



The Downtown Debrief

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. DMHS continues to be the top school in test scores from SBAC to AP. This year, we will focus on learning about how the 4th industrial revolution affects our world, so our students can be more prepared for the future. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the school year.

Dr. Sarah Usmani, Principal

Update from the English Department

English teachers met during the second week of school to analyze SBAC data and plan ways to support at-risk students. Based on the SBAC data, we could see that 91% of last year's juniors met or exceeded standards. For the 9% of students who did not meet standards, we noticed that their STAR reading comprehension levels were far below grade level; most were reading at a sixth grade level or below. Therefore, low reading comprehension is an issue that we need to address.

English teachers decided that all students in grades 9-11 will take the STAR reading comprehension test early this semester so that we can identify students who are reading below grade level. Each student's STAR report will be shared with parents and guardians. Students who are reading below grade level will be shown how to use a free online program called ReadTheory.org. This program has been used successfully in DMHS's intervention programs, so we will expand access to students earlier in the year. ReadTheory.org enables students, teachers, and parents/guardians to monitor a student's reading progress.

In addition to this, parents and guardians can help students to improve reading skills by encouraging them to choose books, magazines, and newspapers that they like, and to read for at least 20-30 minutes.

Update from the Magnet Coordinator's Office

Welcome back Suns! We are incredibly busy at the start of the year ensuring our new students are enrolled. We are very close to being fully enrolled again and are looking forward to the start of a great year!

This year we are looking to grow our partnerships and internships as part of our ongoing WASC work towards whole school and magnet/career pathway improvement. We want to hear from you if you would like to be part of our efforts by participating in our advisory committees. Parent advisory committee members will provide advice and guidance on our magnet pathways in business, fashion, computer science, engineering, and multimedia/digital arts. Please contact Mr. Altuner at (213) 481 - 0371 if you are interested in participating and thank you for all your support!

Important Dates

Monday, September 3rd
Labor Day
School will be closed

Wednesday, September 5th
Mental Health Workshop in the Parent Center
9:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 13th
Back to School Night
5:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 25th
Downtown Dialogue
9:00 a.m. in the library

Please see attached calendar



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News from the IB office

DMHS does it again! For the second consecutive year, Downtown Magnets High School achieved outstanding IB Diploma Programme results. Out of 20 students who participated in the Diploma Programme, 19 students achieved an international diploma! Congratulations to the Class of 2018! To learn more about the IB Program at DMHS, contact Ms. Watt at mwatt1@lausd.net.

Message from the Parent Center



Welcome to our 2018-2019 academic school year! This month we will be having our Downtown Dialogue with the principal on Tuesday, September 25th. Please come and join us! We will also be starting our Mental Health Workshops on Wednesday, September 5th where we sit down and discuss important topics regarding the importance of mental health in our community. We would also like to remind you to sign up for LAUSD's Parent Portal and Schoology where you can keep track of your child's academic progress. If you need assistance signing up or have any questions, please feel free to contact the parent center at (213) 443-2417 or come by and visit us. Parent involvement is very important to a student's success so sign up and be ready for this coming school year!

Message from our Psychiatric Social Worker

Hello, my name is Patricia Munguia and I am the Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW) at Downtown Magnets High School. I am here every day from 7:30am-4:00pm and my office is next to the college center so stop by and say hello. The services that will be available to your child are: individual and group counseling for students, crisis intervention, community referrals and parent support as needed. I may also be providing some classroom presentations on topics that promote wellness and resilience, positive social skills and conflict resolution. The purpose of these services is to help our students achieve greater success in their educational, social and emotional growth. If you have any questions or would like to meet with me, please contact me at (213)443-2427. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year!

News from the College Center

The College Center would like to welcome all parents to come in and browse around at any time. If parents would like to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. McGee, the College Counselor, please call the office at (213) 443-2426 and we'll schedule a meeting.

This is the fall, which means college applications and applying for financial aid starts soon. Please mark your calendar for October 10th: this is the day all 9-11th graders will be taking either the PSAT or the Pre-ACT, while seniors will be visiting colleges around Southern California. Also in October will be our College Information Night, which will bring many college representatives to our campus to talk about what they have to offer our students. This is open to all students and parents of every grade level.

Lastly, the college center runs a big fundraiser every spring that involves a 5K and carnival, and we are looking for parents who would like to help plan it. If you would like to be a part of the college center fundraising team, please contact Mrs. McGee at (213) 443-2426 or Lmcgee@lausd.net. Thank you!

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Esquina de la directora

Bienvenido al año escolar 2018-2019. DMHS continúa siendo la mejor escuela en puntajes de exámenes de SBAC a AP. Este año, nos enfocaremos en aprender cómo la cuarta revolución industrial afecta nuestro mundo, para que nuestros estudiantes puedan estar más preparados para el futuro. Espero conocerlos a todos ustedes durante el año escolar.

Dr. Sarah Usmani, Directora

Mensaje del departamento de inglés

Los maestros de inglés se reunieron durante la segunda semana de clases para analizar los datos de SBAC y planear maneras de apoyar a los estudiantes en riesgo. Con base en los datos de SBAC, pudimos ver que el 91% de los juniors del año pasado cumplieron o excedieron los estándares. Para el 9% de los estudiantes que no cumplieron con los estándares, notamos que sus niveles de comprensión de lectura STAR estaban muy por debajo del nivel de grado; la mayoría estaba leyendo en un nivel de sexto grado o menos. Por lo tanto, la baja comprensión de lectura es un problema que debemos abordar. Los maestros de inglés decidieron que todos los estudiantes en los grados 9-11 tomarán la prueba de comprensión de lectura STAR a principios de este semestre para que podamos identificar a los estudiantes que están leyendo por debajo del nivel de grado. El informe STAR de cada alumno se compartirá con los padres y tutores. Los estudiantes que están leyendo por debajo del nivel de grado se les mostrará cómo utilizar un programa gratuito llamado ReadTheory.org. Este programa se ha utilizado con éxito en los programas de intervención de DMHS, por lo que ampliaremos el acceso a los estudiantes a principios de año. ReadTheory.org permite a los estudiantes, maestros y padres / tutores controlar el progreso de lectura de un alumno.

Además de esto, los padres y tutores pueden ayudar a los estudiantes a mejorar las habilidades de lectura al animarlos a elegir libros, revistas y periódicos que les gusten, y a leer durante al menos 20-30 minutos diarios.

Mensaje de la oficina del coordinador del programa Magnet

¡Bienvenida, soles! Estamos increíblemente ocupados al comienzo del año asegurando que nuestros nuevos estudiantes estén inscritos. ¡Estamos muy cerca de estar completamente inscritos nuevamente y esperamos el comienzo de un gran año!

Este año estamos buscando hacer crecer nuestras asociaciones como parte de nuestro trabajo continuo de WASC hacia la mejoría de las vías de la escuela y el programa magnet. Queremos saber de usted si desea ser parte de nuestros esfuerzos participando en nuestros comités asesores. Los miembros del comité asesor de padres proporcionarán asesoramiento y orientación sobre nuestros caminos de magnet en negocios, moda, informática, ingeniería y artes multimedia / digitales. ¡Comuníquese con el Sr. Altuner al 213 -481-0371 si está interesado en participar y le agradecemos su apoyo!

Fechas importantes

Lunes, 3 de septiembre

Día laboral
La escuela estará cerrada

Miércoles, 5 de septiembre

Taller de salud mental en el centro de padres
9:00 a.m.

Jueves, 13 de septiembre

Noche de regreso a la escuela
5:00-7:00 pm

Martes, 25 de septiembre

Junta de Downtown Dialogue
9:00 a.m. en la biblioteca

Por favor, vea el endario adjunto para más fechas



Nuestra misión es trabajar en colaboración como una organización de aprendizaje para garantizar que cada estudiante se gradúe de la universidad y esté listo para su carrera con la capacidad de pensar críticamente y de manera creativa, comunicarse de manera efectiva y colaborar con diversos miembros de la sociedad. Desarrollamos diversas experiencias de aprendizaje magnet que preparan a los estudiantes para ser innovadores en el diseño de moda, ingeniería, negocios e información electrónica. Existe un sentido de responsabilidad colectiva. Cuando los estudiantes no alcanzan los estándares definidos, cambiamos nuestras prácticas para asegurarnos de que lo hagan.

Noticias de la oficina del programa IB

¡DMHS lo hace de nuevo! Por segundo año consecutivo, Downtown Magnets High School logró excelentes resultados en el Programa del Diploma IB. De los 20 estudiantes que participaron en el Programa del Diploma, ¡19 estudiantes lograron un diploma internacional! Felicitaciones a la clase de 2018! Para obtener más información sobre el Programa IB en DMHS, comuníquese con la Sra. Watt en mwatt1@lausd.net.

Mensaje del centro de padres



¡Bienvenido a nuestro año escolar académico 2018-2019! Este mes tendremos nuestra junta de Downtown Dialogue con la directora el martes, 25 de septiembre a las 9 de la mañana. Por favor, ¡venga y forme parte de nuestras juntas! Comenzaremos nuestros Talleres de Salud Mental el miércoles, 5 de septiembre, donde nos sentaremos y discutiremos temas importantes con respecto a la importancia de la salud mental en nuestra comunidad. También nos gustaría recordarle que se inscriba en Parent Portal y Schoology del LAUSD, donde puede mantenerse al día con el progreso académico de su hijo/a. Si necesita ayuda para inscribirse o tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en comunicarse con el centro de padres al (213) 443-2417 o venga a visitarnos. La participación de los padres es muy importante para el éxito de los estudiantes, así que ¡regístrese y prepárese para el próximo año escolar!

Mensaje de nuestra trabajadora social psiquiátrica

Hola, mi nombre es Patricia Munguía y soy la asistente social psiquiátrica (PSW) en Downtown Magnets High School. Estoy aquí todos los días de 7:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. y mi oficina está al lado del centro de la universidad. Por favor, pase para saludar. Los servicios que estarán disponibles para su hijo son: asesoramiento individual y grupal para estudiantes, intervención en casos de crisis, derivaciones a la comunidad y apoyo para padres según sea necesario. También puedo ofrecer algunas presentaciones en el aula sobre temas que promueven el bienestar y la resiliencia, las habilidades sociales positivas y la resolución de conflictos. El propósito de estos servicios es ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a lograr un mayor éxito en su crecimiento educativo, social y emocional. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea reunirse conmigo, contácteme al (213) 443-2427. ¡Espero conocerlos a todos durante el año!

Noticias del centro universitario

El centro de colegio desea dar la bienvenida a todos los padres para que entren a visitarnos en cualquier momento. Si los padres desean hacer una cita para reunirse con la Sra. McGee, la Consejera Universitaria, llame a la oficina al (213) 443-2426 y programaremos una reunión.

Estamos en temporada de otoño, lo que significa que las solicitudes para la universidad y la solicitud de ayuda financiera comienzan pronto. Marque su calendario para el 10 de octubre: este es el día en que todos los alumnos de 9º a 11º tomarán el PSAT o el Pre-ACT, mientras que los estudiantes de último año visitarán las universidades del sur de California. También en octubre será nuestra noche de información universitaria, que traerá a muchos representantes de la universidad a nuestro campus para hablar sobre lo que tienen que ofrecer a nuestros estudiantes. Esto está abierto a todos los estudiantes y padres de cada grado.

Por último, el centro universitario organiza una gran recaudación de fondos cada primavera que involucra una caminata de 5 millas y un carnaval, y estamos buscando padres que quieran ayudar a planificarlo. Si desea formar parte del equipo de recaudación de fondos del centro universitario, comuníquese con la Sra. McGee al (213) 443-2426 o Lmcgee@lausd.net. ¡Gracias!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	4 PD Tuesday 1:27 Dismissal	5 Mental Health Workshop 9:00 a.m. in the Parent Center	6	7	8
9	10 Unassigned Day NO SCHOOL	11	12	13 Back-to-School Night 5:00 p.m. -- 7:00 p.m.	14 Minimum Day 12:17 Dismissal	15
16	17	18 PD Tuesday 1:27 Dismissal	19 Unassigned Day NO SCHOOL	20	21	22
23	24	25 Downtown Dialogue 9:00 a.m. in the library	26	27	28	29
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Dates to keep in mind:



Aug. 31st -Sept. 3rd



Downtown Dialogue Sept. 25th

We hope you enjoy Labor Day Break.

DMHS MASTER BELL SCHEDULE 2018-19: FALL 2018 — (V1 5/2018; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

		August		September		October		November		December				
Week 1	13	PURIM FREE DAY	Week 4	3	HOLIDAY	Week 8	1	PERIODS 1-6	Week 12	29	PERIODS 1-6	Week 17	3	PERIODS 1-6
	14	OPENING		4	PD TUESDAY #2 OF #8		2	PD TUESDAY #4 OF #8		30	PD TUESDAY #6 OF #8		4	NON PD TUESDAY
	15	OPENING		5	ADV BLOCK ODD		3	ADV BLOCK ODD		31	SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE ODD		5	ADV BLOCK ODD
	16	OPENING		6	ADV BLOCK EVEN		4	ADV BLOCK EVEN		1	ADV BLOCK EVEN		6	ADV BLOCK EVEN
	17	OPENING		7	ADV BLOCK ODD		5	ADV BLOCK ODD		2	ADV BLOCK ODD		7	ADV BLOCK ODD
Week 2	20	OPENING	Week 5	10	UNASSIGNED DAY	Week 9	8	PERIODS 1-6	Week 13	5	PERIODS 1-6	Week 18	10	ADV BLOCK ODD
	21	PD TUESDAY #1 OF #8		11	NON PD TUESDAY		9	NON PD TUESDAY		6	NON PD TUESDAY		11	PD TUESDAY #8 OF #8
	22	ADV BLOCK ODD		12	ADV BLOCK ODD		10	ADV BLOCK ODD		7	ADV BLOCK ODD			
	23	ADV BLOCK EVEN		13	ADV BLOCK EVEN		11	ADV BLOCK EVEN		8	ADV BLOCK EVEN			
	24	ADV BLOCK ODD		14	MINIMUM DAY ODD		12	ADV BLOCK ODD		9	ADV BLOCK ODD			
Week 3	27	ADV BLOCK ODD	Week 6	17	ADV BLOCK ODD	Week 10	15	PERIODS 1-6	Week 14	12	HOLIDAY	Week 15	19	THANKSGIVING BREAK
	28	NON PD TUESDAY		18	PD TUESDAY #3 OF #8		16	PD TUESDAY #5 OF #8		13	NON PD TUESDAY		20	
	29	ADV BLOCK EVEN		19	UNASSIGNED DAY		17	ADV BLOCK ODD		14	ADV BLOCK ODD		21	
	30	ADV BLOCK ODD		20	ADV BLOCK ODD		18	ADV BLOCK EVEN		15	ADV BLOCK EVEN		22	
	31	HOLIDAY		21	ADV BLOCK EVEN		19	MINIMUM DAY ODD		16	ADV BLOCK ODD		23	
Week 7			Week 7	24	PERIODS 1-6	Week 11	22	PERIODS 1-6	WEEK 16	26	PERIODS 1-6	WEEK 16	26	PERIODS 1-6
				25	NON PD TUESDAY		23	NON PD TUESDAY		27	PD TUESDAY #7 OF #8		27	PD TUESDAY #7 OF #8
				26	ADV BLOCK ODD		24	ADV BLOCK ODD		28	ADV BLOCK ODD		28	ADV BLOCK ODD
				27	ADV BLOCK EVEN		25	ADV BLOCK EVEN		29	ADV BLOCK EVEN		29	ADV BLOCK EVEN
				28	ADV BLOCK ODD		26	ADV BLOCK ODD		30	ADV BLOCK ODD		30	ADV BLOCK ODD

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Dismissal at 2:57pm

PD Tuesday: Dismissal at 1:27pm

Minimum Day: Dismissal at 12:12pm

Finals: Dismissal at 12:17pm

Holiday / Unassigned Day / Breaks: No School

DMHS MASTER BELL SCHEDULE 2018-19: SPRING 2019 – (v1 5/2018; SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

		JANUARY 2019		FEBRUARY 2019		MARCH 2019		APRIL 2019		MAY 2019				
Week 1	7	OPENING	Week 5	4	PERIODS 1-6	Week 9	4	PERIODS 1-6	Week 13	1	UNASSIGNED DAY	Week 17	6	PERIODS 1-6
	8	PD TUESDAY #1 OF #6		5	PD TUESDAY #3 OF #6		5	PD TUESDAY #5 OF #6		2	ADV BLOCK EVEN		7	ADV BLOCK EVEN
	9	OPENING		6	ADV BLOCK ODD		6	ADV BLOCK ODD		3	ADV BLOCK ODD		8	ADV BLOCK ODD
	10	OPENING		7	ADV BLOCK EVEN		7	ADV BLOCK EVEN		4	ADV BLOCK EVEN		9	ADV BLOCK EVEN
	11	OPENING		8	ADV BLOCK ODD		8	ADV BLOCK ODD		5	ADV BLOCK ODD		10	ADV BLOCK ODD
Week 2	14	OPENING	Week 6	11	PERIODS 1-6	Week 10	11	PERIODS 1-6	Week 14	8	PERIODS 1-6	Week 18	13	PERIODS 1-6
	15	NON PD TUESDAY		12	NON PD TUESDAY		12	NON PD TUESDAY		9	ADV BLOCK EVEN		14	ADV BLOCK EVEN
	16	ADV BLOCK ODD		13	ADV BLOCK ODD		13	ADV BLOCK ODD		10	ADV BLOCK ODD		15	ADV BLOCK ODD
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	18	ADV BLOCK ODD		15	ADV BLOCK ODD		15	ADV BLOCK ODD		12	SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE ODD		17	ADV BLOCK ODD
Week 3	21	HOLIDAY	Week 7	18	HOLIDAY	Week 11	18	PERIODS 1-6	Spring Break	15	SPRING BREAK	Week 19	20	PERIODS 1-6
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	30	ADV BLOCK ODD		27	ADV BLOCK ODD		27	ADV BLOCK ODD		24	ADV BLOCK ODD		29	ADV BLOCK ODD
	31	ADV BLOCK EVEN		28	ADV BLOCK EVEN		28	ADV BLOCK EVEN		25	ADV BLOCK EVEN		30	ADV BLOCK EVEN
	Feb 1	ADV BLOCK ODD		March 1	ADV BLOCK ODD		29	ADV BLOCK ODD		26	ADV BLOCK ODD			
Week 5	29	PERIODS 1-6	Week 9	26	PERIODS 1-6	Week 13	26	PERIODS 1-6	Week 16	29	PERIODS 1-6	FINALS	3	Adv Block ODD
	30	ADV BLOCK EVEN		27	ADV BLOCK ODD		27	ADV BLOCK ODD		30	ADV BLOCK EVEN		4	Adv Block EVEN
	May 1	ADV BLOCK ODD		28	ADV BLOCK EVEN		28	ADV BLOCK EVEN		May 1	ADV BLOCK ODD		5	FINALS 5/1 & 2
	May 2	ADV BLOCK EVEN		29	ADV BLOCK ODD		29	ADV BLOCK ODD		May 2	ADV BLOCK EVEN		6	FINALS 5/3 & 4
	May 3	ADV BLOCK ODD								May 3	ADV BLOCK ODD		7	FINALS 5/5 & 6

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