to developing and increasing cultural sensitivity, students throughout the program are engaged in a variety of experiences deepening their understanding of language acquisition and development. Most recently, students within the department participated in World Language Day celebrating their success in the first term with dance and art. Go check out the "global hands" displays at the front entrance and all should look forward to the upcoming "World Language Week"!

In sum, a comprehensive high school education that includes the fine arts enriches the quality of life for our students and empowers them with an understanding of the relationships between the disciplines, all academic subjects, and culture while building skills in communication, teamwork, and self-discipline. We look forward to learning with YOU in order to celebrate YOUR success!

## Success for the speech team

The Dundee-Crown Speech Team finished up their season strong by taking 2nd Place at the Fox Valley Conference Tournament on January 30th. D-CHS has not had an IHSA Speech Team in a few years and had a consistent core of twenty students on the team and almost a total of forty competed throughout the season.

Dundee-Crown took a 1st Place Team Award at Woodstock, 2nd at Rochelle, 3rd Place at Sandwich, Geneva and Morris while finishing 4th at Seneca this past season, never placing lower than 5th Place, overall! Typically competing against 20 or more teams each Saturday, the novice team held their own and accomplished many goals along the way as they mastered all fourteen events ranging from Radio Broadcasting to Political Debate to Poetry Reading to Acting to Original Oratory. Learning everything this season took a lot of time, patience and energy! A special thanks goes out to our parents, guardians and students for all the work they put in!

Team Captains were Gina Paxson, Jenny Modlitz, Tim Burnier, Dan Henry and Christian Stilwell. Other members were Samantha Pagano, Tyler Jones, Ryan Saylor, Christian Harvey, Cassie McElroy, Natalie Smith, Vanessa Mountain, Danielle Mountain, Emily Weyers, Sarah Simon, Nick Foulk, Corisa Herron, Becca Conway, Kelsey Zeller, Adrian Gomez, Tajh Fischer, Vanessa Cabral, Christina Sanchez, Elizabeth Wagner, Kim Gasiciel, Kathryn Wrightsman, Katie Hoakanson, Samantha Moore, Kyle Efken, Alyse Mantaio and Anna Lopez, Shelby Oppegaard, Sara Tompkins, Rachel Turner, Kayla Bradley and Casey Wind. Several of these students placed in the top six, individually, each week as well.

The team is coached by English teacher, Brian Fruits and heads to IHSA Regionals to Rochelle with a full squad in hopes of advancing a few to State Sectionals.

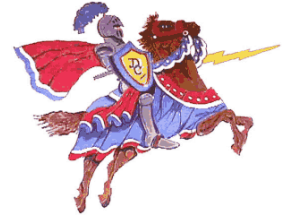
## Take Charge! After School Tutoring Center

What: After school tutoring

When: Monday through Thursday, 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Who: Any interested student

Why: Because sometimes students need a little extra help from their teachers after school!



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## College Readiness Fair: February 19

A College Readiness Presentation and Fair will be held in the Dundee-Crown High School Auditorium and Cafeteria during the day on February 19, 2010.

The presentations will take place during blocks 1, 2 and 4. The topics to be presented by area college representatives and students will include; How to Prepare for College, Applying to College, Financing your College Education and College Life. During all three lunches a variety of colleges and technical schools will be available to give further information. Please encourage your students to visit the "Fair".

## Parent-Teacher Conferences: February 25

Dundee-Crown will be conducting Parent-Teacher conferences on following date: Thursday, February 25th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. You are a vital partner in the education of your child. Conferences will last 5 minutes with each teacher selected. These conferences play an important role in helping us plan and implement programs that meet the expectations you have for your child's education. Parents may **begin** on-line scheduling on Monday, February 8, 2010. On-line scheduling will **close** on Wednesday, February 24, 2009.

Directions to access your PTC Wizard:

- On the D-CHS homepage, click on the PTC wizard link or log onto: <https://dchs300.ptcwizard.com>
- Enter your name, e-mail information & create your password and sign in. An email confirmation is then sent to you.
- Please contact your local library, a neighbor/friend, or other local agencies for assistance if you do not have access to a computer.

Please note that if you need to call the school for assistance with PTC Wizard or do not have an internet access you should contact Jody Velatini at (224)484-5007. For Spanish assistance please call Alma Valdivia at (224)484-5027

## Summer School Registration Begins February 16

**High School Summer School for Enrichment and Credit Recovery**  
REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 16TH

Summer School Dates

Session 1: June 14th through July 6th

Session 2: July 7th through July 29th

Dundee Crown is the East side location; all summer programs are Monday through Thursday, 8-1 pm.

**Incoming Freshman Transition to High School (by invitation only)**

July 12th-through July 29th

More detailed information will be posted to the district website as soon as it becomes available.

## Counseling Department Information

### College Representatives

Every year representatives from many colleges come to Dundee-Crown High School to visit with our students. Students should watch the Counseling Department calendar, view the website, or listen to announcements in order to learn when these admissions representatives are available.

College representatives meet with students in the counseling office during lunches.

### Scholarship Bulletin Reminder

The D-CHS Scholarship Bulletin is available online or by hard copy. Please visit the Counseling Department web page and click on D-CHS Scholarship Bulletin to see scholarships that are available. We also list many links to large Scholarship Search Engines under the Financial Aid section of the website.

### College Visits

One important factor in evaluating a college is the campus visit. Consider this: College Visitation Days—every student may take up to two days during their junior and senior years for the purpose of visiting a college. These days do not count against a student's attendance providing the proper procedure is followed. See your Dundee-Crown planner for details.

### Work Permits

The Department of Labor requires a work permit for all persons under the age of 16. The first step is for the minor to obtain a letter of intent from the prospective employer stating his or her name, the job and its description, signed by a manager. Then that letter, the minor's birth certificate issued from the county of birth and social security card must be brought in to the Main Office, Mrs. Altmayer, by the parent or legal guardian. Students may not submit these materials themselves. Students under the age of 16 who wish to work are restricted in the number of hours that can be worked each day and week. There are also many restrictions for minors on the kinds of businesses they are allowed to work in and the types of jobs they may be employed to do. Hazardous jobs utilizing chemicals or power equipment are among those that are unacceptable. For more details, contact Mrs. Altmayer in the main office.

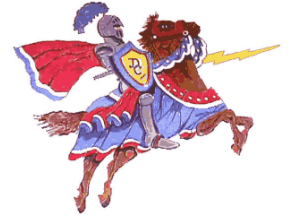
### NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Seniors should review the D-CHS Scholarship Bulletin frequently. Local and national scholarships that we receive in the Counseling Office will appear in this format. New scholarships are added weekly from now until June. Go to the Counseling Website, click on College Information and then click on Financial Aid. The scholarship bulletin is online.

### Transcript Requests

High school transcripts are provided to students when requested with the Transcript Release Form available in the Counseling Office. There is a minimum of a 24-48 hour waiting period before a transcript can be prepared due to the volume of requests. Students should keep this in mind when needing transcripts to be sent by a specific deadline date. The first 5 requested Official Transcripts are free. Any additional Official Transcripts cost **\$5.00** per copy.

**4+1 Plan Meetings** with freshmen are being conducted now. The Freshman Counselors will be scheduling Individual meetings with all freshmen to review high school graduation requirements, course selection for sophomore year, college admissions requirements, recommended courses for success in college and career areas, career plans and portfolio builders.



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## Counseling Department Information, continued

**Scholarships-** Seniors should continue to search for scholarship money. Many scholarships are now listed on the D-CHS Scholarship Bulletin. We also will advertize recent scholarships as an attachment to the daily announcements (so check this out as well).

**Dundee Township Rotary Club-Scholarships-** Every year the Dundee Township Rotary Club offers many scholarships to District 300 seniors. The applications are now available in the Counseling office. Students must live in Dundee Township. (You do not need to be a member of the Dundee Crown Rotary Interact Club to apply but club members will also qualify.) You will need an official transcript with ACT/SAT scores, two letters of recommendation, an essay, etc. Plan ahead to complete the application!! Student interviews will be held in March and the scholarships are awarded at an annual banquet in May. (Students must plan to attend an accredited two or four-year colleges, university, certified vocational school or technical institution on a full or part-time basis no later than the fall term of 2010.) **Applications are Due to the Counseling Office by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**FAFSA- Seniors,** don't forget to get the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) done **ASAP**. **Do not wait to do your taxes. Do this form using estimated figures.** (Money is given away on a "first-come-first served" basis). All schools require this form and they cannot complete a financial aid package for you without this form. The two ISAC state representatives that provided us the FAFSA Completion Workshop in January have told us that you may call or e-mail them if you have any questions while doing the FAFSA. Bobby Nelson, 224-422-8144 [bnelson@isac.org](mailto:bnelson@isac.org) or Kelly Morgan, 224-422-8139 [kmorgan@isac.org](mailto:kmorgan@isac.org)

## Athletic Information for Spring

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>FORMS &amp; PAYMENT DUE</b>	<b>PRACTICE STARTS</b>
Baseball	Wk. of Feb 8 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 1, 2010
Softball	Wk. of Feb 8 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 1, 2010
Soccer (Girls)	Wk. of Feb 8 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 1, 2010
Tennis (Boys)	Wk. of Feb 8 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 1, 2010
Track (Boys/Girls)	Wk. of Feb 8 to 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 1, 2010

### SPRING ATHLETES:

All Spring Athletes' must fill out NEW paperwork for Winter Sports. Forms and Payment are due February 8 through February 26. This is for BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, GIRLS SOCCER, BOYS TENNIS and TRACK (unless you are out for INDOOR TRACK). Go to the Athletic Office to pick up paperwork. Payment or arrangements for Pay must be made in the Main Office AFTER turning in the paperwork to the Athletic Office. This needs to be done to be cleared to try out or participate in anyway. All previous Athletic Obligation's or Fee's must be paid before you can turn in paperwork.

### PARENTS/ATHLETES/COACHES SPRING SPORTS NIGHT

On February 18 at 7pm we will have our spring sports night for parents, athletes and coaches in the Main Gym. After a brief presentation from the Athletic Office, we will divide up into teams and coaches will give athletes and parents their plans for the spring season. Please meet in the new gym at 7pm.



## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

### DC ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 2010 BENEFIT DANCE (formerly known as the Charger 5000)

We are really excited about this year's fundraiser,  
where all proceeds benefit our athletes:

DATE: April 10, 2010

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Holiday Inn Hotel Elgin

WHAT: hot & cold appetizer and dessert buffet, drinks,  
silent auction, \$ 2500 cash prize raffle, DJ and dancing!

This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the DC Boosters, so let's make it  
successful and profitable to help build all the sports programs at DC!  
Tickets are on sale now at the concession stand at each home basketball game for  
\$ 75.00 per person or:

For Tickets call: Karan Miller 847-363-3305  
or Leisa Hastings 847-341-9557

Charger parents are the best at supporting their student athletes and always want to  
know how they can help. We'd like to invite each family to consider making a donation to  
the Booster Club Benefit Dance. Each year we auction off themed baskets:

- Entertainment (tickets to plays/concerts, DVDs, movie tickets)
- Athletic (equipment, apparel, tickets to games)
- Spa (gift cards for spa services, bath and body products)
- Automobile (car wash gift certificates, car wash items)
- If you don't know what to donate, how about a \$ 10, \$ 20 or \$ 50 gift card to a  
local restaurant, spa, car wash or retail store!
- Or be creative and come up with your own idea!
- Any and all donations are welcome now!

For Donations call: Mark Gross 847-204-9827  
or Laura Rice 847-867-6430

We still need volunteers to help with this very important fundraiser. There are several  
ways you can volunteer: on a committee, work at home, day of the dance. Please consider  
giving a few hours to help support your athlete at DC! If you have a DC athlete or know  
someone who does you are a DC Booster! Our program is only as good as we are willing to  
make it so come join us in making this the most successful fundraiser ever!

For Questions call: Joe Svec 847-658-8692  
Barb Keable 847-344-6198  
Bill Hanselmann 847-428-8082



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## Freshman Class Executive Board

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**Secretary:** Abby Bjork  
**Public Relations:** Vanessa Fernandez

## District Calendar Approved by Board

Please visit the district website at [www.d300.org](http://www.d300.org) for detailed information about the new calendar for next year. The first day of school will be August 16, 2010.

## African-American Leadership Panel: February 9

The Black History Club of Dundee-Crown High School will be hosting their annual African American Leadership Panel on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Professionals from the community come to share their career and life experiences with students. In honor of Black History Month, these individuals will describe how their racial identity has impacted their career choices. The event will be held in D-C's library annex during second block.

## 17 Students Scored 30 or Higher on Last Year's ACT!



Back row: Sean Bernhard, Jacob Ruschli, Joshua Cook, Lindsay Clark, Casey Vickstrom  
Middle row: Holly Zissman, Lanea Glauner, Lindsay Mosher, Nicole Daniel, Matthew Heyll, Joseph Carrothers, Sara Glade  
Front row: Michelle Musielewicz, Brooke Schleeauf, Gina Paxson  
Not pictured: Stephen Roos, Zane Kelly

# DUNDEE CROWN MUSIC NEWSLETTER

Sponsored by P.O.M.P (Parents of Music Performers)

Carpentersville, Illinois

WINTER 2010

## UPCOMING CALENDAR FOR WINTER 2010

FEB.	3	7:00 PM	HONORS ORCHESTRA – HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL
FEB.	4	7:00 PM	CHORAL TALENT SHOW
FEB.	5	7:15 PM	HOME BASKETBALL GAME – JACOBS (GIRLS) PEP BAND – 6:15 PM
FEB.	9	7:15 PM	HOME BASKETBALL GAME – MCHENRY (BOYS) PEP BAND – 6:15 PM
FEB.	11	7:00 PM	WINTER ORCHESTRA CONCERT
FEB.	16	7:15 PM	HOME BASKETBALL GAME - CRYSTAL LAKE S. (BOYS) PEP BAND – 6:15 PM
FEB.	19		50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS (PROCEEDS GO TO POMP)
FEB.	19	7:15 PM	HOME BASKETBALL GAME – JACOBS (BOYS) PEP BAND – 6:15 PM
FEB.	22	4:30-6:00 PM	MARKET DAY (PICK UP 4:30-6:00 PM) CHORUS ROOM
FEB.	23	7:00 PM	WINTER JAZZ CONCERT (THIS CONCERT DATE MAY CHANGE)
FEB.	26	7:15 PM	HOME BASKETBALL GAME – GRAYSLAKE N. (BOYS) PEP BAND – 6:15 PM
MAR.	4	7:00 PM	WINTER BAND CONCERT
MAR.	6	TBA	IHSA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST
APR.	12	TBA	ECC JAZZ FESTIVAL
APR.	13	TBA	FOX VALLEY CONFERENCE FESTIVAL
APR.	17	8:00 AM-12	DIST. 300 BAND AND STRING SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST
APR.	22-24	7:30 PM	DCHS SPRING MUSICAL



### SENIOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dundee Crown Parents of Music Performers (POMP) will award scholarship money to Dundee Crown High School seniors who have demonstrated involvement in the music department.

Applications will be available April 5<sup>th</sup> and are due April 23. Please see Mrs. Aukes or your music teacher for the application packet.

April 5, 2010	Applications available
April 23, 2010	Applications due to Mrs. Aukes
April 28, 2010	Performance Sign up begins
May 8, 2010	Senior Scholarship Performance Day

Scholarships will be awarded at Senior Awards Day in May. Please direct questions to Marisa Combs, 847-516-2813 or Kelly Lundgren, 847-428-2451.

The following students were recognized at the IMEA Music Festival.

- Kelly Hof
- Jessica Wendt, All State Chorus
- Talitha Matulac, Honor's Chorus
- Lillian Reasor, Harp



5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**MUSIC CHANGES LIVES**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010  
1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Silent Auction/Luncheon  
**ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

DC POMP would like to invite you to participate in a very special event. Our fifth annual music celebration, called **Music Changes Lives**, will feature a variety of performances from the different music groups. This Concert, Luncheon, Silent Auction & Raffle will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at the Elgin Community College to benefit the Music Scholarship Program. We need your help to make it a success.

Here's how you can help: Please consider contributing an item to the auction/raffle. You, your employer, or both can donate the item. Some items that tend to sell well include:

- Wine
- Golf Items
- Gift items
- Gift Baskets
- Gift certificates to movies, restaurants, etc.
- Food of any kind
- Artwork
- Jewelry
- Books
- Cash contributions can also be made.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important event. Together we can make a difference! Contact Monica O'Neill at [moneill@allstate.com](mailto:moneill@allstate.com) or Maureen Ulbert at [mulbert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mulbert@sbcglobal.net)



**SUMMER CAMP MUSIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Dundee Crown Parents of Music Performers (POMP) will award scholarship money to current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors for 2010 summer music camp attendance.

Applications will be available April 26 and due back to Mrs. Aukes by May 14. Please see Mrs. Aukes or your music teacher for an application.

Scholarships awards will be distributed in May.

Please direct questions to Marisa Combs, 847-516-2813 or Kelly Lundgren, 847-428-2451.

**MARKET DAY  
PICK UP DATES  
TIME 4:30-6 PM  
FEB. 22**

By ordering Market Day you can help support the Music Program. Internet orders due by 11:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers are needed on the dates above from 3:30-4:30 pm to help re-check items.

**POMP Monthly Meetings (Parents of Music Performers)**

By becoming a member of POMP you help support the music program at Dundee Crown. Please join us the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. If the Monday falls on a holiday we will meet the following week.

**Meetings Held: Chorus Room DC**  
**When: First Monday of each month**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**  
**Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, June 7**

# PACT NEWSLETTER

## PARENTS AND CHARGERS TOGETHER

February, 2010

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### 2009– 2010 Board Members

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### 2010 meeting dates:

Held at 7:30 in the D-C Annex -  
Media Center 2nd floor

Jan. 27            Apr. 28  
Feb. 24            May 26

### Check us out on the web

Go to:  
<http://d300.org/schools/dchs/pact>  
Or find us on the Dundee Crown High  
School website–Parent Organizations–  
PACT.

Just print out our membership form  
to join. Annual dues are only \$5.

### CANDID TALK ABOUT DC SAFETY

Thanks go out to Officer John Galason, Dundee-Crown High's police liaison officer, for sharing his experiences and informing us about changes that were made to make D-C a safer place. Officer John continues to implement updates to school policy so our children can learn in a safe environment. So far this year D-C has had only one expulsion compared to 22 last year. John is very proud of taking back our school and removing any and all gang activity.

He also mentioned during his presentation that another D300 high school has reported more gang incidents and activity than we have so far this year. So don't believe everything you hear. According to Gary Chester, D300 Safety Director, who also joined our discussion, "D-C the safest high school in the district."

Thanks again to Officer Galason, Mr. Mora and Gary Chester for speaking to the PACT group.



**ON MARCH 18 YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR  
OFFICER GALASON SPEAK AGAIN AT THE GANG  
AWARENESS LECTURE HELD AT DC.  
LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SYNERGIZE PEOPLE TO SPEAK AT MEETING

Join us this month and meet Syner- outside of the classroom. The intent  
gize People a non-profit organiza- is to enable the younger generation  
tion, whose objective is to serve the to find their way through negative  
community in order to help others influences in order to achieve a life  
improve the quality of their lives full of happiness and purpose.  
The program's purpose is to provide Schlida Young, Executive Director,  
an environment focused on life will make a short presentation to  
skills, in which young adults can PACT during our meeting.  
receive supplemental life lessons

## Upcoming School and Event Calendar – Feb/Mar 2010

Feb. 3	7:30 pm	Honors Orchestra, Hampshire High School
Feb. 4	7:00 pm	Choral Talent Show, Auditorium
Feb. 11	7:00 pm	Orchestra Concert, Auditorium
Feb. 15	No Class	President's Day
Feb. 22	9:45 start	Late Arrival
Feb. 23	7:00 pm	Jazz Concert, Auditorium
Feb. 24	7:30 pm	PACT Meeting
Feb. 25	11:30 release	Early Release- Conferences Grades 9-12
Feb. 26	No Class	Kane County Teacher's Workshop
Mar. 4	7:00 pm	Band Concert, Auditorium
Mar. 8	9:45 start	Late Arrival
Mar. 21	1:00 pm	POMP Luncheon at ECC
Mar. 22	9:45 start	Late Arrival
Mar. 24-25		Freshman Mid Term exams
Mar. 25	7:40-1:35	Finals–10,11,12
Mar. 26	7:40-1:35	Finals–10,11,12
Mar. 29-Apr. 4	No Classes	SPRING BREAK

### Next PACT Meeting

**Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 pm**

**Dundee Crown Annex 2nd Floor Media Center**

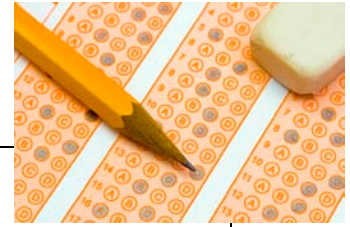
**Guest Speaker Schlida Young**

Schlida Young, Executive Director of the non-profit organization, Synergize People, Inc, is dedicated to helping others find success, nurture their passion, excel academically, and become empowered. Schlida has been working with the Black History Club through out the school year motivating its members through lectures with reflective assignments and group discussions.

# State Testing Information for Parents

## Dundee-Crown High School

### 2010



#### State Testing- 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**What?**

Prairie State Achievement Exam-ACT and Work Keys

**ACT-**The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay (taken from [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

**Work Keys-** The WorkKeys System connects work skills, training, and testing for education and employers and makes it easier to meet the requirements of federal programs and legislation

**Who?**

All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When?**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010 (ACT) and Thursday, April 29, 2010 (Work Keys)**

**Make-up testing- Wednesday, May 12, 2010 and Thursday, May 13, 2010**  
**\*\*\*NO FALL MAKE UP DATES\*\*\***

#### State Testing- 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**What?**

IACT (Institutionalized ACT)

This is a practice ACT exam. Dundee-Crown uses a retired ACT to prepare students for their junior year. This data is NOT reported to the state.

**Who?**

All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When?**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010-**  
Sophomores are NOT in attendance on Thursday, April 29, 2010

#### State Testing-9<sup>th</sup> grade

**What?**

PLAN

The **PLAN**® program helps 9th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years (taken from [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)).

**Who?**

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When?**

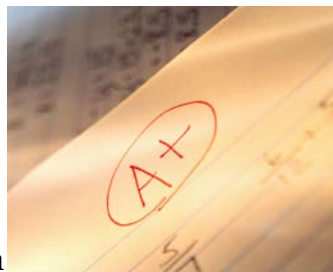
**Thursday, April 29, 2010**  
Freshmen are NOT in attendance on Wednesday, April 28, 2010

If you want additional information, try these recourses:

[www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/psae.htm](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/psae.htm)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**Using your score reports**  
**Students received their score reports in the CUP rooms**



**What do the reports communicate?**

**Score reports** show students' strengths and weakness for 4 major subject areas: English, math, reading, and science.

**The ACT Benchmarks for College Readiness** listed in the chart below correlate with success in college level freshman courses.

**How can I use the results?**

**Students and parents can predict an ACT score by adding 2 points to your PLAN scores and 2 points to your IACT scores.** Enter your predicted scores in the chart below. *Remember, this is only a prediction! Your motivation, effort, and preparation will cause your actual scores to vary.*

For example, students scoring:

Subject	Your PLAN Scores	Your IACT Scores	Your Predicted ACT Score	ACT Benchmark for College Readiness	Extra Efforts Needed
English	12	14	16	18	Yes
Math	19	21	23	22	No
Reading	16	18	20	21	Yes
Science	22	24	26	24	No

**Where do I go from here?**

**Use** the score reports to guide your actions! Student received their score reports in their CUP classes.

**A couple general suggestions....**

- Begin thinking about what you would like to study in college
- Make an effort to participate more in class
- Make an effort to do homework
- Improve attendance
- Work during CUP with peer tutors
- Meet with your counselor about enrolling in more rigorous class work
- Meet with teachers outside of class
- Make effort to read for fun
- Use CUP to your advantage
- Go to after school tutoring

**Freshman** -- Enroll and join in one of the many activities and clubs Dundee Crown offers.

**Sophomores**-Continue your involvement in clubs and activities. Try taking more rigorous courses.

**Juniors** -- Go to ACT website & practice ([www.actonlineprep.org](http://www.actonlineprep.org)) Take an ACT prep course.

If you have any additional questions, contact Mrs. Woodbury- [nicole.woodbury@d300.org](mailto:nicole.woodbury@d300.org)



## KEYBOARDING PROFICIENCY TEST

### Dundee Crown High School

#### **What you need to demonstrate:**

- ✓ Students will demonstrate proper keyboarding skills.
- ✓ Students will demonstrate basic formatting of documents.
- ✓ Students will demonstrate the correct formatting for standard memorandums in block style.
- ✓ Students will demonstrate the correct formatting for business letters.
- ✓ Students will demonstrate the correct formatting for reports and topic outlines.
- ✓ Students will demonstrate the correct formatting for tables.

#### **How you are assessed:**

- ✓ Observation of typing technique by a teacher
- ✓ Three minute timing at a minimum of 35 words a minute with 3 or fewer errors
- ✓ Typing the following documents demonstrating correct formatting:
  - Memorandum
  - Letter
  - MLA Report with references table

#### **When is the Test?**

May 22, 2010 at 9:00 am DCHS

There will be a sign-up form at the Business Education table at the AAA Fair.  
Or, you can email [Michelle.Buhrow@d300.org](mailto:Michelle.Buhrow@d300.org) to register.

Attention 8th Graders:

# Keyboarding Proficiency Test

Test out of the Keyboarding class  
and be able to take higher-level  
computer classes!

## When?

May 22 @ 9:00 am  
Dundee-Crown HS

## How do I sign up?

You must sign up in advance.  
Please sign up at the Business  
Education table at the AAA Fair.

Or, you can email

[Michelle.Buhrow@d300.org](mailto:Michelle.Buhrow@d300.org)

to register.