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Cairo-Durham High School **February 2021 - Newsletter**

Important Dates:

2/1-2/4 Senior Portraits

2/4 - Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm

2/6 - ACTs

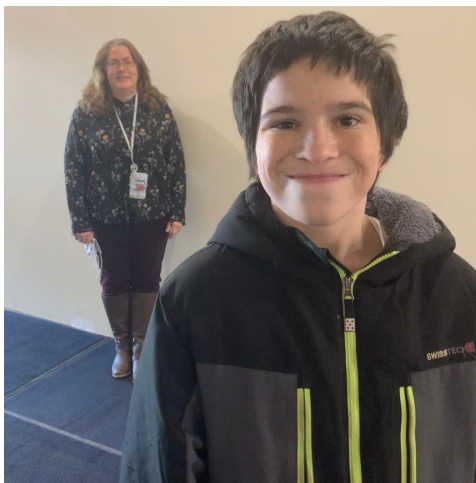
2/15 - 2/19 - Winter Break - School Closed

2/25 - Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm

Right: Beautiful, yet a little dangerous.
Be careful out there on our wintery
roads!



Student of the Month (December) **Dylan pictured with Mrs. Cindy Carlson**



Congratulations to Dylan Bermel, chosen as the Cairo-Durham High School Student of the Month for December 2020! Dylan is a Freshman and though he is new to the building he has already made quite an impression on his classmates and teachers. Below are some insightful quotes from several of his teachers:

“Dylan always comes to class ready to learn. My favorite thing that Dylan does is send me a "GoGuardian" chat at the beginning of every class to say hello and ask how my day is going.” - **Mrs. Goodwin**

“Dylan is very friendly and always says hello to the students as they log on to the Google Meet. He works very hard to complete assignments and usually ends up with free time at the end of class, because he has completed the tasks early.” - **Ms. Edwards**

“Dylan has worked very hard to get to this point. He has grown both personally and academically throughout the course of the year. And I could not complete my comments without mention of his sly (but always school appropriate) sense of humor that never fails to bring a

chuckle to all of us teachers in the classroom.” - **Ms. Dougherty**

“Dylan is incredibly kind. He’s come so far since the beginning of the year and totally earned the recognition for all his hard work and effort.:)” - **Mrs. O’Flynn**

“Dylan is always attentive and has contributions to make to each class. He also keeps me up to date on what he’s learning about outside the classroom. After a weekend or break, Dylan often shows me photos of something he found or built outside. It’s great to have a student who is so committed to exploring the world in class!” - **Mr. Munro**

Message from Mr. Jeremy Moore, Principal

With the passing of January, and the onset of more traditional winter weather, we enter the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year on February 1st. Students changing semester classes should check their schedule on Schoology or contact their counselor if they have any questions.

School Learning Preferences - Due to the timing of December's full-REMOTE learning and the new hybrid rollout on January 4th, CDHS did not send out another learning preference survey. Instead we have been able to offer flexibility when accommodating families' preferences for either remote or in-person learning. In general the numbers have stabilized since December and they are:

- 164 students - Fully Remote
- 213 students - Hybrid (Groups A, B, C)

We are pleased to have had four uninterrupted weeks of in-person learning, and students are reporting they have benefited greatly from the new format (2 weeks in-person, 1-week remote). "More physical time with their teachers", a "more regular schedule", and "seeing friends from other groups" are a few ways students have expressed their pleasure with being back in this model. If/when you and your student determine that they would also like to return to school via our Hybrid option please contact your student's counselor or myself.

Attendance and Participation - As you might expect there is a direct correlation between student course attendance and performance. Many of our students, both remote and hybrid, are struggling this year just from the current state of affairs. When those students also do not sign into classes on a daily basis they perform poorly as expected. It is absolutely vital that we all work together (parents, guardians, family, friends, teachers, administrators) to closely monitor our students attendance and participation. If your child is struggling to connect and establish healthy habits please reach out to your child's teacher or any of our student support professionals. Many teachers offer one on one ZOOM meetings throughout the day and after school. We are here to help and it is never too late.

These prolonged and difficult times remain a challenge for our community, but if we remain positive and work together we will undoubtedly be able to make the most of it. I am encouraged by the dedication and compassion this community displays on a daily basis, and am grateful to be able to serve along with you.

Yours, Jeremy Moore

Guidance Department -

8th Grade Parent Night - Virtual presentation on Wednesday February 3rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Here is the ZOOM link: <https://questar-org.zoom.us/j/98900900725?pwd=Z0RiK3duMlplZnpTSXg2SVpwa0tGdz09>

Curriculum Fair - Students will learn about all the courses they could potentially enroll for next year on Feb 4th and 5th (next Thursday and Friday). Teachers will discuss courses in their department and students will have the opportunity to listen and ask questions during regularly scheduled classes.

Course Enrollment Forms - During the week of February 8th the High School counselors will be in English classes for grades 8th-11th grades presenting on the course request process for the 2021-2022 school year. REMOTE students will join online and will have access to the course signup forms through their English Google Classrooms. Any questions or concerns please contact the guidance office.

Last name A-M: Jamie Heilmann - jheilmann@cairodurham.org

Last name M-Z: Justin Karker - jkarker@cairodurham.org

Athletics

The Greene County Department of Health released guidelines last week postponing High Risk Winter Sports that were originally set to start on February 1st. The GCDOH letter outlines the requirements for all Greene County schools and what must happen for our school to start playing basketball, boys volleyball, cheerleading, and wrestling.

The Fall II season (football and girls volleyball) is set to begin on March 7th and sign ups on Family ID will begin on February 7th. Remember if you are not signed up on Family ID, and approved, you will not be allowed to tryout. Unless there is a change in protocols, football and girls volleyball are also under the GCDOH guidelines and the starting dates can be changed at their discretion.

Spring Sports (baseball, softball, boys tennis, and track and field) are set to begin on May 2nd and sign ups on Family ID will begin on April 2nd.

Please continue to check your emails for updates on all athletic matters. If you have any question you can reach me at: ghagan@cairodurham.org or 518-622-8543 and also please follow the Athletic Department on Twitter at: @AthleticsCD

SADD Club

Members of SADD are collecting returnable bottles and cans to help raise money for the backpack program. Anyone interested in donating your deposits, please contact Mrs. Maassmann at hmaassmann@cairodurham.org
Shown in pic is Ally MacGiffert and Olivia MacGiffert.



YEARBOOK ORDERING INFORMATION:

The cost is \$41.67 (plus tax and shipping). **Yearbooks must be pre-purchased before April 27, 2021.** At this time, all yearbooks will be shipped home due to COVID-19.

- If you would like to pay in cash, bring your payment to Room E6 by Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Email jlittle@cairodurham.org with any questions.

- You must purchase your yearbook and complete your free personal pages by **April 27, 2021**. (Note: your two free custom pages are optional. If you don't customize, you'll receive a standard yearbook.)
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
Students who sell \$150 worth of yearbook ads will receive a FREE yearbook. Download the ad forms from our school website. Ads are due by February 23, 2021 and should be submitted to the CDHS Main Office.

- **SENIORS:** It is not too late to submit Senior Yearbook Information-***BABY PICTURES, PARENT MESSAGES & QUOTES***

This year we are using a Google Form to collect yearbook submissions (i.e., all information, baby photo, parent message). The form was sent to you via the Senior 2021 Google Classroom.

- **SENIOR PORTRAITS**

LifeTouch will be taking senior portraits in school during the week of

February 1-5. Please Check your email and Senior 2021 Google Classroom for appointment schedule.

Students can call Prestige Portraits/LifeTouch at 518-767-5524 to schedule an alternate date/time for a sitting at their studio (11 Jericho Road, Glenmont, NY 12077).

***Only photos taken by Prestige Portraits/ LifeTouch will be used in the yearbook.

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