



Tiger Territory

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2Jazzy Christmas, 4 p.m.

4.....Gr. 7-8 choir concert, 7 p.m.

10.....HS PIE, 6 p.m.

17...Gr. 7-8 band concert, 7 p.m.

24-31.....Winter break

January

1.....Winter break

7.....Registration for 7th grade
info meeting at 5 p.m., for 9th
grade at 6:15 p.m., college
credit in high school, 7:30 p.m.

10.....College credit in high
school, 5 p.m.; registration for
7th grade info meeting at 6:15
p.m., for 9th grade at 7:30 p.m.

14.....HS PIE, 6 p.m.

21.....Martin Luther King
Jr. Day, no school



PAC drama debut

Take all of Shakespeare's plays, mash them together, and you get the DHS fall play. 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]' involved more than 50 students and was the first theatrical production in the new PAC. See Page 4 for more.

Construction end nearing

By Dr. Steven Heil
Principal

As we close out 2018, I want to thank the staff, students, parents and community members for a memorable year and their patience as we journeyed through the construction.

December will mark the end of the major parts of the project. January will see the finishing and fine tuning of the project, which is anticipated to take a few months. Overall, we will start using the spaces more and more as we intended them to be used. The transition period will last through this year and into next year.



Dr. Steven Heil

As the winter begins, I would like to take a moment

to remind everyone to drive a little slower and watch out for students in and around our parking lots and on Tiger Drive. This is very important up on the hill by DIS and DES. There are a few students that cross Tiger Drive by the ice rink, as well as next to County Road 30. Please be aware of the surroundings and take extra time to drive on campus.

In addition, when walking through parking lots, please use the pathways or sidewalks. We have a lot of people cutting through parking lots and lines

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Faculty Follies

Delano High School staff christened the new Performing Arts Center with a rousing rendition of Faculty Follies on Thursday, Nov. 8. Games, songs, skits, music and more highlighted the evening.



'Today we put veterans first'

By Paul Downer
Communications Coordinator

Students, staff and community members broke from their usual routines on Monday, Nov. 12, to observe Veterans Day with the annual program at Delano High School.

"No matter what branch you served in, whether you were peace time or war time, whatever your job path or how many years you served, raising your hand and committing yourself to service in the military was a brave and selfless act," said Jeremy Christenson, First Vice Commander of the Delano Legion.

The program included an address by Sgt. First Class Patrick Holland, a U.S. Army Reserve recruiter, who told the story of how one man gave his life to extinguish a blaze and prevent the explosion of an ammunition magazine aboard the U.S.S. Fletcher during World War II. In doing so, that sailor likely saved the life of Holland's grandfather.

"So when I think of Veterans Day, I don't only think of the freedoms that have been bestowed upon this country, but also the very lives [that] my mom, my children and I nearly never got to live," Holland said.

Holland said service to country can take many different forms, and doesn't require one to wear a uniform, though military service can be a great source of pride.



Members of the Delano Legion honor guard present the colors on Monday, Nov. 12.



Students look on during the National Anthem.

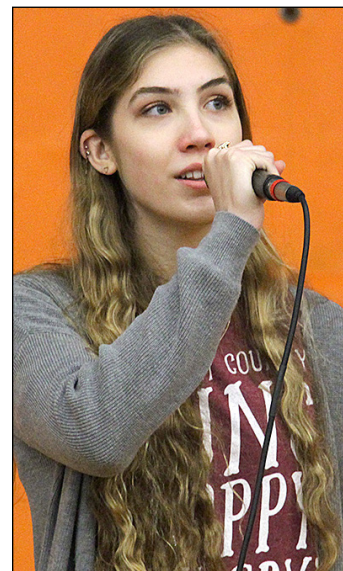
"Here is what I believe everyone's responsibility is, whether or not you decide to wear the uniform," Holland said. "Be the very best that you can be. This country did not get to where it is today by just the men and women in uni-

form. It also took sacrifices and hard work from the civilians of this country to support those in uniform."

Other highlights of the event included the singing of the national anthem by Autumn Langdon, a performance by the DHS Wind Ensemble, and recognition of Boys and Girls State participants, the American Legion baseball team, and essay contest winners.

Essay contest entrants wrote on the theme, "On Veterans Day, What Does Sacrifice Mean to Me?" Winners were Chloe Holman, Michelle Tormanen and Hannah Nellis, with Holman named the overall winner.

"Because of their selflessness, I have the right to express my beliefs freely, can practice my religion, and can live my



Autumn Langdon sang the national anthem.

lifestyle without the threat of persecution," Holman wrote. "I am granted the privilege of being an individual. It is important to acknowledge and express our gratitude towards those who have provided us with these individual rights and freedoms."

After recognition of veterans from each branch of service, Christenson closed the program.

"Remember, veterans always put us and America first," he said. "Today we put veterans first."



Boys and Girls State participants included Andrew Betzler, Trent Peterson, Anna Blonigen, Megan Bruzek and Alexis Oldenburg.



A new era

Fall play director Joe Lawrence said switching from the old auditorium to the new Performing Arts Center was like trading in a 1978 Ford Pinto for a new jetliner. Vast improvements in lighting options and more made for a fun first theatrical experience during 'The Complete Works Shakespeare,' as these scenes show.



Routines, planning needed in winter

By Steve Schaubberger
Assistant Principal

Greetings, from Delano High School!

The weather is starting to turn cold and wet. We look forward to helping keep our students healthy, warm and safe. Please remember to help your student dress for the weather.

Please help our students establish those good habits and routines (nutrition, sleep, life balance) each evening and morning before school. Also, please plan ahead for inclement weather by leaving earlier in the morning to accommodate traffic.

Regarding school atten-



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dance during the cold and flu season, it is very important to work as a team. Please report absences to the school as soon

as possible and call our school nurse, Tina Prior, if you have any questions or doubts about sending your student to school if they are not feeling 100 percent.

No doubt, we do not recommend that students with a high fever or with severe flu (or that have vomited) attend school. However, a proactive goal should be to prevent two-day absences from becoming four-plus day absences if at all possible.

Also, please try to schedule family vacations and events around the school calendar so as to maximize student learning and contact time.

Wellness committees

Our building and district student wellness committees meet again this month. Our goal is to help support students in the areas of nutrition promotion, physical activity and social/emotional health.

Our first goal for 2018-19 is for the majority of our staff to attend one fine arts activity event and one sporting event and establish a dialogue about student interests and involvement in activities overall.

The committee's second goal will be to develop a positive reward system that encourages individual students and teams

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Sports Updates



State swimmers

Delano's swimmers who placed fifth overall at state enjoyed a celebratory cake on Monday, Nov. 19. In the front row, from left, are Claire Palmer, Maggie Jacobs, Emma Kern and Abby Seguin. In the back, from left, are Shelby Benker, Kylie Strobl, Morgan Frank, Emily Bobick, Laila Rosenow and Megan Benker. Individually, Kern took second in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 50 freestyle, Frank took third in the 500 freestyle and fifth in the 200 freestyle, Strobl took eighth in the 200 freestyle and 10th in 100 freestyle, and Rosenow took 15th in the 100 butterfly. In the relays, Strobl, Kern, Frank and Bobick took third in the 200 free relay, and Strobl, Kern, Frank and Rosenow took third in the 400 free relay.

Tigers fall to SMB at state

The DHS football team had a memorable season, notching career win No. 300 for head coach Merrill Pavlovich and advancing to the state quarter-finals.

There, the Tigers met eventual Class 4A champions SMB and battled through temperatures in the teens in a 14-7 loss at St. Cloud State University.

"We set a goal of reaching the state tournament and were disappointed with the loss, but the state tournament game will be a conversation piece and provide memories for the team," Pavlovich told the Delano Herald Journal.

Delano ended the season with a record of 7-4, while SMB, a cooperative of Hope Academy, Blake School, Minnehaha Academy and St. Paul Academy and Summit School, was undefeated in 2018.

Arts Updates

Three singers to state honor choir

By Paul Downer
Communications Coordinator

After distinguishing themselves in recorded auditions, three Delano High School singers performed with statewide American Choral Directors Association honor choirs on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Seventh-graders Kiersten Koets and Sean Wissbroecker, along with eighth-grader Bella Molitor, represented Delano at the event, which included a daylong rehearsal session at Mahtomedi High School followed by a performance at the adjacent St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

"They are the ones that constantly do their job in the classroom, without hesitation. They constantly give their best effort, so they were the best representation for the choir program at Delano," said choir director Eric Conway.

About 150 students from every corner of the state were



From left, Kiersten Koets, Sean Wissbroecker and Bella Molitor were chosen for the ACDA honor choirs.

included in the SSA (soprano, alto) choir and the TTB (tenor, bass), choirs for seventh and eighth grade. A total of nine students from Delano auditioned to participate.

"For these guys it's like making it to state in choir singing, so it's a really big deal," said Conway.

The three enjoyed their experience alongside high-cal-

iber peers who took singing as seriously as they do.

"The best part was making new friends," said Molitor. "Since it was such a hard choir to get in to, it was cool being with a bunch of other people who really care about choir."

"It just sounded so cool when you're singing with people like that," added Koets.

Wissbroecker enjoyed working under guest conductor Daniel Gutierrez.

"I liked singing the songs we had, and the conductor was really funny," he said.

Students arrived at 8 a.m. and rehearsed until a 5:30 p.m. performance, which made for a long but enjoyable day that Koets said helped them improve their vocal skills. Molitor said it was a fun reward for an activity she enjoys even during regular school days.

"I feel like no matter how crazy your life is, you can just sing and forget about everything else," she said.

See 'Once Upon a Broomstick' Dec. 7

Junior high one act includes magic and mischief

By Paul Downer
Communications Coordinator

Following closely in the wake of the high school's fall production is the junior high one act "Once Upon a Broomstick" by Sylvia Ashby.

About 16 students in grades five through eight will perform one public show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, in the Performing Arts Center before traveling to Holdingford High School for a one act showcase the following day.

The show tells the story of Malvolia, a black magic-practicing witch, who falls in love with her young apprentice,

Tobias. For his part, Tobias is smitten by Malvolia's maid, Belinda. Malvolia plots revenge by casting a spell against Tobias and Melinda on Halloween. A professor who once practiced white magic could help, if only he could remember his spells.

Complicating factors include Vinegar Tom mixing up the potions, the professor's aloof nature and a variety of apparitions, leaving this Halloween open to any number of outcomes.

"I chose this script because it is challenging and my kiddos can handle something like this," said second-year one act director Brooklyn Riggs.

"The language, the varying characters and the Halloween theme make it both fun and engaging."

A call for auditions requested students with skills in juggling, gymnastics, dance and more to bring to life scenes one might find in a witch's workshop.

"This show is all about magic ... and there are many characters who make spectacular entrances with creative physicality," said Riggs.

Several newcomers join more established theatrical peers in the production, and Riggs said both new and experienced participants can benefit

from that mix of talent.

"I have a few new actors this round and I am hoping that they see what the world can offer them, that their thoughts and choices matter, and that their confidence grows as they take on new roles," said Riggs, adding that cast changes "can create new dynamics and lead to a cohesive and supportive theatrical team."

One act plays typically are less than 30 minutes in length, and there is no competition at the junior high level.

Tickets for the Friday, Dec. 7, performance will be available at the door.



Students of the Month

Delano High School recently named its October Students of the Month in various disciplines. Those honored included: Abby Ohlenkamp (SWAS), Ellie Tulkki (language arts), Elica Ludwig (College in the Schools), Brock Zitzloff (math), Cheyanne Kozell (choir), Maddy Meland (band), Aili Barta (business), Jacki Hanson (FACS), Melissa Sorenson (science), Jacob Taylor (industrial tech), Jackson Erwin (social studies), Colby Kern (world languages), Ronin Aebly (visual arts), Campbell Gilles (language arts), Ethan Sturman (art), Jake Oja (math), Ava Reiersen (science), Katelyn Ring (physical education), Hannah Werder (social studies), Katelin Weber (music) and Gavin Drews (Project Lead The Way).



The second Tiger Way Award, given to a 7-12 student who has gone out of his or her way to show Teamwork, Inclusion, Grit, Excellence and Respect in the month of October, was awarded to Austin Yoraway for going above and beyond in holding doors for others.



Triple A Award winners for October and November included, from left, Anna Keranen in athletics, Caden Link in academics, and Sam Kern in athletics. Winners not pictured include Grace Bischke in academics, Mary Ludwig in arts, and Autumn Trujillo in arts.

Tordeur, Techam earn LEEA honors

By Paul Downer
Communications Coordinator

As the School Within A School instructor and COM-PASS program leader at Delano High School, Shallyn Tordeur has an opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of those she teaches.

It is a challenge she embraces.

"Shallyn works tirelessly to help students within our school who need it the most. She is an amazing advocate for all students and has made a difference in the lives of so many," said an anonymous nomination from a fellow staff member that led to Tordeur's Leadership in Educational Excellence Award this fall.

Tordeur received the honor at the 27th annual Award and Recognition Ceremony hosted by Resource Training & Solutions in Sartell on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

"I truly feel that without the wonderful colleagues that I have I would not be able to do my job, so this honor is truly the work of many people who help me be the best each day," said Tordeur.

Other Delano educators honored at the event were second-grade teacher Nate Uselding, Delano Intermediate speech clinician Mary Somers, and DHS social worker Marie Techam, the 2017-18 Delano Teacher of the Year.

Going the extra mile

Tordeur has worked in education for 15 years, including 12 in Delano.

"I went into education because I found myself consistently pursuing jobs that were helping kids," she said.

The nominating document



Shallyn Tordeur

said Tordeur is a reliable mentor and colleague.

"Her students always know they can count on her to give a helping hand or a listening ear. She is a wonderful person to work with, always willing to go the extra mile to help her coworkers," it said. "Her commitment to meeting the needs of all students and teaching with the whole child in mind is outstanding. She is passionate about her job as an educator and respected by students and staff."

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Nomination letter

Tordeur said the variety of duties inherent in her work is what she enjoys most.

"I have the privilege of working each day with some of the most unique and creative kids," she said. "My job is never dull and I couldn't see myself doing anything different."



Marie Techam

Marie Techam

Techam also represented Delano High School at the ceremony in her capacity as 2017-18 Delano Teacher of the Year. She has been a school social worker for 19 years, including 12 in Delano.

"Receiving the LEEA Award is a big honor," she said. "Since moving to Delano, working here and having my kids go to school here, I have been truly amazed by the excellent teaching staff and support personnel we have."

"Our district employees overall are so dedicated to helping students and go above and beyond to give students a quality education. To be a school social worker getting this honor, it truly is a testament to the teachers and how much they value all areas of helping students."

Techam said she pursued her career as a way to help children, to give them a listening ear for issues they might be facing.

"Every student should feel a sense of belonging when they walk into school each day. Our students are faced with so

many challenges, many that we aren't even aware of, and it is our job to help them come to a place in which they feel they are supported and are able to work through anything that may be getting in the way of their learning," she said. "Each student has something unique and valuable to offer and as educators we can find that quality within each of them."

Techam said the most gratifying aspect of her job is seeing change within students as they learn strategies to work through challenging situations, adding that her passion is mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Because she works with high schoolers, Techam said the process often involves helping them take control of important areas of their lives and gaining the confidence they need to act with their own best interests in mind.

'Every student should feel a sense of belonging when they walk into school each day.'

Marie Techam

"I have witnessed firsthand the weight that is lifted off of a student's shoulders when they simply are able to talk about some of the problems they are experiencing with a trusted adult," said Techam. "Simply by listening to students I am able to give them a voice to start to process through difficult issues."

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of students to make healthy choices in the three area mentioned above. We are looking

for parent involvement in both committees.

We are also looking for volunteers to help students to properly recycle our garbage and food at lunch time. Please contact Mr. Schauburger if you

are interested in joining either committee or volunteering at lunch time.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your students. It is an exciting time to be a Delano student, educator, parent and

community member! I wish you and your family good health and great memories with friends and families over the holidays!

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of cars waiting to exit parking lots. This is not a safe practice. Taking the time to use the appropriate walking paths allows everyone to be safer in our parking lots.

Registration

We are planning the registration process for next year already. Registration for grades seven and eight will be sent out via advisory in January. Parents, please look over the registration sheets and choose the elective classes.

Registration for grades nine through 12 will also use the advisory, but due to the amount of elective classes and course pathways offered, there will be registration conferences on Monday, Feb. 4. Students will set up these conferences in January with their advisors. I hope this reminder helps you plan for the upcoming New Year.

The staff and I are looking forward to the New Year as we start to settle in to the new spaces. Have a wonderful and relaxing ending to 2018.



Jaycees support Compass

Representatives from the Delano Jaycees recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Compass program to help bring in Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day guest speaker Terrance Talley. The event arrives on Thursday, Feb. 28. Talley's mission is to give every student hope and empower them to give hope to others. Talley said today's teens face challenges from bullying, peer pressure, family hurts and more. By bringing students together and outlining positive choices, Talley believes a school's atmosphere can be improved, ultimately leading to healthier communities. The objective is for students to know that they matter, and because they matter they can make a difference. In this photo, Jaycees Brenda Bauman and Kevin Jaunich present the check to the COMPASS class and instructor Shallyn Tordeur, along with social worker Marie Techam. 'We're happy to help out,' said Bauman.

Third clothing drive for veterans a success

The Third Annual Clothing Drive -- Honoring Those Who Served, Helping a Veteran in Need, was a success again this year.

Students and their families donated clothing, coats, hygiene kits and more, which were then delivered to two organizations, the St. Cloud Veterans Affairs Hospital and the Community Resource and Referral Center of Minneapolis.

A total of 114 hygiene bags were assembled and given to the center in Minneapolis after the Trick or Treat for Toiletries campaign organized by the Grade 7-8 Student Council. The Grade 9-12 Student council also contributed money to complete the hygiene bags.

"The CRRC was pleased with the amount of hygiene



Students gathered the hygiene bags for transportation to veteran centers.

bags and several were distributed to veterans in need while we were still at the facility," said Ginny Schuelke, who organized the three-week drive along with Karla Ottersness.

A total of 420 new cloth-

ing items were similarly well received in St. Cloud.

"The St. Cloud VA Hospital was thrilled and very thankful with the items that were delivered. As winter sets in, the needs increase and this helps to

add to their available resources," said Schuelke.

Last year Delano's donations arrived just as the hospital's supplies were running out. This year statewide contributions have increased, so the overall stocks were in better shape.

"However, there continues to be a need for items and they are grateful for our continued support, particularly at a high-need time of the year," said Schuelke.

Overall, Delano donations were slightly down this year, but many donors also contributed hygiene bags.

"We are very grateful to be a part of a such a generous and giving school community," the organizers said in a thank-you statement just prior to Thanksgiving.



Snowy grand opening

A grand opening ceremony was held for Delano High School on Thursday, Nov. 8, marking the near endpoint of construction. The evening included a ribbon cutting by students, a flag-raising program amidst driving snow by the Delano Legion, speeches by Superintendent Matt Schoen and DHS Principal Steve Heil, the presentation of building plaques, and refreshments. The ceremonies were followed by Faculty Follies, the first performance in the new Performing Arts Center. Final construction on Tiger Activity Center locker rooms should be complete in December.



Health reminders for the winter

By Delano Health Services

During a peak illness season, please be conscious of our policies to keep our students and staff healthy.

Students with vomiting, diarrhea, an undiagnosed rash, or a fever of 100 degrees or greater must stay home from school until they are symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and feel well enough to participate in the classroom.

As you may know, head lice cases are common among school-aged children. Recently, we have seen several cases of lice, so Delano Health Services would like to offer education to support you and your child if your home is impacted. The guidelines we follow are based on evidence-based practice and research by many reputable sources.

What are head lice?

Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp. The eggs, also called nits, are tiny tear-drop-shaped eggs that attach to the hair shaft. Nits often appear yellowish or white and can look like dandruff but cannot be removed or brushed off.

The nymph, or baby louse, is smaller and grow to adult size in one to two weeks. The adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed and is tan to grayish-white. An itchy scalp is a common symptom of lice. Although not common, persistent scratching may lead to skin irritation and even infection.

Who is affected by lice?

Head lice are not related to cleanliness. In fact, head lice often infest people with good hygiene and grooming habits. Infestations can occur at home,

school, or in the community.

Lice do not fly and are mostly spread by direct head-to-head contact -- for example, during play at home or school, slumber parties, sports activities or camp. Less often, lice are spread via objects that have been in recent contact with a person with head lice, such as hats, scarves, hair ribbons, combs, brushes, stuffed animals or bedding.

What to do about an infestation?

If you think your child has head lice, it is important to check your child's head for lice and nits. If live bugs are found, your student must receive a treatment before coming back to school. For questions about proper treatment options, either visit the Centers for Disease Control website (<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/>

[head/treatment.html](https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html)), or call your school nurse for resources.

What is a parent's role?

Parents should be checking their child's head regularly at home. Please inform the school if lice is found at home.

What is the school nurse's role?

If it is suspected that a child has head lice, your child's head will be checked along with their siblings' heads. If live lice are found, your child needs to be picked up from school to receive treatment.

Research no longer supports classroom-wide checks. We will happily provide resources reflecting evidence-based practice with facts, treatment options, and prevention and control information.

Announcements

FAFSA deadline is Feb. 1

Students wishing to continue their education beyond high school should begin filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The priority deadline is Feb. 1, 2019.

The FAFSA is the only application required by many colleges to determine student eligibility for federal and state financial aid programs.

School closing information

School may be closed for the day, started late or dismissed early due to weather conditions, emergencies, utility outages or other conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of our students and staff.

Families will be notified by the school district's instant parent contact system for emergency school closings.

The following news media outlets will also be notified: WCCO 4 TV, KSTP 5 TV, KMSP 9 TV and KARE 11 TV.

Families are encouraged to have a plan in place for their students when emergency closings, late starts or early dismissals

occur. Watch for calendar changes and possible make-up days due to school closings communicated via school publications, Skylert parent emails, phone calls, the district website, Facebook and Twitter.

If you would like to receive a text message, you must set this option up in your family access account. Log into your account and on the left, click on Skylert. You can list your phone number under "Text Message Numbers" and check the categories for which you want this option applied. Then click "Save."

Lunch time volunteers sought

Delano High School is seeking volunteers to help out with the lunch waste recycling at the high school between 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

Two or three volunteers for at least two or three days each week are needed. Specific task training will be provided. Volunteers must complete the required district volunteer program approval process.



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