

Open House

The Dayton Regional STEM School will hold an Open House for parents on Monday, September 14, from 6:00-7:30pm. During this evening event you will walk through your student's schedule and have the chance to meet the teachers and staff members. Please arrive by 5:45pm.

Our schedule will be as follows:

Period 1	6:00-6:07pm
Period 2	6:10-6:17pm
Period 3	6:20-6:27pm
Snacks/meeting	6:30-6:55pm
Advisory	6:55-7:07pm
Period 4	7:10-7:17pm
Period 5	7:20-7:27pm

September 2009

Dates to Remember

Sep 7	Labor Day—No School
Sep 18	No School for Students
Sep 14	Open House
Oct 15 & 16	No School for Students
Oct 23	End of First Quarter
Nov 6	Job Shadowing Day

Moodle—Parent Login Information

The DRSS Moodle site provides class specific information on assignments, homework and projects. Parents may access the DRSS Moodle site by visiting www.drssmoodle.com. The username is "Parent" and the password is "Stem".

Students are also able to access the site to communicate with other students and their teachers. The student username is the "student's e-mail address" and the password is "stem".



Advisory Update

Advisories at DRSS meet daily for 30 minutes after lunch. The goal of Advisory is to foster a sense of community, to provide additional academic support, to offer enrichment opportunities, and to streamline the communication between school and home. During Advisory we focus on teambuilding, positive character traits and community service. Advisory activities are designed to promote student participation and leadership. Your student's advisor is your first point of contact should you have any questions or concerns. Advisors will be an advocate for their advisees and will review academic progress and goal setting with each member of their group.



Career Exploration

In September, our students will begin working with the KUDER database. Students will take two career assessments in September and one additional assessment in the Spring of this year. The results of these assessments will be used to help the students choose a job shadowing location for November and April. The Kuder database will also be used to help students explore college and career opportunities. Stay tuned for more information regarding this career planning resource.

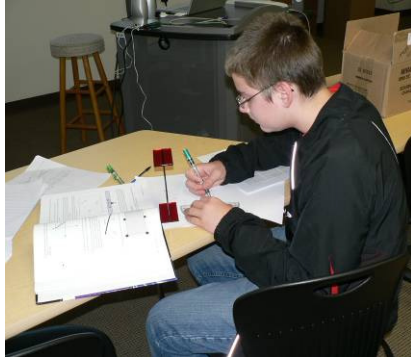
Progress Book

The parent access web site for Progress Book will soon be available to DRSS parents. This web site will allow you to see your student's academic progress information. Login information will be provided during the Open House on September 14 or will be sent home with the students.

* *FYI:* *
* *If students become ill* *
* *during the day, they* *
* *need to alert the nurse* *
* *or Mrs. Johnson before* *
* *calling a parent.* *



Curriculum Highlight—Math



This week Mrs. Brown's math class has been studying principles of reflection. They have been finding angles of incidence, as well as incoming and outgoing angles. The students will use these math concepts when they build a solar oven in science later this year.



Power Lunches

Throughout the school year we will offer Power Lunches on select Fridays. These events will take place over lunch and Advisory periods. The purpose of Power Lunches is to expose the DRSS students to a variety of career options during their high school years. Presenters have been asked to provide information specific to their career field in an interactive format. Students are encouraged to bring their questions, as we will have a question and answer session during the Power Lunches. Our first event took place on Friday, September 4th. We had Special Agent Ethan Kibler, who works for the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (OSI). He described how crime scene investigations are conducted. Students will be informed of upcoming topics a week or two in advance and will have the chance to sign-up if they are interested in attending.

School Counselor Information

I look forward to working with the freshmen class this year as they begin their high school career and start to make plans for the future. This is a great group of students with tremendous potential.

As school counselor, I will be working with the students to help them in the areas of academic achievement, career planning and personal/social development.

As the year progresses, please feel free to contact me if I can answer any question that you may have.

~Robin Fisher

Freshmen Checklist:

- Plan to take challenging courses in high school
- Set goals for the school year
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements
- Join/continue extracurricular activities
- Research college costs
- Continue/start saving for college
- Meet with your school counselor at least once this year to talk about your future plans

Time Management Tips for Students

1. Make a "To Do" List Every Day
2. Use Spare Minutes Wisely—read on the bus or in the car
3. Don't Over-Commit—It is o.k. to say no when you have too much to do
4. Find the Right Time To Study—You will work more efficiently at a time when you do your best work. Don't wait until late at night when you are too tired to think
5. Review Your Notes Every Day—You will reinforce what you've learned, so you will need less time to study

Student Announcement

Mrs. Brown's Advisory will be collecting aluminum cans from September 8 through September 30. Please make sure that they are rinsed out. The tabs will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House. The pop cans will be recycled and the money will be used to buy gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring all cans to Mrs. Brown's classroom.

~Thank You ☺



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