



D I M O N D DIMENSIONS

A. J. Dimond High School Community

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Dimond Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Dimond High School's 43rd year of education "Lynxed" to success in life.



The newspaper headlines tell us that being book smart doesn't guarantee success in life. In fact, good health, positive relationships with family and friends, and having convictions to

make good decisions when faced with tough choices are surer pathways to success.

The Dimond High staff is committed to developing your student's book smarts as well as life smarts. We offer a great diversity of classes to prepare students for their life after high school, whether that includes college, technical school, work, travel, volunteerism, or apprenticeship. Along with the wide selection of honors, advanced placement, career and technical, fine arts, physical education, and JROTC classes, Dimond is the only high school in Anchorage to offer classes in Japanese Immersion and in our Engineering Academy.

You can meet teachers and find out about classes at our Open House, which will be held Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30 – 8:00. It's a great time to experience what your student's life at Dimond High is like. You'll follow your student's schedule, meet our teachers and learn first hand what the teachers' procedures are for homework and make up work.

Last Spring's statewide test results are in and they show some incredible gains in many areas. I am proud to share that Dimond's graduation rate increased an additional 3% over last year. Nearly all Dimond students in every category scored proficient or above in language and math performance. However, since we did not meet proficiency levels in two of the 31 state requirements, Dimond did not meet AYP (adequate yearly progress). The two areas of deficiency were in the area of math with Hispanic and English Language Proficient students missing the target. Parents, students and staff will work together to create a school improvement plan focusing on why we did not make AYP. I invite you to work with us on developing this plan. Please e-mail me at Guyett_Cheryl@asdk12.org or call 742-7021 if you would be interested in working with us.

Homecoming 2009 is August 31 – September 5. Student Government is planning spirit themes for each school day, a Lynx Spirit Assembly at 1:20 on Friday, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday (Labor Day weekend). The dance runs from 8 PM – 11 PM so please pick up students promptly at 11PM. Catch the spirit by putting on your maroon and gold and coming to support our football, flag football, tennis, gymnastics, cross-country running and swim/dive teams that week.

Late Start Mondays continue for the fourth year. Each Monday first period classes begin at 8:15, 45 minutes later than usual. This enables our staff to collaborate on curriculum projects and strengthen teaching and learning. Innovations such as the Freshman House, the Engineering Academy, cross-curricular teaming, Dimond-Mears teaming,

Advanced Placement teaming, and National History Day are supported by the collaboration time. Dimond's doors open at the same time as other days, school buses run at the same time and families can drop off students at the usual time on Mondays. Breakfast and tutoring are available for students who arrive early. Parents, students and teachers continue to comment very positively about the Late Start Monday program.

You're invited to join me for coffee or tea on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 – 8AM and 11:30 – noon. It's a relaxed time to discuss questions or questions.

I appreciate your valuable support of your school!

To another great year,

Cheryl Guyett
Principal

COFFEE TIME



with the Principal

*Join Ms. Guyett for
coffee/tea and conversation*

**Sept. 8, 7:30-8:00am
and 11:30-12:00pm**



COUNSELING & CURRICULUM NEWS

Dave Donk, Counseling Department Chair

Martin Lang, Curriculum Assistant Principal

Registration Thank You!

Over 1700 students passed through registration prior to the first day of school this year. Thank you to all the many parent volunteers, JROTC cadets, NHS and Student Government reps who helped make registration a smooth process for all. We also want to thank everyone for their extra patience while filing out the Zangle Student Contact and Information form. It's vital that the school has updated contact information for your son or daughter, so thank you for helping us in our effort to recollect that information for our new student information system. Finally, thank you to the counseling and office staff who once again put in long hours to ensure that students are scheduled and set up for academic success.

Zangle Attendance and Grade Reporting: on-line access!

One of the great, value-added features in our new student information system is the ability for students and parents to view updated attendance and grade information on-line. Teachers were introduced to these new communication tools during their in-service training in August, and we will showcase these new features and provide access information at our annual Open House, September 9th.

High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Retest:

Retest dates for the HSGQE are October 6th, 7th, and 8th. All juniors and seniors

who have not passed one or more portions of the exam will retest this fall. Counselors will contact students who need to retest and provide them with practice tests and tutoring opportunities. Please call you student's counselor if you have any questions.

Sophomores and Juniors

The PSAT will be administered at DHS on October 17th at 8:00am. The registration fee is \$20 and must be paid in the CRC by October 15th. Late registration will be accepted on a space-available basis with a \$20 late fee. The PSAT is open to all sophomores and juniors. Juniors are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT to assist in preparing for the SAT. Additionally, the PSAT allows juniors to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

College Planning

The first Scholarship Folder Workshop and College Choice Seminar is October 6th in MPR1 from 7-9pm. This workshop provides valuable information for families regarding college choices and local financial assistance. For more information, please contact Shirley Reeves in the CRC, 742-7020.

COUNSELORS

Freshmen....**Jamie Boyd-Kragt**

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors:

A - Di.....Dave Donk

Do - K.....Rob Hartley

L - P.....Chris Higgins

R - Z.....Pete Mandel

ESL.....Lee Montoya

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Counselor.....Tracie Ashman

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I've always loved the beginning of the school year—new clothes, new classes, new challenges, new opportunities. This year, all 9th and 10th grade students will have a new guidance counselor as well. Please encourage your student to think of his or her counselor as an important resource in the building if they have any questions about classes, or if they just need a place to talk about an issue of personal significance.

The name of your student's counselor is located on the schedule they picked up at registration, or you can always call the curriculum office, 742-7008, during school hours for that information. Furthermore, if you wish to speak with your student's counselor for any reason, you can email them directly or reach them through the curriculum office.

Welcome to New Staff:

Ms. Guyett introduced the names of several new staff members in last month's newsletter, and each one is proving to be an excellent addition to an already excellent staff here at Dimond. Here's a little more about each of our newest Lynx staff:

Tracie Ashman—Guidance Counselor

Hi, I am a new counselor at Dimond this year. I grew up in the area and graduated from Chugiak High School. I taught special education for three years at Gruening Middle School and was a counselor at Mirror Lake Middle School for three years. For the past two years, I have been teaching in Michigan while my husband finished up his degree. I am very excited to be at Dimond this year!



Susan Emmal—Affective Skills Teacher
I was born in Anchorage, and graduated



Economics and Business Administration, and I worked for years with local architectural firms in the area of product specifications in commercial buildings in Anchorage. I took time off from work to raise my daughter and decided to study special education after working at her school Rogers Park Elementary. I am sped certified k-12. I am finishing my MAT this semester. I love the Alaskan winters.....also have a cat named Katie.....two hamsters.....Love teaching special education children and am excited to work with parents and community to support students at Dimond.

Carrie Miknich—PE Teacher

I was born and raised in AK and graduated from Dimond in 1984. I am married with four children. I've taught for 13 yrs, the last 10 at East. I like running, camping, anything outdoors.



Aniela Wills—CITC Mediak Teacher
Aniela Whah-Wills is a graduate of Chugiak High School. She moved to the lower 48 to earn a degree in Broadcast Journalism at Lewis University in Illinois. After college, she took a job doing a little bit of everything at a TV station in the Chicago area. That's where she met her husband. After starting a family, they moved back to Alaska in 2003. Aniela took a job at Chan-



nel 2 news—where she had once interned in high school. By the time she left KTUU on April Fools day of this year, she had been promoted to Executive Producer. She produced the 5 o'clock news and managed the other producers and the content of Channel 2 news. The very next day, Aniela started at MEDIK as an Instructor. MEDIK's mission is to engage Native students in the creation of media and to inspire them to reach their unlimited potential. Students learn about journalism while also getting to work with the high tech equipment the industry has to offer. MEDIK is an after school program at the Cook Inlet Tribal Council building in East Anchorage. It also works in the schools. Aniela is excited to be teaching Digital Composition at Dimond this semester. The students will write magazine articles, produce radio spots, take compelling photos and edit some interesting and entertaining videos. You can watch the films at MEDIK's first movie night of the year—right around Halloween. Aniela is married with two great kids and a third on the way.



Holly Morris—Spanish Teacher

I was born and raised in Fairbanks; I spent the last seven years teaching Spanish in the small rural community of Scales Mound, IL. I am delighted to come home to Alaska, where I began my teaching career.





The Gifted Mentorship Program:

The Gifted Mentorship Program had a busy and prosperous summer school program. Gifted juniors and seniors applied for the program in spring and were paired with a mentor in the field of their choice. Following are the list of hard-working students who had a chance to mentor with professionals:

Dimond High School Summer School Gifted Mentorship Students

Carlo Balmes	Danna Grant, R.N., AK Spine Institute
John Janezich	Dr. Brett Mason, Orthopedic Surgery
Haley Budzinski	Dr. Christine Clark, Pathology
Serin Choi	Brittany Dunlop, Attorney
Matthew Summers	Dr. Paul Engibous, Pediatric Dentistry
Terranova Tasker	Kevin Sweeney, Legislative Aid to Senator Lisa Murkowski
Anne Weaver	Dave Verbrugge, AK Public Health Lab
Tommy Wilson	Dr. Bill Hammel, Anesthesiology

Gifted juniors and seniors are encouraged to participate in the mentorship program to have an opportunity to challenge themselves academically, as well as an chance to try a potential career before investing the time and energy in higher education. Applications can be downloaded at: <https://www.asdk12.org/projects/gifted/application.asp>. Ms. Wiley is the gifted mentorship coordinator at DHS. She can be reached via email at wiley_lisa@asdk12.org; she also visits DHS during lunch on Wed in the library to meet with students and parents. The deadlines for application for 09/10 are: Fall semester=September 18th Spring semester=November 20th

We will have an informational meeting for summer school and the following school year in the spring. Stay updated by checking our website or visiting Ms. Wiley in the library!



STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS



Student Government

Welcomes you to the 2009-2010 school year! We are very excited about another Great Year at Dimond High. We kick off this year with Homecoming on September 5th. Please join us.

Homecoming Game Times:

9:00 JV Football

12:00 Flag Football

2:00 Varsity Football

Cross-Country Lynx Invitational

11:00am @ Kincaid Park



Make-up Day is August 26th - Before School, During School and after school

Re-take Day is September 30th - During lunches only

Homecoming Dance



Sept. 5th
8-11pm
at
DHS

All students will be required to present school ID to enter the dance. Students without ID will not be allowed to enter. Please dress appropriately for a school dance



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

Anchorage School District Communications Survey

Please help us improve our communications efforts by completing this survey and returning it before **September 15, 2009**. You can also complete this survey online by visiting the asdk12.org homepage. The survey link is on the left side of the page.

1. Which of the following apply to you? *I am a(n)*:
 - Anchorage School District employee
 - Parent/guardian of ASD student
 - ASD student
 - None of the above

2. Where do you get most of your information and news? Please rank the following sources from 1 to 9, where 9 is the place you get MOST of your news, and 1 is the place you get the LEAST of your news. Use each number only once.
 - Television news
 - TV news Web sites
 - Print newspapers
 - Online newspapers (example: adn.com)
 - Other online sources (example: blogs)
 - News segments on music radio stations
 - Talk radio/news radio
 - Word of mouth
 - Other (please specify) _____

3. How much information do you receive *from any source* about Anchorage School District, its schools, or its programs?
 - Too much
 - Enough
 - Not enough

4. How much information do you receive *from Anchorage School District* about its schools and programs?
 - Too much
 - Enough
 - Not enough

5. I am most interested in articles and stories about.....(select all that apply)
 - Students
 - Budget
 - Events
 - School board
 - Alumni
 - Teachers
 - Curriculum
 - Superintendent's comments
 - Athletics
 - Other (please specify)



J.R.O.T.C. NEWS

25th Anniversary



September 1st, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the Dimond JROTC program. The entire Dimond family takes great pride in our cadets and their contributions to our school and community. Each year the instructors mentor the cadets as they strive to develop self discipline, patriotism, respect, courtesy and leadership skills. Academic achievement, physical fitness, teamwork, and military drill and ceremony are cornerstones of the program. We emphasize effort, discipline and sportsmanship as we participate in the various Alaska JROTC competitions and activities, and excellence is universally recognized in our program. Earning the rating of Honor Unit with Distinction is the highest status an Army JROTC unit can receive, and Dimond has earned this distinction for 23 out of its 25 years in existence. Join with us in celebrating 25 years of excellence!

JROTC gets its own Distinctive Unit Insignia



If you look closely as the cadets wear their uniforms this year, you will see that they are carrying themselves with an added air of "PRIDE." That is because we have just received "hot of the press" our first shipment of a Dimond unique Distinctive Unit

Insignia (or DUI). Most Army programs wear a universal DUI that is given out by Cadet Command. In order to get their own, a design must be submitted through the Department of Heraldry and undergo a lengthy approval process. One of the last things LTC Ayala did as the Senior Army Instructor was to secure the final approval for our design. Of course it bears the requisite Lynx head signifying our school's mascot. And across the bottom the acronym PRIDE stands for five hallmarks of our cadets: Perseverance, Responsibility, Initiative, Diligence and Excellence.



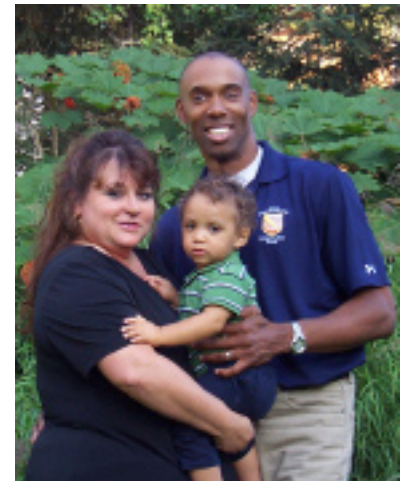
Summer Performances

Your Dimond cadets were busy over the summer helping various civic organizations by participating in their events. On June 27th they joined in the Polynesian Cultural Day Celebration by posting the colors. Then a month later they presented the Colors for the Annual Governor's Picnic where thousands of people turned out for Gov. Sarah Palin's Anchorage farewell. Next, on July 28th, they took part in the Sister City Flag Raising Ceremony. There was a delegation from Anchorage's long-time sister city of Chitose, Japan, as well as local dignitaries on hand to see our cadets raise the National, Japanese and state flags. Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan and the Honorable Kotaro Yamaguchi, Mayor of Chitose presided over the event. Afterward, the Japanese delegation spent a week exploring the city, sharing cultural information and discussing potential solutions to current problems like global warming in

celebration of the 40-year anniversary of the agreement between the two cities.

Welcome MSG Watts

Please join JROTC in extending a hearty Dimond welcome to our newest Army Instructor, Master Sergeant Chris Watts. MSG Watts most recently worked at the Joint Interoperability Test Command at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he evaluated, analyzed, and reported on telecommunications systems for the Department of Defense. Prior to that, he spent twenty-six years in the Army as a tactical and strategic telecommunications and electronics soldier. MSG Watts is joined in Alaska by his lovely wife, Ronell and 14 month old son, Andrew, who despite his rambunctious nature, was able to tolerate the drive



from AZ to AK amazingly well! They also have seven grown children: Aaron (17) just left home to study ministry in Alabama. Jessica (19) is a Chinese linguist in the Navy. Phillip (22) followed his father into the Army and serves as a supply Sergeant. Preston (22), like his sister, did NOT follow his father into the Army, and is a weatherman in the Navy (I bet the week of the Army-Navy football game sees some vicious email traffic between those three!). Ryan (25) is a power trader in Las Vegas. Marcus (25) plays basketball in Paraguay. And Christian (27) is in the accounting



J.R.O.T.C. NEWS

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field in Texas. And somewhere in there (I haven't quite figured out where), there are two grandkids, Janiya (6) and Camara (4). Welcome MSG Watts and family!

Alicia Dair to Girls State and Nation

One of Dimond's most out-going and energetic cadets, 1SG Alicia Dair, had quite a rewarding and exciting summer as she participated in both Girls State and Girls Nation. The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program provides High



School Juniors all across the country the opportunity to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program. Young ladies gather together from across each state to learn government by actually creating a mythical state through the election of public officials on local, county, and state levels, and then by carrying out the duties of these respective offices. Areas of emphasis this year were:

- **PATRIOTISM** as Girls State citizens gain a better understanding of our American traditions and a greater appreciation of our country and our flag as well as learn our government processes through simulated real life involvement in all levels of government.

- **PARTICIPATION** in the citizen's communities when she returns home and begins a life long commitment to be active in all levels of our government. To produce Girls State Citizens with this commitment of participation, units must make wise selections of delegates, provide them with informative orientations before the session begins, and then give them recognition when they return home.

- **PROGRESS** into the future by adding new and innovative enhancement to our program.

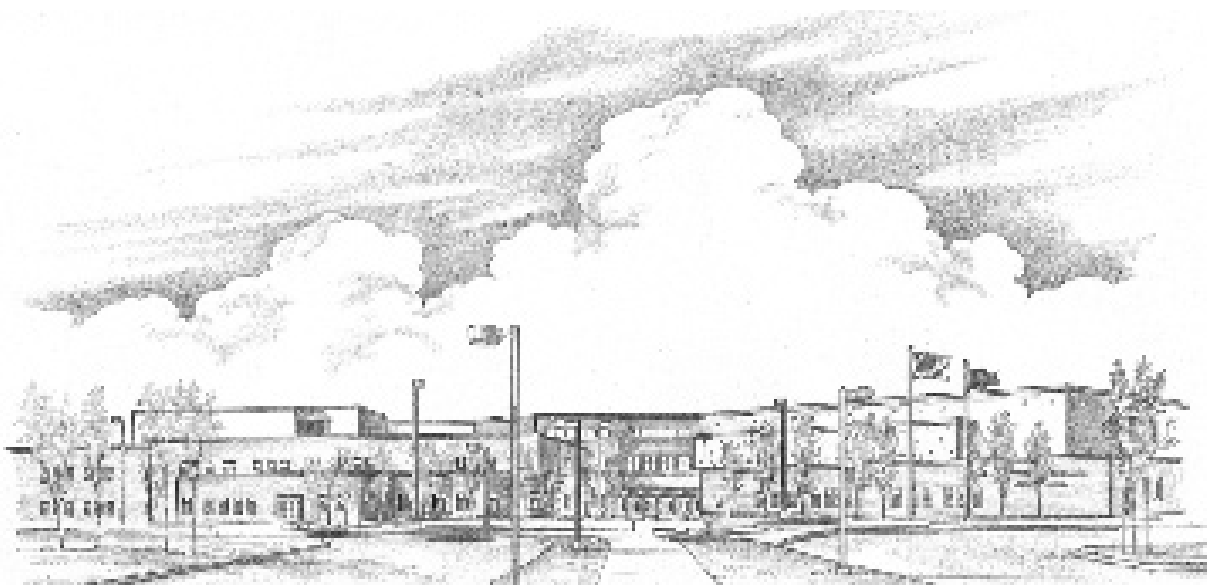
Girls State culminated with the selection of two "senators" to represent their state at Girls Nation where they continued the "hands on" training session, only at the Federal Government level. The American Legion Auxiliary, sponsor of Girls Nation, believes that training our youth about the basic ideals and principles of our system of government will help to ensure the surviv-

al of our republic. "It was an honor getting selected by the state of Alaska to go to this prestigious conference," Alicia said.

The Girls Nation senators are divided into two political "parties". The parties do not reflect the two major political parties in today's system, but allow citizens to gain a special knowledge of how the system works. The goals of the program are:

- to develop leadership and pride in American citizens
- to educate participants about our system of government
- to instill in participants a greater understanding of American traditions
- to stimulate a desire to maintain our government processes

Through this highly effective citizenship training program, Auxiliary members and other expert volunteers teach the youth of our nation to understand, comprehend, and appreciate their roles as United States citizens. Way to go, Alicia! Good job representing Dimond High School and the state of Alaska!





Parent-Teacher-Student-Association

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Ron Jones
Treasurer

Carrie Smith
Secretary and Hospitality

Pam Tittle and
School Store Coordinators
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THANKS to all of our PTSA volunteers who helped out at Registration.

It was quite a task but we were very successful. Zangle forms were completed, new members signed up for PTSA and we sold lots of apparel and coffee in the School Store.

Speaking of the School Store, we are still looking for volunteers, especially for the morning shifts. Mondays and Thursdays really need help. Please contact Pam Tittle if you would like to help. We also need a volunteer to purchase dry goods. This is a great way to help out at Dimond.

PTSA supplied all students and staff with hand sanitizer to help with efforts to prevent the spread of the swine flu. Extra bottles are all around the school. Feel free to take one next time you are in the building.

We welcome Ron Jones to our board as our new treasurer. He has already put in many hours in his transition and will be a great asset to our board.

If you haven't had the opportunity to join the PTSA yet, please watch for upcoming opportunities to sign up. An individual membership is \$7.00/year and this will give you access to exclusive PTSA e-mails that will keep you informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at Dimond. You can contact any one of our board members to join as well. We encourage and look forward to your participation in our organization.

Have a great school year!



NEW Meal Prices:

Meal prices have increased by one quarter (25 cents). Prices for 2009/2010 school year are as follows:

Regular Price Lunch: \$4.00..... ..Reduced Price Lunch: \$.40

Regular Price Breakfast: \$2.25..... ..Reduced Price Breakfast: \$.30

Adult Lunch without Milk: \$4.25.....Half Pint Milk: \$.50

Adult Breakfast without Milk: \$2.50.....Half Pint Milk: \$.50

Notice to parents:

In order to comply with FERPA rules, we must notify parents of the district's procedures related to records transfer. As part of this notification, we have changed the language in the student handbook to read as follows:

"No Child Left Behind requires all school districts to transfer information related to student suspensions and expulsions in addition to academic records when students transfer to any public or private elementary, middle, or high school. When transferring their students, parents do have the right to request a copy of the information that was disclosed to the new



Anchorage School District

2009-10 School Year Calendar*

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AUGUST

- 13 Teachers' first day
- 14,17,18 State released professional development days
- 19 Classes begin for grades 1-12
- 25 Classes begin for kindergarten

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day holiday

OCTOBER

- 6-8 State assigned testing days
- 16 End of first quarter. State released grade reporting day.
- 28-29 Parent conference days. School schedules and student-release times vary. Check with your school for specific schedule.
- 30 State released professional development day.

NOVEMBER

- 26-27 Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

- 18 End of second quarter. State released grade reporting day.
- 21-31 Winter break

JANUARY

- 1 Winter break (continued)
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday - no school

FEBRUARY

- 15 Presidents Day

MARCH

- 5 End of third quarter. State released grade reporting day.
- 8-12 Spring Break
- 24-25 Parent conference days. School schedules and student-release times vary. Check with your school for specific schedule.
- 26 State released professional development day.

APRIL

- 1, 6-8 State assigned testing days.

MAY

- 20 Classes end. End of fourth quarter.
- 21 Teachers' last day.
- 31 Memorial Day holiday

- () Beginning, end of quarter
- Vacation day, holiday
- State released in-service day(s)
- Parent conference
- Teachers beginning, ending days
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- Tentative summer school dates

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Student Services / Attendance

Kevin Theonnes, Assistant Principal
742-7056

Changes are afoot...

One of Dimond High School's academic goals for this year is to improve student attendance and timeliness. There is a direct correlation between academic success and student attendance and timeliness. Therefore, Dimond High School is amending our policies regarding attendance and tardiness. We need your help in implementing these changes to our policy. Timeliness is essential for student achievement. Please take time to discuss these changes with your child and help him/her understand the importance of attendance and timeliness. **Students will be marked absent 15 minutes after class has started.** This is nearly 1/3 of the period and our staff has agreed that a student's success in class will be greatly diminished if they arrive after this time.

Furthermore, to increase student success our policy has changed for tardies and related consequences. Below you will find our amended Tardy and Consequences pol-

icy. These changes are being implemented to encourage our students to arrive to class in a timely manner. Class starts when the bell rings. Students should be present and seated in their seat prior to the bell. If class starts at 7:30 a student should be on campus by 7:20 so that the student has time to visit their locker before class starts. A significant amount of time and energy has been spent working with students and staff to craft a policy that will help our students find success.

Dimond High School Detention/Monday School Policy Effective August 24, 2009

Detentions:

- *1-8 tardies within 30 days = serve morning or lunch detention (this is an average of 2 tardies per week)
- *9th Detention within 30 days = 3-day suspension

Serving Detentions:

There are two times during the day that a student can serve detention. In the morning at 6:30AM in room MPR 1 or in our Graduation Coordinator's office next to the library for 9th grade lunch and Relo #6 during upper class lunch. Detention starts at the 10:30/11:30 point of each lunch.

Unserved Detentions:

- *All detentions will be served within 2 days
- *EACH unserved detention will result in the assignment of a Monday School
- *Three unserved detentions will result in a 3-day suspension

Monday School:

Students will serve Monday School in MPR-1 from **6:00AM-8:00AM**

Failure to serve Monday School will result in a 3-day suspension

DIMOND SAFE LINE 742-7030
Anonymously report any unsafe condition that could cause harm to someone.



Freshman House

Dale Evern, Assistant Principal

Hello to all the New to Dimond Parents and to all of you returning Dimond Parents! It is my pleasure to, once again, be working with you in the area of Freshman House. I am so excited, as this year looks to be filled with many exciting events for your students. I can only advise you to encourage your students to participate at Dimond in any way possible to help them feel welcomed and connected to the school.

Freshman House promises to be very fun this year. We have over 450 students who are coming to us from all over the place! With so many students in our house,

this means that the halls can get crowded. Most students have had the use of lockers before in Middle School, but please remind your students that lockers are not safe places to leave their valuable items such as expensive calculators, ipods, cell phones, and such. Every year I have to call parents and tell them their student's items came up missing. It's a disappointment for all of us when somebody's valuables are taken. Please don't allow your students to bring high dollar items such as ipods to school.

We plan on holding some very fun events again this year. We will begin the battle of the books right when school

starts. Yearbook has agreed to donate four yearbooks for the winning team, so the final prize may be worth up to \$280. That makes reading more worthwhile. Also, expect that we will be participating in another Poetry Slam, a Renaissance Fair, and all freshmen will create a History Day Project as well.

Feel free to call me any time if there is something I can help you with. I am here to make your experience and your student's experience the best they can be. I look forward to this being a great year and I hope to hear from you if you have any questions. I can be reached by email at evern_dale@asdk12.org, or I can be reached by phone at 742-7069.



Connect with ASD

Staying up-to-date with district news, events and stories has never been easier.



In addition to the Web site, which has a wealth of information, there are several other ways parents and the community can keep in touch with the district.

Instead of seeking out information, the news can now come to you.

Twitter – Follow ASD_Info or ASD_Closures

Facebook – Become a fan of ASD at [Facebook.com/AnchorageSchoolDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/AnchorageSchoolDistrict)

ASD Connect – Sign up to receive the new monthly e-newsletter at www.asdk12.org/newsletters.

E-mail lists – Our “traditional” e-mail subscription lists are also still available for closures, news and board announcements.

Starting this school year there will be a new way to keep tabs on your child’s progress. Zangle, the district’s new student information system, will enable parents and students to get information online from the school any time it’s convenient for them.

Web site highlights

- Calendars
- Menus
- School board meeting agendas, policies, podcasts and more
- Construction updates
- Handbooks, forms and publications
- Employment information
- Activity & sport schedules
- Curriculum & standards

ASD Online
www.asdk12.org



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9TH at 6:30 pm.

This is a great time opportunity to meet your student's teachers

The 2009-2010 ASD High School Handbook

Students handbooks will be handed out the second week of school. Teachers will review many of the important portions of the Handbook with students at that time. Please ask your student to bring this handbook home and review it with you. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at 742-7056

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Monday PLC Schedule

2009-2010

Teacher collaboration/Student study period
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Period 1	8:15 a.m. - 8:58 a.m.
Period 2	9:04 a.m. - 9:47 a.m.
Period 3	9:53 a.m. - 10:37 a.m.
Freshman Lunch	10:37 a.m. - 11:17 a.m.
Freshman Period 4	11:23 a.m. - 12:11 p.m.
Upperclassman Period 4	10:43 a.m. - 11:31 a.m.
Upperclassman Lunch	11:31 a.m. - 12:11 p.m.
Period 5	12:17 p.m. - 1:06 p.m.
Period 6	1:12 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



A. J. Dimond High School

2009-2010

Regular Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:30 a.m. - 8:23 a.m.
Period 2	8:29 a.m. - 9:22 a.m.
Period 3	9:28 a.m. - 10:23 a.m.
Freshman Lunch	10:23 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.
Freshman Period 4	11:09 a.m. - 12:02 p.m.
Upperclassman Period 4	10:29 a.m. - 11:22 a.m.
Upperclassman Lunch	11:22 a.m. - 12:02 p.m.
Period 5	12:08 p.m. - 1:01 p.m.
Period 6	1:07 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Assembly Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:30 a.m. - 8:16 a.m.
Period 2	8:22 a.m. - 9:08 a.m.
Period 3	9:14 a.m. - 10:02 a.m.
Freshman Lunch	10:02 a.m. - 10:42 a.m.
Freshman Period 4	10:48 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.
Upperclassman Period 4	10:08 a.m. - 10:53 a.m.
Upperclassman Lunch	10:53 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.
Period 5	11:39 a.m. - 12:24 p.m.
Period 6	12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Assembly	1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



A. J. Dimond High School SEPTEMBER 2009 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Sept. 1	Tue.	Flag Football: DHS @ West	6p c	Dome
		Tennis: Bartlett @ DHS	3p v	Dimond
		Volleyball: DHS @ Bartlett	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Bartlett
Sept. 2	Wed.	Flag Football: Bartlett @ DHS	6p c, 7:30 jv	Dimond
		Volleyball: West @ DHS	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Dimond
Sept. 3	Thu.	Football: Bartlett @ DHS	6p c	Dimond
		Gymnastics: Chugiak, DHS @ South	4:30p	Dimond
		Tennis: DHS @ Service	3p v	Service
		Tennis: Service @ DHS	3p jv	Dimond
Sept. 4	Fri.	Homecoming Assembly	1:20p	Gym
		Swim/Dive: DHS @ Eagle River	4p	Dimond
Sept. 5	Sat.	Homecoming: Bartlett @ DHS	9a jv, 12p Flag v, 2p v	Dimond
		Homecoming Dance	8-11p	Dimond
		XCR Meet: Lynx Invite	11a	Kincaid
Sept. 7	Mon.	Labor Day Holiday No School	No activities/practice	
Sept. 8	Tue.	Flag Football: Service @ DHS	3:30p jv, 5p v	Dimond
		Tennis: DHS @ South	3p v	South
		Tennis: Chugiak @ DHS	3p jv	Dimond
		Riflery Paperwork Deadline	2:30p	Activities Office
Sept. 9	Wed.	Flag Football: East @ DHS	6p jv, 7:30 v	Dimond
		Open House	7-9p	Dimond
		New to Dimond Students	6-9p	Dimond
Sept. 10	Thu.	Football: East @ DHS	5p c	Begich
		Flag Football: Service @ DHS	6p c	Dimond
		Tennis: Eagle River @ DHS	3p v	Dimond
		Tennis: DHS @ West	3p jv	West
Sept. 11	Fri.	Football: East @ DHS	4p jv, 7p v	Dimond
		Gymnastics: East, Bartlett @ DHS	4:30p	Dimond
		Swim/Dive: DHS @ Bartlett	4p	Bartlett
Sept. 12	Sat.	Tennis: DHS @ East	10a v	Ak Club North
		Tennis: DHS @ Chugiak	10a jv	Chugiak
		XCR Meet: Palmer Invitational	tbd	Palmer
Sept. 14	Mon.	Flag Football: South @ DHS	6:30p jv, 8p v	Dome
		Tennis: DHS @ Service	3p jv	Service
		Riflery Practice Begins		
		AllState Music Paperwork Deadline	2:30p	Activities Office
Sept. 15	Tue.	Football: West @ DHS	6p c	Dimond
		Flag Football: South @ DHS	6p c	Dome
		Tennis: DHS @ Chugiak	2p v	Ak Club North
		Tennis: East @ DHS	3p jv	Dimond
Sept. 16	Wed.	Football: West @ DHS	4p jv, 7p v	Dimond
		Flag Football: DHS @ Service	3:30p jv, 5p v	AFS



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR *Cont.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Sept. 16	Wed.	Volleyball: Chugiak @ DHS	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Dimond
Sept. 17	Thu.	Gymnastics: Service, E. River @ DHS	4:30p	Dimond
		Swim/Dive: West, E. River @ DHS	4p	Dimond
		Tennis: West @ DHS	2p v	Ak Club East
		Volleyball: Eagle River @ DHS	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Dimond
Sept. 18	Fri.	XCR Meet: DHS/ERHS/WHS/CHS	2:30p	Chugiak
Sept. 21	Mon.	Wrestling Paperwork Deadline	2:30p	Activities Office
Sept. 22	Tue.	Flag Football: DHS @ Bartlett	3:30p jv, 5p v	Dome
		Flag Football: DHS @ Bartlett	7:30p c	Dimond
		Tennis: DHS @ Bartlett	2p v	Ak Club East
		Volleyball: DHS @ Service	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Service
Sept. 24	Thu.	Football: Eagle River @ DHS	6p c	Dimond
Sept. 25	Fri.	Football: Eagle River @ DHS	4p jv, 7p v	Dimond
		Flag Football: DHS @ Eagle River	3:30p c, 5p jv, 6:30 v	Eagle River
		Gymnastics: DHS, East @ Bartlett	4:30p	Dimond
		Swim/Dive: DHS @ South	4p	Service
		Tennis: DHS @ Service	2p v	Ak Club East
		Volleyball: DHS Jv Tourney	4p jv	Dimond
Sept. 25,26	Fri,Sat.	Volleyball: West Spiketacular	2p v	West
Sept. 26	Sat.	Tennis: South @ DHS	10a v	Ak Club North
		XCR Regions	12p	Kincaid
Sept. 28	Mon.	Wrestling Practice Begins		
		Bowling Paperwork Deadline	2:30p	Activities Office
Sept. 29	Tue.	Flag Football: DHS @ Chugiak	6p c	Chugiak
		Volleyball: South @ DHS	5p c, 6p jv, 7:15p v	Dimond
Sept. 30	Wed.	School Picture Re-takes	7:30a-2p	MPR#1

MEETING NCAA REQUIREMENTS

If your son/daughter is an athlete and has a goal to play in college sports, notify your student's counselor to insure he/she is taking the required "Core Courses" and has the necessary information to meet eligibility. You can access NCAA information at www.ncaa.org.

Please be aware that Dimond Activities Office cannot cash checks or make change for students during the school day. We have a bill changer for 20's, 10's, 5's, and 1's, that gives change in quarters only. The changer is located in the student commons.

COACH ASSESSMENT

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to complete a coach assessment at the end of a sport season and submit it to the Activities Office. **The form can be found on the Dimond High website on the Activities link.**

DATES TO NOTE:

Homecoming Game/Dance	September 5
Back to School Night	September 9
HSGQ Exams	October 6-8
End of first quarter	October 16

High school sport schedules are also available online at the ASD website:
www.asdk12.org/activities/high/



A. J. DIMOND ACTIVITIES

August 2009

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Pat Walker, Assistant Principal

742-7005

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely. Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) Artist

The sunny days of fishing, camping, hiking and enjoying the lengthy days of summer have quickly moved aside for our fall activities seasons that are up and running at full speed. The latest competition schedules are now posted on-line and can be accessed from the Activities link on the right-hand side of the ASD home page (<http://www.asdk12.org>). In addition to these schedules on the ASD home page, Dimond's activities schedules will soon be available on-line and updated regularly via a new link from Dimond's home page. I will be listing the link to this new on-line calendar in next month's newsletter and hope that these electronic updates will help you and your students with planning. Looking ahead to more long-range planning, I know that August may seem too early a date to start discussing graduation and post-secondary athletics, but if your student is even remotely considering

competing in athletics beyond high school, you need to become acquainted with the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletics Association). One of the many things the NCAA requires of potential college athletes is that all such students register with NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure that your student is enrolled in NCAA-approved classes while attending high school. Regardless of the collegiate level your student may consider for athletics (Division I, II, or III), please take a look at what the NCAA requires and look at registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center by no later than your student's junior year. The two website addresses listed below contain information for parents and students as well as how to proceed with registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

In closing, the sunshine and warmer temperatures will soon give way to crisp afternoons and evenings filled with football and flag football games, cross-country running meets, volleyball games, gymnastics meets, tennis matches, and swimming/diving meets. I look forward to seeing parents and students alike coming out to cheer on our student scholar-athletes at Dimond and continuing Dimond's tradition of excellence on and off the fields of competition.

I hope that these electronic updates will help you and your students with planning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the Activities Office at 742-6996 or via e-mail at: walker_patricia@asdk12.org.



STUDENT FEES

- Activity Sticker.....\$25.00
 - Activity Fee (Subject to Change)...\$160.00
 - Parking Permit (per semester).....\$50.00
- ### CLASS/LAB FEES(per semester)
- Applied Technology.....\$25.00
 - Art.....\$25.00
 - Nutrition/Food Science.....\$25.00
 - Transportaion.....\$25.00



2009-10 DIMOND HIGH SPORTS

sign up now for the following winter activities

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Paperwork Deadline</u>	<u>Practice Begins</u>
Riflery	Tuesday, September 8	Monday, September 14
AllState Music	Monday, September 14	n/a
Wrestling	Monday, September 21	Monday, September 28
Bowling	Monday, September 28	Monday, October 5
DDF	n/a	first meet: October 9, 10
Hockey	Monday, October 12	Monday, October 19
Hockey Cheer	Monday, October 12	Monday, October 19

*****Late Paperwork:** You may turn in sport paperwork after the posted deadline, however, you may possibly miss the first day of the season tryout/practice. This may result in losing your chance to make the team. To be considered "on time" you should turn in to Mrs. Wheelles: the Participation Form, a sport physical, TAD form and sport fee---by the deadline.

Activities Office Hours for Sports Registration Monday-Friday 7:00a-12:15p & 1:00-2:45p

Bring the following:

- 1) ASD Health Examination Form signed by doctor, student & parent/guardian
- 2) 2009-10 High School Athletic/Activity Participation Form signed by student & parent/guardian
- 3) ASAA "TAD" form---signed by student & parent/guardian after viewing video (found at www.asaa.org link to TAD "Play for Keeps" video)
- 4) \$160 cash or check payable to DHS 09-10 Family Cap \$330

- ∞ Athletes must be enrolled in at least 5 ASD classes to participate in sports
- ∞ 4th qtr/2nd sem. grades will be verified for: 2.0 GPA minimum & 5 classes passed; (this rule does not apply to incoming 9th graders until the end of 1st qtr.)
- ∞ Seniors who are on track to graduate (have passed all HSGQE exams and have at least 17.5 credits) may enroll in 4 classes and still be eligible.

For more info on DHS activities, please see our school website:
www.asdk12.org/schools/dimond/pages

You must complete the eligibility process with the Activities Office before you are allowed to begin practice with any team. You will be given paperwork copies to take to your coach.

For more information call: Bonnie Wheelles, Activities Clerk 742-7005 *updated 8/24/09*

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Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the School District's Equal Employment Opportunity Director, who also serves as the Title IX Coordinator, Boniface Education Center, P.O. Box 196614, Anchorage, AK 99519-6614, (907) 742-4132 or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services.

A. J. DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Main Line (Switchboard)	742-7000
Main FAX	742-7007
Attendance Office	742-7009
Registrar	742-7026
Counseling/Guidance	742-7008
Activities/Athletics	742-7005
Nurse	742-7052
Career Resource Center	742-7020
Student Services	742-7056

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@ <http://www.asdk12.org/schools/dimond/pages/>