



DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Mr. Ruggieri receives Honorary Membership in the NHS

Forty-Three Students Inducted into National Honor Society

Forty-three Darien High School students were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society (NHS) in a ceremony held Tuesday, December 16th in the DHS Auditorium.

Members were selected by the chapter's Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The newly inducted students are listed on page 3.

Each year, the Darien High School chapter sponsors several service projects for the school and community, which in the last few years have included volunteering at Stepping Stones Children's Museum, tutoring students at Royle School and DHS, and organizing holiday food drives.

NHS members chose English teacher **Francis Janosco** as their faculty speaker. Janosco's speech was entitled, *Credit and the Pillars of the National Honor Society*.

Under its charter the NHS chapter may present honorary membership to someone who exemplifies all four pillars upon which the society is based: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. This year the chapter unanimously voted to extend honorary membership to DHS chemistry teacher **Art Ruggieri** for being such an inspirational teacher. Senior **Garrett Loeffelman** said in his speech honoring Mr. Ruggieri, "In everything he does, his students come first, and that sense of dedication will always stick with us . . ."

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 15,000 high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. The faculty advisor for the Darien High School NHS is **Sean Otterspoor**.

From the Principal's Desk

Dan Haron

As a senior in high school, my favorite class, by far, was a philosophy course called Senior Seminar. The class was taught by Mr. Vincent Falcone (father of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Steve Falcone) and what made the class so special, other than the excellent teacher who taught it, was the fact that it was the first time I was introduced to a systematic and logical way to think about life. It was in this course that I began to see life through lenses to which I was previously blind – lenses that both strengthened beliefs I already held as well as introduced me to new ones that enriched my view of the world. It is in this spirit that I am writing about one of the most exciting new clubs at Darien High School – *The Free Thinkers Club*. The club was started last year by students (and advisor Francis Janosco) who were looking for a forum where they could discuss, explore and debate the ultimate issues of life in an atmosphere that encouraged its members to speak their mind without the constraints of a curriculum, a grade, or political bias. The club tackles heavy duty topics that range from the theoretical (where does morality come from) to the concrete (legalization of marijuana) from the religious (creationism) to the secular (the role of science in politics), where students are not afraid to argue and disagree about the most controversial issues of the day.

One of the main reasons for my excitement about this new club is its emphasis on thought and rationality as means for decision making and its de-emphasis on feelings and emotions. It is unfortunate how much weight the modern American classroom has placed on catering to students' emotions – often at the expense of critical thought and rationality. This is not to say that feelings and emotions aren't important modes of expression; they most certainly are. However, as anyone who has any interaction with teenagers knows - if there is one thing a teenager is particularly good at, it's knowing how to emote. Much of what we do at school tends to foster this emphasis on emotions, and we often do this without even realizing it. For example, we educators use the question "how do you *feel* about it?" more often than "what do you *think* about it?" and though, admittedly, the difference is subtle, it is not trivial. The latter question prompts students to fire neurons in a different part of their brain than the former.

Anyone who was fortunate enough to attend The Free Thinkers Spiritual Symposium last month got to experience Darien High School at its best. The symposium was a discussion about the existence of God with Biblical scholar & TV show host, Cliffe Knechtle. For over two hours Mr. Knechtle, a panel of members from the club and student audience members engaged in high-level intellectual sparring that would be the envy of many college-level philosophy courses. What was most impressive is the fact that our students were not only able to tackle some very sensitive issues with intelligence and reason, they were also able to take the most controversial and emotionally charged subjects without letting their feelings get in the way. There were no ad hominem attacks, no accusations of any "isms", no attempts to belittle or degrade one's opponent and no homage paid to political correctness. It was an honest to goodness battle of the minds and regardless of which side you took, you couldn't help but feel your brain working overtime.

I want to thank Alex Speiser (the current faculty advisor) and The Free Thinkers Club for introducing Darien High School to this phenomenal forum and intellectual outlet for our students.

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My hope is that the club's true openness to ideas and its emphasis on logic and reason will serve as a model for the wider school community.

Note: The Free Thinkers Club is open to all students and the philosophy course referenced above is offered at Darien High School as well. Please speak with your guidance counselor or Mr. Clarke for more details about the course.

Congratulations to the Newly Inducted Members of the National Honor Society



Margaret Arderly
Grace Austin
Thomas Bell
Alexandra Budd
Elizabeth Calby
Madeline Coburn
Evan Cunningham
Gabriella D'Agosto
Kathryn D'Andrea
Laura Durham
Jessica Farrell
Andrew Gagne
Andrew Glick
Daniel Glockler
Kilbourn Gordon

William Griffiths
Jessica Gunzel
Alexandra Hamill
Kelsey Harrison
Katharine Hedlund
Christian Holmes
Harriet Jacobs
Meredith Jordan
Stephanie Ko
Alexandra Leinroth
Rebecca Lew
Hannah Lyons
Kaitlin Maier
Sarah McGowan

Kristen Morrison
Charlotte Myers
Kelsey Ott
Emily Pik
Suneil Raghvan
Louis Rawden
Laura Rhein
Hadley Riegel
Robert Shindler
Jessica Van Ingen
Caroline Vilter
Taylor Wells
Timothy Westcott
Brandon Wong

DHS Student & Faculty News

Youth and Law Class Visits Stamford Courthouse

On Thursday, December 4th, the Youth and Law class visited the Stamford Courthouse. The students were able to visit many different courtrooms and watch the proceedings. Some highlights were watching the motions in a civil lawsuit involving a drunk driver and the estate of the people she killed, a murder trial for a 2004 victim in Norwalk and pre-trial arraignments. In addition, the students were treated to a private question/answer session with one of the trial judges and a back room visit to the holding cells. All in all, a very educational day on many levels!



Stacey Wilkins Appointed Connecticut State Director of J.E.A.



English teacher and *Neirad* Advisor, **Stacey Wilkins**, has been appointed Connecticut State Director for the National Journalism Education Association (J.E.A.). The J.E.A., founded in 1924, is a national organization that works to cultivate students' passion for journalism. In November Wilkins taught an interviewing workshop for more than 185 people at a National Convention for the J.E.A. in St Louis.

Wilkins has been in the field of journalism for most of her life. She has worked for CNN in Hong Kong, Atlanta and New York as well as Fox News Channel in New York City.

Debate Team

The DHS Debate Team has enjoyed great success this year. All Varsity Teams have winning records, along with several Novice Teams. Several students, including **Maura Farley, Brandon Wong, Andrew Gagne, Rahul Datta, Adrianna Baker, Matt Golino, Hannah Nolte & Nicole Granath**, have qualified for the State Championship Tournament and the team hopes to add more with upcoming tournaments at Westhill (February 7th) and here at Darien on March 7th. The team looks forward to finishing strong and showing well at the state tournament.

Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation

The **Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation** was most generous in aiding one of our Darien High School students who needed some very specialized equipment in order to navigate our high school. They met with our nursing, psychology, teaching and social work staff to determine what was needed, then acted quickly to meet the student's need. We are most grateful to the Foundation for adding to the autonomy of one of our students.

World Language Students Bring Joy During the Holidays



In December, students from the World Language Department used their Spanish skills to create stories for children at Norwalk Hospital's Pediatric Center. Spanish 3 students worked diligently creating stories that would fill the children's holidays with humor, hope, and love. **Suzanne Schintzius**, Manager of Annual Giving for the Norwalk Hospital Foundation, was very appreciate of the students' contributions. She added that the hospital was always in need of books written in Spanish due to the high percentage of Hispanic Children at the Norwalk Pediatric Center. The students of the World Language Department were pleased to be able to practice their newly acquired language skills to bring laughter, as well as a message of hope to those in need during the holidays. Pictured above is DHS Spanish teacher **Juan-Carlos Arango** and Ms. Schintzius.

National Honor Society Members Volunteer for "Habitat"



Members of the **NHS** braved the winter weather along with their advisor **Sean Otterspoor** to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Keep Up the Good Work!

As 2009 begins, we want to make sure that our students and all of our fans know that their excellent sportsmanship at games (hockey –in particular) has been noticed. Too often, we neglect to publicly let you know when we think you are doing well.

Two hockey referees have commented on the positive fan behavior at the Darien Rink this year.

We played New Canaan during the Christmas break; the rink was packed and not one chant or cheer could be labeled in bad taste and no incidents were reported in the parking lots. The game was a 3-3 overtime tie and the sportsmanship displayed by both the players and fans was excellent.

Keep up the good work! We look forward to seeing you all at the rink and at all Blue Wave athletic events in 2009.

Dan Haron
John Keleher



Guidance News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The guidance department would like to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy 2009!

“HOW IT IS”

How it Is was held on December 23rd. The presentation helped present seniors get a first hand look at the life of college students. We would like to thank the following DHS alumni who participated for sharing their insights and knowledge with our seniors: **Nick Bartolone, Nick Berry, Adam Campbell, Marietta Coburn, Carly Dudzik, Erika Flynn, Lindsay Gordon, and John Kraft.**

FINANCIAL AID FORMS ON-LINE

The easiest way to process financial aid forms is on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov (do not use www.fafsa.com--this is a pay site).

The PROFILE can be accessed at <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com> Some other helpful financial aid websites include:

- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com

Most colleges have set financial aid priority filing deadlines of either **February 1st or 15th.**

2009-2010 REGISTRATION

Registration for 2009-2010 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th. More detailed information will be provided by email.

CAPT TESTING:

The State of Connecticut has scheduled mandatory CAPT Testing in March. All sophomores must sit for all segments of CAPT Testing. Juniors who have not met the state goal in one or more area(s) of CAPT should re-test in order to meet Darien High School graduation criteria. Freshmen will sit for a practice version of the Response to Literature on Friday, March 6th. Students not testing will follow a delayed-start schedule (to be announced) from Monday, March 3rd through Friday, March 10th. Students absent during regular testing will be administered make-up tests during school hours the week of March 16th and Monday, March 23rd.

March 2	Monday	Math I, Science I
March 3	Tuesday	Writing I, Reading for Information
March 4	Wednesday	Response to Literature
March 5	Thursday	Writing 2, Editing & Revising
March 6	Friday	Math II, Science II
March 9	Monday	Writing Ia (Sophomores only)
March 9	Monday	Response to Literature (Freshmen only)

March 17	Tuesday	MAKE-UP Math I, Science I
March 18	Wednesday	MAKE-UP Writing I, Reading for Info.
March 19	Thursday	MAKE-UP Response to Literature
March 20	Friday	MAKE-UP Writing 2, Editing & Revising
March 23	Monday	MAKE-UP Math II, Science II

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Summary of Events Calendar for 8th Grade Parents

February 4th - DHS Auditorium

Optional tour of Darien High School at 6:15 PM
Presentation of grade 9 course overview at 7:00 PM
Dan Haron, Principal of DHS
DHS Department Coordinators

February 11th at 1:00 PM OR 7:00 PM - DHS Auditorium

Course registration workshops
DHS Guidance Counselors

We hope that this information will be helpful to you in planning your student's transition to Darien High School. If you have any questions, please call any of the following:

Dan Haron

Principal, DHS
655-3981, x 2252

Walter Signora

Guidance Supervisor, DHS
655-3981, x 2306

Debi Boccanfuso

Principal, MMS
655-2518, x 3226

Cheri Elliot

Guidance Counselor, MMS
655-2518, x 3219

Marilyn Gang

Guidance Counselor, MMS
655-2518, x 3365

DHS Seniors – Participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress

We are pleased to announce that Darien High School has been selected to represent schools across our state and nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what American students know and can do in key subject areas. The results are published in a report called the *Nation's Report Card* which provides reliable student achievement information to educators, parents, and other citizens.

The NAEP assessment will be given at DHS on **February 26, 2009 from 7:45-10:00 a.m.** in reading, or mathematics, and or science. In addition, a few students may be assessed as part of a field test in other subjects including U.S. history, or civics, and or geography. The results are completely confidential, and the student's grades will not be affected. In addition, the student will be administratively excused from their morning classes to assist with the NAEP.

The state government has randomly selected 85 seniors to take the NAEP. DHS will notify those students selected for the assessment by mail soon. There is no need to study in preparation for the NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage children's best effort and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit the web site at: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have any questions or would like to review a booklet that includes the background questions and sample assessment questions, please contact Mr. Signora at 655-3981 extension 2306 or by email at wsignora@darienps.org.

Theatre 308 Announces Cast for Spring Musical, *Les Misérables*

Rehearsals for the Theatre 308 performance of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* have begun. *Les Misérables* made its stage debut in 1980 and since then, it has become one of the most successful and popular musicals in history. The members of Theatre 308 are ecstatic to have this opportunity to exhibit their talents through such a challenging and renowned play.

Les Misérables, translating to "The Miserable Ones," tells the tale of France in the early 19th century. The story centers on the life of Prisoner 24601, Jean Valjean, who has been prosecuted for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his starving family. He is finally released from prison nineteen years later and he finds that he is unable to escape his past. With Javert, a committed police officer, on his trail, Jean Valjean is forced to take on a new identity.

After Valjean learns the importance of benevolence from a local priest, he pledges to take care of Cosette, the daughter of an ailing Fantine. Against the backdrop of an increasingly chaotic social climate, a love story between Cosette and Marius, a Parisian student, develops as Jean Valjean continues to avert Javert in his quest for justice. *Les Misérables* is a account of war, love, social justice, and morality, all tied together through the actions of Jean Valjean and the lives he touches.

As **Will Ropp**, playing the role of Gavroche says, "*Les Miserables* is a story that shows bravery and courage through difficult times." "I'm excited to be part of a great show!" says 308 actor Colin Shay. **Kathleen Cameron** seconds his enthusiasm, noting that the show "will be a massive undertaking but a good challenge that 308 will rise to." The show will be performed on March 26, 27, and 28 and 7:30 P.M. Tickets will be available at Darien High School and Barrett Bookstore.drama



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The Artistic Director is **Nancy A. Herman**, the Musical Director is **Chris Andrade**, Technical Director - **Alex Speiser**, Master Carpenter - **Lee Strecker**, Choreographer - **Amanda Sevey**, Business Manager - **Michael O'Brien**, Student Stage Manager - **Emma Case**, and Student Set Designer - **Amanda Fuller**.

The cast includes **Charlie Nicholls, Kenny Weiss, Harriet Jacobs, Alex Rankine, Kathleen Cameron, Elizabeth Leimkuhler, Michelle Birsky, Robbie Florian, Misha Kushner, TJ Ganser, Will Ropp, Abby Leinroth, Aimee Rich, Alex Reynoso, Alex Schaffer, Alice Corrigan, Amanda Hutter, Charlie Baird, Charles Hibben, Chris Gray, Collin Shay, Danielle Noujaim, David Phipps, Emily Cortright, Emily Elliott, Felicia Kinse, Hannah Caldwell, Heidi Lohr, Izze Vargas, Jack Bosha, Jake Seymour, Jani Makin, Jocelyn Spencer, John Lewis, Johnny Nevins Herbert, Juan Sucre, Juli Flynn, Kelsey Davis, Kevin Grant, Kevin Koenitzer, Laura Powis, Laura Tibbett, Lexi Dodge, Lily Bryant, Marin Amyotte, Mary Elliott, Matt Mullen, Max Hanau, McKinley Stauffer, Mike Mosca, Nicole Gutierrez, Nina Preston, Niya Wright, Paris Joy LaRock, and Will Doughty.**

The crew includes **Reilly Horan, Ben Stockman, Brooke Davis, Christian Panier, Cindy Gaete, Dan Egan, Dylan Magida, Gareth Gray, George Moore, Kevin Grant, Kristina Lew, Lili Balian, Luke Hill, MacKenzie Cockerill, Natalie Nelson, Patricia Cadareanu, Sebastian Kopp, Sydney Scholdnecht, Teddy Larrabee, and Will Fitzmaurice.**

February SAT Review Courses for Juniors

Darien High School will once again offer its SAT review course headed by **Mrs. Rubin** from the English department and **Mr. Dooley** from the math department. The February class is appropriate for JUNIORS who will be taking the March 14, 2009 test. The same course will be repeated in April for those juniors who will be taking the SAT on May 2, 2009.

SAT Math: The Math course will run on four Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm in room B101 for a total of 8 hours of instruction. The dates of the math class are February 10, February 24, March 3, and March 10. The cost of the course is \$150 and checks should be made payable to DHS. To register for the Math course please contact Patrick Dooley at pdooley@darienps.org.

SAT English: The English/Verbal course will take place on four Thursday nights in room B203 from 7pm – 9pm for a total of 8 hours of instruction. The dates of the class are February 12, February 26, March 5 and March 12. The cost for the course is \$150 and checks should be made payable to DHS. If signing up for both the English and the Math, please write separate checks. To register for the English course, contact Libby Rubin at erubin@darienps.org.

From the DHSPA

Dear Parents:

In December, the DHSPA hosted a Holiday luncheon for the faculty in staff. Thanks to **Wendy Brokaw, Kim Westcott** and **Patty Winter** for organizing this wonderful event and thanks to all those who baked delicious homemade desserts. The faculty and staff were overwhelmed with the generosity of parents and truly enjoying sharing a fabulous meal together. We thank you for the part you played in helping us show our appreciation for all they do for the students of Darien High School.

February is an important month as we continue working through the budget process with the Board of Education to establish spending levels for 2009-2010. Due to the difficult economy, this year's budget requests are being scrutinized more than ever before. **Tony Yezzi** and **Den Frelinghuysen**, our budget reps for this year will be speaking on behalf of DHS at the Public Hearing scheduled for February 3, 2009 at 7:00 in the Town Hall Auditorium. Please join us and show your support for our school budget.

The next DHSPA meeting will be on February 10th at 9:15 in the Auditorium. The program is titled "Your Teenage Driver". The discussion will focus on recent changes to the driving laws including requirements for obtaining a permit and license, curfews and restrictions after the license is granted. A representative from the DMV along with one of Darien's youth officers will discuss the new laws and answer questions. Please join us for this important meeting.

Our Nominating Co-Chairs **Sandy Coots** and **Deb Suckow** and their committee are in the process of putting together the slate for 2009-2010 which will be announced at our March meeting. Currently there are positions open on the following committees: Directory, Google Groups, Website, Hospitality, CDSP Budget Rep, 9th grade chair, Public Relations, Student Wear and Activities/Clubs Fair. Please contact Sandy or Deb if you are interested in getting involved next year. Your participation is appreciated and vital to the DHSPA.

Student Life is busy preparing for the rescheduled all school Snow Ball Dance to be held on February 7th from 8-10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 pm & close at 8:30. They will re-open at 9:30. The cost is \$10 and each student is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to restock local food pantry shelves. Thank you to **Heather Shea** and **Emily D'Andrea** and their committee for all their hard work and flexibility in planning the dance twice this year!

The College and Career Program (iZone) committee is busy preparing for some exciting college related programs to be held beginning in March. These mini-programs will take place during lunch and will feature outstanding and pertinent topics for our students. Encourage your student to attend!

Remember the College and Career Center is open for parents and students alike. Stop by and visit this wonderful resource! Also, the JOBS office is now located in the College and Career Center. All students are welcome to stop in and check out potential job opportunities.

Sincerely,

Laurie Orem and **Kathleen Del Col**

DHSPA Co-Chairs

Upcoming Events . . .

The 2009 Darien Young Composers Concert



The Music Department of the Darien Public Schools would like to announce the ninth annual Darien Young Composers Concert. This special concert program will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Darien High School auditorium and will feature the works of student composers in the Darien Public Schools from the Elementary, Middle School and High School levels.

All compositions for performance consideration must be recorded on a cassette or CD or DVD and submitted along with the application form to one of the school music teachers no later than March 6, 2009.

Students whose compositions are chosen to be included on the concert performance will be notified by March 13th. The student composers selected to perform will also have the opportunity to have their compositions reviewed by professional guest composer James Hosay. Mr. Hosay was the Staff Arranger for the United States Army Band and has written arrangements for many well-known recording artists, including Patti LaBelle, Amy Grant, Reba McEntire and Lee Greenwood. During the course of each school year, the music teachers in the Darien Public Schools engage their students in composition lessons and encourage participation in this unique opportunity. Guidelines, application forms and other information are available from all school music teachers in the Darien Public Schools, on our website at: www.darienps.org/dpsmusic or by calling the Music Office at: 655-3981 ext: 2250.

Jane Minnis on Sabbatical

The Darien High School Orchestra will be under the direction of **Mrs. Sarah Wang** for the second semester. **Jane Minnis** will be taking a six-month sabbatical to write a series of music theory workbooks geared especially for the high school orchestra classroom. Mrs. Wang can be contacted by e-mail at SWang@darienps.org or by phone at ext. 2287.



The “Names” Program Returns

“Names” is an anti-bullying, anti-bias program designed to help encourage and strengthen an atmosphere of respect, openness, and safety at our school. After the positive response to last year’s program, it was decided to bring “Names” back to DHS and also to add a second program. The first program, “Names Can Really Hurt Us,” will be run for all students in the 9th and 10th grades. The second program, called “The Truth About Hate,” is designed as a follow-up program for “Names,” and will run for the 11th and 12th grade students, who participated in “Names” last year.

As many of you know from last year’s experience, the goal of the programs is to provide students with an opportunity for open, honest, and relevant exploration of diversity and bias in our

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school community, and to help students become more sensitive to and aware of how name-calling, bullying, thoughtless derogatory comments, and other manifestations of prejudice can hurt people in deep and lasting ways, which ultimately hurts everyone within a community. These are national programs that are run in a number of area high schools, including Greenwich and Weston.

News from the Health Office

Health Forms

Emergency forms are still missing for many 9th, 10th and 11th graders. It is imperative that we receive these emergency forms, which give students permission to receive or NOT receive Tylenol. In addition, these forms enable us to reach parents and or their designated contact in the event of an emergency. The Emergency forms are found online and we only require one copy.

Athletes:

Spring Sports are around the corner! Please make certain your student-athletes' forms are up-to-date:

- An **Athletic Emergency Form** is required each time a student participates in a sport. A *new* Athletic Emergency Form is required for *each* sport for each season. They are *not* transferred from coach to coach and sport to sport. These forms are your athletes protection if they are injured during practice, competition, or even travel to and from their competition. The coaches carry these forms with them at all times and *must* have updated information included. In addition, in order for you child to have an Athletic Emergency Form that is current they *must* have a current Sports Participation Physical on file in the health office (see below).
- We do not require a new copy of a current **Sports Participation Physical** each season if they have not expired, as we have them on file in the health office. These physicals can be utilized for 13 months. These physicals *are not* interchangeable with the **State of Connecticut Physicals**. However, we will *not* (per CIAC rules) allow your son or daughter to even begin try-outs without a current Sports Participation Physical on file in the health office. *Their are no exceptions*. Please plan now if you know your son or daughters' physical will expire around the time Spring try-outs begin. Please call the Health Office if you require further clarification.
- Forms are available online at: <http://www.darienps.org/healthservices/forms.htm>

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 27	Begin 3rd Quarter—G Day Schedule
January 30	Volunteer Day Assembly & Fair
February 4	DHSPA Executive Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.
February 6	Jazz & Pasta Fest - MMS Cafeteria 6:00 p.m.
February 7	Snow Ball Dance - Main Gym 8:00-10:00 p.m.
February 10	DHSPA Meeting - Auditorium 9:00 a.m. Coffee, 9:15 a.m. Meeting
February 16—20	February Recess - NO SCHOOL
February 26	All-Town Band Festival - DHS 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. (Snow Date for this event is February 27)
March 2—9	CAPT Testing
March 4	DHSPA Executive Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.
March 7	Debate Tournament - DHS - All Day
March 10	DHSPA Meeting - Auditorium 9:00 a.m. Coffee, 9:15 a.m. Meeting
March 16	Staff Development -NO SCHOOL for Students
March 26, 27, 28	Theatre 308 Production <i>Les Miserables</i> 8:00 p.m.
March 31	Chanticleer High School Choral Festival at DHS

The administration, faculty and staff
of Darien High School
thank the DHSPA
for the delicious and festive
Holiday Luncheon they provided
in December.
Special thanks to Wendy Brokaw,
Kim Westcott and Patty Winter
for organizing the event.