

# Through Tiger's Eyes

Delano High School's Parent Newsletter  
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## Delano SciTech Showcase

College and career planning; if it is not on the mind of a parent or student yet, it will be in the very near future. At DHS, we are continually trying to help students and parents plan for the future. During the registration process last year, I received several emails from parents asking for better high school planning documents. Delano High School had simple planning documents, but not any documents that connect student learning (our classes) to actual careers and colleges. This year, DHS has adapted the registration guide to better match our course offerings to the MN career clusters and pathways. In addition to the course guide, DHS has been working on a new initiative to help families explore connections between school and career.

High schools are charged with helping students plan for college and career. There is a new Minnesota Statute entitled, "World's Best Workforce" that was enacted last year to help students create a college and career plan. Here lies a conundrum. It is really hard to help students visualize careers within the context of classroom learning. We need to help students visualize the "bigger picture" such as how does current student learning such as a paper or assignment correlate to a future career? ***In order to help solve this issue and help create a link among students, parents and community members, DHS is presenting the Delano SciTech Showcase on Thursday, April 10, 2014, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. located on the Delano High School campus in the Tiger Activity Center.***

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Delano High School, the Delano Economic Development Committee, and the Delano Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to present the Delano SciTech Showcase. At this event, our high school and middle school students will demonstrate classroom learning in an interactive way. In addition, our business community will showcase products and processes that connect to student learning. Attendees will network with universities, colleges and other higher education institutions which will relate their certificates, degrees, and programs to Delano students learning and our local businesses.

- Students will see how their education connects with many college and career pathways.
- Parents of students will leave with the knowledge to help their students plan college and career pathways.
- Community members will experience what Delano students learn in school, what happens with local businesses, and will become better and more informed citizens of this great city.



If you have questions, please visit our website at [www.delanoscitech.org](http://www.delanoscitech.org). This is an event for everyone, of every age. Each participant will find very valuable information about student learning at Delano Public Schools, the numerous careers offered within local businesses and the city of Delano, and attendees will be able to link this information directly to actual college programs, degrees, and certificates.

May each and every one of you have a great holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at SciTech in April!

**- Dr. Steven Heil  
Principal**

# Laying the Foundation for the Future - Joe Vieau, Asst. Principal

**Attendance.** The core of setting oneself up for success begins with the very basic tenant of getting to school. While Delano High School students have very good overall attendance (about 95% this year so far), attendance remains central to school success. Students may dislike coming to school for a variety of reasons. School may be difficult for some while uninteresting for others. Still others do not necessarily see the need for going to school.

**The economic advantages of receiving a solid education are staggering. Workers with a high school diploma earned an average of \$7,100\* more per year than workers who did not have a diploma in 2011.** This is approximately \$70,000 each decade and more than \$450,000 in lost wages over a lifetime. Regular attendance contributes to the success of earning a diploma.

**Of the top ten reasons for losing a job, absenteeism is number nine.\*\*** 15% of employers have dismissed employees for calling in without a legitimate reason. Also as adults, we know that changing a habit is extremely difficult to do. Changing habits takes time and the sooner a good habit is established, the more likely it will take hold and be replaced with a good habit. **Here are some tips for good attendance:**

- Go to bed at a consistent time. Oversleeping or being tired are often excuses for being late to school.
- Set a goal, make it attainable and commit to making your attendance improve.
- Parents can set up consistent rewards for improved attendance and consequences for missing school.
- Establish school and getting a good education as a priority in your home.
- Complete homework on time to be prepared for school the following day.

We want students at Delano High School to have great attendance. Our teachers go above and beyond their regular school day to ensure that their students will be successful. When students are absent, our teachers are present in the morning and/or after school in order to help them complete make-up work or catch up on items missed. We feel so strongly about this that regular attendance is stated in two of the four tenants in the Delano Way:

**Show Up, Show Up on Time, Work Hard, and Failure is Not an Option.**

*\*Data taken from the National Center for Education Statistics website*

*\*\* Data taken from About.com at <http://jobsearch.about.com/od/firedtermination/a/reasons-for-getting-fired.htm>*

## Mathletes...Battle to Stay on Top

The Delano Math Team has a history of being on top - top in the conference and close to the top in the state. On Monday, November 4, their 20 consecutive conference meet winning streak came to an end. The Tigers fell behind early but made a valiant effort to come back eventually finishing 10 points behind the leader.

On Monday, November 25, the Mathletes improved upon their first meet by placing 2nd in a six team meet in Shakopee. The Tigers led by a slim margin going into the final event, but faltered to drop to second place. In both meets, Hunter Glasrud and Mei Mei Jiao led the way, with several other team members adding points for the team.



## Save Those BoxTops and Coborn's Labels for Learning!



The High School and Middle School PIE groups are partnering to collect Box Tops for Education during the month of February. Last year we earned over \$400 and our goal this year is \$2000. We will continue to collect Coborn's points until the end of the school year. High School PIE raises money to support educational needs in the classroom. We also sponsor the annual brunch to honor our graduating seniors. This fall we granted funds for scales in the chemistry classrooms, emulator software for calculators for the math department, a skeleton model for health, GPS units for Geography, and iPods to use for Socrative (student response system) lessons for the Spanish department.

**HS PIE meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the high school conference room. Anyone is welcome - join us!**

## Counselor's Corner

# Wright Technical Center Educational Opportunities

Delano High School is a member of the Wright Technical Center (WTC) in Buffalo. WTC provides opportunities for students in grades 11 and 12 to explore careers and develop skills as they complete high school and plan for their future. Students and parents can go to the Wright Technical Center website at <http://www.wtc.k12.mn.us/> to explore what classes are available and they are also listed in DHS's registration handbook. Registering for Wright Technical Center classes are done through the DHS registration process which takes place at the end of January 2014.

To prepare for the 2014-15 course registration process, all 10th graders will be given information about Wright Technical Center from a representative from the school on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. 10th graders will then have the option to tour Wright Technical Center on Friday, January 3, 2014. All students that plan to attend the tour must complete a parent permission form. The programs available at WTC include:

- Automotive Careers
- Construction Technology
- Early Childhood/Elementary Careers
- Health Science Technology/CNA
- Law Enforcement and First Responder
- Cosmetology Careers
- Engineering I and II (Project Lead the Way)
- Landscape and Greenhouse Careers
- Welding Technology

In addition to taking courses at WTC, students who earn a B or better in classes, can earn articulated (college) credit. For more information on Wright Technical Center and how to receive college credits for classes taken, contact Ms. Susan Farbo, DHS Guidance Counselor, at 763.972.3365, ext. 2237 or via email at [sfarbo@delano.k12.mn.us](mailto:sfarbo@delano.k12.mn.us).

Wright Technical Center is a perfect solution for those who are interested in studying chosen career paths in addition to classes taken at Delano High School!

### December Calendar

					16-17 HS 1st Semester Final Exams 8:02 am-12:17 pm
9	HS PIE Meeting	6 pm	18		Delano One Act Play Festival
	Jazz Band/Sound Revolution Concert	7 pm	20		Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
10	HS Site Base Meeting	7:15 am			Teacher Workshop Day
	College Financial Aid Information Night		25		One Act Play Sub-Section 2AA Contest
	DMS Auditorium	7 pm	27		HS Math Meet
16	HS Math Meet				School Board Meeting
	School Board Meeting	7 pm			7 pm
	"Truth in Taxation"				
23-31	Winter Break - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>				

### January Calendar

1	Winter Break - <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
2	School Resumes	
14	HS Site Base Meeting	7:15 am
16	8th Grade Parent Registration Meeting	7 pm



*Happy Holidays  
from everyone  
at Delano High School!*

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