



DOANE STUART

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December 2009

Watch for our January Extravaganza Calendar with coverage of our Chapel dedication, Board Room dedication and Christmas and Hanukkah Chapels.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 29	November 30	1	2	3	4	5
	10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	9:10 AM All-School Morning Meeting 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 PM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't.	9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	8:25 AM LS Morning Mtg. 10:00 AM MS Chapel St. Nicholas Day	SAT I & II 7:00 PM HOLLY BALL
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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K R I S K R I N G L E W E E K						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	OFFICES CLOSED	OFFICES CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	OFFICES CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY KWANZAA BEGINS	
C H R I S T M A S V A C A T I O N (N O S C H O O L)						
27	28	29	30	31	January 1	January 2
	OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	OFFICES CLOSED New Years Eve	OFFICES CLOSED New Years Day	
C H R I S T M A S V A C A T I O N (N O S C H O O L)						

REMODELING YOUR LAUNDRY ROOM?

Our Maintenance staff could really use the gift of a washer and dryer (electric).
 Contact Dr. Enemark or Ms. Condon for more information.
 (518) 465-5222 | dcondon@doanestuart.org

Now seeking Auction Donations

Would you like to donate to the Spring Gala and Auction – art, jewelry, antiques, collectibles? Call the Development Office at 465-5222, ext. 248, to make arrangements.
 “Re-Gifting” welcome!

Poppy's Italian Kitchen @ Doane Stuart

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1) Hamburger , French Fries, Sweet Corn Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	2) Three Macaroni, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	3) Sloppy Joe on Roll, French Fries, Sweet Corn, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	4) Poppy's Cheese Pizza, Cut Veggies, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00
7) Penne Pasta w/ Broccoli Butter Garlic Sauce, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	8) Soft Shell Taco, Black Bean Rice, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	9) Cheese Tortellini, Italian Bread, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	10) Chicken Stir Fry, Whiter rice, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	11) Poppy's Cheese Pizza, Pasta Salad, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00
14) Griller Cheese Sandwich, Cup of Soup, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	15) Meatball Sub Topped w/ mozzarella Cheese , Pasta Salad , Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	16) Cheese Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, Milk or Juice \$4.00	17) Ham Or Turkey Sub Sandwiches, w/ Chips, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00	18) Poppy's Cheese Pizza, Cut Veggies, Dessert, Milk or Juice \$4.00
21) No School	22) No School	23) No School	24) No School	25) No School
28) No School	29) No School	30) No School	31 No School	1) No School

Items Served Daily

Side Dishes

French Fries.....\$1.50 (Mon, Wed and Fri Only)
 Chicken Dippers (2).....\$2.50 (Mon, Wed and Fri Only)
 Mozzarella Sticks (4)..... \$2.50 (Mon, Wed and Fri Only)
 Cheese Quesadilla.....\$2.50
 w/chicken.....\$3.50

All Sandwiches made to order with your choice of:
 White, Whole Wheat Bread, or Flavor Wraps

Sandwiches

Oven Roasted Turkey\$2.75
 Honey Ham.....\$2.75
 Grilled Cheese.....\$2.25
 Tuna Fish.....\$2.50
 PB & J.....\$1.50
 Chicken Salad.....\$3.75

Beverages

White 2% Milk.....\$.70
 Chocolate Milk.....\$.80
 Assorted Juices.....\$.75

Robin's Chili

\$1.75

Soup of the Day

\$1.75

NEWS AND NOTES

EIGHTH GRADE SPENDS A DAY IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

Eighth graders will spend Friday, December 11 visiting the Upper School. They will have the opportunity of participating in classes, attending Upper School Morning Meeting and enjoying lunch with the Upper School faculty. As a special bonus, eighth graders are invited to come out of uniform on December 11!

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY

On Saint Nicholas Day, Friday, December 4, everyone in the School community will put one shoe in the hallway, as we do every year, to await the arrival of Saint Nicholas, who (with the assistance of some merry elves) will fill each shoe with candy.

EARLY CHILDHOOD - GRADE 4 HOLIDAY SING ALONG

Please be with us at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, December 18, as students in Early Childhood through Grade 4 lift our spirits with holiday songs, as only they can. Come with voices ready to join us as we sing our holiday favorites.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

On Wednesday, December 16 (snow date: December 17), families and friends are invited to attend Christmas Chapel, Doane Stuart's traditional candlelight celebration of the season, at 5:30 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy, to be placed under the tree; toys will be donated to local charitable organizations.

Please note: **Students in grades 2 -12 are required to attend and expected to be on campus by 5:10 p.m. in dress uniform.** Students in Early Childhood, Kindergarten and Grade 1, and their families, are invited to join us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Middle School students are working hard to collect non-perishable food items for donation to the St. John's-St. Ann's food pantry. This is an annual Middle School community service effort to help those in need during the holiday season. If you would like to contribute food items (no Ramen noodles, please), you may drop them off in the Main Office with Mrs. Segerstrom or Ms. Leary.

KRIS KRINGLE WEEK

A favorite Doane Stuart tradition, Kris Kringle Week will take place this year from December 14-18. Students and faculty in Grades 1-12 will surprise each other with special treats and clues throughout the week.

UPPER SCHOOL HOLLY BALL

Upper School students are busy preparing for their first big dance of the year, the semi-formal Holly Ball on Saturday, December 5.

DOANE STUART WELCOMES YALE PROFESSOR

On Thursday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Paul Bracken, Yale professor and father of Doane Stuart's Director of College Counseling Kathleen Bracken, will speak to Upper School students about "Why Men Fight." Dr. Bracken is Professor of Management and Political Science at Yale. Parents and friends of the School are cordially invited to join us for Dr. Bracken's lecture.

Professor Bracken is rated as the best teacher in Yale's executive education programs. He has taught in corporate education programs in the U.S. and around the world. He is a consultant to private equity funds, accounting, and insurance companies, as well as to various parts of the U.S. Government. He often leads business war games for companies facing new challenges, and recently ran a game on the competitive evolution of the European asset management industry. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, he serves on the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, the Transformation Advisory Group of the U.S. Joint Forces Command. He advises other parts of the Government and National Academy of Sciences Task Forces. Dr. Bracken is a Fellow of Silliman College and a member of the Elizabethan Club.

BELFAST VISITORS

Enhancing our prize-winning Irish Exchange Program for students, we are pleased to announce the first teacher exchange with our friends in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Two student teachers from St. Mary's and Stranmillis Universities in Belfast will join us in March. In preparation for their visit, Gail Eason and Denise McKee, lecturers and teaching supervisors from St. Mary's and Stranmillis, will visit Doane Stuart from December 7 - 10. We look forward to welcoming them, introducing them to the Capital Region and working with them on plans for the student teachers who will teach with us in March.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4 - Saint Nicholas Day

December 5 - Upper School Holly Ball, 7:00 p.m.

December 11 - 8th grade visit to Upper School

December 14 - 18 - Kris Kringle Week

December 15 - All School Hanukkah Chapel, 9:10 a.m. Dress uniform required.

December 16 - Christmas Chapel, 5:30pm. Attendance and dress uniform required for students in grades 2-12. (Snow date: December 17, 5:30 p.m.)

December 18 - Early Childhood through Grade Four Holiday Sing Along, 8:20 a.m. (Chapel)

December 21 - January 3 - Christmas vacation. No School. Offices open and Vacation Camp offered on December 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30 only.



COLLEGE NEWS

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FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Want to jump start the college process? Start building your resume. One of the fantastic features of Naviance, our online college counseling software, is the ability to create a resume and track your many activities. What is Naviance? Naviance is a tool for students, parents and Ms. Bracken to streamline many aspects of the college counseling process. Students can research colleges, maintain lists of prospective schools, track colleges coming to visit Doane Stuart, and much more. By senior year, Naviance will play an important role in your applications! It can be easy to forget all the things that you have done in Upper School – plays, sports, clubs, community service. If you start keeping track now, when it comes time to apply to college, you will have an easy reference! If you would like assistance in using Naviance to create a resume, please see Ms. Bracken during a free period.

Financial Aid Information

Every student applying for financial aid for college study must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is available at fafsa.ed.gov, and may be completed after January 1. Some private schools also require an additional form, the CSS Profile, available now at profileonline.collegeboard.com. It is crucial to check individual deadlines for your son's or daughter's schools, to ensure that you submit all required paperwork on time. If you have any questions about applying for financial aid, please contact Ms. Bracken for assistance. Financial aid paperwork is not seen by the College Counseling Office, but Ms. Bracken is happy to serve as a resource should questions arise.

PARENTS OF SENIORS

Please remind your senior that all applications are due for proofing a minimum of two weeks before the application due date in order to allow time for review, editing, and proper "packaging" before being mailed. Please contact Ms. Bracken to check on the progress of your senior's college applications. It is also important for Ms. Bracken to have a final copy of each senior's application, for each school, should Ms. Bracken need to refer to it when she is contacting colleges to advocate for your child.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS

Another great feature of Naviance is the ability to post and share scholarship opportunities. Ms. Bracken will e-mail scholarship information to seniors, and will post the information on Naviance. Seniors should be checking Naviance regularly for new scholarship opportunities. Many of the scholarship applications can be downloaded directly from the Naviance website, making it even easier to apply.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 1 - Applications with 12/15 through 1/15 deadlines due to Ms. Bracken for proofing.
 - Common Application due for proofing
- December 5 - SAT testing day
- January 4 - Applications with 1/16 through 2/15 deadlines due to Ms. Bracken for proofing

JUNIORS AND PARENTS

The first SAT class for Juniors will begin on Tuesday, December 1. It will meet during fourth period, in room 231. Juniors should come prepared with pencils, notepaper and calculators. The class will meet regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, thereafter. Students and parents with any questions about the SAT preparation class should contact Ms. Bracken.

CONTACT KATHLEEN BRACKEN, DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING
AT (518) 465-5222 EXT. 210 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION