



Sept 2024

## A Message from Our Principal Zeina Jebril...

Greetings Pioneers!

We've had a great first semester and I'm eager for the great things we have planned for 2025!

I have revived my PSAC-Principal Student Advisory Council - and we met in December. The goal of the PSAC is to provide leadership opportunities for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students with a focus on community service, social issues that impact their education, and overall school related concerns while allowing student voices to be heard. Another goal is to foster learning that develops student leaders who are empathetic, kind and compassionate. I recognize the importance of student leadership and will be working with students to make our school a kind, student friendly, and safe place to learn with student input and feedback.

With the start of second semester, I would like to stress the importance of monitoring your student's grades and attendance by getting a ParentConnect account and checking it frequently. If you need assistance with this, please call the office and we can get that set up for you. Teachers also use Schoology to post assignments that students can access from home. We offer FREE tutoring three times a week, so please encourage your students to take advantage of this when/if they need additional help.

As far as school news, I usually send a weekly email outlining school events and reminders. If you have not been receiving these emails, please call the office to update the email address we have on file for you. You can also subscribe to our school website at <https://dhs.dearbornschools.org/> to receive emails that will help you stay up to date. As well, you will find a list of staff members that you can contact to help support your child.

We stress the importance of student attendance at DHS, please ensure that your child is in school everyday. Students missing 10 days or more, take the risk of losing credit in their class. If your child must miss a school day, please call the attendance line to report their absence. By the same token, if you need to have them leave early, call the attendance office and we will document and call them out for you. We ask that you refrain from calling your child's cell phone to call them out as we do have a strict cell phone policy that we enforce.

I strongly believe in partnership between home and school. It truly takes a village to educate and raise our children. My staff and I welcome you and your communication in any way that works for you. We have an open door policy and are always willing to engage in dialogue to help meet the needs of our students.

In partnership,

Zeina Jebril, Ed.S.

Principal - Dearborn High School

# Getting to Know Our New Assistant Principal

*My name is Noor Charara, and I am very excited to be the interim assistant principal at Dearborn High School. I'm excited to get to know all of you and become part of our school community.*

*A little about me: I have worked in Dearborn Public Schools for seven years. I have been a 7th-grade Teacher at Woodworth Middle School and a 3rd-grade teacher at Snow Elementary. I recently completed my admin internship at Haigh Elementary and Fordson High School.*

*I'm passionate about education and helping students reach their full potential. My door is always open if you need to chat, have concerns, or want to say hi. I look forward to seeing you in the hallways, at school events, and around campus.*

*Sincerely,*

*Noor Charara*

*Assistant Principal (L-Z)*

*Dearborn High School*

## **Attention All Parents**

**DHS values the input of all Pioneer Families.**



**To share your thoughts and suggestions,  
please click the following link:  
[DHS Pioneers Suggestion Box](#)**

# Welcome Back!



*Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed quality time with your family and friends. Here's to making this year one to remember!*

# A message from the Math Department



## SAT and PSAT Math: Know That You Can Do It!

It's really worth your time to improve your SAT score. Hour for hour, it's the best thing you can do to raise your chance of getting into the college or program that you want.

Your SAT score is a reflection of **how hard you work and how well you study**, not your IQ and not your school grades. Here's why: the SAT is an unusual test. When you take it, **don't you get the sense that the questions are nothing like what you've seen in school?** It's purposely designed this way. The SAT can't test difficult concepts, because this would be unfair for students who never took AP Calculus. The SAT is a national test, which means it needs a level playing field for all students around the country.

**So it HAS to test concepts that all high school students will cover.** Basic algebra (solving for  $x$ , manipulating equations), data analysis (mean, median, mode), advanced algebra (solving systems of equations, quadratic equations), and geometry (triangles, circles and lines.)

**You've practiced all of this before during middle school and high school.** But the SAT still has to make the test difficult, so **it needs to test these concepts in strange ways.** This trips up students who don't prepare, but it rewards students who understand the test well. To improve your score, you need to:

- Learn the types of questions that the SAT tests
- Put together the concepts you already know to solve the questions
- Practice on a lot of questions so you learn from your mistakes

\*This message is adapted from the PrepScholar Blog and brought to you by the DHS Math Department.

# About DHS - Graduation Requirements

## **LANG ARTS (8 semesters)**

Lang Arts 1-2

Lang Arts 3-4

Lang Arts 5-6

Lang Arts 7 (Semester 1)

The following can replace Lang Arts 8: Speech, America Lit, World Lit, or Creative Writing (Semester 2)

## **SOCIAL STUDIES (6 semesters)**

World History 1, 2

US History 1, 2

US Economics

US Government

## **SCIENCE (6 semesters)**

Biology

Chemistry or Physics

Elective Science

## **MATHEMATICS (8 semesters)**

Algebra 1

Geometry

Algebra 2

Senior Year Math

## **WORLD LANGUAGE (4 semesters)**

Arabic, French, German, ASL, Spanish (2 years of the same world language)

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 semesters) P**

E/Health

## **VPA ART (2 SEMESTERS)**

Any visual, performing or applied arts electives

## **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & Online Learning Experience**

1 semester of MS (C or better) or HS Computer Applications

# Freshman - Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How do students sign-up to play sports?** Contact the appropriate head coach.  
<https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/dhsathletics1/athletics-home/>

**Q: Is a Health Appraisal form required for all freshmen?** All students must submit a green “physical” form signed by their physician. Students involved in athletics are required to submit a white “sports” form.

**Q: How can a parent regularly monitor student grades & attendance?** Every parent and student will receive Parent/Student Connect passwords via email at the beginning of the school year. Middle school passwords carry over to the high school. Access begins 2 weeks into the school year.

**Q: How many days of school can students miss and still earn credit for graduation?** Students who miss more than 10 days (absences + tardies combined) may receive reduced credit. Extended vacations are strongly discouraged because students can possibly get reduced credit.

**Q: How do students recover lost credit from a failing grade or excessive absences?** ASAP (After School Academic Program) is offered every semester along with summer school. (There is a cost.)

**Q: What should a student do if they experience a problem in a class?** The student should start by having a private conversation with the teacher. If extra assistance is needed, parents and school support staff (counselor, social worker) will work with the student for a resolution.



# TEEN VAPING: IT'S NOT HARMLESS



## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Dangers of e-cigarettes for young people
- How to talk with your child about quitting

### GAIN ACCESS TO:

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*Scan for helpful resources*

# About DHS - Student Clubs & Activities

Active Minds, Amity, Animal Care, Arabic, Art/Photo, Athletic Health Association, Autism Awareness, Black Student Union, Board Game Club, Cancer Awareness, Challenge Bowl, Chess Club, Christian Fellowship and Discovery Club, Class of '25, '26, '27, & '28, Clean Green Group, Creative Writing, Debate, DECA, Diversity/ Equity/ Inclusion (DEI), Discover Islam, Dungeons and Dragons, Engage, Environmental Preservation, French Club, Future Medical Professionals Club, German Club, GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), Guitar Club, Helping Hands, History Club, Hosa, Interact, Intramurals-Speed & Agility Training, Intramurals-Weight Training, Key Club, Lebanese Student Association, Link Crew Program, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Orphans Overseas Foundation, Palestinian Club, PEACE, U of M Peer 2 Peer, Pioneer Press Newspaper, Recycling Club, Red Cross Club, Right to Play, Robotics, Soccer Club, Social Justice, Spanish, Student Council, Thespians/Theatre/Drama, Unicef, WDHS/Movie Making



# Sports at Dearborn High School!

## Winter

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Basketball	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
Bowling	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
Competitive Cheer		<b>GIRLS</b>
Ice Hockey	<b>BOYS</b>	
Swimming and Diving	<b>BOYS</b>	
Wrestling	<b>BOYS</b>	

## Spring

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Baseball	<b>BOYS</b>	
Golf	<b>BOYS</b>	
Soccer		<b>GIRLS</b>
Softball		<b>GIRLS</b>
Tennis		<b>GIRLS</b>
Track and Field	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>

## Team Schedule Information

Schedule for the week of [Jan 12th - 19th](#).

Additional Winter Sports Information can be found [here](#).

# Support the Performing Arts

## The Dearborn High School Theatre Program

presents

### *The 31st Annual Student Directed Scenes*

January 28th - 31st  
All shows at 7:30 pm

Tickets:  
\$8/available at the door only

### Other Events!

#### ***DHS SPRING MUSICAL***

Disney's Newsies

April 23-26th, 2025

All performances at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$14 General Admission

\$12 College Students with ID

\$10 Students 18 and under and Senior Citizens 65 and up.



# Performing Arts Shoutout!

**The Dearborn High School Thespians had a very successful trip to the 2024 State Thespian Festival this past December. They came home with 19 Awards:**

Among the honorees were:

- Julius Owens, State Thespian Scholarship Honoree, one of only 10 students in the state to receive this honor
- Julius Owens, Superior in Musical Theatre Solo
- Jesse Good, Superior in Short Film
- Alex Sassanelli, Carter Coykendall, Christos Andreou, Stefano Ciavaglia, Abdullah Yousif, Jesse Good, and Hannah Frederick, Superior in Group Musical Theatre performance
- Alex Sassanelli and Eva Hammoud, Certificates of Excellence in Monologue
- Adam Makled, Certificate of Excellence in Musical Theatre solo
- Eva Hammoud and Julius Owens, Certificates of Excellence in Team Dance,
- Adam Makled and Emily Maginity, Certificate of Excellence in Duet Musical Theatre.
- Stefano Ciavaglia and Christos Andreou, Certificate of Excellence in Duet Musical Theatre

To top it off, seniors Julius Owens, Alex Sassanelli, and Adam Makled each received numerous scholarship offers from different colleges with their combined total of scholarship money offered reaching just over 1,000,00.00 dollars between the 3 of them.

Other DHS Students who did a great job in Workshops at the Festival included Zach Ahmed, Asher Andrews, Gio Bitonti, D'Aria Fuller, Emmy Lahay, Sofia Lamb, Robert Milligan, Ameena Toumi. Great Job to DHS Theatre and all the Students!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our tremendous Parent Chaperones: Robert Ciavaglia, Marisa Ciavaglia, Lila Makled, Lynn Maginity, Nneka Owens, and Ida Davis

# Student Council

*Hello Parents!!*

*Below are the teachers and the presidents and vice presidents of your student's council. If you would like to be on a parent volunteering committee, if you would like to sign up for events, please reach out to me or the advisors for that grade you want to work with. Your children can do the same thing.*

*Listen to announcements, email us, or the leaders of their council to see if they can join or participate and then run even for being on student council. I have attached the clubs and the advisors and events students can be a part of.*

*2024-2025 Student Council Advisors/ President and VP*

*Executive Board: Ms. Altomonte*

*★ President: Jacob ElHassan*

*★ Vice President: Nora Souwaidan*

*Class of 2025: Ms. Fawaz*

*★ President: Bissan Elzein*

*★ Vice President: Yasmine Keaik*

*Class of 2026: Ms. Beydoun*

*★ President: Meriam Abdulsater*

*★ Vice President: Batoul Kourani*

*Class of 2027: Ms. Bazy and Ms. Victor*

*★ President: Hanna Harb*

*★ Vice President: Rim Saleh*

*Class of 2028: Mr. Seeley*

*★ The freshman board consists of 10 board members none with official positions until next year*

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SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 22ND 9AM- 4PM**

# Charity Week!

## Ideas Needed!

*Hello Parents,*

*Charity week will be from February 10-14 this year. Everyday there is an activity and students will be able to buy passports. The passports allow students to go to a classroom hosting an activity.*

*Parents, we need your help though! We are looking for ideas and charities for this event to be a hit!*

*If you have any ideas to contribute, we'd like to hear them!*

*Please contact Angela Altomonte, Social Studies Teacher at*

*[altomoa@dearbornschools.org](mailto:altomoa@dearbornschools.org)*



# Dearborn High School Parent Faculty Student Association (PFSA)

The DHS PFSA is a volunteer-based organization at DHS for parents, faculty, students and administration to foster a good working relationship between home and school by encouraging parental involvement in volunteering programs and school activities. Your participation will provide you the opportunity to stay aware of what is happening at DHS.



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To become a member of the PFSA fill out the [2024-2025 Membership Form](#)

**Membership fee is \$20.00** per family/household.

Payment of Cash, Check (payable to DHS-PFSA) or Venmo (@Dearborn-PFSA) or Zelle (pfsadhs@gmail.com) accepted.

Visit our website [dhsPFSA.wordpress.com](https://dhsPFSA.wordpress.com) for information regarding meeting dates, meeting minutes and the Pioneer Post.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday  
January 21, 2025  
at 6:00pm  
DHS Library**

**Membership fees contribute to important initiatives at the school, including the annual teacher appreciation luncheon and scholarships for senior students.**

**We welcome parent suggestions for fundraisers and other ways to support the school!**

### ***PFSA Board***

President – Ruaa Bahrn  
Vice President – Malak Bazzi  
Secretary – Nasreen Hidar  
Treasurer – Imad Dakka

### ***PFSA Committee Chairs***

Membership Chair – Kim Mincey  
Pioneer Post Editor – Gaby Hughes  
Hospitality Chair – Nadia Essa-Khalil

If you have questions regarding PFSA, email us at: [pfsadhs@gmail.com](mailto:pfsadhs@gmail.com).

# **Dearborn High School Parent Faculty Student Association (PFSA)**

## **Scholarship Opportunity!**

During the 2006-2007 school year the Dearborn High School Parent Faculty Student Association (PFSA) established a scholarship fund to reward and recognize outstanding DHS Seniors as they pursue a higher education.

The number of and amount of each scholarship is determined by the PFSA annually based on the amount of funds available. It is subject to change each year. Recipients of the PFSA Scholarship will receive a check issued to the Accredited University/College of their choice.

**For the 2024-2025 School Year the PFSA has approved four \$500 Scholarships.**

**PFSA Scholarship Application Submission Deadline is Friday, April 25, 2025.**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Graduating Senior.
- Attended Dearborn High School a minimum of two years; Junior and Senior years.
- Attending an accredited college or university.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident.
- Must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- Must have had a PFSA membership a minimum of two years of which one is during their senior year.
  - *Participation in PFSA sponsored meetings/events will be considered.*

### **Criteria for Award of Funds:**

Complete the [application](#). The application must be submitted along with a letter of recommendation from a DHS teacher and a 150-200 word essay. The topic is “Words of wisdom to myself as an incoming freshman at Dearborn High School”.

All Eligibility Requirements must be met to be eligible for the PFSA Scholarship. Final determination of the PFSA Scholarship is based on the results from the PFSA essay by the Selection Committees’ decision from the eligible pool of applicants. The selection committee consists of the DHS Principal or designee, DHS Counselor and two members of the PFSA Executive Board. No member of the Selection Committee can be related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship to any of the applicants. Decisions by the Selection Committee will be final.

# Dearborn High School Athletic Booster Club

*The Dearborn High School Athletic Booster Club raises money each year to provide needed items that benefit EVERY student athlete in EVERY sport. Our biggest fundraising comes from Memberships and Concessions. We cannot do this without the support of parents and the community.*

*Eric Mattison, President*

*Deena Furlow, Vice President*

*Sara Platz, Treasurer*

*Stacey Krol, Secretary*

*Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the cafeteria*

*Always accepting memberships at <https://dhsboosters.org/membership.html>*

*-Join by April 1, 2025 to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card*

*-Winter Winner will be drawn at the Boys Basketball game Friday 01/17/2025*

*We always need help selling concessions – sign up for Fall Concessions:*

*<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CA4AD2DAA8-51004362-2024#/>*

*Want more information regarding the Booster Club and what we do? Please visit our website:*

*[www.dhsboosters.org](http://www.dhsboosters.org)*

*Follow us on:*

*Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/329887243625](http://www.facebook.com/groups/329887243625)*

*Instagram @dhs\_booster\_club*

# Dearborn High School Athletic Booster Club

## Upcoming Events!

- *Saturday, February 15, 2025*

*Spaghetti Dinner (Halal) at Downey Brewing Company*

*Joint Fundraiser with the Band Aid Booster Club*

*Details coming soon!*

- *Tuesday April 1, 2025*

*2025 Booster Club Scholarship Applications open*

- *Monday, May 12, 2025*

*2025 Booster Club Scholarship Applications close at 11:59pm*

- *Date TBD in May 2025*

*2025 Pioneer Open Golf Outing*

# DHS Band Aid Booster Club (BABBC)

The DHS BABBC is the parent-led booster organization that supports instrumental music at Dearborn High School, including Symphony and Concert Bands, String Orchestra, Jazz Band, Small Ensembles, the Pioneer Marching Band, and Color Guard.

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Band Room

Rob Ciavaglia, President  
Brienne Vogel, Vice President  
Erin Andrews, Treasurer  
Stacey Krol, Secretary

## Fundraiser Alert:

Spaghetti Dinner at Downey Brewing Company

Mark your calendars! On Saturday February 15, 2025 the BABBC, along with the Athletic Booster Club, is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner (Halal). More details coming soon.

## Upcoming Events:

- January 8, 2025 - 7 p.m. BABBC Monthly Meeting in the Band Room
- February 8 - District Solo & Ensemble
- February 12 – 7:00pm BABBC Monthly Meeting w/incoming freshmen families in the Band Room
- February 15, 2025 – Time TBD Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Downey Brewing Company
- February 20 or 21, 2025 EMU Orchestra Festival at Eastern Michigan University
- February 26, 2025 6:30pm - Marching Band Mandatory Meeting in the Band Room
- February 27 - March 1, 2025 - MSBOA Band/Orchestra Festival
- March 6 – 8, 2025 - MSBOA Band/Orchestra Festival
- March 12, 2025 7:00pm - BABBC Monthly Meeting in the Band Room
- March 15, 2025 - State Solo & Ensemble
- April 9, 2025 7:00pm - BABBC Monthly Meeting in the Band Room
- April 23 – 26, 2025 - 7:30pm Spring Musical – Newsies in the Auditorium
- April/May Schwartz’s Gift Card Fundraiser

## Follow us on:

Facebook (new page) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/501511128958272>

Instagram @dhs\_band\_aid\_booster\_club

# Dearborn High School

Parent Faculty Student Association  
19501 W. Outer Drive  
Dearborn, MI 48124-1663  
313-827-1601 Attendance Line



[dhs.dearbornschools.org](https://dhs.dearbornschools.org)

[dhspsfa.wordpress.com](https://dhspsfa.wordpress.com)

[dhsboosters.org](https://dhsboosters.org)

Looking to shop for DHS gear?

<https://www.spiritshop.com/school/michigan/dearborn/dearborn-high-school>

## Dearborn High School 2024-25 Calendar of Building Events

### January 2025

1/20 No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
1/28-1/31 The 31st Annual Student Directed Scenes

### February 2025

2/17 No School (Presidents Day)  
2/21 Class 2026 Tin Raffle  
2/22 Class of 2026 Tin Raffle  
2/25 No School (Professional Development)

*\*dates subject to change*

### March 2025

3/22-3/31 No School - Spring Break



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