

NEWS AND NOTES

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Parents are invited to join the Administrative Team for coffee and conversation on **Friday, January 22** from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. (please note time change). Bring your ideas and questions; we look forward to chatting about topics of interest to you, and we will discuss volunteer opportunities for the January Pot Luck Dinner and the Spring Gala, planning for which is just getting underway. We will gather in the Commons. If you are unable to join us, but would like to know more about volunteering for the Pot Luck or the Gala, please contact Darlene Condon (ext. 201; dcondon@doanestuart.org) or Lisa Brown (ext. 227; lbrown@doanestuart.org).

ALBANY SYMPHONY'S DAVID ALAN MILLER VISITS GRADES 2 - 5

Ms. Lamore's music students in grades 2 - 5 will have the special opportunity of learning about music from the Albany Symphony's David Alan Miller on **Tuesday, January 19**. Admired and honored as an orchestra conductor, Mr. Miller is well-known, too, as an inspiring and engaging teacher of young children, whose many concerts and programs for children encourage the appreciation and understanding of classical music.

UPPER SCHOOL HUMANITIES PROJECT FOR 2010 — TELLING STORIES

This year's Upper School Humanities Project (**January 19 - 22**) will focus on storytelling in all of its manifestations, beginning with prehistoric cave paintings, through the growth of the oral tradition, and through music, literature and film. Students will learn the art of storytelling from professionals, and will create and tell stories to one another and to others in the school community. A special feature of the project will be a feast in which everyone in the Upper School will bring a special dish that has a family story connected to it; we will look forward to enjoying our good food and good stories together!

COLLEGE SWEATSHIRT DAY!

This year's College Sweatshirt Day will be held on **Friday, January 29**. This will be an out-of-uniform day for any student who wears a college sweatshirt to School. January 30 is a significant day, because it is the date by which the seniors will have filed the last of their college applications. We would like to invite all members of the Doane Stuart community to celebrate with us on this special day. Lower, Middle and Upper School students will join the faculty, staff and administration in donning college sweatshirts on **January 29**. We hope that this day will foster conversation among the students and faculty about the colleges whose sweatshirts they wear. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in College Sweatshirt Day.

UPPER SCHOOL RINGS IN 2010 AT NEW YEAR'S BALL

Upper School students will enjoy the semi-formal dance that was postponed from December with a festive New Year's Ball at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 8**.

WINTER POT LUCK DINNER AND COOKBOOK CELEBRATION

On **Friday, January 29**, we will celebrate the publication of Doane Stuart's new cookbook with a pot luck dinner. Cook a dish from the cookbook or bring a family favorite (home-made or your favorite take-out), bring the children and enjoy a warm and cozy evening with the School community. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, or entertainment for the children, please contact Ginna Roeding at (518) 862-9274 or Lisa Brown (extension 227; lbrown@doanestuart.org).

8TH GRADE PARENTS LEARN ABOUT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Eighth grade parents are invited to learn about Doane Stuart's Upper School on **Thursday, January 14** at 6:00 p.m. Upper School faculty and students will be on hand to share their enthusiasm about the many academic, extracurricular and leadership opportunities that await students in the Upper School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL "JUST KIDDING" PROGRAM

The Middle School's annual Just Kidding Program will take place on **Friday, January 15**, in conjunction with the celebration of Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday. Through games, role-playing and discussion of behavior reflected in television and movies, the program emphasizes safe and respectful behavior, in person and on line.

CHAPEL IN HONOR OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

This year, we are pleased to welcome Reverend John Simon (father of Lauren, grade 2, and David, grade 7) as the special guest speaker at our annual chapel in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on **Friday, January 15** at 9:10 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us for this ceremony.

DRESS UNIFORM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 - 12

Friday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapel
Tuesday, January 26 - Saint Agnes Day Chapel.
Please check your Handbook for dress uniform requirements.

ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY,

JANUARY 23, 2010

10:00 A.M.

TELL A FRIEND!



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Now seeking Auction Donations
 Would you like to donate to the Spring Gala and Auction – art, jewelry, antiques, collectibles? Call the Development Office at 465-5222, ext. 248, to make arrangements.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	1 New Year NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	2
3	4 Classes Resume 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	5 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	6 9:10 AM LS Chapel 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:15 PM Student Gov't.	7 9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	8 8:25 AM LS Morning Mtg. 10:00 AM MS Chapel 7:00 PM New Years Ball	9
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17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	19 US 2 nd Quarter grades due MS Mid-Trimester 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	20 9:10 AM LS Chapel 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:15 PM Student Gov't. 4:00 PM FULL BOARD MEETING	21 9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Meeting	22 8:25 AM LS Morning Mtg. 8:45 AM Parent Coffee & Conversation 10:00 AM MS Chapel	23 SAT I & II 10:00 AM OPEN HOUSE
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COLLEGE NEWS

JANUARY 2010



COLLEGE MEETINGS FOR JUNIORS

Can you believe that Senior year will soon be here? Ms. Bracken looks forward to meeting with all of the juniors and their parents beginning in January. Students should meet with Ms. Bracken at least twice before the beginning of the senior year. These meetings will help juniors to prepare for the college application process. By the spring, each Junior will receive a long list of 25 to 30 possible colleges that may meet the student's interests and abilities.

Meeting #1: Student-Counselor

When: Before March

Purpose: Come prepared to discuss all that Ms. Bracken should know, as college counselor, about your interests, achievements and challenges over the past couple of years, and your thoughts and plans about the future.

Meeting #2: Student-Parent(s)-Counselor

When: After Meeting #1, and sometime before April 1

Purpose: Meeting #1 will be discussed, as well as thoughts and ideas of the parent(s) about the long list of colleges. Ms. Bracken will craft your personalized long list of colleges after Meeting #2.

Meetings may be scheduled during the school day (when your son or daughter has a free period), before school as early as 7:30 a.m. or after school, as late as 6:00 p.m. Please coordinate with your child to schedule the second meeting. Ms. Bracken can be reached at (518) 465-5222 x210, or by e-mail at kbracken@doanestuart.org.

EARLY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Students from the Class of 2010 have already been accepted to:

- Union College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Russell Sage College
- Parsons School of Design
- Lesley College
- Kenyon College

PSAT RESULTS

By now, all sophomores, juniors and parents should have received the results of the October PSAT. Students' test booklets are available in Ms. Bracken's office, should you wish to review your answers. It is recommended that all students pick up their test booklets, and see Ms. Bracken if they have any questions about the PSAT, and what the results mean.

EIGHTH GRADE INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE COUNSELING

Members of the class of 2014 met with Ms. Bracken on Friday, December 11 as part of their introduction to the Upper School. Students played customized games with Ms. Bracken – college counseling versions of Jeopardy and Who Wants to Be a Millionaire! Ms. Bracken was so impressed with next year's ninth graders, who already seemed to have a great knowledge base, and looks forward to working with them more next year.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 4 - All applications with 1/16 through 2/15 deadline due to Ms. Bracken for proofing.

All applicants should release test scores through the College Board or the ACT, if they have not already done so.

January 29 - All remaining applications due to Ms. Bracken. College Sweatshirt Day! **Wear a College Sweatshirt and come out uniform.**

February 1 - Complete and submit financial aid paperwork.

CONTACT KATHLEEN BRACKEN, DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING
AT (518) 465-5222 EXT. 210 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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