

DHSPA MEETING – 10/25/2011
CURRENT EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES (“BACK PAGE”)

DHSPA Bylaws. The bylaws have recently been revised and the final draft is available on the DHSPA website homepage (<http://www.darienps.org/dhspa/Final%20Draft-Revised%20DHSPA%20Bylaws.pdf>). Revision highlights include: clarification of DHSPA membership and policies, details of Executive Board E-mail voting procedures and an expansion on the guidelines to be used for appropriation decisions. Please review these revisions as we will vote on them at the next DHSPA meeting on Nov. 29. Contact Lisa Miller at Ltmiller86@optonline.net with any questions or comments.

DHSPA Non-Event Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our 2011-12 fundraiser. This is the DHSPA's major annual fundraiser and we have met this year's goal! This enables us to fund our budgeted programs supporting DHS. Any additional donations received this year will be saved and used as requests come in during the year from the administration and teachers. In past years, the DHSPA has been able to provide many “Wish List” items such as the rug for the front entrance, a digital piano, a plasma screen, documentation cameras as well as staff development opportunities. If you didn't receive a letter or need another, e-mail Melissa Graves @ melgraves@aol.com. Thank you for your support! Deena Archey, Edie Clarke, Barb Foley, Amy Howe, Yvette Morgan, Callie Sullivan and Melissa Graves

Programs Committee. We want to hear from you! We're developing new programs for our DHS families, focusing on DHS-specific topics: *What do you want to hear more about? Who do you want to hear it from?* Please complete the questionnaire distributed today or email your suggestions to one of the committee chairs: Anne-Lise Brown- albdjb@aol.com, Lynn Koorbusch- lynnk@optonline.net, Kari Murray- karila@optonline.net.

DIG PINK. Please come support the DHS Girls Volleyball team at their 4th annual **Dig Pink** event on Friday, October 28th - JV game at 6PM and Varsity at 7PM. The goal of the rally is promote breast cancer awareness and health as well as raise funds for research. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds benefit the Side Out Foundation. You may also donate online at: http://www.side-out.org/application/ous/fundraising_page/7695 .

Senior Internships. We can't overstate how important it is for our students to gain “real world” experience. Exposure to the working world gives young people the chance to view a profession from the inside, helping them to rule in (or, equally vital, rule out) possible career choices and courses of study. An internship is often a student's first taste of the adult working world and may be an eye-opening moment, as the student begins to understand the responsibilities that come with it. On top of all that, an internship looks great on their resume and provides the student a talking point for future interviews.

Because the Senior Internship is so valuable, we'd like to be able to accommodate ALL seniors who are interested. This year the program has two new faculty coordinators—Lisa Messineo and Lauren DiStefano. At the moment, we are **actively seeking** additional internship possibilities for our students. If you have a business and could use an intern (or are *related* to someone who might...or *know* of someone who might...or have *heard of* someone who might), we would LOVE to hear from you! Internships run from mid-May to mid-June and may be in Darien or any of our neighboring towns, from NYC to New Haven on the Metro-North line. We are looking for internships in every field, with a particular interest in medicine, marketing, psychology and media/communications. We will be developing a bank of internship sites, and students this year will have the option of choosing from one of the available sites, allowing the internship coordinators to make the match for them, or finding their own internship.

If you have an internship possibility for us, please contact Leslie Hammer (lesham@optonline.net) or Kitty Hickey (Hickeyclan236021@aol.com). Thank you!

Parent Awareness (both programs in conjunction with the Darien Library).

October 26th from 7-9 pm at the Darien Library: *Nurturing The Arts* panel discussion will feature local teen artists, musicians and performers, past and present – all willing to share their stories!! All ages are invited.

November 2nd and 9th (two showings) – *Miss Representation* & Panel Discussion. 7-9 pm at the Darien Library. When the documentary film, *Miss Representation*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, audiences were riveted and Oprah acquired the broadcast rights. Writer/Director Jennifer Siebel Newsom interwove stories from teenage girls with provocative interviews from the likes of Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Lisa Ling, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, Rosario Dawson, and Gloria Steinem to give us an inside look at the media and its message.