

Middle School and High School Board Updates

May 2019

- DHS honored students for their outstanding accomplishments at the 13th Annual Honors Night. This year there were approximately 275 students and family members in attendance.
- The Class of 2023 had a successful trip to Washington, D.C. Dansville. Our students received several positive comments regarding the excellent behavior at various locations.
- Several students in Mrs. Voss' class have received their Torch 180 Certificate of Completion and ServSafe Food Handler Certificates. ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. The students have been working on learning these and other life skills throughout the year.
- DHS juniors attended a national college fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. There were more than 150 colleges in attendance, which gave students a chance to explore their options, ask questions and gather information from admission representatives from schools across the country.
- Freshman Hugh Service was selected to play piano in the Spartan Youth Jazz Ensemble. This group is comprised of elite jazz musicians from Michigan who perform under the guidance of the music faculty at Michigan State University.
- DHS had nine student-athletes recognized at the CMAC Scholar-Athlete awards dinner, which was for students who played at least two varsity sports and maintained at least a 3.5 GPA.
- DHS students participated in the annual Powder Tuff game, which was organized by the National Honor Society. The event raised over \$300 to donate to Torch 180.
- Our high school PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership and Services) held an "exchange day" with the PALS at Potterville High School. Students from each school visited the other and then shared their experiences.
- Several high school students earned high awards for their outstanding work at the Wilson Talent Center this year: Paige Newkirk earned Bronze at the State Skills USA competition for Cosmetology; Julie Stoner Gay earned Silver at the State Skills USA competition and a \$8,000 scholarship to Sullivan University; Mark Snow competed in Gas Metal Arc Welding, earning a welding helmet, as well as a \$2,000 scholarship to Ohio Technical College; Charles Foster earned bronze at the State Skills USA competition for Job Skills; and Cierra Smith earned silver at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America state conference's Cupcake Battle.
- Our students enjoyed working together as a district to do service work in the community on our annual Community Day. We had students working on many activities throughout the area, and some students assisted with a recycling center at the school where people could drop off scrap metal, old medications, Styrofoam, and electronic devices.
- Sophomore Olivia Calderone was awarded NCWIT Aspirations in Computing's Rising Star Award. Rising Stars represent students who are starting out in their pursuit and study of computing, who have expressed curiosity and interest in computing but may have relatively limited experience with technology. Students in this category embody the idea of aspirations and are recognized in order to encourage their continuation in the field. She was nominated for her the award based on her outstanding work in the AP Computer Science class.