

FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR, NEWS AND NOTES

COLLEGE SWEATSHIRT DAY!!

This year's College Sweatshirt Day will be held on **Thursday, February 5**. This will be an out-of-uniform day for any student who wears a college sweatshirt to School. This celebrates our seniors who have filed the last of their college applications. Lower, Middle and Upper School students will join the faculty, staff and administration in donning college sweatshirts. We hope that this day will foster conversation among the students and faculty about the colleges whose sweatshirts they wear.

BUDDHISM CHAPEL

As part of our yearly chapel programs, the Campus Ministry Team (Ms. Miller, Mrs. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Capuano and Mrs. Brown) has scheduled a chapel about Buddhism on **February 3**.

SISTER WHITFIELD DAY

Each year on Valentine's Day, we remember Sister Kathleen Whitfield and celebrate the intelligence, heart and humor that she brought to Doane Stuart and to Kenwood Academy, for so many years and to so many fortunate students. In honor of Sister Whitfield, students are invited to come out of uniform on **February 14** and wear holiday red or pink, or Sister Whitfield's signature mix of plaids. Sister Whitfield also loved baseball caps of various kinds (including plaid!), and students are invited to wear their favorite baseball caps, too.

STUDENTS EMBARK ON EXCHANGE TO NORTHERN IRELAND

D.S. students, with Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson, have the opportunity to visit Belfast from **February 7 through February 17** as part of our Irish-American Exchange Program. The students traveling to Ireland, all members of the Class of 2015, are **Eli Fraser, Noah Halle, Eliza Henneberry, Merryn Kleider, Liam Lynch, Keaira Person, Mike Stone, Max Williams and Madison Woodley**. In addition to attending classes at Lagan College, the students will enjoy visits to Stranmillis and St. Mary's University Colleges, The Saint Patrick's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, attend a Rugby match, go wet bouldering, spend a day in Dublin and much more.

SPIRIT DAY IN FEBRUARY!

Students are invited to brighten up the month with a Red, White and Blue Spirit Day on **Wednesday, February 25**. Show your colors and come out of uniform!



Yaer "Vivian" Han '16
"Everyday" graphite & pen and ink, 3; 7" x 10"



A'rian McGhee '16
"Self-Portrait"
charcoal, 15.5" x 18"



Lauren Nelson '16
"Whimsy" india ink &
micron pen; 18" x 20"



Merryn Kleider '15
"Man in Monet's Garden"
digital photography, 11" x 12.5"

Doane Stuart is proud to announce that four of our Upper School students had their artwork selected for the 16th Annual High School Regional Juried Art Exhibition. Selected for this year's exhibition were: **Merryn Kleider '15** of Berne, **Yaer "Vivian" Han '16** of China, **A'rian McGhee '16** of Albany and **Lauren Nelson '16** of Hollowville. These artists had their work selected from a competitive pool of 465 pieces submitted from twenty-one school districts. Of these 465 pieces, only 104 were selected overall.

From the selection letter; "In selecting student artwork for the annual Regional Exhibit, mastery of technical skill is a factor, as is students' ability to go beyond both technical competence and the apparent classroom assignments to present original or unique visual solutions that reveal something of the artist. It is quite an honor to be included in this annual exhibit."

The 16th Annual High School Regional Juried Art Exhibition is sponsored by the Capital Area Arts Supervisors and The Esther Massry Gallery at The College of St. Rose. The panel consisted of art educators and artists; Jeanne Flanagan, Paul Mauren and Kris Corso Tolmie. **A reception will be held in The Esther Massry Gallery at the College of St. Rose on Thursday, February 12th from 6:00-8:00pm.** The awards ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Picotte Recital Hall. **Congratulations to our artists!**



The entire Doane Stuart community gathered in the chapel to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The chapel included remarks from Mrs. Clarke on the history of inequality in American and how it led to the civil right's movement. Mrs. Clarke also spoke about Dr. King's policy of non-violent activism and how he helped end legal segregation of African Americans and helped orchestrate the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King's moving and historic "I Have a Dream" speech was also played for the community at the conclusion of the chapel.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Booster Club will sponsor a basketball clinic for Doane Stuart students on **Saturday, February 28, 2015**. Please stay tuned for further details information

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The next Parent-Teacher Conference Day will be **Friday, February 6**. Conferences will be scheduled for all Lower School children. In the Middle and Upper Schools, this conference day is designed primarily to allow us to follow up with parents regarding any concerns that have arisen during the year. We have sent letters to parents regarding the conference schedule.

There will be no school for students on Conference Day. Child care will be offered at no charge for the time that parents are in conferences, but there will be no Vacation Camp on conference day.

FEBRUARY VACATION CAMP

School will be closed for the winter break from **February 16 to 20**. Vacation Camp will not be offered at Doane Stuart this February. Parents are invited to contact Mr. Urschel at *JMU for Kids* (www.jmu4kids.com) for information about vacation camps offered by JMU Camps.

PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

The Price Chopper Tools for Schools Program allows shoppers to earn points for Doane Stuart during their regular grocery shopping trips! Points accrued during the year allow us to buy things like books, sports equipment, school supplies, electronics, and other great items. Recently, Price Chopper started requiring participants to sign up at the beginning of each new school year, so even if you were signed up for Tools for Schools in the past, please take a moment to make sure you are still earning points for Doane Stuart.

Here's how:

- 1) Go to Pricechopper.com
- 2) Scroll to the bottom and click on "Program Sign-Up"
- 3) Select "Tools for Schools" from the menu
- 4) Click on "Check my Enrollment"
- 5) Enter your Price Chopper Card number and find out if you are earning points for Doane Stuart
- 6) If your card is not registered with Doane Stuart, please add us. Our school code is 15915. Thank you!

Participants in this program do not have to be Doane Stuart parents or employees, so please pass this information on to all your friends, neighbors, and relatives as well!

DRESS UNIFORM DAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 3 – All School Buddhism Chapel

February 24 – Founder's Day Chapel

Two of our Upper School students, Marko Crnkovic '16 and Dalton Hannaway '17 have designed an iPad app for the Doane Stuart community. Find out how these students are helping to make Doane Stuart digital at www.doanestuart.org/news



Members of our community continue to be one of our best sources of advertising.

Tell a friend about our Admission Reception

February 11 @ 4:00 PM

and about our upcoming Open House

March 28 @ 10:00 AM

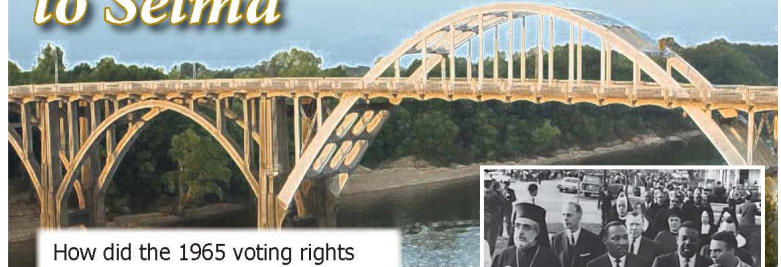
THANK YOU for supporting your School!



On **Friday, January 9**, Doane Stuart students joined nearly 200 other students from twenty Capital Region Middle Schools and High Schools for the annual STOP (Students Together Opposing Prejudice) Conference held by Siena College. Students spent the day participating in activities, workshops and small group

discussions on the themes of respect and tolerance. Students also developed action plans to counteract prejudice, bullying and discrimination. This year's attendees were: **Robert Seth '17, Jared Weiler '17, Alexis Vautrin '18** and the following members of the Class of 2019: **Emilie Austin, Keith Bagdon, Morgan Hannaway, Sasha Holden, Emma Horvath, Kyle Jakovic, Devin Mehra and Shea Weilbaker.**

Crossing the Bridge to Selma



How did the 1965 voting rights marches in Selma change us as a faith and as a nation?

50 years later, how can we bridge the gaps that still divide us?

The 7th Annual Capital Region Unitarian Universalists of NY Combined Worship Service

All ages and faiths are invited to worship together on March 1 and to travel back in time as we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the civil rights marches in Selma, Alabama. Join us in songs, readings and reflections as we are inspired by Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, UU minister and author of *The Selma Awakening*.

This multi-generational service will feature a Joint Choir from the Capital Region Unitarian Universalist congregations in Albany, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, and Schenectady.

Child care will be provided. Doane Stuart is handicapped accessible and is located 3 blocks from exit 7 of Interstate 90, immediately off the eastern end of the Patroon Island Bridge.



Martin Luther King, Jr., walking to the funeral of Rev. James Reeb, a UU minister murdered during the Selma marches.

Sunday, March 1, 2015

10:30 am

**Golub Interfaith Chapel at
Doane Stuart School
199 Washington Ave.
Rensselaer, NY**



COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS FEBRUARY 2015

College Sweatshirt Day

Thursday, February 5 is College Sweatshirt Day! This Doane Stuart tradition marks the last day on which seniors submit their college applications. All students are invited to wear a college sweatshirt or t-shirt, and come to school out of uniform.

Merit Aid Update

The 51 members of the Class of 2015 have already earned over \$4,000,000 in offers of merit scholarships. This does not include need-based financial aid.

Juniors and Parents – Reminder About the SAT

All juniors must register for **May 2 SAT**. This can be done at www.collegeboard.com. The deadline for registration is April 6.

College Meetings for Juniors and Parents

Already, Ms. Bracken has met with many of the juniors to begin discussing college plans. Following the first meeting, she will meet with each junior and his or her parent(s). This second meeting should take place by the end of April. After the second meeting, Ms. Bracken will craft a personalized list of 20-25 colleges that may be a match for each student. Please coordinate with your child to schedule the second meeting. Ms. Bracken can be reached at (518) 465-5222 x210, or by e-mail at kbracken@doanestuart.org.

February Vacation – A Great Time to Visit Schools

February vacation can be an ideal time for underclassmen to visit colleges. One of the best times to see a college campus is when classes are in session and college students are present! Whether you are traveling, or staying local, please feel free to contact Ms. Bracken for suggestions on schools that may be appropriate for visits.

Summer Opportunities

Although summer may seem a long way off, February is an ideal time to consider the myriad options available during June, July and August. Naviance, our college counseling software, contains literally hundreds of amazing summer enrichment programs, which range from travel, community service, science, writing, and more. Any student interested in searching these may logon to Naviance and conduct a personalized keyword search to find programs or opportunities that may be of interest.



Ben Halpert '17 of Delmar will soon be competing at the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships. The Championships, held February 13-16 in Richmond, Virginia, is the culmination of a year of hard work and determination. Halpert qualified by earning third place at the Men's Sabre Cadet event, held at the Hudson Berkshire Junior Olympic Qualifiers at Vassar College in November. Halpert continues to compete in numerous state and regional tournaments. In December he earned a "D" ranking from the USFA (United States Fencing Association). This classification (there are six from U, the lowest, to E, D, C, B, and the highest, A) is earned by placing in USFA sanctioned events.

Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday
February 11
@ 8:00am

Lower School Students
Cheer on the **Thunderchickens!**



Doane Stuart's youngest students showed their school spirit on January 20 at the first Lower School Basketball Night as the Varsity Girls Basketball team took on Emma Willard. The students gathered in the Commons prior to the game to make posters supporting the Thunderchickens and then gathered in the Gym to cheer them on. Thank you to the Doane Stuart Booster Club who sponsored the event!

Reenrollment Packets to be mailed in Early February **RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE - MARCH 6**

February is a busy time in the Admission Office: welcoming prospective students to campus for their class visit or a tour, making admission decisions, and preparing for the final Open House on March 28. Happily, February also marks the time when we begin to turn our attention to reenrollment for the 2015-2016 school year.

Reenrollment packets will be mailed on **Friday, February 6** with a return date of **March 6**. Included in this packet will be the following:

- Letter from Admission
- The Enrollment Agreement for 2015-16
- 2015-16 School Year Important Dates
- Financial Aid Grant (for those families who applied for aid)
- Monthly payment plan information
- Pamphlets and letters with information about the accident and tuition insurance plans (TRP)
- A pre-paid return envelope

A March 6 response is essential for our planning. We cannot begin to enroll new students, offer them financial aid, and plan sections for next year, without knowing who is returning. If you have any questions please be in touch with Geoff (gbowman@doanestuart.org) or Beth (contact@doanestuart.org) or call (518) 465-5222.

2015-16 will be an exciting year for Doane Stuart and we want you to be a part of it!



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THE DOANE STUART SCHOOL

A well rounded education starts early and lasts a lifetime.
For more than 150 years The Doane Stuart School has been inspiring and educating students from the ground up.
By graduation they are prepared to take their place as global citizens who pursue lives of meaning and purpose.

Visit us at an Open House to learn more!
Register at DoaneStuart.org/Visit

Parent Association Update

Welcome to our new home in the Doane Stuart monthly newsletter! We hope to provide regular updates to you through this venue as well as through our class representatives.

Since our inception, we have held a few open meetings and plan to hold monthly meetings through the end of the school year. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th from 8:00 – 9:00 AM in the Corning Conference Room. March, April, and May meeting dates to follow.

Our most recent meeting was held on January 14th where we covered a variety of topics. Co-presidents Tami Cole and Ira Bethea provided an update on the PA's activities to date and their bi-weekly meetings with Mrs. Clarke. We discussed the success of the Holiday Stars program and the Christmas Chapel reception. Both were well received, and the group agreed that we would like to continue these activities in future years. We thank all of those parents and students who acknowledged our fantastic faculty and staff through our holiday stars program and those who contributed delicious treats for the Christmas Chapel reception! Your feedback and suggestions on these events are welcome and encouraged.

Representatives from Lower, Middle, and Upper School reported on their discussions with coordinators from their respective divisions.

Lower School (LS) class representatives met with the LS coordinators, Ms. Miller and Mrs. Berkman. They discussed various ways that LS parents can support ongoing initiatives, including Coins for Kids, Saturday Club, and LS Basketball night. In future meetings, they will consider how parents can support student recruitment efforts and what additional activities might enrich opportunities for LS students.

Middle School (MS) class representatives met with the MS coordinators, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson, about ways to support the Science Fair, Integrated Project, and other upcoming activities. They also discussed possible workshops on topics of interest to MS families, such as how families can oversee student use of technology. The Middle School representatives also reported a desire for communication that is both proactive and timely; all the PA and Mrs. Clarke share that goal.

Upper School (US) class representatives are working with Mrs. Clarke to set up a meeting with US administrators. Representatives discussed their desire to find effective ways to engage US parents, as US parents generally have less contact with each other as compared to other divisions.

A brief update of the Booster Club activities was provided by Alan Metz. Most notable was the addition of concessions at both soccer and basketball games to date. The concessions have been well received and a great way to raise funds. Special thanks go out to all of the parents that have contributed to the successful start-up of this initiative.

Darlene Gallagher, Director of Development Operations, updated the PA on the Spring Gala. We discussed how parents can support the Gala by soliciting corporate sponsorships and auction items and by encouraging attendance. We will be discussing in more detail how parents can assist with these efforts and look forward to a fun-filled and successful event on May 9th.

We will provide regular updates through class representatives and through the DS newsletter, so please look for those. If you have any questions, comments, or other feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Tami Cole, Co-President - tmcole1019@hotmail.com

Next PA Meeting:

Wednesday
February 25th
8:00 - 9:00 AM

Corning Conference Room

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00 PM ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE (snow date)	2 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	3 9:10 AM All-School Buddhism Chapel (Dress Uniform) 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Campus Ministry	4 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. 3:45 PM Foreign Language Dept. Mtg.	5 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 11th ANNUAL COLLEGE SWEATSHIRT DAY This is the final day that seniors submit applications for admission to college.	6 NO SCHOOL Offices Open Parent/Teacher Conference Day Re-enrollment Mailing sent to Current Families	7 DS Students Depart for Lagan College
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Irish-American Exchange – Doane Stuart at Lagan College – February 7 - 16						
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICES CLOSED	17 OFFICES CLOSED	18 OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	19 OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	20 OFFICES OPEN Vacation Camp	21
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Make an Auction donation, join the Honorary Committee, or become a Corporate Sponsor for this year's Spring Gala and Auction.
Call 465-5222, ext. 248, for details.

LUNCH

February 2015

The Doane Stuart School

Early Childhood and Kindergarten lunches are a blanket cost of **\$3.50 daily**.
An average lunch with drink for all other grades will be between **\$5.50 - \$6.00**.

The rest of the offerings are A la Carte.

All beverages cost \$1.00 each, with the exception of milk cartons at \$.50 each. No soda is sold.

A large variety of snacks is available and cost \$.50 - \$1.00 each

Items available daily include: Home-made Soup, \$2.00 a bowl | Chicken Nuggets or Patties with vegetables and starch, \$4.00 | Pasta and home-made marinara sauce, \$2.00
Home-made cheese pizza, \$2.00 a slice | Vegetarian patties \$2.00 each

* Monday

Baked Ziti with
meatballs and garlic rolls

2

* Tuesday

Deli Sandwich Day
8" Subs, with salad of day
or soup

3

* Wednesday

Chicken & Biscuits,
Greens, Corn Bread, &
Peach Cobbler

4

* Thursday

Burgers, Dogs,
Chicken Nuggets
and MORE

5

* Friday

CLOSED
No School

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Build A Burger

10

Breakfast for Lunch
Pancake, French Toast Sticks,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
Sausage, Corned Beef Hash

11

Open Faced Hot
Roast Beef Sandwich with
Soup & Salad of the day

12

Fish And Chips
Battered Cod, Coleslaw,
and Fries

13

BBQ Pulled Pork
Coleslaw, Corn Bread, and
Baked Beans

16

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NO SCHOOL – HAPPY WINTER BREAK!

23

Mrs. Brown Day!!
X-Sharp Mac & Cheese
with Hot Dogs
or Veggie Patty

24

Founder's Day
Golden oven Chicken,
Roasted Red Potatos &
Vegetables

25

Chicken and Broccoli
Alfredo or Veggie Alfredo

26

Baked Tilapia
with Rice Pilaf

27

Chicken Parmesan
with Pasta