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A Newsletter for Hilliard Davidson High School Parents

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It never ceases to amaze me how exciting the start of a new school year can be. This year is no exception as a new group of seniors prepares to lead us in what is sure to be an eventful and rewarding crusade. Although the last few classes have given this group huge shoes to fill, I am confident in the leadership and the character in the class of 2010. I look forward to what this school year will bring.

Our diverse population and well rounded student body continues to drive the work of our staff. We have spent the summer planning and tweaking programming to ensure that every student gets the education he or she deserves. As in previous years, we cannot only hope, but we truly expect to reach new heights in academic achievements.

If you have driven by the school lately, you have noticed the "buzz." With each new day, a new activity begins. Our cross-country teams have been training, the band has been practicing, and many other groups are visible as well. All fall activities are in full swing giving numerous opportunities to our 1900 students.

Although I have stated many times before how proud I am to be the principal of Hilliard Davidson High School, I certainly feel that I cannot say it enough. I am truly blessed to serve a school community like this one and look forward to working closely with each and every student.

With Wildcat Pride,

John Bindow

John Bindow
Principal



Wildcat Snapshot



Freshmen Gain Focus at Focus Camp

Recently, the Hilliard Davidson Athletic Complex was given a new look. In an effort to keep our facility one of the best in Central Ohio, and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the building, the stadium received some new equipment.

The first updated piece of equipment is the new scoreboard. The board, built by Daktronics, is an updated version of the original. It has the added capability to specify home and visiting school names for each contest.

The second piece of new hardware is an updated sound system. The eleven speaker system was installed by Live Technologies of Columbus during July. A six speaker system under the main grandstand that enables patrons visiting the restrooms and concession stand to hear the play-by-play from the stadium announcer is the greatest improvement.

Lastly the press box received a new façade. The beautiful royal blue and white (with black accents) laminate mural features the school name, mascot and two HD paw logos. The art work is clearly visible from Davidson Road as you approach our campus from the east.



NEWS & notes

➡ New Administrative Duties:

Seniors: Jill Burke
Juniors: Aaron Cookson
Sophomores: Chuck Page
Freshmen: Nathan Bobek

➡ Welcome to all new staff:

Aaron Cookson: Assistant Principal
Susan DellaFlora: German
Charles DeRee: Math/Pre-Engineering
Brad Fout: Science
Sabine Homs: French
Mara Hoover: Science
Marcia Leonino: English
Ann Lutz: Spanish
Tiffany Thomas: English
Trevor Torrence: English/Morning Announcements
Claire Roderick: Family Consumer-Science/ELL
Stephanie French: Afternoon ELL (1/2)

➡ Guidance Counselor Organization: Grouping by student last name.

Janet Sohl: A-EI
Susan Schulman: Em-Lei
Tony Odenweller: Lej-R
Jeff Cadwallader: S-Z
Janie O'Shaughnessy: College Counselor

➡ Hilliard City School District was once again given a rating of Excellent with Distinction from the state of Ohio, meeting 29 of the 30 standards.

➡ Hilliard Davidson HS
- Scored over 90% in all 5 parts of the OGT.
- Had 26 students pass all 5 portions with an advanced rating.

Athletics News

From Mark Princehorn

Athletic information can be obtained anytime by calling the Wildcat Sports Information Line at 921-7979 or on the web at www.hilliarddavidsonwildcats.com

Here are some upcoming dates/events that may be important to you and your family.

Winter Sport Picture Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. Each team will be scheduled a specific time on that day.

On Wednesday, November 18 the make-up for the Fall Sports Meeting will take place in the main gym at 7:00pm.

Please see our web site: www.hilliarddavidsonwildcats.com for information on purchasing reserved and general admission tickets for the entire 2009-2010 school year. Please order as soon as possible!

In addition, I strongly urge you to consider membership in the Davidson Athletic Boosters. Our boosters spend over \$24,000.00 for recognition items for our kids each year. Meetings are the second Monday of each month (except July) at the high school. The next big booster event is: the annual Holy Fest (December 5 10am-4pm). Get involved. I guarantee you will have a great time!

If you have questions on specific sports contact the following individuals:

Baseball - Jim Dougherty
Boys Basketball - Kevin Logsdon
Girls Basketball - Lisa Cady
Boys Bowling - TBA
Girls Bowling - TBA
Cross Country (B) - Pat Schlecht
Cross Country (G) - Emily Holliday
Football - Brian White
Cheerleading - Jennifer Cooper
Golf - Monte Rhoden

Gymnastics - Carol Peschel
Boys Lacrosse - Jason Godwin
Girls Lacrosse - Mark Buroff
Softball - Angelo Forte
Boys Soccer - Terry Smith
Girls Soccer - Joe Divida
Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving - Joe Cahill
Tennis - Shawn Walton
Girls Tennis - Kim Shepherd
Boys Track & Field - Jim Smith
Girls Track & Field - Matt Beatty
Boys Volleyball - Jay Cauley
Girls Volleyball - Betty Cameron
Wrestling - Dominic DiSabato



Congratulations Wildcat Football

On Saturday, August 29, the Hilliard Davidson Wildcats participated in the Kirk Herbstreit Series at The Ohio State University in "The Shoe." The game was also televised on ESPN U.

Their opponent for the game was the Westerville South Wildcats. It was a hard fought game that went down to the wire with our Wildcats coming out on top 21-20.

The Wildcats are again on the road this week. They will be traveling to face the Bearcats of Brookhaven HS.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30pm.





Datebook Planner

September 2009

- 9/4 Renaissance Appeal Deadline
- 9/14&15 PTO Spirit Night @ Skyline Chili
(3693 Fishinger Blvd.)
- 9/17 Senior Parent Workshop
7:00 pm (PAC)
- 9/25 - Interim Grade Cards - Distributed
to students.
- 9/30 Powder Puff Football Game and
Bonfire (5pm-9pm)
Davidson Football Stadium

October 2009

- 10/3 - Homecoming Dance
(8pm-11pm)
Hilliard Davidson HS
- 10/5 PTO Meeting
7:00pm-8:00pm - Media Center
- 10/5 PSAT Registration
Performing Arts Center
- 10/6 Soph. Class Rings Meeting
Performing Arts Center
- 10/6 Senior Class Cap and Gown
Meeting (PAC)
- 10/12 Davidson Late Start
School Starts @ 8:25 am
Buses run on normal schedules
- 10/13 Picture Retakes
- 10/14 Students Take PSAT
7:30am-1:00pm
- 10/20 Spaghetti Dinner & Orchestra
Concert
6:00pm
Davidson High School
- 10/26-30 OGT Testing
7:40am-10:10am
- 10/31 OMEA State Marching Band
Dublin Coffman HS

Freshman Focus Camp August 17-19

On August 17th, 18th, and 19th Hilliard Davidson High School welcomed the class of 2013 at our annual Freshman Focus Orientation Camp. During these three fun-filled mornings, freshmen participated in a variety of activities designed to help get their high school experience off to a great start. Students had the opportunity to get their class schedule, find their lockers, pick up textbooks, meet teachers and upperclassmen, and have fun with other members of their class.

Freshman Focus Camp is the kickoff of our year-long freshman transition program. While at camp, students meet their Focus teachers and student mentors who spend the year assisting them with the transition into high school. The Freshman Focus program is beginning its seventh year. We have been listening to

suggestions from our teachers, parents, and students on ways to improve the program, and have spent time this spring and summer responding to their recommendations. Although the curriculum remains consistent, our teachers have worked diligently to prepare new relevant, useful, and fun activities. We are certain everyone will be excited and pleased.

The funding for the three day camp is possible through a federal education grant directed at smaller learning communities. Freshman Focus Orientation is fortunate to be funded in this manner, thus creating less financial stress on the district and Hilliard Davidson.

We are looking forward to meeting our newest Wildcats. Welcome Class of 2013!

Davidson Late Start Days

For professional development purposes, Davidson High School will once again be operating on an occasional late start schedule. On these dates, buses will run on a normal schedule; however, when the entire district has professional development days (9/23/09 - 12/02/09 - 1/27/10 - 3/3/10 - 4/22/10), bus schedules will be modified.

The dates for Hilliard Davidson's late starts are as follows...

9/14/09	2/08/10
10/12/09	4/12/10
11/09/09	
1/11/10	

* For Davidson High School late starts, school begins at 8:25 am, and on district late start days, school begins at 9:45 am.

Drama News

Auditions for *Stuart Little* - Thurs., Sept. 3 @ 6pm

Auditions for the children's play *Stuart Little* will be on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Audition material is available in the Media Center. Mr. Tobin will be directing. This production is open to students in grades 9 through 12. Questions, see Mr. Crawford or Mrs. Vance.

Scotland Ensemble Set . . . Show Selected

Hilliard Davidson's theatre program has again been invited to perform in the American High School Theatre Festival venue during the 2010 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. This will be the fourth time Davidson has been invited. In 1998, we performed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*; in 2003, *Godspell*; and in 2007, *Schoolhouse Rock!*

Save the Date . . Sat., Sept 19 - (4pm-7pm)

We will be having our annual "kick off the theatre year" picnic at Homestead Park Lakeside Pavilion for all current members of Drama Club and Tech Crew, potential members, interested students, and parents of all of the above. 2008 was our first picnic; it was such a great success that it has now become an All-Hilliard Theatre picnic. We will be joining with students, family and faculty from Darby HS and the new Bradley HS for the first "hopefully" annual All-Hilliard Theatre event. Find out about the new seasons at all three schools, meet the officers and faculty of all three schools, discover more about the theatre opportunities in Hilliard City Schools, make new friends, picnic, and play games. What could be more fun?!

First Drama Boosters' Meeting - Mon., Sept. 14 @ 7pm Room 70

DRAMA OFFICERS 2009-2010

President: Chelsey Summers
Vice President: Geoff McTurner
Secretary: Stephanie Meyers
Costumer/Makeup: Michelle McPhillips
Public Relations Officer: Shanice Akoto
House Manager: Corey Ragan
Historian: Caitlin Bumbledare
Giggle Factory Student Leader: Chelsea Lynn

TECH CREW OFFICERS 2009-2010

President: Nick Gialluca
Vice President: "Fish" Spurlock
Secretary: Emily Jeu

2009-2010 THEATRE SEASON

Stuart Little - Friday, Oct. 9 @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10 @ 2pm
Sunday, Oct. 11 @ 2pm

Evening of Improv - Saturday, Oct. 24 @ 7pm

Neil Simon's Fools - Friday, Nov. 13 @ 7pm
Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 7pm

Almost Maine - Friday, Jan. 29 @ 7pm
Saturday, Jan. 30 @ 7pm

Radium Girls -Friday Feb. 26 @ 7pm
Sat. Feb. 27 @ 7pm

Evening of Improv - Friday, Mar. 5 @ 7pm

Sunday Afternoon with the Giggle Factory -
Sunday, Mar. 14 @ 2pm

Evening of Improv - Friday, April 16 @ 7pm

The Wizard of OZ - Friday, April 30 @ 8pm
Saturday, May 1 @ (2pm & 8pm)
Sunday, May 2, @ 3pm

Almost Maine (Benefit Performance) Sun., May 16 @
2 p.m.

Check out our website –
davidsontheatre.com

Hey Parents

Buy a Lock

In the age of tiny, expensive electronic devices, cell phones and Ipods are frequently coming up missing. School is no exception. Our recommendation is for students to leave these items at home; however, if your son or daughter chooses to carry such devices, they should also have a lock to secure them in areas such as the gym locker rooms. Davidson High School is a very large

Three important topics that we cannot stress enough

place and is not immune to theft.

Be Careful when planning vacations

Students are limited to one vacation of up to 10 school days. Proper paper work must be filled out by a parent and approved by a grade level principal 10 days in advance of the trip. Vacations lasting longer than 10 school days will result in the student being withdrawn from school. In addition, **no vacations will be approved during exams.** Attendance during exam days is absolutely mandatory. Make up exams are only given to those students with official

absences on exam days.

Reporting an Absence - 771-2289

A voice mail will take calls before and after school, in the evening and on weekends.

Parents will be notified of student absences by the auto-dialer beginning at 6:00 PM.

All notes/documents reporting an **ABSENCE** must be submitted to the attendance office within 3 days of student returning to school.

A phone call before 9:00 am or a note following an absence will be accepted.