

DMS COUNSELOR NEWS

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It is hard to believe that the end of the first semester is almost here! Each seems to fly by faster than the previous year. We have lots of activities going on as we wind down the semester and prepare to take a break from school to enjoy spending time with our friends and family for a couple of weeks during the holiday season.

We had a great Red Ribbon Week. Students were taught the dangers of using drugs, such as tobacco and alcohol as well as other illegal drugs. Our Halloween dance was also a success!

One-Act play competition is this Friday, December 2 in Lytle. Our OAP cast and crew have spent many hours preparing for their performance of “Louder, I Can’t Hear You”. We wish them well and “break a leg!” at their competition. Likewise, our academic UIL meet will be next Friday, December 10 in Lytle. Good luck to all of our students and coaches who have spent this semester preparing for this meet.

We also have semester exams quickly approaching as well as several fun activities for students to enjoy the last week of school, such as our Winter Dance, the band concert, our OAP performance, a Talent Show, and the UIL awards.

With all these activities occurring, we are still focusing on academics. Semester exams count for 20% of a student’s overall semester average, so doing well on them is very important. Students will be given reviews to help them study for exams. Students will have ninety minutes to complete their semester exams; they are comprehensive, so they will cover the entire semester of curriculum with emphasis on this six week’s material. Below is the exam schedule.

<u>DMS Semester Exam Schedule, December 2014</u>	
Monday, December 12	Period 1
Tuesday, December 13	Periods 2 and 3
Wednesday, December 14	Periods 4 and 5
Thursday, December 15	Periods 6 and 8
Friday, December 16	Make-Ups

Friday, December 16 is an early release for students; they will be released from school at 1pm. We wish them and you a happy holiday season. Students return to school January 3, and we hit the ground running with College-Go Get It! week and benchmarking testing.

As this semester winds down, please encourage your student to study and continue to complete homework assignments. Most of our teachers have set up Remind accounts, so please contact them if you have not already joined them on Remind. This is a great way to stay apprised of important due dates and activities occurring in your student's classes. If you are interested in receiving important updates on events occurring on our campus, you may want to join DMS on twitter @principalDMS, on facebook, or join our us on Remind by texting 81010@DMScommun.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you. If I may be of assistance, you may contact me at christian.guerra@devineisd.org or call me at 830-851-0605.