



# DORCHESTER ACADEMY

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**Dorchester Academy is a college preparatory school that offers a quality education to its students.  
We educate the whole child by providing academic, spiritual, and social learning opportunities.**

Feb. 10, 2019

Dear Raider Parents,

We are slowly getting our health back around DA. At least we completely wiped out the stomach bug by closing on Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Flu has been around this week to some degree, but nothing like it was. I am hoping that spring and restored health are just around the corner.

Following are the issues I want to share, explain, and/or clarify this week:

1. CONGRATULATIONS to senior Elizabeth Huff on joining the elite 1000-point club at Dorchester Academy! Elizabeth scored the 1000<sup>th</sup> point of her career during the Calhoun Academy game on Thursday night in St. Matthews. Her name will be added to the plaque that lists the other members of this club, which includes Elizabeth's coach, Mrs. Callie Stephens McClure.
2. CONGRATULATIONS to our 3 senior softball players who signed letters of intent to play college softball! Kaitlynn Creel signed with Columbia International University, Hannah Reeves signed with Wingate University, and Savanna Shelton signed with the University of South Carolina Beaufort. This surely says A LOT for our DA Raider softball program!!!
3. Please don't forget to return SIGNED progress reports to school on Monday.
4. Students being tardy to school has begun to be a true issue at DA. Our schedule is built around the notion that our students will be in school in a desk at 8:00 a.m. When this does not happen, we all lose. Most significantly, our students' education is compromised because our teachers cannot begin on time or are interrupted from beginning a lesson by children coming in late. Please encourage your students to come to school (and to make it to all classes) on time. I will be enforcing the tardy policy detailed in the student handbook.
5. Students also need to read back over the dress code in the student handbook. Tight, stretchy pants without proper "over shirts" that reach finger-tip length all the way around are not ok for middle and high school students.
6. Due to some "unwelcome guests," we are having to stop all eating in the classrooms at this point. Students may bring drinks to class that are in re-sealable bottles.
7. I encourage you to continue to sanitize your children's outerwear, lunchboxes, bookbags, etc. to help us prevent the spread of germs and illnesses. I also strongly encourage you not to send children back to school until they have not vomited in at least 24 hours and/or have been fever free (without Tylenol or Motrin) for at least 24 hours.
8. We are in search of two "bar-height" stools for our press box in the gym. If you have two you would like to donate, please let me know.

9. Thanks to our Student Government for sponsoring "CrAzY HaT dAy" for our School Board member Mrs. Melissa Durr Burns, who is fighting breast cancer. They raised over \$800 to help Mrs. Melissa with her medical expenses, AND a good time was had by all who participated. ☺
10. The Junior Class will sponsor the Dorchester Academy beauty pageants on Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a change in dates that came as a result of a conflict with events planned by our local churches. Information has been sent home and is also available on this website under NEWS. You may contact class president, Melayna Weathers ([melayna.weathers@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:melayna.weathers@dorchesteracademy.org)) if you have questions.
11. Dorchester Academy 2019 yearbooks are now on sale for \$70. Please reserve your copy today! Send a check made out to "Dorchester Academy" to school with your student. Please be sure it gets to Mrs. Julie McAlhany ([julie.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:julie.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org)).
12. DA will be closed on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (NEXT MONDAY!!) in observance of Presidents' Day.
13. Dorchester Academy will sponsor a special Open House on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. This event will be an opportunity for students and families who are considering joining our Raider family for the 2019-2020 school year to come in to see our facility and meet our people (students, teachers, administration, support groups, and board members). Put this date on your calendar because everyone will be asked to come support this initiative to invite people into our school.
14. On Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, our Booster Club will host its annual BIG BUCKS Steak Dinner and Auction. This year's event will be held again at the Santee Convention Center and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which include a delicious meal and beverages, are \$120 per couple. The meal will again be prepared by Tonya's Catering. There is currently a Facebook page open that enables you to invite all your friends to this special and fun event and to keep up with the many great items that will be auctioned off that evening. (Search "Dorchester Academy Booster Club Big Bucks Steak Dinner.") Please help us spread the word as this is a great opportunity to celebrate who we are as a school and to invite other people to come in to see how special we are. You can see any Booster Club member or varsity head coach for tickets. Proceeds raised will help to fund our athletic program. Thanks in advance for supporting our Raider athletes. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE FRONT OFFICE OR FROM ANY HEAD COACH OR BOOSTER CLUB OFFICER. THEY MUST BE PURCHASED BY SUNDAY, MAR. 1<sup>st</sup> SO THAT OUR CATERER CAN HAVE NECESSARY COUNTS TO PREPARE THE DELICIOUS MEAL! This is truly a fun evening of bonding and celebrating what it means to be in the Raider family. You won't want to miss it.
15. Information for Summer Camp 2019 is going out. If you are interested, please be on the look out for information coming home. Dorchester Academy families will be given first option to participate, but this will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will offer any remaining spots to the public. Please contact Mrs. Bailey McAlhany ([bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org)) if you have questions.

In sports news, Athletic Director Chris Myers reports that our basketball teams wrapped up another successful week as their season near an end. The jv and varsity girl both got wins Tuesday night against Andrew Jackson, while both boys' teams dropped tough games. Two nights later, all four teams won against Calhoun Academy on the road before finishing the week with another sweep (no jv girls game played) against St. John's Christian. Three special highlights of the week were when 3 senior softball players (Kaitlynn Creel, Hannah Reeves, and Savanna Shelton) signed letters of intent to play college-level softball, when senior Elizabeth Huff scored the 1000<sup>th</sup> point of her career at CA on Thursday night, and when we held our special Senior Night celebration on Friday night at Shuler Gym. The jv girls are now 12-2, and the jv boys are 15 -2. The varsity girls are now 18-2 (12-1), which takes them one step

closer to a region championship. The varsity boys are 12 – 7 (8 – 5), which puts them in third place for the region.

Our game that was originally planned for Friday against Patrick Henry Academy will be made up on this Tuesday, Feb. 12th. All four team will participate. Our c-team will see their final action during the halftimes of the varsity girls' and boys' games on Tuesday. Our varsity girls could clinch the Region Championship with a win against Patrick Henry, while the boys will finish third no matter the outcome. State playoffs begin on Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Brackets should be released by SCISA on Wednesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Beginning Wednesday evening, Dorchester Academy will host the jv region tournament. There will be 3 games on Wednesday beginning at 5:00 p.m. The tournament will conclude on Thursday evening with boys' and girls' championship games. We are looking for volunteers to help with the gate, concessions, and the hospitality room. If you can help, please let Coach Sheryle ([sheryle.young@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:sheryle.young@dorchesteracademy.org)) or Coach Myers ([chris.myers@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:chris.myers@dorchesteracademy.org)) know.

Softball and baseball continue to prepare for their seasons, which will open at Clarendon Hall on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. There have been some changes to the softball schedule due to some schools not fielding jv teams. An updated schedule will be released by Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, once schools confirm which teams they are fielding.

**Following are the details of athletic contests on our schedule for this week:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 12: Raiders host Patrick Henry (all teams, beginning at 4:00) \*MAKE-UP GAME**

**Wednesday, Feb. 13: Junior varsity Raiders host the junior varsity tournament**

**Thursday, Feb 14: Junior varsity Raiders host the junior varsity tournament**

**Friday, Feb.15: First round of playoffs (Details TBA on Wednesday)**

Following are other important dates you may want to make note of:

- Feb. 17: DA Pageants
- Feb. 18: Presidents' Day Holiday
- Feb. 24: Open House for Prospective Students (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- Mar. 1: Final tuition payment for the 2018-2019 school year is due. (The 2019-2020 contracted is being prepared and will be available by then.)
- Mar. 9: Booster Club BIG BUCKS Steak Dinner and Auction (begins at 5:30 p.m.)
- Mar. 20: Third quarter report cards go home
- Apr. 5: DA Prom (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- Apr. 15 – 19: Spring Break (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- May 17: K3 & K4 end-of-the year celebrations (8:15 a.m.)
- May 19: K5 graduation at 1:30 p.m. and Spring Athletic Awards Program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 22: Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m.)
- May 23: Graduation for the Class of 2019 (7:00 p.m.)
- May 27: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28: Summer Camp begins

I am looking forward to another great week. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to.

Sincerely,

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