



DORCHESTER ACADEMY

A College Preparatory School

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All Dorchester Academy students will maximize their personal potential to become productive, responsible citizens through our academic, athletic, spiritual, and leadership opportunities.

Our mission is to provide a safe, Christian environment for educating and training students to become their best selves equipped with the knowledge, skills, and habits for leading a successful life as contributing members of a global community.

January 19, 2020

Dear Raider Stakeholders,

Good morning. Hope you all are having a good long weekend. We had a fine and interesting week at DA. Just before “spring fever” settled in with the warm weather, Old Man Winter came swooping back in to remind us that it is January! ☺ Our classes were really busy getting into the “meat” of third quarter, and our basketball teams are in full swing. We are looking ahead to another exciting week. (NO CHAPEL THIS WEEK.)

January’s lunch menu is attached or can be found under “resources” on the website.



SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Jaxon Jones (4th grade) and Sawyer Wade (7th grade) whose performances at the SCISA Regional Spelling Bee on Wednesday have qualified them to compete in the SCISA State Spelling Bee!

On Thursday, Jan. 23rd, DA will host the “DRIVE to Zero” Program for 10th – 12th grade student drivers to help promote safe driving practices. Presented by a State Transport Police Office, this program addresses distracted driving, impaired driving, and unsafe driving and involves participants driving a go-kart type vehicle equipped with Driver Distraction/Impairment Simulation Technology in a controlled environment. Parents of 10th – 12th grader drivers should expect to be given a permission slip (by your student) for your student to travel to Memorial Baptist Church Parking lot to participate in this special program designed to teach great driving habits that could save lives.

Our Gold Card winners for December/January are Mr. Jesse Cockcroft, Matthew Walter, and Ryan Gaillard. Mrs. Jesse won free lunch for the week, Matthew chose a \$20 gift card to Amazon, and Ryan chose a \$20 gift card to Dick’s Sporting Goods. CONGRATULATIONS to our winners. Mrs. Lynne’ has already received several gold cards to be entered into our January/February drawing. We LOVE when our Raiders are PURE GOLD!

CONGRATULATIONS to Manning Thompson on making the half-court shot to win our Student Government's "SHOOT THE HOOP" contest at the Calhoun game on Thursday night! Manning won half of the money collected! Our Student Government appreciates your support of this fundraiser, which helps to cover the costs of members attending the SCISA Student Government Spring Conference. This year our very own Melayna Weathers serves on the State SCISA Board.

Remainder of Shoot the Hoop workers for ballgames:

Tuesday, Jan. 21st JV Games - Madelyn Infinger & Anna O'Cain

Varsity Games – Caden Weeks & Benjamin Marchant

Friday, Jan. 24th JV Games – Melayna Weathers & Rhett Mizzell

Varsity Games – Noah Byron & Camryn Garris

Student Government will meet in Coach Bailey's room on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 7:30 a.m. All members must attend. T-shirts for the spring conference will be approved. Students' recommendations concerning the dress code and block scheduling will be finalized and given to Mrs. Lynne'.

THANK YOU to the DA History Club and Mrs. Heather for purchasing a flat screen tv for the end of the high school hallway. This tv is used to share important announcements and information with our students and faculty as they move up and down the hall all day!

Dorchester Academy is hosting its annual Farm Auction on Saturday, Jan. 25th beginning at 9:00. Mr. Thomas Jordan is in charge of this special fundraiser for our school.

The Cameron Berry Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30th in the DA cafeteria from 2 – 7. Please make a difference by giving blood. For an appointment, contact Cassandra Cooner (843.560.0856 or cassandcn@gmail.com) or The Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org. Laura Singletary will also make appointments for eligible students and staff at school.

Students missing clothing items need to come look in the LOST & FOUND basket at the door of Mrs. Penny's office. The basket is presently OVERFLOWING!!

The Alumni Association has long-sleeve t-shirts and hoodies available. Please see a member of the Alumni Committee to purchase these items or email Jonsey Proctor at jonsey.proctor@dorchesteracademy.org.

After Care plans for this semester include being CLOSED on the following school holidays:

Jan. 20th***Feb. 17th***Mar. 13th***Apr. 16th & 17th

These are the same dates shared on the original calendar provided to After Care parents.

After Care closes for 2019-2020 at 6:00 on Friday, May 22nd.

Summer Camp will begin on the Tuesday after Memorial Day, which is Tuesday, May 26th.

Prayer requests:

Mrs. Kaye Hill (3rd grade teacher) has completed her chemo treatments for breast cancer! WooHoo! She will start radiation treatments soon and will then be able to put this troubling experience behind her.

Mr. Jeff Wimberly (father of Davis Wimberly) is being treated for cancer.

Mr. Danny Kizer (father of Palmer and Braeden) is in the hospital recovering from a procedure and awaiting test results.

Mr. Cleve Chinnors (father of Mrs. Kathy Shuler and great-grandfather of Brinley and Rawlins Pope) is being treated for cancer.

We are praying that our students and staff remain healthy during this flu and virus season. (Please help us by keeping sick children home and by sanitizing everything you can. We are doing that as school as well.)

The 2020 *Challenger* will be on sale for \$70 through February. Email Julie.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org for more information on how to order one for your student(s).



TEACHER/STAFF NEWS

K3: The secret is out! The K3 students are planning to trick Mrs. Lynne' with something in the near future, and the students can't wait!! 😊

K4: Mrs. Kathy's and Mrs. Nichole's little ones participated in a fun STEM activity in which they made bridges for the goats after reading the classic "Three Billy Goats Gruff."

K5: Our K5 students (under the direction of Mrs. Jess and Mrs. Barbara) have been comparing and contrasting things in the present with things in the past (phonographs/personal music players, rotary phones/smart phones, washboards/washing machines, and horse and buggy/cars).

3rd grade: Our 3rd graders are learning division and reading *Charlotte's Web*.

4th grade: Ms. Jonsey has been teaching 4th graders about the plant life cycle. This week they planted pinto beans and lima beans and have been watching for them to sprout and grow so they can record the progression from seed to full-grown plant. They also completed a STEM activity that challenged them to build the tallest snowman possible using only marshmallows, popsicle sticks, and pipe cleaners.

Mrs. Penny is guiding the students through Roald Dahl's *The BFG*, a novel that exposes readers to a whole new "Giant Language" and many examples of figurative language.

5th grade: Mrs. Ruth Anne's 5th graders are studying the novel *Wonder* and are discovering that what a person looks like on the outside DOES NOT MATTER!

Mrs. Heather's 8th grade STEM class has been working hard on several hands-on projects this week. They worked in groups to study technology, logistics, supplies, and photography.



AD'S CORNER – GO RAIDERS!!!!

The JV and Varsity girls played Pinewood on Monday at home. The JV won 21 – 15, and the Varsity lost 33 -21

The JV boys and Varsity basketball teams played at Andrew Jackson on Tuesday. The JV boys lost 44 – 29, the Varsity girls won 47 - 33, and the Varsity boys lost 83 – 51. Both JV and Varsity teams played at home against Calhoun Academy on Thursday and at Patrick Henry on Friday. In these competitions, the JV girls won 21 – 17 and 19 – 12; the JV boys won 34 – 26 and 35 – 22; the Varsity girls won 47 – 27 and lost 44 - 40; and the Varsity boys lost 52 – 41 and won 80 - 42.

Overall records:

JV Girls 8 – 2 (Region 3 – 0)

Varsity Girls 7 – 4 (Region 3 – 1)

JV Boys 5 – 5 (Region 2 – 2)

Varsity Boys 5 – 5 (Region 2 – 2)

Our B-teams played at home this week against Colleton Prep and at Clarendon Hall. The girls won 17 – 10 and lost 11 – 17. The boys lost 18 – 15 and won 26 – 19.

Overall records:

Girls 1 -3

Boys 1 - 3

Our Raider Booster Club is hosting the annual BIG BUCKS Steak Supper on Saturday evening, March 7th at Santee Convention Center. There will be wonderful food, live and silent auctions, raffles, and door prizes. The cost is \$120 per couple, which includes the meal, drinks, chances to win (1) \$1000 cash prize, (4) \$250 cash prizes, and (10) \$120 cash prizes as well as door prizes. A GREAT time is always had by all! Tickets will go on sale soon. Please see AD Sheryle Young or Booster Club Officers (Curtis Burns, Skip Young, Audrey McClure, and Chip Marchant).



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

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, Jan. 21 st	JV Girls' Basketball JV Boys' Basketball Varsity Girls' Basketball Varsity Boys' Basketball	At home against St. John's Christian	4:00
Wednesday, Jan. 22 nd	B-team girls B-team boys	At Calhoun	5:00 6:00
Thursday, Jan. 23 rd	JV Girls' Basketball JV Boys' Basketball Varsity Girls' Basketball Varsity Boys' Basketball	At Clarendon Hall	4:00
Friday, Jan. Jan. 24 th	JV Girls' Basketball JV Boys' Basketball Varsity Girls' Basketball Varsity Boys' Basketball	At home against Jefferson Davis	4:00
Saturday, Jan. 18 th	C-team girls C-team boys B-team girls B-team boys	At home At home against St. John's Christian	9:00 11:00 12:00

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

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Monday, Jan. 20 th	School Holiday		
Wednesday, Jan. 22 nd	School Board Meeting (Postponed due to holiday and home basketball games)	Conference room	6:00
Thursday, Jan. 23 rd	"DRIVE to Zero" Program for 10 th – 12 th grader drivers	DA and Memorial Baptist Church parking lot	During school
Saturday, Jan. 25 th	Farm Auction Fundraiser	DA	9:00 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 27 th	Open House Drop-in (Meet the Teacher) for new semester classes for 8 th - 12 th grades only	School	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 th	Chapel (Appropriate chapel attire required)	Shuler Gym	8:00 – 8:40
Thursday, Jan. 30 th	Cameron Berry Blood Drive	Lunchroom	2:00 – 7:00
Friday, Feb. 7 th	Progress Reports go home		
Sunday, Feb. 9 th	Open House for prospective new students for 2020-2021 (Pending)	School	2:00 – 4:00
Monday, Feb. 17 th	School holiday		
Saturday, Mar. 7 th	BIG BUCKS Steak Supper	Santee Convention Center	Evening
Friday, Mar. 13 th	School holiday		

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

Sincerely,

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