

THE DOANE STUART SCHOOL

Calendar News and Notes

APRIL 2015

SEVENTH GRADE GOES TO BOSTON

Every spring, Mr. Hodgkinson and Coach Light take seventh graders on an overnight trip to Boston. They will walk the freedom trail and enjoy Boston's unique culture and history on **April 30** and **May 1**.

EIGHTH GRADE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Keeping with tradition, eighth graders will mark the close of their Middle School years with a trip to Washington, DC from **April 22-24** with Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson.

UPPER SCHOOL RING CEREMONY MAY 6, 2015

Members of the junior class will receive their rings from the Class of 2015, as we continue an historic Doane Stuart tradition. Ring Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday May 6, at 9:10 a.m.** in the Golub Interfaith Chapel. This is a dress-uniform day for Upper School students.

SHORTS DAYS ARE BACK!

Warm weather - or the hope of warm weather - brings back "Shorts Days," when students may wear shorts as a part of their regular uniform. Please remember that shorts must be khaki, knee length and without decorative pockets or other ornament. **"Shorts Days" begin April 1**, in celebration of spring. *(Please note: Shorts are not a part of dress uniform; there is a dress uniform day on April 2.)*

DRESS UNIFORM DAYS

Tuesday, March 31

Passover Chapel (Grades 2 – 12)

Thursday, April 2

All-School Holy Week Chapel (Grades 2 – 12)
Please check your Handbook for dress-uniform requirements.

VACATION DAYS

School will be closed **April 3** through **April 10** for Spring Vacation. Classes will resume **Monday, April 13**.



ILLUMINATION FAIR

AN EXPERIENCE IN LEARNING

After months of research and experiments, students share their amazing projects at this favorite annual event.



The Illumination Fair is a unique learning opportunity for students to work independently on a specific area of study. Students work diligently for months as they design an experiment or explore a thesis which is then presented to the entire School community. The experience helps students to learn and exercise research methodology and to gain invaluable public speaking experience.

Tell a friend about our upcoming Open House!
April 18 @ 10:00 AM

BOOKS & BREAKFAST



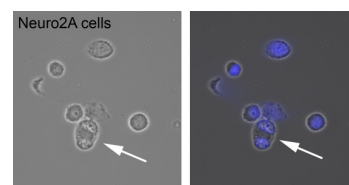
A much-loved Lower School tradition, **Books and Breakfast** was held on Friday, March 14. Lower School students had been hard at work writing and illustrating wonderful books that they shared with their parents over delicious breakfast treats.

Students also sang songs for their guests about reading and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Clarke presented books donated to the library in honor of Books and Breakfast.

Growing Cells

The students in Dr. Wells' Advanced Biology class have been studying cells and molecular biology and how this process can go wrong, leading to cancer. To complement these studies they attempted to grow a mouse neuroma cell line in Doane Stuart's very own biology lab.

These cells are derived from cells isolated from a spontaneous mouse neuronal tumor in 1969 (at Yale University) and are used regularly in cell biology and neurobiology experiments around the country. The students were able to grow these cells on glass coverslips even without a proper cell culture facility. The students were able to get hands-on experience with cell culture of mammalian cells (much harder to grow than bacteria), and they were then able to compare the morphology of these cells with neurons (cells they should have looked like) and better understand the changes that take place during cancer transformation.



The arrow is pointing to a cell that has just finished mitosis and is about to divide into two cells.

The mission of Doane Stuart is education for students from every quarter. In a college preparatory context, where the joy of discovery is valued, Doane Stuart emphasizes serious study, educates to social responsibility, and lays the foundation for a strong faith.

ISLAM CHAPEL

As part of the School's interfaith mission and the enrichment of our chapel program, the Doane Stuart community learned about Islam at a special Chapel in March. **Ridhwan Sebkhawui '15** started the program offering the call to prayer. He was followed by his father, **Mr. Djafer Sebkhawui**, Imam of the Al Hidayah Mosque in Troy and a chaplain at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Imam Sebkhawui spoke to the Doane Stuart community about the beliefs and traditions of the Muslim faith. A closing prayer was given by **Sami Mohamed Ali '16**.



DS BIDS FAREWELL TO STUDENT TEACHERS FROM IRELAND



Student teachers came from Belfast, Northern Ireland to participate in our Irish & American Exchange Program from March 7 through March 27. Jane McKee and Gary McAllister truly felt a part of Doane Stuart during their visit. They offered programs about Northern Ireland for students, teachers and parents; they were active participants in the daily life of each division of the school, in and outside of the classroom; and brought so much joy to us during their stay. They will both be missed and promise to return to Doane Stuart.

WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS FROM DAVID YELLIN COLLEGE, ISRAEL

On **April 17**, we will welcome two student teachers, one Arab and one Israeli, from David Yellin College in Jerusalem; this the fifth year of our program with the College. David Yellin College, founded in 1913, "represents a microcosm of Israeli society. Religious and secular Jews, Muslim and Christian Arabs, new immigrants – all meet and study together, fostering and nurturing a new generation of Israeli educators." The College's intentional diversity and focus on education as a road toward a more peaceful society mirrors Doane Stuart's mission and practice.

All-School Parent Meeting

Wednesday, April 29 | 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Golub Interfaith Chapel - All are welcome

Lower School Recital



Lower School students shared their musical talents with their parents, grandparents and friends in a recital held in the Golub Interfaith Chapel on March 18. Musicians (including Mrs. Clarke!) performed vocally and played an impressive variety of instruments.

Thank you to Ms. Amin, Mrs. Segerstrom and Mr. Hetko for their hard work and dedication to Doane Stuart's music programs. (Pictured left: *Juan Ampuero '23*)

Dr. Boulos Visits Middle School Science

Doane Stuart Trustee **Dr. Alan Boulos**, father to **Mateo '17**, **Nicholas '21**, and **Lucas '25**, visited Ms. Morgan's sixth grade Science class. Dr. Boulos, Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, Director of the Neurovascular Section, and Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Radiology at Albany Medical Center, gave the students realistic insight into the brain and the nervous system. Plus, he brought some really great props; including brains made out of Jell-O to practice their surgical skills!



Join
us
April 15

Doane Stuart's 3rd Annual Excellence in Science Day, inspired and organized by the members of our Science Department, celebrates the key roles of discovery, openness and rigor in all areas and at all levels of scientific study.

In addition to many other events and presentations, including a rocket launch and hands-on learning with scientists from a variety of fields, we will be joined in the morning by Dr. Karyn Rogers. Dr. Rogers is a geochemist and geomicrobiologist whose research takes her to the most extreme environments capable of sustaining life on Earth. Dr. Rogers is an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences within the School of Science at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Excellence in Science Day promises to be filled with learning and adventure.

AHMAD '16 EARNS 2ND PLACE IN ST. ROSE ESSAY CONTEST

Sami Ahmad '16 of Latham recently earned second place in the College of St. Rose's first annual high school essay writing contest. The theme for the contest was "If you could share a meal with a fictional character, author, or filmmaker, who would this be? How has he or she affected your life? What would you eat? What would you discuss?" Essays needed to be 3-5 pages and were judged on originality, depth, clarity and correctness. Sami chose Tyler Durden from the book and film *Fight Club* as his subject. His essay "My Lunch with Tyler Durden" earned second place out of nearly ninety-five entries.



Congratulations to Sami and Dr. Foster, who accompanied Sami and his parents at the awards ceremony on March 15. (Picture credit: Eurie Dahn, a faculty member at St. Rose and one of the contest judges)

TOP-SEEDED MOCK TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES TO COUNTY SEMI-FINALS



The Doane Stuart Mock Trial Team continued its winning ways in 2015. On Wednesday, March 18, the Mock Trial Team won its final preliminary round, maintaining a perfect 4-0 record for the year and earning the top seed for the county tournament. Doane Stuart will compete against 4th seed Emma Willard in the opening round of the tournament on a still-to-be determined date. Good luck to our Mock Trialites!

Defense: **Matt Maguire '15** of East Greenbush, **Trip Polito '15** of Slingerlands, **Abby Bemis '16** of Guilderland, **Emma Schillinger '16** of Loudonville, **Jack Ross-Pilkington '17** of Stuyvesant, and **Jackson Eddy '18** of Glenmont.

Prosecution: **Eliza Henneberry '15** of Canaan, **Kat Novko '15** of Selkirk, **Caitlin Smith '15** of Delmar, **Lauren Nelson '16** of Hollowville, **Renee Ricci '16** of Schenectady and **Jacquelyn Leblanc '17** of Albany.

Student Advisors: **Dylan Boyd '15** of Belfast, **Eli Fraser '15** of Mechanicville, **Sami Ahmad '16** of Latham and **Sophia Maitino '16** of Wynantskill.

Special thanks to the Mock Trial Team advisors: **Mr. James E. Hacker, Esq.** of E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy LLP, **Ms. Baillargeon, Mrs. Capuano** and **Ms. Koethen**.

Ganz '15 & Kleider '15 Honored by Central Hudson Valley League



Congratulations to **Ira Ganz '15** of Schenectady and **Merryn Kleider '15** of Berne for their nominations as Doane Stuart's Section II Scholar Athletes for basketball.

Ira was selected to represent Doane Stuart in the CHVL (Central Hudson Valley League) Exceptional Senior game, held on March 17. Merryn's excellence in the classroom and the court was honored as she received the Scholar Athlete for basketball for the CHVL.

Congratulations on your strong performances in your final seasons and for the recognition you both have earned representing Doane Stuart!

April Vacation & College Visits

April vacation can be an ideal time for visiting colleges. While summer also provides students a relaxing stretch of time for scheduling campus tours, there is one big disadvantage – there are often no college students present! If your April plans take you near a college campus, this can be a great opportunity for making an appointment with the admission office for a tour and an information session. If you would like some suggestions, please call, e-mail or stop by Ms. Bracken's office.

Class of 2015 Students

Good news continues to arrive for our seniors! Please remember to keep Ms. Bracken updated as you hear from all of the colleges and universities to which you have applied. Ms. Bracken is available to meet with families to review financial aid packages and assess options, too. You have until **Friday, May 1** to notify colleges of your final decision. Of course, Ms. Bracken looks forward to hearing about your final choice of college, too.

Sophomores, Juniors and Parents

A great way to learn about many schools, without even leaving the Capital Region, is to attend a college fair. On **Wednesday, May 6**, the Capital District Counseling Association will host its Spring College Fair at Hudson Valley Community College. The event will run from **6:00 until 8:00 p.m.**, and admission is free. These fairs are a great chance to meet college admission representatives from a wide array of institutions, some of whom may be reading your applications in the future, and to get a sense of what different colleges and universities have to offer. Ms. Bracken encourages juniors, especially, to make time for this College Fair.

Important Dates to Remember

- April 6** - Deadline for juniors to register for the May 2 SAT
- May 2** - SAT for Juniors
- May 6** - College Fair at HVCC (6:00-8:00 PM)
- May 8** - Deadline to register for the June 6 SAT/SAT subject test



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**OPEN
HOUSE
April 18
10:00 AM**



REGISTER AT
DoaneStuart.org/visit



**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.

A Nursery through Grade 12 Independent Day School

Gala & Auction Sneak Peek!

Saturday, May 9
6:00 pm

The Albany
Country Club

Enjoy a day on the course and a hearty lunch for four - The Albany Country Club golf course is designed to challenge the experienced golfer, yet welcome the novice or less skilled. The course itself is set among beautiful, well-manicured greens and landscaping, with surrounding views of the Albany city skyline.



A Day at the Races- Enjoy a day at the races with your own box seats (6 seats) at Saratoga Racetrack, one of the historic sites in Saratoga Springs, featured in the movie *Seabiscuit*. Watch the horses speed by as they cross the finish line.



Major League Baseball - Four tickets to a Washington Nationals game in the 2015 Season. Tickets are on the third base line, behind the visitors dugout.



Please contact the Development Office at dgallagher@doanestuart.org
or 518.465.5222 for more information.

Parent Association - April Update

Reflectively, as winter comes to a close, it is apparent that much has been accomplished by our students, faculty, staff and parents. Doane Stuart is a uniquely busy place, both in the classrooms and with the many different enriching extra-curricula activities that go on each week. What is really obvious about the Doane Stuart Community is the amount of quality time that the faculty and staff spend to ensure that all of our kids are having the best experiences possible for their academic and personal growth and development. It is also obvious that there are countless hours of volunteering that occur at all activities and events by faculty, staff, students and parents. The saying "many hands make light work" may be especially true at Doane Stuart.

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast is only a small token of our true appreciation for all the hard work put in each day by the Faculty and Staff. On behalf of the PA, we just want to say **thank you** all for all you do to make The Doane Stuart School a very special place.

As April is upon us, it may remind some of us of the old saying "April Showers Brings May Flowers." I am sure by now this passing winter season has most, if not all, of us looking forward to the budding of lovely spring flowers. For the Doane Stuart Community, the month of May also brings with it a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Annual Gala and Auction.

This year the PA will help to support the efforts of the staff, Ms Darlene Gallagher in particular, with the Gala event through the PA School Division Chairpersons and Class Representatives. Nanda O'Leary has graciously agreed to help coordinate the PA's efforts and be the liaison to the staff. This is an important event and we do sincerely need everyone's support.

Why the gala? For those who may not be aware, this event continues to be one of the most important and significant fund raising event that supports The Doane Stuart Community. The Gala not only allows the current Doane Stuart families to show their support, but it is also an event that the broader community can participate in. Communities of support can come from alumnae, businesses, associations, friends and prospective families.

Why the Gala and its auction? Well, through a little friendly competitiveness and the anticipation of bidding on great prizes, it is a really fun way to show your support for the community that we all care about and value. It's a nice way to spend an evening with family and friends knowing that you are also doing something that is really important to Doane Stuart.

What are some of the ways you can support the Gala? You can help solicit gift donations to be auctioned from your place of employment, from businesses that you support, from family members and friends; you can also purchase seats or an entire table for yourself, family members and friends to attend the event, or you can make a donation if you are not able to attend.

Mark your calendars. May 9th will be an evening to remember. For more information about the Gala, please go to www.doanestuart.org/support-us/

We will continue to provide updates through class representatives and 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, April 22

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Corning Conference Room

LUNCH

April 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

* Tuesday

* Wednesday

* Thursday

* Friday

1
Burgers, Hot Dogs,
Nuggets & More

2
Full Ham Dinner with
Scalloped Potato, Broccoli
Casserole and More

3
CLOSED
Good Friday

6
CLOSED
NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

13
Build a Burger Day

14
Breakfast for Lunch

15
Pulled Pork with
Cornbread and Coleslaw

16
Assorted Wraps, Salads
and/or Soup

17
Eggplant Parm
with Pasta

20
Hot Open Faced Turkey
Sandwich with Stuffing
and Gravy

21
Build a Burger Day

22
State Fair Chicken
Spiedie Sandwiches

23
Extra Sharp Mac &
Cheese with Beef Dogs in
a Blanket

24
Meatball or
Sausage Hoagies

27
Cheese Steak Sub

28
Fish N Chips

29
Breakfast for Lunch

30
Build a Burger Day

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. 3:45 PM Foreign Language Dept. Mtg.	2 9:10 AM All-School Holy Week Chapel (Dress Uniform) 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	3 Good Friday Passover begins at Sundown NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	4
			Middle School Integrated Project – Cont.			
5 Easter Sunday	6 NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	7 OFFICES OPEN	8 OFFICES OPEN	9 OFFICES OPEN	10 OFFICES CLOSED	11
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12	13 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	14 <i>MS interim grades due</i> 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Campus Ministry	15 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. 3:45 PM Math Dept. Mtg. Excellence in Science Day	16 8:00 AM Finance Comm. Mtg. 9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	17 8:20 AM LS Morning Mtg. 10:00 AM MS Chapel	18 10:00 AM Admission Open House
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DOANE STUART'S ANNUAL GALA AND AUCTION - MAY 9, 2015

You still have time to reserve your tickets. Call the Development Office at (518) 465-5222, ext. 248.