



# DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### Theatre 308 Competes at High School Music Theatre Awards Gala



On Sunday, May 24, the cast and crew of Theatre 308's *Les Miserables* traveled to the Garde Arts Center in New London, CT. to participate in the first annual *Spirit of Broadway High School Music Theatre Award Gala*. The Connecticut High School Music Theatre Awards is a chapter of the National High School Music Theatre Awards program which works to recognize the talent of high school musical theatre students around the country.

*Les Miserables* was nominated for awards in five categories, including Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role (**Kathleen Cameron**); Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Member (**Will Ropp**); Outstanding Scenic Achievement (**Lee Strecker**); Outstanding Lighting Achievement (**Dennis Tully**); Outstanding Student Achievement (**Reilly Horan** – Sound Design, **Amanda Fuller** – Set Design, **Emma Case** – Stage Management). Nominations were chosen by a committee made up of adjudicators who traveled throughout the state to see the participating shows.

Out of these nominees, Darien High School's Theatre 308 garnered two awards: Will Ropp won Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Member, and Amanda Fuller won a Student Achievement Award for Set Design.

At the Gala on Sunday each school performed a 5-minute segment of its show to a packed house of over 1100 enthusiastic audience members. In addition, nominees in the categories of Outstanding Actor and Actress performed solos from their respective shows. Winners in this category – both of whom this year were from Ridgefield High School's production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* – will go on to compete at the National High School Music Theatre competition in June in New York City. The two winners there will earn a 4-year scholarship to NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

June 2009

# From the Principal

Dan Haron

As many of you already know, last fall, Darien High School students participated in a survey whose purpose was to obtain information on their behaviors, thoughts, and perceptions, as they relate to their daily life and their relationship with the community around them. The instrument used is known as *The Survey of Student Resources and Assets* and it has been utilized by a number of Southern Fairfield County communities. This survey also was supplemented with additional questions specifically on the topics of alcohol and drug use. A few weeks ago, the data results were received by DCAARB (the Darien Coalition to Address At-Risk Behavior), who then presented the findings to both the Board of Education and our DHS parents at an evening meeting. Though the results reveal many areas that are worthy of attention and comment, I would like to focus on just a few with the hope that further discussion can take place in the coming months.

A high percentage of our students (compared to other districts) do seem to possess many positive assets – values, skills and competencies that contribute to strong youth development. A high percentage of our students, for example, reported feeling loved and supported by their parents and safe in their neighborhoods. In addition, an extraordinarily high percentage of students report using their free time in a productive and constructive manner. Finally, a very large percentage of our students demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and achievement in school and have a positive view of their personal future.

Though somewhat expected and inline with national trends, there is a noticeable discrepancy between the genders, both in the quantity of positive assets they possess and the level of participation in risky behavior involving drugs and alcohol. Girls are more likely to possess more positive assets while boys tend to start engaging in risky behavior at an earlier age and with more frequency as they get older. Unfortunately however, as they get older, girls are also reporting higher and higher involvement with substance abuse; to the point where there is little statistical difference in the frequency of alcohol consumption between the genders by senior year.

Students are reporting that they experience fewer restrictions and “boundaries” in their own home than they do in school or in their neighborhood. Only 39% of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for example, perceive that their parents believe that “regular use of alcohol is very wrong.” Interestingly, students (in all grade levels) perceive that their parents would view their cigarette smoking as worse than their regular use of alcohol.

There is a distressingly high percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> graders, especially boys, who report having smoked marijuana in the past 30 days (38% of boys and 23% of girls) and close to 20% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders report having smoked marijuana more than 6 times in the past 30 days.

The survey results clearly highlight many reassuring and positive things about our community’s teenagers and they also expose areas that require our closer attention and concern. Over the next

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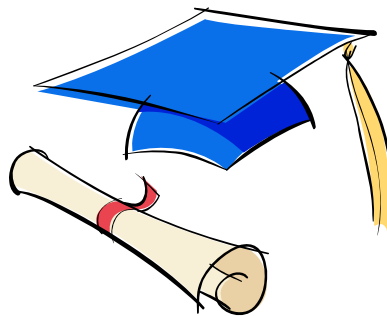
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year I am looking forward to working with our community organizations, to use this information and help our teenage population make better decisions, build more positive assets, and as a result be better prepared to navigate the often precarious transition to adulthood.

If you'd like to take a closer look at the survey results please go to:

[http://www.darienps.org/general\\_info/DarienFamYouthOptions2008-9SurveyResultsMay20.pdf](http://www.darienps.org/general_info/DarienFamYouthOptions2008-9SurveyResultsMay20.pdf)

### Attention Seniors!



**Blue List obligations must be paid *before* graduation.  
Do it now to avoid long lines and the  
end-of-year rush.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Your *Blue List* is now your *Destiny* account.**

All students can now check their *Destiny* account from school and from home and see their outstanding items and obligations.

This account will show all materials the student is responsible for including library books, textbooks, fines, athletic equipment, etc.

Remember to check your account often to see updated entries.

Instructions on accessing *Destiny* were emailed to all students and are also available on the DHS web site.

If you are unable to access your account or have any questions please contact the DHS Library staff.

## Thank You DHSPA and Parent Volunteers

There are so many parents who support the Darien High School community: at the Welcome Desk, the JOBS Office/College and Career Center, for the band, orchestra, chorus, Theatre 308, athletic teams, clubs, dances and activities. The administration would like to thank all of the parents who give so much of their time, talents and energy.

Thanks in particular to the Darien High School Parents Association for the endless assistance they provide DHS. The DHSPA organizes numerous programs for the parents and students throughout the year. They provide delicious (and greatly appreciated) faculty luncheons, food for Open House, the New Parent Reception in the fall, and the Graduation Reception in June. The DHSPA publishes the Student Directory, keeps the parents well informed through the weekly Darien Parents News (DPN), and assists the Community Council in running dances.

We greatly appreciate the financial support the DHSPA provides with funds raised through “the Non-Event Fundraiser” and sales of the ever popular Student Wear. The money raised has provided DHS with items as diverse as interior signage (soon to be installed) to student planners.

Thanks to **Jayme** and **John Stevenson** for hosting the DHSPA Old Board-New Board End-of year Party at their beautiful home.

Lastly we would like to thank **Laurie Orem** and **Kathleen Del Col**, the DHSPA CO-Chairs, for their leadership and the untold hours they have given to the DHS community—students, faculty, administration and parents alike.

## Thank You!

### Important Dates for Fall 2009



**Freshman Orientation—August 27**

**First Day of School—August 31**

**Open House—September 17**

**Homecoming—October 17**

## **Student and Faculty News**

Congratulations to current Mathematics Coordinator  
Mike Sullivan.

He will be joining the administration of DHS  
as an Assistant Principal on July 1st.

### **Technology Education Competition**



On May 29th Darien High School joined eight other schools at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Student Woodworking Competition. The Technology and Engineering Department entered four students' projects including a jewelry box made by **Marc Simonelli**, a cherry bowl turned by **Justin Marks**, a pair of cherry stools constructed by **Nicasio Arroyo**, and **Parker Lange** entered a bowl made of mahogany. All of these students proudly represented our school, and will have their creations published in a booklet sent to participating schools. Thank you to all who entered, and a special con-

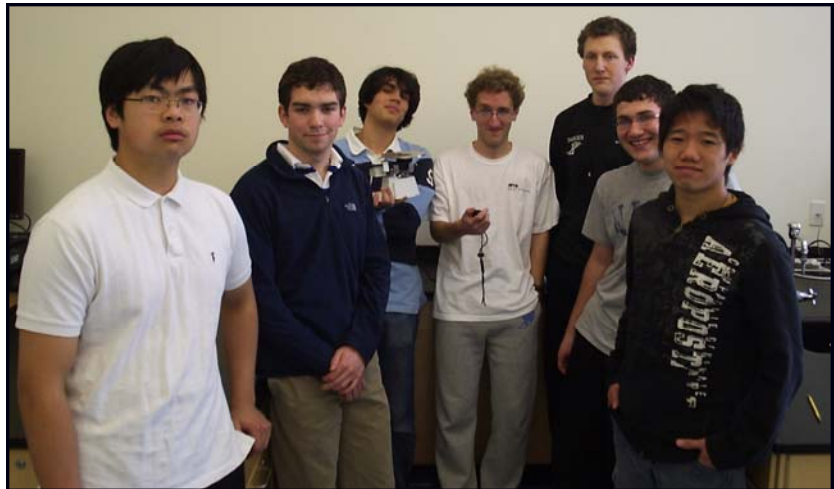
gratulation to Justin Marks who was one of the winners of a cash prize!

### **JETS Finish 11<sup>th</sup> in the Nation**

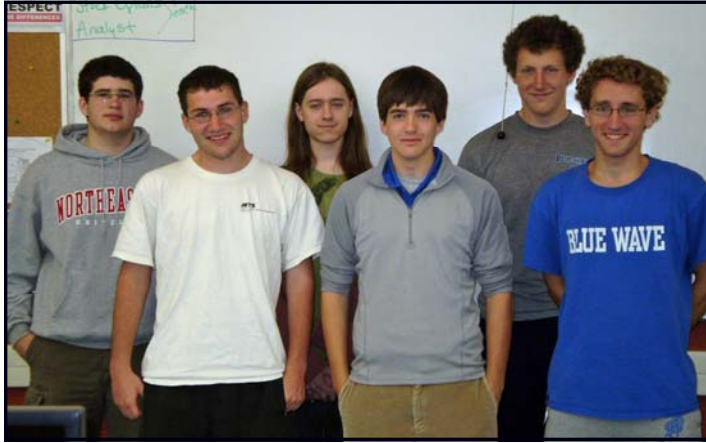
The Darien High School Junior Engineering and Technical Society (JETS) team came in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the 2009 National TEAMS competition held at the University of New Haven. Darien competed in Division 7, which included a field of 62 teams from various schools across the nation.

The TEAMS competition is a physics, engineering, and mathematical contest in which

students work in teams of up to eight students to solve complex problems to the best of their ability. Members of the JETS are **James Carroll, Jon Kelly, Richard Kelly, Andrew Gagne, Sebastian Kopp, Brandon Wong, and William Juan**. Please join us in congratulating them on their fine accomplishment!



### AP Computer Science Students Compete at GE



On April 30<sup>th</sup>, six of our AP Computer Science students competed at GE in Fairfield in their annual AP Review contest. There were 115 students from 20 of the top public, private and parochial schools in the state.

The students competed individually and three students were chosen to represent Darien High School as a team. The team consisted of **Jon Kelly**, **Ricky Kelly** and **Chris Shea**.

Always a challenging competition the Darien High School team placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Jon Kelly ranked as one of the top 10 finishers individually. **Tim Westcott** scored in the top 20 for underclassmen and won 2 free computer science courses at Fairfield University.

### American Literature Honors Experiences *August: Osage County*

On Wednesday, May 20, Miss Ginsburg's American Literature Honors class took a field trip to NYC to see *August: Osage County* on Broadway. The play, written by Tracy Letts, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2008 and won the American Theatre Wing's Antoinette Perry Award ("Tony") for Best Play. The class had just completed a unit of study on modern American theatre, including close analysis and discussion of Letts' play.



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### 2009 Great East Festival

The Darien High School Concert Choir and Concert Band, under the direction of DHS teachers Christopher Andrade and Carolyn Whinnem, participated with distinction in the 2009 Great East Festival held on Saturday, May 30 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The Concert Choir was awarded a gold rating for its performance, and the Concert Band received a platinum rating, representing the highest level of achievement. Following their adjudicated performances and clinics, both ensembles spent the remainder of the day celebrating at Six Flags New England in Agawam.



**DHS Band**

**DHS Choir**



### Model U.N. Club



Junior **Suneil Raghvan** of the DHS Model U.N. Club was awarded an Honorable Mention Award for his position paper on small arms trafficking at the Model U.N. Conference held at the General Assembly Building last weekend. The Conference was sponsored by the United Nations Association and included over 2,200 students from 17 different countries throughout the world. Other DHS students who attended the conference included **Joseph Hughes**, Model UN Club president; **Danielle Tilford**, **Jose Corte-Real**, **Jennifer Selensky** and **Olivia I. Taylor**. Congratulations to Suneil and all the other attendees!

### Wilkins to Teach Journalism Course at Northwestern University

English teacher **Stacey Wilkins** has been hired by Northwestern University to teach the International Broadcasting course in the journalism division of its National High School Institute in Evanston, Illinois. The program, established in 1931, is the nation's oldest and largest university-based summer course for outstanding high school students. Wilkins will work with a team that includes journalists from Newsweek, the Detroit Free Press and People magazine. Wilkins worked as a television correspondent in Asia and throughout the United States before joining the faculty of DHS in 2007.



### Former DHS Student Shares International Experience with DHS Students



**Alexandra Duncan**, Darien High School Class of 2008, returned to DHS for a day in April and spoke to the AP Environmental classes, an Honors World Study class and the China Exchange class as part of her GAP year experience with an organization called Thinking Beyond Borders. Alexandra will be attending Tufts University as a freshman in the fall. Thinking Beyond Borders takes 16 graduating high school seniors around the world for 8 months to study global development issues from social, political and economic perspectives. After 6 months overseas, students return to the United States to translate their learning into action. Students meet with representatives from the

United Nations, Clinton Global Initiative, International Monetary Fund, Homeland Security, Center for Economic Development and The Grameen Foundation. Students then create 45-minute multimedia presentations which they share with high schools to raise awareness and with various philanthropic groups to raise money for the organizations overseas. The overall goal is to create a new generation of leaders who develop the skills necessary to investigate and solve complex global issues.

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### A Sea of Flags for Memorial Day

The Support Our Soldiers Club (SOS) placed over 700 flags, along the walkway to the main entrance and around the courtyard for DHS's Memorial Day ceremony. Fifty flags were donated by the National Veterans Service Fund whose Executive Director, Phil Kraft was in attendance at the ceremony. Among the Color Guard were Burt Takesue (DHS assistant volleyball coach, substitute teacher and Army Reservist) and Michelle DeSoiza (Civil Air Patrol Cadet and DHS junior). The flag was raised to half staff while the Tudor Singers sang the Star-Spangled Banner. Michelle DeSoiza, spoke to those assembled about the meaning and history of placing flags.



Donna Russo read the names of Darien's fallen soldiers from the Civil War to Viet Nam. A moment of silence was held followed by the playing of Taps by Kristi Carey.

In addition, students in Ms. Zago's Chemistry classes wrote letters to World War II veterans from around the country, in gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our country.

### Darien & New Canaan Students Raise Funds for Food Bank



*"Empty Bowl" Patrons (middle three) from L. to R.: New Canaan HS Principal, Tony Pavia, DHS English Teacher, Matt Pavia and DHS Art Teacher, Dorine Bosler.*

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Darien Art Department and the New Canaan Art Department hosted an Empty Bowl Supper to raise funds for the Lower County Fairfield Food Bank. Students from Darien and New Canaan made the bowls and on scheduled afternoons met together after school to glaze them together. This project encouraged students to be involved in a community service as well as get to know other students from near by schools. Various organizations donated food and drinks for the event. The evening was attended by a few Darien High School personnel as well as New Canaan personnel. The evening raised \$200 for the food bank. This was the first year the event was hosted by Darien and New Canaan. We hope to continue this fundraiser in the future.

## From the DHSPA

The temperatures are finally warming up and it is time to say goodbye to another school year. As we reflect on this past year, we want to thank the over 75 men and women who volunteered in some capacity to help the DHSPA achieve it's mission. Our primary role is to serve as a communication link between the administration, staff, parents and community.

In mid May we hosted our first evening meeting of the year. **Moira Rizzo**, of Liberations Program, presented the results of the Darien Coalition Against At Risk Behavior (DCAARB) survey that was completed by students in the high school and middle school last November. It was very informative and led to an active discussion amongst those in attendance. If you missed the meeting and are interested, the presentation is on the main Darien Public Schools website.

Also, this month, we have DHSPA members planning many year end events. **Susan Collins, Caroline Gordon and Sonya Couloucoundis** are busy working on the Faculty Lunch. The Graduation Reception, for seniors and their guests, is being organized by **Andrea McDonald** and **Vicky Nolan**. Additionally, a large committee, led by **Lisa Brickman, Tori McDonough, Laura Nestor and Lynn Gagliardi**, has been hard at work orchestrating a Graduation Party for the Senior Class. Lastly, **Jayme and John Stevenson** are graciously hosting our Old Board/New Board Cocktail Party (with spouses) this Friday. We are truly grateful for these volunteers at this busy time of year.

In closing, we want to wish our retiring Assistant Principal, **Doug Rubin**, all the best in the future. His leadership and guidance will certainly be missed. We also welcome **Mike Sullivan** to the Administration Staff. We are looking forward to working with him in the coming year.

Enjoy the summer!

**Laurie Orem and Kathleen Del Col**  
DHSPA Co-Chairs  
2008-2009

### GRADUATION RECEPTION FRIDAY, JUNE 19th

The traditional DHS Graduation Reception for graduates, families, faculty and staff takes place in the DHS cafeteria immediately following the 5pm graduation. The success of the reception depends on volunteers and we **NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider a donation of *one* of the items listed below:

- 5 fresh fruit platters
- 5 cheese and cracker platters
- 25 platters of 4 dozen finger desserts

If you can make a donation or want to help in any other way please email:  
Andrea McDonald - [admcdon@hotmail.com](mailto:admcdon@hotmail.com)

# DHS **HOT** Summer Reading List

The summer vacation is the perfect time for students to read some great books. We understand that during the school year students are often too busy with homework, assignments, and activities to read for pleasure. During the long, *hot*, lazy days of summer we want ***all students to select and read as many books as possible***. It has been proven that reading improves student achievement across the curriculum. Students have the entire summer to find and read books that are of interest to them and, while they are enjoying their books, they will also be improving their academic performance in the future.

In order to assist students with book selection, the DHS librarians have prepared a list of ***suggested book titles***. The list can be found on the DHS website under Summer Reading. Please do not limit your selection of books to only those on the suggested reading list. The goal is for students to find and read books that they will enjoy. The suggested book list covers a variety of interests, styles, genres, and reading levels, and is as diverse as our student body. It is impossible to provide a blanket guarantee that all the books are suitable for all students. Students and parents are encouraged to apply their own values, views, and sensibilities in order to determine the appropriateness of the reading material. The DHS Library will have copies of many of the titles available for check out for the summer. Additional assistance with selecting and obtaining reading materials can be obtained from the Darien Library and your favorite bookstore.



**Class of 2009  
Post Graduation Party News: “Viva La Vida”!**

**Attention all DHS Seniors and Senior Parents**

The Post Graduation Party, **which is open to all Class of 2009 Darien High School graduates**, will be held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Giovanni’s II Restaurant at 2748 Post Road. The theme for the party is “Viva La Vida” and **invitations and permission slips have been mailed home.**

There will be a DJ/dancing, a digital photo booth (unlimited photos all night), games such as foosball, air hockey, and Rock Band video, and prizes. **Prize drawings will take place throughout the evening**, with items that will send your graduate off to college in style! This year’s Grand Prizes are **two HD flat screen TVs!!**

This Post Graduation Party promises to be a magical evening for your seniors and will celebrate the end of their high school careers. The party is entirely organized and run by a committee of senior parent volunteers.

**Purchasing a ticket:** To purchase a ticket for the party, please send your \$50.00 check, made out to DHS Post Graduation Committee to:

Tori McDonough, 38 WeeBurn Lane. Your check should be accompanied by the signed permission slip which was included with the invitation. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED NOW!!** Paid reservation guarantees admission and entry into the prize drawing. If you have any questions about tickets, please contact Tori at 655-3925.

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE EVENT. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY. ONLY DHS CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.**

**\*\***We still need your help in several ways. **It is not too late to make a donation of cash or a prize.** Donations should be mailed to: DHS Post Grad Committee c/o Tori McDonough, 38 Wee-Burn Lane. **If you have a prize that can be donated to the party contact Lisa Brickman at 655-9244 or [lbrick@optonline.net](mailto:lbrick@optonline.net).**

**\*\***The walls of Giovanni’s will be decorated with copies of photos of our seniors from their early years through high school graduation – class photos, sports teams, birthday parties, performances – all provide great memories. Photos should be copied and enlarged as they will not be returned. Staples, Kinkos or Fairbanks Photo can copy photos. **Copies of photos should be dropped off at the home of Susan Hamill, 12 Woodland Drive. PHOTOS ARE NEEDED ASAP!!!**

**You may view the invitation, permission slip, and flyers regarding donations and the photos for decorating online: [www.darienps.org/dhspa](http://www.darienps.org/dhspa)**

**Questions regarding the party should be directed to committee chairs:**

Laura Nestor 655-4104 [blnestor@optonline.net](mailto:blnestor@optonline.net) Tori McDonough 655-3925 [Tmcd622@aol.com](mailto:Tmcd622@aol.com)  
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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Bandjam Rocks Darien HS**



The Darien High School auditorium will be the site of the first Connecticut Association of Schools sponsored Bandjam Festival on June 5 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Bandjam event will feature 15 outstanding high school rock bands from throughout Connecticut performing in a competition to determine which bands get the honor of performing on the main stage at the New Haven International Festival of Arts and Ideas later in June. The bands are scheduled to perform for judges every 15 minutes throughout the afternoon and evening in this statewide “Ultimate Battle of the High School Rock Bands.” The bands performing at the Bandjam event are from Darien HS, Fairfield Prep, Danbury HS, Pomperaug HS, Daniel Hand HS, Haddam-Killingworth HS, RHAM HS, East Hampton HS, Waterford HS, Norwich Free Academy, Lewis Mills HS, Northwest Catholic HS and Glastonbury HS. The tickets for this event are \$8.00 and are only available at the door on the day of the event.

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## **Host Families Needed for Chinese Exchange Students & Teachers**

**October 2009**

The Darien-China Exchange Program is seeking host families for ten to twelve Chinese high school students and two teachers from our partner school, the Shanghai #3 Girls' School. They will visit Darien for two weeks at the beginning of October. Hosting provides a great opportunity to participate in an enriching international experience and build U.S.-China relations—without leaving Darien.

Students and teachers quickly settle into a busy schedule of school, activities, and family routines. A warm, welcoming family is the best place for our visitors to learn about America! Don't hesitate to ask friends and neighbors if they are interested as well.

**Thank you, xie xie!**

If you are interested, please contact:  
Carolyn Brook [carolyn@brookfamily.com](mailto:carolyn@brookfamily.com)  
or  
Ann Armiger [aarmiger@darienps.org](mailto:aarmiger@darienps.org)

## From the Guidance Office

### Student Schedules

Student schedules will be mailed to parents near the end of June. Please be sure to look over the schedule when it arrives home. Counseling staff will NOT be available to assist in correcting schedules until they return to DHS at the end of August. Students with schedule conflicts or incomplete schedules should plan to see their counselor during the week PRIOR to the start of school. Please email any scheduling concerns directly to your counselor, and they will be addressed upon the counselor's return in August. **Registration is binding; student requests to change electives or teachers will not be entertained.**

### Darien Summer School

Darien Summer School starts on June 29 and continues until July 31. For details on course offerings and registration go to the website at [www.dariensummerschool.com](http://www.dariensummerschool.com). Note that high school courses at DSS are generally remedial only. For other options, check with your guidance counselor.

Students that are being tutored over the summer to improve a grade or change course placement **IN MATH** are to sit for evaluative exams at the end of the summer. The exams will be administered on Thursday, August 28 at 8 AM in room B115. Students must contact **Mr. Sullivan** [msullivan@darienps.org](mailto:msullivan@darienps.org) to ensure that the appropriate exams are available.

### Staff Update

We are very pleased to announce that **Ms. Lisa Palmerini** will return to DHS on a permanent basis next year. Ms. Palmerini has been a wonderful substitute this year for Mrs. Jera Flood. Feel free to email Ms. Palmerini your congratulations!

### Summer Guidance

The Counseling staff will not be available during the course of the summer. If you have concerns that require immediate attention, you may email **Mrs. Montaperto**: [mmontaperto@darienps.org](mailto:mmontaperto@darienps.org), although Mrs. Montaperto's summer hours are limited as well.

Counselor emails:

Mike Caro:	<a href="mailto:mcaro@darienps.org">mcaro@darienps.org</a>
Joan Flaherty:	<a href="mailto:jflaherty@darienps.org">jflaherty@darienps.org</a>
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**Enjoy the summer!**

## **Important End of School Year Information**

### **A Note of Thanks:**

For those students who received scholarships and/or awards from community organizations, we encourage you to send a note of thanks to those who have so generously supported the students of Darien High School.

### **Schedules:**

June 11th—Last day of classes, regular D-day schedule.

Exams (See details on following page)

June 19th—Early Dismissal, all classes will meet, homeroom and ice cream social.

### **Graduation Information:**

For detailed information on graduation, please go to the Class of 2009 Graduation page at:

[www.darienps.org/dhs/graduation.php](http://www.darienps.org/dhs/graduation.php)

### **Mandatory Cap and Gown Pickup**

Caps and Gowns will be distributed on Thursday, June 18th and MUST be collected that day between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Main Office (except during graduation rehearsal hours).

### **Graduation Rehearsals**

June 18th at 12:45 p.m.

June 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Graduates should assemble in the Auditorium for both rehearsals.

### **Graduation**

Graduation is June 19th at 5:00 p.m. on the DHS Stadium Field weather permitting\*; gates will open at 4:00 p.m. Graduates should arrive by 4:00 p.m. and report to the South Gym.

\*If graduation is moved indoors due to inclement weather, the decision will be made by 12 noon on the 19th and posted on the DHS website. Auditorium doors will open at 4:00 p.m.

*Please contact the Main office at 655-3981 if you have any questions.*

***Congratulations Darien High School  
Class of 2009!***

# IMPORTANT DATES

Darien High School

June 5	DHSPA New & Old Board Reception - 6:00 p.m.
June 5	Bandjam - 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Auditorium
June 11	End 4th Quarter
June 12	Exams 8 & 7 (8th period exam 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m., 7th period exam 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
June 15	Exams 6 & 5 (6th period exam 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m., 5th period exam 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
June 16	Exams 4 & 3 (4th period exam 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m., 3rd period exam 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
June 16	DHSPA Faculty Luncheon
June 17	Exams 2 & 1 (2nd period exam 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m., 1st period exam 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
June 18	Exam Make-up Day
June 18	MANDATORY Cap and Gown Pick-up 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.- Main Office
June 18	Graduation Rehearsal 12:45 p.m. - Seniors assemble in auditorium
June 19	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
June 19	Graduation Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. - Seniors assemble in auditorium
June 19	Graduation 5:00 p.m. - Reception to follow in the Cafeteria

## “I’m Movin’ On”

*Rascal Flatts*



Assistant Principal Doug Rubin is retiring after 39 years as a teacher and administrator, 34 of those years in Darien.

We will miss Doug and wish him well!

