



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi all,

This week, I'd like to continue celebrating those students who exemplify Fortitude.

Mrs. Velazquez recognized two students. The first is **Ryan Kundel** who, "always tries to speak Spanish even when he has to think creatively to say what he wants to say. His willingness to face the challenge inspires the rest of the class." Mrs. Velazquez also nominated **Katie Kraatz** who, "has made amazing gains in her Spanish writing since the beginning of the year. She has put forth consistent effort and worked hard everyday to write with clarity and detail."

Another student demonstrating fortitude in the classroom is **Tyler Dietzel**. Mrs. Owen notes that Tyler "comes into class with a positive attitude everyday. He works hard, asks questions, never complains and always completes his work on time." Outside of the classroom, Mr. Bouslog nominated **Drew Heischmidt**, noting, "He played soccer this fall and still showed up to all of our fall basketball workouts—even those that were at 6:30 in the morning the day after he had a soccer game. Additionally, he also earned all As and Bs last quarter."

Both Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Brune recognized **Reagan Dill**. Mrs. Morris explains that, "When she was asked to step in for another actor 14 hours before performing in the fall play, she spent those hours memorizing lines for a significant role. This was Reagan's first time performing in front of an audience, and while she was quite nervous, she was confident and amazed everyone with how well she did." Mrs. Brune was in that audience, and was blown away: "I thought she did a fantastic job even before realizing she was an understudy. Reagan absolutely deserves recognition for her willingness to step up, deliver a stellar performance, and sound confident and convincing in her role. I am so proud of her."

Finally, Mr. Becker recognized **Nathan Nickel** saying that in the face of tragedy, Nathan "has emerged as a mature young man. His Catholic faith has been reignited by what happened and he seems inspired to strive for integrity and virtue."

I am so proud of all of these students.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dominic D'Urso



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## Upcoming Events

November 15

**Power Hour:** We will not have formal professional development for our teachers. Instead, the teachers will be available in their rooms from 7:45-9:00, allowing students to get additional help in their classes.

November 16

**College Financial Aid Night:** At 6:30pm in the cafeteria a representative from the Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation will be presenting on Financial Aid 101, FSA ID, FAFSA, and other resources to pay for college. The evening is recommended for seniors and their families, but all are welcome. For more information, contact Brittany Grass, [bgrass@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bgrass@duchesne-hs.org). To register: [Financial Aid Night](#).

November 17

**Soccer State Semifinals:** With a thrilling victory over Fr. Tolton, our lads advanced to the Final Four. The semifinal game will be held at Soccer Park on Friday, the 17th at noon. In order to allow our students to attend, **we will not have school on Friday, November 17th**. Stay tuned for more details including ticketing information.

November 18

**Fall Craft Fair:** Duchesne will host vendors from around the region between 8:30 and 2:00. Get some Christmas shopping done while supporting the Duchesne Performing Arts program.

November 20-24

**Thanksgiving Break:** No School

November 28

**IGiveCatholic:** A day set aside to celebrate Duchesne and imagine our future. Stay tuned to our social media.

December 1

**Home Girls Basketball:** The basketball season tips off with the home opener for the girls team.