All Students

The first day of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester was January 28, 2014. If there are any holes or mistakes in your schedule, please see your counselor immediately. Please keep in mind that most classes are scheduled for the entire year, and there are limited changes made during 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester. If a change needs to be made, please fill out a drop/add form in the counseling office and have a parent sign the form.

If you are choosing to be a teacher’s aide 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester and you weren’t a teacher’s aide last semester, please fill out both the drop/add form and the TA form in the counseling office. All signatures must be obtained before it will be processed.

**Wildcat Parents Night (formally known as AP/Honors/Electives Night)** We hope you will join us on **Monday February 24\textsuperscript{th}** for Wildcat Parents Night. This evening is designed for parents to gather information on all the programs DVHS has to offer. If you have questions about different course/activity opportunities, including electives, Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, college prep, athletics or extra-curricular activities, please come to the **DVHS Commons at 7:00 pm** for a presentation and a preview of our different programs. We look forward to seeing you all on the 24\textsuperscript{th}.

Counselors will be going into classrooms and meeting with students in March to begin planning for the 2014-2015 school year. Each student will have a one on one meeting with their counselor to discuss courses for the 2014-2015 school year.

Continue to keep your grades up. Please check School Loop often, take advantage of your ACCESS periods, and communicate with your teachers if you need help.

Seniors

**Financial Aid:** Begin working on the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) if you are interested in applying for financial aid, grants, or work study programs. Federal Student Aid provides free help online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID. If you prefer, you can email questions to [FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov](mailto:FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov). The filing period for the FAFSA ends March 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

The district office will submit all Cal Grant GPA’s so students **DO NOT** need to complete the GPA verification form to the Counseling Office.
Fill out a CSS profile if your private/out of state college requires you to do one.

**Schedule Changes:** If you change your schedule for 2nd semester, drop a course, or earn a D or F after you have submitted your college applications, please contact each one of your colleges to inform them of the change. If you applied to a UC school, you must notify them by email or mail. Include your name, UC application ID, your signature, and the reason for the change in your academic record. Mail to:

UC Application Center  
PO Box 1432  
Bakersfield, CA 93302

Or Email: ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net

**Mid-Year Reports** - Please check with your schools to see if they require a mid-year report. If they do, please order one in the same way you ordered your transcript, either through naviance and then pay Mrs. Thomas our bookkeeper or through the DVHS web store. The cost is $2 per school. If you have questions, please see your counselor.

**Ordering test scores** - If you have not submitted your official ACT or SAT test scores, please do so immediately. Official score reports must be sent by College Board (for the SAT) or by the ACT. The test scores self-reported on your college applications are considered *unofficial*.

**Las Positas** - There will be an information session on February 11th during ACCESS period. Valuable information will be provided regarding the early admissions process for seniors. Please pick up a college visit pass from the College and Career Center so that you can attend.

**Diablo Valley College** - There will be an information session on February 20th at 9:30 AM in the College & Career Center to go through the registration process. If you plan on attending DVC this coming fall, please be sure to attend this very important session. Please get a pass from the College &Career Center.

Continue to check Naviance Family Connection and School Loop for scholarship opportunities.

Please update your Naviance Family Connection as your decisions come in from colleges.

**Juniors**

Mark your calendars for **February 26th**. We will have a scheduling and college planning night for both parents and students beginning at 7:00 pm in the Dougherty Valley Theater.

Continue to attend college representative meetings in the College & Career Center. You must have a pass signed by a teacher if you are to attend a college visit. If you have any questions, please visit the College & Career Center for more information.
**Sophomores**

Visit the College & Career Center and become familiar with it. Begin signing up for college representative visits and learn more about what colleges are looking for.

Parent night for incoming Juniors will be held at the Dougherty Valley Theater on **March 3rd** at 7:00 pm. Learn more about scheduling for incoming Juniors.

All 10th graders will be taking the English Language Arts and Math portion of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on March 18th and March 19th.

**Freshmen**

Congrats on completing your 1st semester of your Freshmen year! The year is about half over. Continue to do all your homework, check School Loop often, take advantage of your ACCESS periods, and see your teachers if you have any questions.

Parent night for incoming Sophomores will be held at the Dougherty Valley Theater on **March 3rd** at 7:00 pm. Learn more about scheduling for incoming Sophomores.

All 9th grade students will be taking a mock California high school exit exam (CAHSEE) on March 18th and 19th to see how well prepared they are for the CAHSEE.