



# DAYTON SCHOOL SCENE

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## Superintendent's Message

School has started, students are busy in their classes, on the playing fields and courts, and in activities. Our staff, which by the way are second to none, are busy getting to know their students, learning new and innovative practices, and strengthening their teams. Dayton and the Dayton School District, in so many ways, is truly a winning team!

As I said in my last message, I can see the commitment to literacy, innovation, continuous improvement, and a broad focus on what success means. We need to continue to ask the question, "What does a 25-year-old high school graduate look like?" Everything we do must prepare our students for life beyond graduation. They need to be ready for post-secondary education, service in the military, and/or working in the workforce.

This past month I have spent time developing relationships with as many people as time will allow. Meeting with community members, teachers and classified staff, students, ABC Dayton Education Foundation Board Members, area Superintendents- past and present (One of my favorites- meeting Mr. Frank Dummer, former Dayton Superintendent.), business leaders, Rotary in McMinnville, Chamber of Commerce in Newberg, and many others. I would like to meet with more of you. Please reach out and set up an appointment to talk with me. I want to know your thoughts about our schools- know what you think is going well and how we can improve.

There are so many other great things to mention. We have worked on everything from instruction, technology, and maintenance and facilities, to the future development of the I3 Center at the Jr. High/High School and preparing to integrate that work into the development of a long-range facilities plan. I've spent time in many of our classrooms and see fantastic instruction happening throughout our system. We truly have some of the best teachers and staff in the state! Supporting and improving instruction is and always will be one of my highest priorities! All of this outreach will help me lead our School Board, our staff, and our community through a strategic planning process later this year. We will continue to gather information so we can draft strategic district goals and identify an action plan to meet the new goals.

I want to comment on something I'm sure you've heard about nationally- the proposal to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Please know that while I will always refrain from espousing any particular political belief, I feel the need to clarify that I expect the Dayton School District to stand for its kids. For me, it is simple, children should be protected. Our students may be hearing about this and might be really scared. **Please always assure them that the Dayton School District is committed to educating every kid, every day in a welcoming, safe, and supportive setting.**

Finally, please take a look at our new website [do.daytonk12.org](http://do.daytonk12.org) and check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Dayton-School-District-181520415719625/>

Thank you for supporting Pirate Nation and for your efforts to ensure excellent instruction and high levels of learning for all! We are "*A District with heart... developing minds*", and I am proud to serve you and this mission.

Sincerely,  
Jason Hay

## School Board News

The Dayton School Board met for their regular monthly meeting on September 12, 2017 and held a Board Work Session prior to the regular meeting.

The Board Work Session focused on delineating between Board and Superintendent Roles and Responsibilities. The Board participated in part of an online Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) course as well as reviewing a draft protocol/working agreement document, draft goals for the Board and the Superintendent, a timeline for future work sessions, and a timeline for long-range facilities planning.

The regular monthly meeting began with honoring recent Dayton FFA award winners that qualified for Nationals in October. Please congratulate Grace Adams, Julia Bateman, Sunny Forness, Mayra Jacquez, Eleanor Larabee, Bethany Leach, Treigan Oliveira, Emma Rios, Marcos Romero, Anna Tannery, McKenna West, and Alison Williams.

The regular meeting followed with reports from our High School ASB President Zach Russell, City Council Member Kitty Mackin, and our Superintendent, Business Director, and Building Principals. The Superintendent assigned Board Members to District Committees that include Facilities, Classified Bargaining, Licensed Bargaining, and the Dayton Education Foundation. The Board discussed English Language Development (ELD) Curriculum materials.

During the Business portion of the meeting the Board approved the menu of Alternative Education Programs we can access for student placement. They also approved overnight trip requests for Dayton Grade School Outdoor School and for FFA trips for the year. In addition, the Board adopted online science textbooks.

The next Dayton School Board meeting date is **Tuesday, October 10, 2017** at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room. The November Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 14, 2017**, at 7:30 PM in the District Board Room. The meeting will be preceded by a work session on Board professional development.



## Grade School Goal Setting Conferences

Goal setting conferences are Wednesday, November 8 from 3:30 – 7:30 PM, and Thursday, November 9 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. We hope to meet with every family at least once each year. These conferences are extremely important and we're hoping that every child will attend with one or more parents. Please bring your thoughts and questions to your child's conference. If you are unable to make it to your appointment time, please call the office to reschedule. The office will be open late on conference night.

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## High School Counseling Center

As the new high school counselor, I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Georgine Benner and I am really excited to join the Pirate Nation. I am a recent graduate from Oregon State University with a Master in Science of School Counseling. Prior to Dayton, I was working at McMinnville High school. In my past I was the Finance Manager at OnlineNW, our internet service provider and the Youth Coordinator at First Baptist Church.

As a school counselor, I focus on 3 domains for our students.

- 1. Academic success** - What is your GPA and how many credits have you earned? Are you on track to graduate? Are you in the right class and being challenged?
- 2. Career & college readiness** - What is your goal or plan after high school? Do you want to learn a trade, go to community college or a 4 year university? How can we at DHS help support you to meet the requirements?
- 3. Emotional/Social well being** - Are you suffering with anxiety, depression, family or friend issues? Are you struggling with something that is making it hard to be successful in school?

I encourage students to come see me if they need help in any of these areas. The sign outside my door says, "I facilitate thinking, engage minds, listen to questions, support struggle, encourage risk, and learn everyday."

I am extremely grateful for the warm welcome I have received from everyone here in Dayton and I look forward to working with the students, families and staff at the high school.

**Georgine Benner**, High School Counselor  
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## **Important Information**

### **View our District Website: [www.do.daytonk12.org](http://www.do.daytonk12.org)**

Visit our new website! Important information including sports schedules, bus routes, lunch menus and the school calendar, are located on the District's new website: [www.do.dayton.k12.org](http://www.do.dayton.k12.org) and on each of the school's websites. These websites can be accessed from the District website, or by going directly to: [www.dgs.daytonk12.org](http://www.dgs.daytonk12.org) for the Grade School; [www.dhs.daytonk12.org](http://www.dhs.daytonk12.org) for the High School; [www.djh.daytonk12.org](http://www.djh.daytonk12.org) for the Junior High School. For sports schedule details, call Dayton High School, 503-864-2273, ext 521.

#### Important District Calendar Dates

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Board Room  
Friday, October 13, 2017 – No School, State-wide Inservice  
Wednesday - Thursday, November 8-9, 2017 – No School, Grading & Conferences  
Friday, November 10, 2017 – No School, Veterans Day  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – Board Work Session, 6:00 PM,  
followed by the Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, District Board Room  
Monday – Friday, November 20-24, 2017 – No School



## **College and Career Center**

### **Senior Parent/FAFSA Night**

A Senior Parent/FAFSA Night is being planned for October. The exact date has not been set, but information will be posted soon on the Dayton High School website. Join us for an evening of important information around senior student dates, activities, and most importantly, FAFSA. We will be having a senior parent meeting from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. followed by a work session with our local expert, Jennifer Knight from Linfield College, to help with all things FAFSA. Bring your materials, tax documents, social security numbers, and questions to get expert help and get your FAFSA completed and submitted. Please check our website for the meeting date and more information.

#### ***FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Information***

- **Students will be able to submit a FAFSA<sup>®</sup> earlier.** Students will be able to file a 2018–19 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2017, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2018. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.
- **Students will use earlier income information.** Students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2018-2019 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2016 income information, rather than their 2017 income information.

For more detailed information go to (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/fafsa-changes>) or to our school website under the College and Career tab.

### **Oregon Promise**

What is Oregon Promise? Oregon Promise is a state grant program that covers some or all of the tuition at an Oregon community college. Oregon Promise is for recent Oregon high school graduates and GED recipients who enroll in an Oregon community college within six months of graduation. For full-time students, awards range depending on your financial need and other state and federal grants that you have been awarded.

Who is eligible? You must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED recipient
- Enroll at least half-time at an Oregon community college within 6 months of high school graduation or GED completion
- Be an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in community college
- Have a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA or higher

See the OSAC website ([www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)) for application dates and more information.

### **Aspire Mentors Wanted/Needed! - Tuesdays-Fridays from 2:30-3:00 PM**

What is Aspire? ASPIRE is a program of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) that encourages post-secondary education and helps students find funds to meet the increasing cost of post-secondary education. Through ASPIRE, we provide access to information and funds for educational opportunities ranging from public and private four year colleges and universities to community colleges and to vocational training programs and apprenticeships.

***The College and Career Center continued:***

Be an Aspire Volunteer Mentor

- Guide and assist students to pursue education and training beyond high school
- No experience is necessary, training is provided
- All resources provided

If interested please contact Tera Solem at Dayton High School - 503-864-2273 Ext. 567 or [tera.solem@dayton.k12.or.us](mailto:tera.solem@dayton.k12.or.us)

**College Application Week**

Throughout the month of November, schools and community organizations across the state will be celebrating Oregon College Application Week (CAW). These sites will host events to assist students with the college application process. We are thrilled that **Dayton High School** will participate in the CAW effort, with the goal of ensuring that all members of our senior class apply to at least one two-year or four-year college or university this fall. **DHS's events will occur November 15th, 16th, and 17th.**

The primary goal of Oregon College Application Week is to provide an opportunity for all Oregon seniors to complete and file college applications. To us, college means any education program beyond high school including certificate programs, two-year degree programs, and four-year degree programs.

**School Closure and Delay Information**

In the event of unsafe conditions for buses, the transportation manager of First Student will make a recommendation to the Dayton School District Superintendent. A decision will be made as early as possible to open schools on time, to delay the starting time, or to close schools.

In the event of possible school delay or closure due to inclement weather or unsafe road conditions, our schools will activate the School Messenger automated call system to notify you. In addition, please view your local television station, listen to local radio broadcasts, or visit one of the following web sites:

Dayton School District wants you to know that in weather closure situations this winter, we will post "Closed" rather than a list of everything that is cancelled. If you see "Closed" for our district, it means that no district activities will take place and buildings will be locked. If an event or activity will go on, it will be stated (such as "Closed, but school board will meet").

Dayton SD information only: [www.flashalert.net/id/daytonsd](http://www.flashalert.net/id/daytonsd)

[www.do.daytonk12.org](http://www.do.daytonk12.org)

**Grandparents Day at the Grade School**

Grandparents' Day is coming soon! On **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** we'll host our grand guests from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and offer a special no-host Thanksgiving Feast luncheon in our cafeteria/multi. Grandparents will check in and pay for lunch at the front lobby. Lunches are free for students and \$4.00 for adults.

**Mesaje Importante**

El *School Scene* ya está disponible en Español. Si le gustaría recibir esta hoja informativa en Español, por favor comuníquese al 503-864-2273 o envíe una nota a la oficina de la escuela.

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