

## **DMS COUNSELOR NEWS**

By Christian Guerra

Wow! It is hard to believe that this school year is nearly complete. Despite the nearing summer break, we still have many events on the calendar before we close out the school year.

We just finished our first round of STAAR testing. The next set of STAAR tests are the week of May 8-11. Please if possible try not to schedule doctor appointments during testing. The May STAAR schedule is below.

Monday, May 8- Gr. 8 Math Retest  
Gr. 6 & 7 Math Test

Tuesday, May 9- Gr. 8 Reading Retest  
Gr. 6 & 7 Reading Test

Wednesday, May 10- Gr. 8 Science Test

Thursday, May 11- Gr. 8 Social Studies Test

We will celebrate the hard work that our students and teachers have put in to getting ready for the STAAR tests in May with a dance (Dancing with the STAARs) on Friday, April 21. Students must meet the requirements set forth in the dance letter that they were given last month. If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact our office.

I will meet with students later this month to talk to them about course selection for next school year. Students should bring home their course selections for you to review and sign. If you wish to make any changes to your students course selections, you may write them on their choice slip or you may contact me directly at 830-851-0605 or by e-mail at [Christian.guerra@devineisd.org](mailto:Christian.guerra@devineisd.org). Fifth graders will choose their courses for middle school on Thursday, April 20. We will have a fifth grade parent night in our cafeteria on Tuesday, April 11 at 6pm to discuss course selection and middle school rules and expectations. Hope to see our soon-to-be 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents there!

Our Theater Arts Class has been working hard on their Spring production of "Doc, Doc, Goose!". We look forward to seeing their play on Thursday, April 27 at 7pm in the DSAC. You are invited to attend and see our 8<sup>th</sup> graders' talents on the stage. We hope they all "break a leg!"

Additionally, we are preparing for summer school. More information about summer school will be coming home soon. However, any 8<sup>th</sup> grader who will need to take the third administration of the Math and/or Reading STAAR test(s) will be required to attend summer school. Summer School for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders may be required for those who have not met promotion requirements, either due to grades or attendance.

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we will mail out notices of award ceremonies and other end of year events, so please keep an eye out for those, and do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions.