



Del Mar High School

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A California Model Continuation High School



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Principal's Message

February is here. Already there are only four months of school left and there are so many things yet to accomplish. The remainder of the year will be a whirlwind and the time will go by very quickly. If you are the parent of a senior student, please be very mindful of their attendance and grades. This is the time of year that seniors need you the most as the dreaded "Senioritis" sets in. All of our seniors just want to be done, and move on with life, but there is a big job to finish (graduation) before they leave us. Seniors can get very lax on their work at this time of the year so please keep them closely monitored, as will we.

There are many upcoming events at Del Mar. The one we are preparing for the most is our accreditation visit from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) March 20-22. The WASC committee will be with us for 3 days and will observe and review our program. At the conclusion of their visit, they will leave us with a recommended term of accreditation which we hope is a 6 year term, the best that we can get. We are now at the end of our previous 6 year term and we hope as our school has grown and improved, that the committee recognizes the hard work of our staff students and families. We will need parents to visit with the committee over lunch and give their views of Del Mar. if you are interested, please call me at school so I can include you in the parent committee. The meeting will be Monday the 20 or Tuesday the 22nd at approximately 12:00 noon.

As always if you have questions or concerns regarding your student or our school, please call.

Mr. Sellers

COUNSELORS CORNER

Happy New Year! We are quite busy here at Del Mar.

Many seniors have attended Cash for College to complete FAFSA if not, the last one is at *Pasadena City College Saturday February 4, 9-2*

Step 1: Attend Cash For College (GHS, PCC, ELAC) if you missed those, you can complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) on your own computer at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call to make an appointment with me to complete this at DMHS.

Step 2: We will continue to finish community college applications

3: Attend fieldtrip to the college campus to take placement tests and tour. We will do this for Pasadena City College, East Los Angeles College (date not set yet) and Rio Hondo is scheduled for *February 15* for all seniors. Mr. Lemus assisted all seniors in completing their Rio Hondo applications with the Rio Hondo counselor.

Step 4: Graduate!

The students enjoyed an amazing fieldtrip to Moorpark College to visit their Exotic Animal Training and Management Program, students were able to see the campus and get up and close and personal to lions, llamas, primates and many other animals. They are having a spring spectacular event open to the public on March 25th. A special thanks to SEF for funding this fieldtrip. I have begun the Peer Helping program again this year and we are excited to continue outreach to Jefferson middle school students again this year. The class will be taking a small fieldtrip to Eaton Canyon nature center in February. Mr. Lemus continues to work with students utilizing the NAVIANCE College and career planning tool and completing college applications. Please contact us if you have further questions;

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Important Dates

Wed. Feb. 18 Dental Hygiene Presentation
Fri. Feb. 10 Softball vs Sierra HS.
Mon. Feb. 13 Lincoln Holiday NO
School
Wed. Feb. 15 -Senior Fieldtrip to ELAC
-School Site Council Everyone welcomed
2:30
Mon. Feb 20. Presidents Day holiday NO
School
**Wed. Feb. 22 – CAASPP Parent Night
at GHS 7:00**
Thur. Feb. 23 Senior Cap and Gown
Picture Day

Announcements

Senior Cap and Gown Pictures

On Thursday Feb. 23rd ALL seniors and graduating juniors will take a cap and gown picture here at Del Mar. Lifetouch studios will be taking the pictures and will be developing a picture packet for each senior. These portraits will be given at Graduation for free to all graduating seniors. It is our gift the senior grad families. There are no make-ups for the pictures. It is important that your senior comes to school on the 23rd. The pictures will taken from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Men should bring a shirt and tie for the picture. Women should wear an appropriate outfit and necklace as the gown has a V-cut. If you have any questions please call the school.

WASC Update

On March 20 – 22, Del Mar will be visited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for an evaluation and certification of our school program. We are currently writing the Self-Study which is a document describing our school program. We would love to have parent input in writing this document and if you are interested, please call Mr. Sellers at school and you will be welcomed to be a part of the process. The

WASC team will also want to meet with a parent group to get your opinion of the school. If you are interested, please call Mr. Sellers as well.

CAASPP Parent Night

On Wednesday February 22, at 7:00 p.m., Gabrielino will host a parent information night on the “California Academic Assessment of Student Performance and Progress” (CAASPP). This meeting will inform parents on the process for testing, the results and how to understand them. All 11th grade students at Del Mar will be taking the CAASPP in English and math, and all 10th grade students will be taking the test in science. If you have any questions please call Del Mar.

Students of the Week.

Each week the teachers at Del Mar pick one or two students who are in attendance every day, are completing all assigned work and who’s behaviors are exemplary. These students are acknowledged each Thursday in front of the entire school and each teacher, counselor and the principal explain why this particular student was chosen. Students of the Week receive a certificate, a gift card to Carl’s Jr and a t-shirt. Students are also recognized on the school marquee and their picture is displayed on the school web-site.
Nov. 14 – 18 **Gabriela Bahrona-Gomez**
Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 **Garett Hall**
Dec. 5 -9 **Michelle Vega**
Jan 13 -19 **Yurixca Bahrona-Gomez**
Jan. 30 – Feb. 3 **Delfina Velez**

Quote of the Month

*“Raising teenagers
Is like trying to nail
Jello to a tree .”*
Author Unknown