# The Mustang Heard

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Have You "Herd" All The News?

# Principal's Message

Greetings Mustang Families! This has been an amazing start to our School Year. Having everyone back to school brings our wonderful campus to life. The energy and excitement on campus, in the classrooms, in sports, and in clubs and activities is always heartwarming. Working together as a Mustang Family is what it takes to foster great success and results. With continued growth comes a continued commitment to partnering together to ensure that all of our Mustangs graduate prepared for the future they choose. We will continue to offer after-school tutoring and Homework Club, to support the academic needs of our students. Please reach out to your student's Counselor for more information.

Our Damonte Ranch Parent Boosters has yet again convinced me to sleep in a corral in the front of the school to raise money for Senior Scholarships. I plan to enter the corral at noon on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and will remain in there until after school on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. With the help of ALL of our MUSTANGS, we will be chipping in all of our loose change and making donations to support our Senior Scholarships. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Crashin' in the Corral event and we hope you are able to stop by for a visit.

Finally, I want to stress the importance of slowing down when traveling in and around Damonte Ranch High School. We have many of our Mustangs traveling to and from school by foot, scooters, skateboards, bicycles and hoof. Thank you for your unwavering support of our Mustang Family!



#### Attention Senior Parents!!!! Yearbook Ads

What better way to memorialize your student's accomplishments than by placing a Senior Ad in the Yearbook. Ads can be created and placed using **Jostens.com**.

Senior Pictures Seniors **must** have their picture taken by Bell Photography by October 31, 2023, to be in the Yearbook.

#### YEARBOOKS!!!!

Purchase your book now at **Jostens.com.** Payment plans are available online. Take advantage of low prices before they go up.

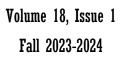


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# DMV Certification of Attendance

The DMV requires drivers under 18 to show proof of school attendance. WCSD requires the DMV Certification of Attendance to be requested through the district's request for student records system ScribOrder at <u>https://www. washoeschools.net/Page/15120</u>. Please request the DMV form at least five (5) business days prior to your DMV appointment. Thank you.



Visit the Damonte Ranch website at: <u>http://</u> washoeschools.net/drhs.

- ♦ Fall Break October 2-6, 2023
- Teacher Professional Development Days No School Monday, October 9, 2023 Monday, January 8, 2024 Monday, February 26, 2024
- Nevada Day Holiday
   Friday, October 27, 2023
- Veterans Day Holiday *Observed* Friday, November 10, 2023
- ♦ Thanksgiving Break W-F, November 22-24, 2023
- ◊ Winter Break December 22, 2023-January 5, 2024
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 15, 2024
- President's Day Monday, February 19, 2024

The DRHS Office will be closed during Fall Break. We hope you and your family have a wonderful week!





# Steps to Enroll: Jump Start Students

~Tim McCartin, Assistant Principal

The Spring 2024 enrollment period begins on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Steps to Enroll for TMCC's **Jump Start Program for High School Students** were developed to support your success at TMCC. You must complete these steps before you can register for classes.

#### 1. Apply for Admission

Complete a TMCC application at <u>https://webapps.tmcc.edu/admissionapp</u> before November 15, 2023. If you need assistance or have questions in completing the application, please contact TMCC's Jump Start Program. Telephone: 775 673-8236 or email using <u>https://www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program/contact</u>.

#### 2. Complete the Jump Start Orientation

The online Jump Start Orientation will help you learn the requirements and responsibilities of taking college courses. In addition, it will provide guidance and helpful resources to help you be successful. Students must complete the Jump Start Orientation by logging into TMCC's Canvas with their username and password.

#### 3. Complete Permission to Enroll Form

If you are a high school student, submit a <u>Permission to Enroll form</u>. Incomplete forms will delay the enrollment process. In addition, if the course(s) you've selected have prerequisites, send us a copy of any supporting documentation (i.e., ACT scores, high school transcripts, AP scores, etc.). Homeschooled students must also provide a completed "Notice of Intent to Home School" form, appropriately filed in the school district where they reside.

#### 4. Pay for Classes

Class payment is completed through <u>MyTMCC</u> using your TMCC username and password. If you need assistance with your username or password, and you know your NSHE Student ID number, visit the <u>online self-service tools</u>. If you do not know your NSHE Student ID number or would like additional registration assistance, call New Student Services at 775 673-7111.

#### **Returning Jump Start Students**

Returning Jump Start students only need to follow Steps 3 and 4. A <u>Permission to</u> <u>Enroll</u> form is required for enrollment every semester. You can complete multiple classes on one Permission to Enroll Form.

#### **Needs Based Grants**

Financial need-based grants are available each semester. If your student was on the grant for the Fall of 2023 semester, they must again apply for the Spring of 2024 grants. See Mr. Polson in H104 to fill out a grant application.

#### Additional Important Information

If you are not a senior and you plan to take an English class, you MUST take the Accuplacer test. Follow the link for testing information: <u>https://www.tmcc.edu/testing</u>. If you have any questions about the dual credit program, please contact Jon Polson at jpolson@washoeschools.net.

# **Boosters** Update

Join the DRHS Boosters! Pick up an application in the Front Office or download from our Facebook page-<u>Damonte Ranch High</u> <u>School Boosters.</u>

Save the date: **October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Bell will be Crashin' in the Corral to raise money for Senior Scholarships. Send in your spare change, donate when you drop off or pick up, and stop by the Corral to say hi to Mr. Bell. Several fun activities are planned for the 2024 Senior Class and the whole student body!

Staff Appreciation event happening in November-look for sign-ups in email and Facebook page.

#### **Boosters Members**

Stacy Brault April Barber & Thomas Callicrate Linda Del Carlo Lindsay and Damon Ziegler Michelle Bris April West-Kieckhefer Jerome and Charise Washington Rosie Padilla Sara Hicks Casey and Brian Dye

Bronze Mustangs Casandra Woodward

**Gold Mustangs** Erin and Zach Brown Theresa and Caesar Ibarra



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Robin Kenyon, Editor

Attendance



~From the Office of Marly Barainca, Assistant Principal

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Fall Break. We are 7 weeks into the 2023-2024 School Year. Time flies when you are having fun! When we return from Fall Break, we will have 45 days until Final Exams start. It will be quick, and it is important that students take advantage of every instructional minute so they can meet their academic goals. Parents can help by monitoring their child's attendance and grades on Infinite Campus. Missing classroom instruction for any reason impedes a student's ability to engage in class and master the content. If your student does have to miss school, please make sure you let us know.

Parents can call the Attendance Line or report **full-day student absences** online, using the Parent Reporting Form. You can find the Parent Reporting Form on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The only absences that **do not** count against student attendance percentage are EMD (doctor's note), SCH (School Business) and absences due to Covid exclusions. \* **Please see Page 3 for Partial-Day Absence Information.** 

When students are on campus, it is critical they get to class on time. The first 5-10 minutes of class are the most important of the day. The teacher reviews materials needed for the day's lesson, outlines what the class period will look like that day and gives the student materials necessary to complete the daily lesson. Students show up for things they care about, being on time to class is just one way a student can show their teacher they care about their academic success and the class. Please, help your child by monitoring their grades, attendance and tardies weekly on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

If you have questions regarding your child's attendance in an individual class, email the teacher directly. If you have questions regarding your child's overall attendance, please email me at <u>mbarainca@washoeschools.net</u>. I look forward to working with you and your child, so we can have an enjoyable and productive 2023-2024 School Year.

# ACT Prep Camp

Damonte Ranch High School will be hosting an ACT Prep Camp October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Students in past classes have averaged 3-7 point improvements, which represent a 20-40 percentile point increase. Class registration and details: <u>www.TutorsAcross</u> <u>America.com/ACT course</u> or call: 702 818-5444. This 20-hour camp costs \$399, but is available at half-price \$199 to all Damonte Ranch students.







Advanced Placement (AP) is one of many programs sponsored by the College Board. AP classes are college-level courses offered to high school students by their own high school teachers. In May of each year, students in those classes take a 3 to 4 hour comprehensive exam that is written and scored by the College Board. High school and college instructors from around the nation score exams on a scale of 1-5. An exam score of 3 is generally considered "qualifying" and many colleges will give college credit to students who earn 3, 4 or 5 on the exam. Some colleges only give credit for a 4 or 5 score; some waive a college requirement but do not award credit; some (including the military academies) allow AP students with high exam scores to be eligible to take the college's own placement exams and thus earn credit or waivers. Some high school students begin college as sophomores as a result of passing several AP exams.

Due to each college (and often each department within a college or university) having its own AP policy, it is important for students to contact the Admissions Office at their post-secondary institution to determine what type of credit/waiver is available. To quick-check a college's AP policy, go to www.collegeboard.com/AP/creditpolicy.

WCSD course titles, which include the notation "AP" or "Advanced Placement," are year-long courses and ALL requirements must be met before the "AP" designation is awarded. Students register for AP courses during regular high school pre-registration each spring and make a commitment to remain in the course the entire year. Exams are given on a predetermined schedule in May of each year at an approximate cost of \$98 per exam. This year fees are due November 1, 2023. Students in WCSD who are enrolled in a course with "AP" in the title are required to take the exam in that course. Exam results are available to students and colleges in July.



This is a reminder that Damonte Ranch High School is a closed campus. Students have a 35-minute lunch and must remain on campus during that time. Students may go outside during lunch but cannot leave the sidewalk surrounding the school.

Additionally, students may not sit in their car during lunch or access their cars during the break. Individuals with a full 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> period schedule must remain on campus from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Loss of privilege will be a consequence for repeat offenders. Only qualified students who are on track for graduation will be permitted to get an approved offcampus stamp. The off-campus stamp on the student's ID allows the student to leave campus when their schedule does not contain any classes after lunch on that same day. Students can obtain their off-campus stamp at the Bookkeeper's window, only if they have off campus for third or sixth period.

If you need a student parking pass, please visit the Corral, as soon as possible. ALL students need a pass to park on Damonte Ranch High School property. Cars without a parking permit on their mirror will receive parking violations. Additionally, students may not park at the front of the school in the staff parking lot. Student parking is located on the North and South side of the school.





# **Counselors'** Corner



~John Schreiner, DRHS Lead Counselor

Greetings from the Counseling Team!

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to respond to the high volume of emails/phone calls. The Counseling Department is about to start the Senior Grad Plan Meetings and the Junior Presentations in English and History classes.

#### **Important Reminders:**

Seniors.... Now is the time to start thinking about college....Please ask to see your child's Senior Folder with crucial College information which includes: College Admission process, Financial Aide (FAFSA), and Scholarship opportunities.

Important Update For UNR/UNLV: For Scholarship Consideration for UNR and UNLV, an Application for Scholarship will need to be completed by the student during the application process.

Students and parents can contact their Counselor for an appointment by visiting the Counseling Office, by phone at 775 851-5656, extension below, or by email.

#### **DRHS Counselors**:

A-C	Ms. Lazear	mlazear@washoeschools.net	ext. 30023
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Ho-Mi	Ms. McColl	nmccoll@washoeschools.net	ext. 30026
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Sc-Z	Mr. Schreiner	jschreiner@washoeschools.net	ext. 30022

#### Partial-Day Absence Information Requesting an Early Release for your Child

If your child needs to leave school for an appointment before the end of the school day, whether being picked up by a parent or driving on their own, they should bring a note from their parent/guardian to the Attendance Office in the morning. Your child's attendance will be marked and they will be given an off-campus pass for the specified time. If you forget to send a note, please sign out your child in the Office. If you child is coming in late from an appointment, please have them report to the Attendance Office upon their arrival.

We discourage phone calls to release students, due to the high volume of calls we receive in the Office. Thank you.

### NJROTC News

Damonte Ranch Mustang Battalion NJROTC is excited for the new year with our motivated cadet leadership. Coming up, on October 13th (Navy Birthday), will be our Annual Dining Out, with Naval traditions, dinner and dancing. We will also be participating in the Reno Veterans Day Parade and a field trip to Fallon. The Rifle Team will be starting up soon and our Raider Team will be sweating it out in the upcoming Raider meets. Our Drone Team will be competing for the first time during second semester and we look forward to the new knowledge and experiences gained.







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# *Library News* ~*Marcella Decker, Teacher Librarian*

October 1-7 was Banned Books Week across the country! The theme this year was "Let Freedom Read." The Year 2022 saw a record number of attempts to ban or censor books (scan the barcode below for a more in-depth look at censorship data). While 2022 was a record year, hundreds of books have been challenged/banned throughout the decades including many classics. Consider celebrating your right to intellectual freedom by reading something intriguing,

unfamiliar, thought-provoking, etc. Maybe choose one from some of the top challenged books of 2022 such as:

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie Looking for Alaska by John Green Crank by Ellen Hopkins



For more information about Banned Books Week and a list of all the books that have been challenged in recent years and throughout past decades, visit the American Library Association website.



# Notes from the Nurse



~Maureen Rose, RN ~ School Nurse

Happy Fall! As the weather starts to cool and the days feel shorter, we typically see an increase in illnesses with the start of cold/flu season, including COVID 19. As a reminder, please keep your student home when they are feeling ill.

If your child tests positive for COVID 19, please let us know. While we are no longer excluding students for covid symptoms, we ARE excluding students who test positive – either a home test or a test from a doctor's office. If a student is positive, they must isolate for 5 days after the symptoms started, and must then wear a mask for the next 5 days. We are trying to stop the spread of illness, so please help us keep everyone safe. This is a School District Policy based on the Northern Nevada Public Health policy (formerly known as the Washoe County Health District).

Attention Juniors! You will need the second dose of your Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine before starting your Senior year. You can get this vaccine anytime after your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Avoid the stress and rush of last minute vaccine appointments and get it early, once you've turned 16.

Attention Sophomores! We will be conducting the 10<sup>th</sup> grade vision and hearing screening on November 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming soon.

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**Student Fees:** Just a reminder that student fees are due at this time. Please pay the Bookkeeper or send in a check or money order. Thanks!



Greetings from the Career Center



~Lupe Cabada, Career Center Facilitator

#### Attention Class of 2024 Students and Parents:

Students: Please don't miss out on all College and Career related information by logging in to your Canvas account via: https://washoe. instructure.com/. Log in by using your Microsoft email and password for your Microsoft account. Please log in and accept the invitation I have sent out to EVERY Senior. Also, please turn on ALL Notifications in the settings. Once you have logged in, you should see the Class of 2024 Course in your menu. Click and accept the invitation to access information and stay updated on what is happening this semester and next semester to keep you on track with scholarships, school activities and everything you need to know for your Senior year.

Parents: Please access my website Calendar to stay up to date. We have some great Parent Information Nights coming up with information regarding scholarships, workshops, and field trips to UNR and TMCC, and Representatives who will go over everything you need to know to set your student up for success! The home page has a list of activities coming soon and a Calendar with dates, links, information to stay up to date this year! https://www.washoe schools.net/ drhscareercenter#calendar14022/20230913/month.

If the link does not work:

- 1) Go to Google and type in Damonte Ranch high school in the search.
- 2) Click on the Website tab on the right side of the page.
- 3) Click on the Career Center tab on the left side of the page.
- 4) That will get you to the Career Center page. This has a nice and convenient list of events on the right side if you scroll down.
- 5) From there choose any of the information tabs on the left. Calendar is one of the options. It is updated daily.

I hope this helps, let me know if you have any questions!

Last but not least, email Mr. Cabada at Gcabada@washoeschools.net to set up a time to meet, or for ANY questions related to College, Trades, Military, Jobs, etc. I am here to set goals and make dreams happen for your family's future.



## **DRHS Memory Tiles**

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your student? Order a Memory Tile today so your student's name will be part of Damonte Ranch forever! Each tile is \$100 and you have the color option of blue or green.

To order online go to www.washoeschools.net/drhs, scroll down to Quick Links, Click Pay Online, General and then Memory Tile. It's so easy! If you have any questions, please call Janelle Fike at 775 321-3907.



**Safe Talk For Teens** is a **FREE** & confidential nonprofit program that serves kids 8-19 in Washoe County. We have experienced Youth Advisors who are dedicated to **Youth Success!** 

• We help kids build a strong foundation for life by focusing on Positive and Healthy Coping Skills.

• We help youth Improve their Decision Making and to Set Goals.

• We also provide a Safe & Confidential place for kids to talk.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.safetalkforteens.org AND TO SCHEDULE A FREE APPOINTMENT WITH A YOUTH ADVISOR, CALL US AT: (775) 823-2700.

# **First Semester Finals**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**  *Period 1 - 8:00 am-10:00 am Break - 10:00 am-10:10 am Period 4 - 10:10 am-12:10 pm* 

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Period 2 - 8:00 am-10:00 am Break - 10:00 am-10:10 am Period 5 - 10:10 am-12:10 pm

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Period 3 - 8:00 am-10:00 am Break - 10:00 am-10:10 am Period 6 - 10:10 am-12:10 pm

Busses leave at 12:17 pm



A Family Season Pass is good for admission into all home games for all sports for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Safe Talk

FOR TEENS

Price: \$50.00 - Family of 2 Please pay the Bookkeeper



#### Athletic Contacts

Kevin Taylor Assistant Principal, Athletics <u>KTaylor@washoeschools.net</u>

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Odette Daniels Athletic Secretary <u>ODaniels@washoeschools.net</u> Athletic Office

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# Twitter

Follow us on Twitter for high school event information: <u>DRHS Mustangs</u> @DRHSMustangs.

# 2023-2024 School Year Athletic Online Registration

Student Athletes who want to participate in Sports must Register Online at <u>www.aktivate.com</u>.

(Formerly known as Register My Athlete)

This program only works with Firefox or Google Chrome.

- Create: NEW ACCOUNT or Modify Existing Account
- Find School: Damonte Ranch High School
- *Athletic Fees:* Pay directly to the Damonte Ranch High School Bookkeeper or pay online at <u>washoeschools.net/drhs</u>.
- Winter Sports: <u>ALL Online Registration must be completed by November 2, 2023.</u>
- Questions: Please call Odette Daniels at 775 321-3909.

Boys/Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys/Girls Ski.





GO MUSTANGS!

