



Dr. Fauth's DAHS Newsletter

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- Highlights from the MCJROTC Competition in Utica, NY
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2012 Graduation

The exact date of the June 2012 graduation ceremony will be announced in early April. This information will be communicated to students and to the community via high school announcements, the DAHS website, and Global Connect.

DAHS Supports New PennDOT Teen Driver Laws

New rules for teen drivers took effect on Dec. 27, 2011. According to PennDOT's website, "the changes to the law were initiated to help junior drivers receive more comprehensive training, ease young driver distractions through limiting the number of passengers they may carry and improve general highway safety through improvements to passenger restraint laws." **The following explanation is from the PennDOT website:**

As of Dec. 27, 2011, for the first six months after receiving their junior driver's license, a driver is not permitted to have more than one passenger under age 18 who is not an immediate family member (brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister of the junior driver and adopted or foster children living in the same household as the junior driver) in their vehicle unless they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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Learner's permit holders who have taken their on the road driving skills test before the law's effective date of Dec. 27, 2011 only need to complete the present requirement of 50 hours of supervised training. However, learner's permit holders who have not passed the on the road driving skills test before Dec. 27, 2011 will have to meet the new requirement of 65 total hours of supervised skill building training – including the ten nighttime hours and five poor weather hours of driving – before they are authorized to take the driving skills portion of their driver's test to receive their junior license.

~<http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/teenDriversCenter/newTeenDriversLaw.shtml>

Dallastown's "Buckle Up" campaign -The new law also requires **drivers and occupants** under 18 to wear a seat belt. As of December 27, 2011, the violation for drivers under age 18 not wearing a seat belt became a primary offense. That means that a teen under 18 can be pulled over and given a fine for not wearing a seat belt. The fine plus court costs total \$161. On February 14th, a total of 353 fliers were placed on student cars, and students received reminders via morning and afternoon announcements. After school, five officers were posted in the student parking lot, checking students. There were only 5 warnings given; all the other students had their seat belts on. Officer Barley and Dr. Fauth were quite pleased with the results—nice job, students!

Poetry Out Loud Contest Winners



On January 26, 2012, the Dallastown Performing Arts Club hosted the third annual Dallastown Poetry Out Loud competition in the theater room. All the participants did an excellent job reciting a variety of challenging poems from memory. Contestants included Jennifer Boyle, Jeanne Boyle, Megan Anderson, Daniel Friedland, Hannah Eckstrom, and Jacob Arbittier. Please join us in congratulating the contest winners (*photo at left*): **Megan Anderson – third place, Daniel Friedland – second place, and Hannah Eckstrom – first place.** Hannah will progress to the regional Poetry Out Loud competition February 15 at 7:00 PM at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg. All are welcome and encouraged to travel to Gettysburg with us to cheer Hannah on as she competes against other school champions from York, Adams, and Cumberland counties.

MCJROTC Competition in Utica, NY

On 28 January, 2012, Dallastown Area High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) participated in the Proctor Competition in Utica, New York. Nine schools in total competed at the competition to win the title of overall champion. The schools included Carthage, Passaic, Mexico, Notre Dame, Proctor, Amsterdam, and Dallastown Area High School. These schools participated in eleven different events: unarmed personnel inspection, physical fitness, academics, unarmed (URD) and armed regulation drill (ARD), unarmed (UED) and armed exhibition drill (AED), color guard, unarmed and armed duel, and new cadets squad. Dallastown competed in every event except for unarmed duel.

The Proctor Competition was a major competition for Dallastown's MCJROTC. Each team within the program had been training vigorously in preparation for the event.

The **physical fitness team** trained after school every Monday and Wednesday to improve their agility, strength, endurance, and coordination. Their effort and hard work were clearly recognized when they were awarded the first place trophy.



Color Guard is a team that consists of the four best drillers in the entire battalion. On every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, they repeatedly practice the mandatory color guard routine during their JROTC class period. It became clear that they trained exceeding well when they were awarded the second place trophy.



Exhibition drill is more complex than standard regulation drill because members have to memorize and perform the routine without the use of spoken commands. Even though their placement is unknown, the performance at Proctor High School was a personal victory for each member of the DAHS team.



Academics team members researched key points of the Declaration of Independence, past presidents, the American flag, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. Along with studying their research, team members also studied "academics knowledge" packets. Their determination to excel in the competition was displayed

when they won the first place trophy.

There is also an **unarmed exhibition drill team**, which is very different from the unarmed regulation drill. Unarmed exhibition drill incorporates standard drilling with numerous hand movements and intricate stepping and beats. The unarmed regulation team was awarded the second place trophy at the competition. The unarmed regulation drill team consists of the best unarmed drillers in the battalion. On every Tuesday and Thursday, they practice for two hours after school.



Armed exhibition drill consists of the same aspects as unarmed exhibition drill, except for the fact that it utilizes rifles and usually lacks beats. The armed exhibition drill team was awarded the third place trophy.

Every team exemplified commendable effort while performing in their events. Each member of the Dallastown MCJROTC who participated in the Proctor Competition of 2012 worked very hard in preparation for the events. Although some teams may not have placed, every member on each team displayed determination and passion throughout the entire competition.

To view the videos of the competition, please visit Dallastown Area High School's Official MCJROTC YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/dallastownmcjrotc. Pictures of the competition have also been posted on the official MCJROTC website. To view the pictures, please visit www.dallastownmcjrotc.com, click "PHOTOS," then click "Proctor Meet 2012."

52nd Annual DAHS Science and Engineering Fair Results

The 52nd Annual DAHS Science and Engineering Fair took place January 27 - 29, 2012. Results are as follows:

Senior High Division

Grand Champion: Michael Kovalchick - "Deuterium Fusion Using Inertial Electrostatic Confinement"

Reserve Grand Champion: Lauren Hodge - "Pumpkin Rind Purifier"

Junior High Division

Grand Champion: Max Lohss - "Moment of Inertia and Baseball Bats"

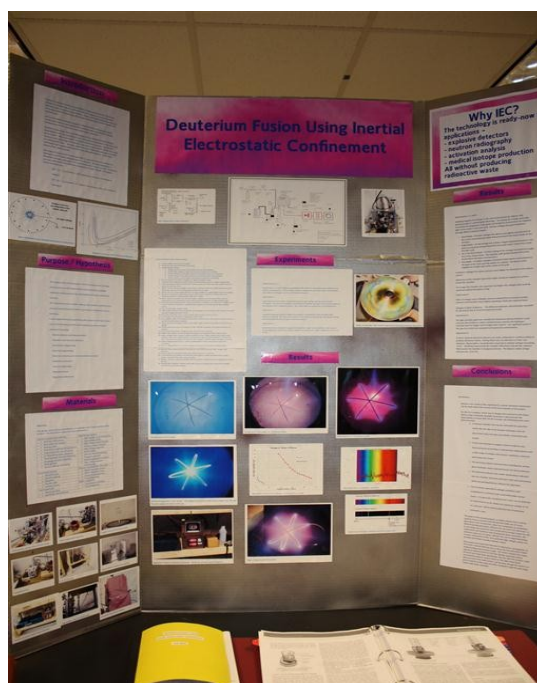
Reserve Grand Champion: Keely Cunningham - "The Effect of Environment on Maze Performance in Mice"

[Click here](#) for a complete listing of this year's Science and Engineering Fair results.



Photo above, from left to right: Max Lohss, Keely Cunningham, Lauren Hodge, and Michael Kovalchick

Photo at right: Michael Kovalchick's winning entry, "Deuterium Fusion Using Inertial Electrostatic Confinement"



An important reminder for parents and students:

When a student knows that a parent is bringing a needed item to the Main Office during the school day, it is the student's responsibility to come to the office between classes to pick up the item. Students should NOT wait to be called out of class to the office. When the office calls into a classroom, it interrupts the teacher's instruction and disrupts the entire class – everyone's education is compromised. We thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Upcoming Events:

- February 16th — ALL SCHOOLS IN SESSION (make-up day for 9/8 cancellation due to flooding)
- February 17th and 20th — No School for Students
- February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. — School Board Meeting (HS Theater Room)
- February 29th at 3:15 p.m. — Physics Olympics (HS Lobby, Auditorium, and Science Wing)
- February 29th at 7:00 p.m. — DASD School Board Town Meeting at Intermediate School