

## ***Darien High School Parents' Association***

August 2009

Dear Parents,

We hope you are having a great summer! It is hard to believe that the beginning of school is just around the corner. The Darien High School Parents' Association (DHSPA) is looking forward to another productive year of working with parents, staff and administration. We would like to welcome back all current students, teachers and staff and extend a warm welcome to new students and teachers. The administration has been busy planning for the upcoming year and preparing the students' schedules, which you all should have received. We have been busy planning our meetings and programs as well.

The DHSPA meets monthly. Our meetings feature a Principal's report, a Guidance report, information updates on all DHSPA committee activities, important school related information and special programs. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, September 15th in the DHS Auditorium and will feature a presentation by the administration as well as a chance to meet our new Guidance director, Paul Ribeiro. Come for coffee at 9:00 am and our meeting will begin at 9:15 am.

### DHSPA Meeting Dates for 2009-2010

September 15 <sup>th</sup>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	March 16 <sup>th</sup>
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>

The DHSPA continues to be committed to maintaining quality and consistency of communication between parents, staff and administration. We send a weekly parent news document on Wednesdays, the Darien Parent News (DPN). The DPN will be the primary source of communication by the DHSPA to parents. We also recommend that you check the DHS Website ([www.darienps.org/dhs](http://www.darienps.org/dhs)) on a regular basis. There you will find school updates, important announcements, athletic information and the Daily Bulletin. The DHSPA also has a link on this website.

Rising freshmen and "New to DHS" families please note that Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at DHS for both new students and parents. This is an outstanding opportunity for freshmen to orient themselves to DHS and for new DHS parents to learn more about high school life. We look forward to meeting you then!

It should be another exciting year at Darien High School. We really appreciate all of you who will be volunteering your time to make DHS the special place that it is and we welcome any new volunteers. Thank you, in advance, for all that you do for our school.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Most sincerely,

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