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CLASS OF 2021 GLC NEWS AND NOTES
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Class of 2021 Students and Parents,

As we have the past two school years, we will publish this GLC News and Notes Newsletter periodically during the school year. Our goal is to keep our students and parents up-to-date on relevant and timely topics and issues.

In addition to this periodic GLC News and Notes Newsletter specifically written for our junior students and parents, you will also receive a GLC Quarterly four times a year from our assistant principal and GLC Team. The GLC Quarterly will address timely issues as well for all grade levels. From a parent and student perspective, we believe it is beneficial for you to read what is happening at the different grade levels as well. The first of four issues of the GLC Quarterly will be emailed to parents and students in the next several weeks.

Since this is the first issue of our Junior GLC News and Notes it will be lengthy so here we go....

1. WELCOME BACK TO DBHS

Welcome to our 11th grade school year!

It is our goal to keep students and parents informed on the events and issues at Diamond Bar High School. Our goals for our parents is for you to be aware of any events, issues, and things your students should be handling.

We want our students to be the ones who handle their responsibilities. Parents, we want you to be aware of what your student is involved in and what tasks may need to be completed so you are able to “guide and oversee” your student taking care of his or her “business” on campus. That is part of our role as the “Parent On Campus” with your children. High school is a time for our students to become more and more independent and to take care of things on their own. They may make some mistakes along the way, but learning from these mistakes is the best way to become a mature, independent and confident young adult.

2. DPP-Dream-Plan-Pursue

We have used this expression with our students since they entered DBHS as 9th graders. We want our students to “Dream” about what they would like to accomplish with their lives here at DBHS and beyond. We advise our students to “Plan”, to make a Plan on how they will make their dreams become reality and lastly we want our students to “Pursue” their dreams with

passion. We would like our students to become excited about their dreams and plans and to understand that whether it is their Plan A, Plan B or their Plan C that develops over their lifetime, it is something they can manage, own and control.

3. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

As you know, DBHS began our school year Monday, August 12th. Our principal, Dr. Reuben Jones addressed the entire student body at our Day 1 Assembly. Dr. Jones reviewed and emphasized this year's goals and stressed the following: "ONLY THE BEST" Dr. Jones will emphasize this philosophy throughout the school year. Dr. Jones wants only the best for our staff and students. Dr. Jones wants our students to always strive to be the "best they can be" in all they attempt. This does not mean perfection, this means being the best version of themselves.

4. Dr. Jones' Weekly Email Newsletter

Principal Dr. Reuben Jones will issue a weekly email newsletter with the school events for the upcoming week including timely topics for parents and students. This is emailed to all email addresses associated with our students. Please take the time to review this information.

5. DUE PROCESS MEETING:

On Wednesday, August 14th, your GLCs Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Duenas spoke with each of our 600+ junior students during their English class. Mrs. Salas also met with her junior Pathways Communications Academy students. During this presentation, we expressed our expectations of our 11th grade students. We are very proud of this class and for them to continue to be the "Best Class of Campus" they will need to continue living up to our expectations. The class is really a great group!

PLEASE REVIEW THE POWER POINT DUE PROCESS PRESENTATION! You can find the presentation on www.dbhs.org by going to the Class of 2021 page. Look for the presentation under our FILES titled: DUE PROCESS PRESENTATION JUNIOR YEAR 2019-2020.

6. GLC Supervision Areas:

All of DBHS GLCs are out with our students during our morning break, Brunch, and at lunch supervising and watching our students. This is an ideal time for your student to seek us out and talk with us. Mrs. Duenas is assigned to the USB Bridge and USB room area for the first 12 weeks and Mr. Patterson is our Floater so he will be all around campus. Any GLC on campus or our Guidance secretaries may access us via radio when asked by a student. GLCs are not in their offices during brunch and lunch times.

7. SCHEDULE CHANGES:

We are pretty much past the point of making schedule changes as we begin week 5 (September 9th). The following is what we have done the first four weeks of school.

Making a schedule change once school has started is a difficult task. Please make a request for schedule changes only if it meets the below situations. Schedule changes disrupt your learning process and are difficult for your GLC and your teachers!

We are here as your student's advocate and we will make **necessary** adjustments to your schedule. These adjustments only include a very few situations.

We will adjust a student's schedule if...

1. There is a mistake in your schedule; we will do our best to correct the mistake immediately.

2. You are adjusting from an Honors/AP course to a College-Prep course. We will actually allow students to make this adjustment through the first grading period.
3. You make an Athletics team or another course you have to audition for-including teacher approval.

What adjustments will not be considered...

1. The order/sequence of your classes.
2. Elective choices-We started this process back in March-5 months ago and we had a productive meeting with parents and students this summer. Give your elective a chance-it is your class.
3. Teacher changes.

8. STUDENT WVUSD EMAIL ADDRESS:

All DBHS students are assigned a Walnut Valley USD student email address. For example, the email will look like this: 6-digit Student ID number@stu.wvusd.org. Students should access this email account often. Some students may want to have email messages sent to their Student Email forwarded to their personal email address so they do not miss important email messages. Mr. Randy Thomas, DBHS Technology Director, will be able to assist your student if needed. rthomas@wvusd.k12.ca.us

IMPORTANT: This WVUSD student email should be used for school-related communications with teachers and other WVUSD staff. Students should use their personal email addresses when communicating with universities, Collegeboard, ACT etc. Communications from outside entities to the WVUSD generated email address may not be received by the students.

9. PARENT AND STUDENT PORTAL:

If you are new to the WVUSD, you should register for the Student and Parent Portal. This will allow you to access student information such as attendance, grades etc. Directions on how to register for this Student and Parent Portal may be found on the DBHS website. Simply access www.dbhs.org and go to either the STUDENTS OR PARENTS pull-down menu and look for the Parent Portal File. Verification Codes may be received from Mr. Randy Thomas, Technology Director, rthomas@wvusd.k12.ca.us or Mrs. Mingie Han, Registrar, mhan@wvusd.k12.ca.us. The Parent Portal and Student Portal are valuable tools used to monitor a student's progress.

Continuing students and parents should continue to actively use the Student and Parent portals.

10. DBHS WEPAGE AND CLASS OF 2021 WEBPAGE:

It is very important for your student to stay up-to-date with DBHS News.

- a. Juniors should check the DBHS website's Homepage www.dbhs.org once or twice a week. It only takes a few minutes to review the announcements etc. Our school bulletin is only read to our student body once per week, during period 4 on Mondays. Information is posted to the DBHS website daily.
- b. Juniors should check the Class of 2021 periodically as well. Once every week or so would be fine. Great source of support and information for our students.

11. WELLNESS:

We are very fortunate here at DBHS to have a very strong support system for students. Encourage your student to reach out for help when needed.

- a. Grade Level Coordinator-Your GLC wears many hats and one is as our student's counselor.
- b. School Psychologists. Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Turner (Office #252 and #253) are tremendous sources of support.
- c. Intervention Counselor: Mrs. Lauren Osajima-Room 277
- d. Wellness Center-Room 254. Students may walk in for support from our Trained Peer Counseling staff.
- e. Trusted Teachers-Our instructional staff are professionals and great listeners.
- f. Clerical Staff-Our support staff are great people with great listening skills.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS:

a. COLLEGE NIGHT

- i. Thursday, September 12, 2019 **(THIS THURSDAY)!**
 - 1. Walnut High School Gymnasium (Site rotates each year)
 - 2. 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 3. 50+ Universities will send representatives to visit with our students.
 - 4. They will also have workshops available.
- ii. This is a great event for your student shifting into a new gear as they think about what colleges will be good for them in 12 short months when the college application process begins. It is a very informal, "open-house" format for students and parents to walk around and visit with college representatives. A student can do a great job in 30+ minutes or so on the 12th. Also, upon arrival, check out the breakout sessions/workshops offered.

b. MILITARY ACADEMY NIGHT

Presented by the office of Representative Gil Cisneros. Very informative event for any student looking to continue their education after high school at one of our nation's military academies.

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION FLYER ON THE CLASS OF 2021 WEBPAGE for more details.

- i. Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:00-8:00 pm
- ii. Troy High School
- iii. Questions: Contact Stephanie Wade 714-459-4575

c. PARENT SYMPOSIUM

The WVUSD presents this Parent Symposium allowing parents an opportunity to learn more about parenting their student. A great source of support on many different parenting topics.

- i. Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:30 am to Noon
- ii. WVUSD will use Walnut High School for this event.
- iii. Go to the DBHS webpage www.dbhs.org and look for the registration link on our homepage.

13. AP Exam Registration

If your student is enrolled in an AP course and plans on taking the AP Exam this spring, he/she will need to make this decision earlier this year than in past years. Students and parents should have received information earlier about registering for AP Exams. Please don't delay with these decisions and actions. We encourage students in AP courses to take the AP Exam.

14. Lunch/Misc. Drop Off

We have seen an increase in lunches being dropped off to our students. There is history with this practice at DBHS. This history has led to our policy of not allowing lunches to be dropped off in the main offices for students to pick up.

In addition, please DO NOT deliver lunches or other items off to your students through the fences and gates surrounding our campus. When we observe people placing items through the fences or gates to students, we do not know who is passing the item and what is being passed to our students. For student safety, please do not attempt to deliver items to your student in this manner.

15. Senior Bulletins

Each year, our seniors and their parents receive a Senior Bulletin each month. We have posted these senior bulletins to the Class of 2021 webpage so you can take an advanced look at what is approaching for your student their senior year. Look under FILES on the Class of 2021 webpage for these Senior Bulletins.

16. PSAT-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

If your student registered and paid to take the National PSAT on October 19th, please be advised that your student should pick up a PSAT Study Guide in our Guidance Office at DBHS. These guides are helpful tools for students planning to test October 19th.

17. PARENT AND STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLNESS INFORMATION

We have posted a wealth of information for parents and students on the DBHS webpage, www.dbhs.org. Under the SAFETY AND WELLNESS Menu Heading, you will find great Power Points with very pertinent information on such topics as Bullying, Drug Advisories for parents etc. A MUST SEE AND READ FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

18. EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

On the GUIDANCE/GLC link found via www.dbhs.org and the Class of 2021 Webpage, you will find Educational Videos for both parents and students. The videos are posted just above the many FILES available to parents and students on the Class of 2021 webpage. Please view them. We will update and add videos periodically throughout the year. The first two videos...

- a. TED Talk on the concept of GRIT-A characteristic found to be important in accomplishing goals etc.
- b. BE KIND ONLINE-What everyone needs to do before posting anything on Social Media

19. Using the same name on SAT and ACT Exams as is stated on DBHS Transcript

When students register to take the SAT and/or ACT Exams, and in the future, when they apply to college, the name used should match the name on their DBHS Transcript. If the names do not match, it will be a problem during the College Admissions' Process.

Class of 2021-The Best Class on Campus

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