



# WILDCAT GROWL

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De Soto High School strives to edify the Core Values of  
INTEGRITY, INQUIRY, COMMUNICATION,  
PERSEVERANCE and REFLECTION

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wildcat Parents and Students,

At De Soto High School, it is important that students are recognized in a variety of ways. Some recognition may include performance in athletics, participation in clubs or groups, and/or special honors/awards. One of the ways we recognize academic performance at DHS is with an Academic Letter. Students are awarded Academic Letters if they have achieved a 3.7 GPA for two consecutive semesters (Fall to Spring). This year's award ceremony takes place on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Students will be recognized at the conclusion of the girls' basketball game at approximately 7:15 p.m. Students qualifying were notified before Winter Break. Congrats, to all the students recognized for this academic achievement!

De Soto High School will be conducting its 2019 Hall of Fame Inductions on Friday, January 11th, 2019. We are proud to announce the Hall of Fame Class of 2019: 1987 & 1988 Girls 4x400m Relay Team: Dana Ohlmeier (Magerl), Amy Kelley (Freer), Stephanie Younger (Ogle), and Michelle Coonce (Ogle), Neil Erisman, and Mark Chipman. There will be a reception and dinner for the inductees and their family and friends at 6:00pm in the Black Box. The induction ceremony will happen at the conclusion of the Varsity Girls Basketball and before the Varsity Boys Basketball warm up in the Main Gymnasium, approximately at 7:15pm. We welcome anyone who would like to show his or her support of these individuals to attend on January 11th.

USD 232 is hosting Dr. Shayla Sullivant from Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at De Soto High School. Dr. Sullivant will be presenting information on multiple topics pertaining to parents on ways to help make the lives of our children and teens safer: eating disorder prevention, screen time, concerns about substance use among teens including vaping, how to ask about suicidal thoughts, how to make the home safer by storing medications and firearms safely.

Parents today face new challenges that our parents never encountered, but there are steps we can take as parents that make a difference. We can address problems before they become too big. We can take steps to prevent tragedies from happening within our own homes. Dr. Sullivant is in practice at Children's Mercy in Kansas City. She partners with the community to empower parents with information early to prevent some of the painful experiences that she has witnessed. For planning purposes, interested parents are encouraged to register for this event by Thursday, January 10th. [Register Online > Prepped and Ready Sign Up](#)

This year during seminar, students have been working to develop a plan for their future. Part of this process includes creating and delivering a student presentation about interests after high school. We are inviting parents to bring their students to spring parent teacher conferences in order to hear this presentation. This will provide an important opportunity for the parent, student, and seminar teacher to discuss the student's goals. During Parent Teacher Conferences, we are also planning to present information on a new course at DHS called Senior Symposium and the KU Degree In 3 program. Parent Teacher Conferences will take place February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>. Specific times will be made available once we get closer to February.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Jan 8th

**4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV vs. Leavenworth @ DHS**

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**5:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Leavenworth @ DHS**

**~7:15pm Academic Letter Recognition Night - Main Gym**

**5:30pm Basketball: Boys Freshman vs. Leavenworth @ DHS**

**6:00pm Wrestling: JV Dual @ Turner High School**

**6:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Dual @ Turner High School**

**7:00pm Basketball: Girls Freshman vs. Leavenworth @ DHS**

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### Jan 9th

**5:30pm Basketball: Girls C Team Game vs. Olathe North @ Olathe North High School**

**6:00pm Basketball: Boys C Team Lawrence @ DHS**

**7:00pm Basketball: Girls JV vs. Olathe North @ Olathe North High School**

Seniors and Senior Parents: This is an exciting time. Students have what will become a very short spring semester left before graduation May 18, 2019. Seniors are challenged with the goal of a strong finish to their high school experience. Information about graduation can be found [here](#) – please plan ahead. The DHS Booster Club is looking for individuals and groups willing to work the concession stand. The Booster Club organizes Post-Prom activities, and provides support for various activities. Any assistance is appreciated. The link to sign-up is located [here](#).

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### Jan 10

3:00pm Bowling: Girls JV Meet @ Park Lanes

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3:30pm Scholars Bowl: Varsity Tournament @ Lansing High School

4:00pm Scholars Bowl: Varsity Invitational @ Ottawa High School

**5:00pm Wrestling: JV Dual @ DHS**

**5:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Dual @ DHS**

### Jan 11

8:00am Debate: Varsity State @ Garden City High School

**4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV vs. Basehor-Linwood @ DHS**

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**~Hall of Fame Night - Main Gym**

### Jan 12

8:00am Debate: Varsity State @ Garden City High School

9:00am Science Olympiad @Pembroke Hill School

9:00am Wrestling: JV Invitational @ Shawnee Mission Northwest High School

## Messages from Student Services

### ACT Registration Deadline:

The registration for the February 9<sup>th</sup> ACT is **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. To register for the ACT, students need to go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). DHS is NOT a test center for this date. Please check the ACT website for schools that are offering it in the area. Additional test dates this year are: April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### JCCC Night Classes at DHS

In the spring of 2019, JCCC will be offering the following night classes at De Soto High School. If you are interested in taking them for college credit, students must apply for admission, meet placement testing requirements (if applicable) and enroll and pay the tuition. This is all done through JCCC. Please see your counselor if you have any questions. All classes start the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> and start at 6 pm and end at 9 pm.

- Composition II, Tuesdays
- Ethics, Wednesdays
- Intro to Psych, Wednesdays
- Intermediate Algebra, Thursdays
- Public Speaking, Thursdays

### FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid

If you have a senior, who is planning to attend college in the fall of 2019, your opportunity to fill out the FAFSA began October 1<sup>st</sup>. The FAFSA is the federal government student aid program, and it is how students qualify for grants, scholarships, and/or loans to help finance their education. There is no specific deadline to have this filled out by, but all colleges have their own priority deadline that they use for availability of funds. Some are as early as December 1, 2018. All funds are on a first come first serve basis. To start the application process, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

### Scholarships for Seniors:

Looking for money to help pay for college? Check out the DHS Student Services Scholarship page! Throughout the year scholarships will be posted that are available to seniors. There is also a “Scholarship Search Tips” that can help aid the search process. Click [here](#) to go to the page.

### College Visits:

If your student will be going on a college visit, students must fill out a College Visit Form. Forms are available in Student Services or online by clicking [here](#). Students are to take the form with them on the day of the visit and bring it back signed by an admissions representative

### Important Information for DHS Course Selection

As we begin the second half of year, we are also gearing up for course selection for the 2019-20 school year. Please read through the following information and keep in mind the dates for our course selection process.

Course Selection Meetings: In these meetings students will be receiving their course selection form for next year. To conserve on costs of printing and paper, the district is no longer providing a copy of the course guide. Students will be able to access the course guide on the high school website next week. Counselors will be discussing graduation requirements, college admission requirements, AP vs. College Now classes, and course opportunities. All meetings will take place during the student's social studies class:

- January 15 and 16: Juniors
- January 22 and 23: Freshman and Sophomores

Course Selection Forms: **Forms will need to be turned into Student Services no later than February 20.** To complete the form, students will need to select enough classes for the year. In addition, alternates will need to be listed in case there are conflicts or classes fill up. Forms will also need to be signed by a parent.

Parent Teacher Conferences (February 13 and 14): In addition to meeting with your child's teacher about the progress they are making in the classroom, this is also a good time to discuss your son/daughter's course options for next year.

Honors/AP Course Meetings during Seminar: This time is specifically set aside for Honors and AP teachers to meet and discuss with interested student's information about their Honors or AP course. Students are highly encouraged to attend to help determine if the Honors/AP course is the right fit for them. Meetings will begin January 28 and run through February 12 during seminar. Students will receive a Honors/AP Course meeting schedule during their course selection meeting.

Course Selection Change FINAL Deadline: Students will have until April 5 to make any changes in their course selection for next school year. After this deadline, no schedule changes will be allowed unless it meets the specific criteria that is listed on the course selection form.

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## Paraprofessional Substitutes needed!

USD 232 is in need of paraprofessional substitutes who are flexible and willing to substitute throughout the district on an as needed basis. Stay-at-home parents make great substitute paraprofessionals! The ideal candidate is caring, compassionate and dedicated to the students' success by looking for ways to support the teacher and making a positive difference in the lives of our children.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute paraprofessional for the district, please speak with your Principal or contact HR at the USD 232 District Office.

The job posting for the para subs is here > [Paraprofessional Subs](#)





## CHAMPIONS HOUR & SPEED SCHOOL

Champions Hour (6:40-7:20am) (M/T/W/TH)  
Speed School (3:05-3:40pm) (M/W/TH)

**Week 1- January 7-10**  
**Week 2- January 14-17**  
**Week 3- January 22-24**  
**Week 4- January 28-31**  
**Week 5- February 4-7**  
**Week 6- February 11-12**  
**Week 7- February 18-21**

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**Neil Erisman:** Neil was state champion wrestler, then went on to wrestle at Oklahoma State, and is now the Head Wrestling Coach at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. **1987 & 1988 Girls 4x400m Relay Team: Dana Ohlmeier (Magerl), Amy Kelley (Freer), Stephanie Younger (Ogle), and Michelle Coonce (Ogle):** The 1987 and 1988 Girls 4x400 Relay team were back to back League, Regional, and State Champions and still hold the record of 4:08.06. **Mark Chipman:** Mark coached and taught at DHS from 1982 to 2000. He started the Cross Country program in 1982 and also was the head boy's basketball coach of the 1987 state tournament team.



The De Soto high school varsity wrestling team, and over 15 other teams from across the state, competed in the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Panther Invitational Saturday in Derby. Three Wildcats earned individual medals by placing in the top six, while three others placed in the top-10 of their respective weight classes.

Junior Luke Barger (182) was the team's highest placer in fourth, followed by sophomore Zak Kalafut (113) in fifth. Junior Lane Warner (126) also brought home a medal finishing sixth.



**Girls Varsity Basketball** beats Shawnee Heights 57 – 34.  
Diehl 3, Ricks 4, Searls 9, Shupe 24, Ostronic 16