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SEPTEMBER 2008 CALENDAR, NEWS AND NOTES

Rensselaer Campus News



The Doane Stuart School - Perspective View of Proposed Street Elevation Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP

Above is the most recent rendering of the front entry of the Doane Stuart Rensselaer Campus, created by the School's architect, Larry Wilson. The architect envisions this space as the main entry, campus garden and student gathering place.

*Learn how YOU can be one of the first to preview our new campus in September.
See Major Donor Reception Information on Page 4*

Class of 2009 Adds a Splash to the Senior Lounge!



Members of the Class of 2009, **Dan Cullen, Greg Heaton, Aine Tracy and Anna Marinello**, spent an afternoon cleaning and painting the Senior Lounge a lovely shade of pink!

NEW AND ONLY AT
DOANE STUART!

**FREE SAT
PREP COURSE
FOR ALL JUNIORS**

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INFORMATION

New Capital Campaign Director
See Page 4 to learn more about Mr. Dana Dawson

SCHOOL NEWS...

[New Parent and Student Orientation](#)

New parents and students in Middle and Upper School, and new parents in Lower School, are cordially invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m.** for a special introduction to Doane Stuart. After gathering in the parlors for refreshments, we will meet together in Lower, Middle and Upper School groups to discuss some of the most important aspects of Doane Stuart life. We look forward to welcoming our new Doane Stuart families.

[Welcome Back!](#)

Classes begin on **Monday, September 8 at 8:15 sharp!** Convocation will be held at 10:00 in the Chapel, with the traditional ringing of the school bell to signal the start of the new year.

Middle and Upper School students will have Orientation in the morning and an abbreviated schedule of classes in the afternoon.

Students in grades 2 - 12 are reminded that the **first day of school is a regular school uniform day. Uniform shorts may be worn through the end of September.**

[Join the Administrative Team for Coffee and Conversation](#)

Parents are cordially invited to join the Admin. Team in the **Parlors at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25 for the first Parent Coffee of the new school year.** We will talk about the new school year, the new Rensselaer campus, volunteer opportunities for parents and any other topics of interest to you.

[End Each Week on a High Note!](#)

Lower School parents (and anyone who would like to end each week on a high note!) are invited to join the Lower School for its wonderfully informative and enjoyable morning meeting **every Friday at 8:25 am in the Lower School Library on B-level.** You will marvel at all that our Lower School students accomplish each week!

[Middle School "Big Days Out" at Skye Farm](#)

The **Middle School returns to Skye Farm** this year, with two big days out on Friday and **Saturday, September 12 and 13.** Mr. and Mrs. "H" and the Middle School faculty, with the help of the Class of 2009, have planned two days filled with a great variety of activities, delicious food and all of the wonderful traditions that we associate with the start of the school year in the Middle School.

Watch for additional information.

[Meal Plan](#)

Poppy's Italian Kitchen is again offering **meal plans.** The cost per student is as follows:

Full Year: \$610

Half Year: \$305

To sign up for a meal plan, please send a check, payable to Robin Hulett, for the amount of the plan, to the attention of the Business Office.

[Vacation Camps](#)

For the 2008-09 school year, **vacation camps, for students in Nursery through Grade 6,** will be offered on the following dates, under the direction of Mr. Urschel:

December 22, 23, 29 and 30

February 17, 18 and 19

April 14, 15 and 16

The fee for vacation camps is \$35.00/day.

Doane Stuart's vacation camps offer indoor and outdoor play and activities for students during each of the three major school vacations. Students are welcome to attend one or all of the camp days scheduled during each school break.

Registration information for each camp session will be sent home approximately two weeks prior to camp. If you have questions about vacation camps, please call Mr. Urschel, at extension 400, or Mrs. Segerstrom, at extension 240.

[Major Donor Reception](#)

Please note that the Major Donor Reception will be held on September 25, not on September 3, as originally scheduled. There is still time to be a Major Donor! See page 4 for further information

[Look Your Best September 23! \(Dress Uniform\)](#)

Picture day is **Tuesday, September 23.**

To order pictures, you must pre-pay; forms will be sent home during the first week of school. Please call Mrs. Segerstrom, extension 240, if you have questions.

[PSAT](#)

PSAT exams will take place **Wednesday, October 15.** The test will be given during the school day. All sophomores and juniors have been automatically registered to take this exam. Please see Ms. Bracken with any questions regarding the PSAT.

[Freshman Retreat on Lake George](#)

Ms. Filippone and the Class of 2012 will head to Camp Chingachgook on Lake George on **Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5,** to start the new year in traditional freshman style, with activities designed to welcome new classmates and to get everyone ready for life in the Upper School.

[The Tradition Continues: Upper School Corn Roast](#)

The tradition continues! **On Friday, September 12,** Upper School students will begin this annual celebration by cheering the boys soccer team in a home game. They will enjoy pizza, corn on the cob and other corn treats for dinner, after which they will welcome new members of the blue and green teams, gather around the bonfire, and play loup (group hide and seek), for a spirited start to the new school year.

Parents are reminded that students must be picked up at 8:00 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Dress Uniform Days](#)

Students in grades 2 - 12 must wear dress uniform to school on September 23 and October 3. Please consult your Student Handbook regarding dress uniform requirements.

Student Store Hours
 September 3 – 2:30-3:00 & 4:30-5:15
 September 4 – 4:30 – 5:30
 September 5 – 10:00 – 11:00

September 2008

Message from Dr. Enemark and Mrs. Brown:
Shorts may be worn throughout the month of September, except for Dress Uniform days.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 31	1 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	2 HEADMASTER HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	3 8:30 AM-10:00 AM All School Faculty Meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM US Faculty Meeting 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM New Parent & Student Orientation	4 9:00 AM-10:00 AM LS Faculty Meeting 11:00 AM-12:00 PM MS Faculty Meeting FRESHMAN RETREAT	5 1:00 PM New teachers meet with Faculty Mentors 4:00 - 6:00 PM Headmaster's Party for Faculty, Staff and their Guests FRESHMAN RETREAT	6
7	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Begins at 8:15 AM) 10:00 AM Convocation (All classes will meet on an abbreviated schedule – Regular Uniform)	9 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:15 PM College Meeting for Seniors 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	10 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg.	11 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	12 8:00 AM Finance Comm. 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting Upper School Corn Roast Middle School Big Days Out at Skye Farm	13
14	15 10:30 AM- 3:00 PM Admin. Team Mtg.	16 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	17 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:15 PM Student Gov't. 4:00 FULL BOARD MEETING	18 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	19 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel	20
21	22 10:30 AM-3:00 PM Admin. Team Mtg.	23 Picture Day (Dress Uniform) 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	24 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:15 PM Student Gov't.	25 8:00 A.M. Parent Coffee and Conversation 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 6:00 MAJOR DONOR RECEPTION	26 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel	27 10:00 AM Admission Reception Tell your friends!
28	29 10:30 AM-3:00 PM Admin. Team Mtg. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	30 ROSH HASHANAH NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4

Morning Meetings:
 Upper School – Monday and Friday at 10:00 AM
 Middle School – Monday and Thursday at 10:00 AM
 Lower School – Friday at 8:25 AM

Classes begin promptly at 8:15 AM

Doane Stuart inaugurates Free SAT Prep Course

Beginning this year, the entire Class of 2010 will be enrolled, at no cost to parents or students, in Sylvan's intensive 30-hour SAT preparation class. The course will take place entirely on campus, during the school day, and will not interfere with regular classes or after school events.

Year after year, our students achieve success on the SAT without being "taught to the test," scoring 200 points above the national average. At the same time, as college admission grows more competitive each year, we seek to provide **every possible advantage** to our students, and see this partnership as a way to do just that.

Please contact Kathleen Bracken, Director of College Counseling, at extension 210, or kbracken@doanestuart.org with any questions regards this program or about any aspect of our exceptional College Counseling.

Meet Mr. Dana Dawson

Doane Stuart's Capital Campaign Director

Our new Capital Campaign Director, Mr. Dana Dawson, is described by Carney Sandoe and Associates, the national search firm, as one of the "gurus in the field." He has served most recently as the Chief Development Officer and President of the Palomar Pomerado Health Foundation. He has had a career in fund raising and major donor solicitation that includes work in schools, as well as health care organizations.

Mr. Dawson holds the Certified Fund Raising Executive designation and is a member in good standing of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He has received the United Way's Outstanding Achievement in Community Service Award. He is the proud foster parent, over many years, of over 60 well-deserving children. Mr. Dawson will be joining the Doane Stuart Community on September 3.

"Mr. Dawson's background and expertise will transform the next phase of our Capital Campaign to make the Rensselaer Campus all that it can be."

~ Dr. Richard D. Enemark, Headmaster

Major Donor Reception

As a way of thanking our dedicated and faithful Major Donors (those who give \$1,000 or more annually), Doane Stuart will host a special recognition reception at our NEW campus.

Major Donors will participate in a sneak preview "hard hat" tour.

The Major Donor Reception will be held on September 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

It's not too late to become a Major Donor. Please call the Development Office at (518) 465-5222, ext. 222 or 248, to join in the fun.

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

The Doane Stuart Yard Sale is back!

October 25, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Time to clear out those summer items! Time to make room for new holiday presents! Time to redecorate the house!

The Doane Stuart Yard Sale will be held on October 25, and we need your help! You can support the Yard Sale by donating antiques, collectibles, estate items and slightly used, clean clothing, toys, and books.

Last year's Yard Sale was a great success and we count on your enthusiastic support again this year!

If you have questions regarding the Yard Sale, please call Robyn Matthias (ext. 248) in the Development Office.