



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL
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Thank you Annual Catholic Appeal!



The Annual Catholic Appeal presented Duchesne with a check for \$177,000 after Mass on Ash Wednesday. ACA Council Members are pictured above with President Paul Boschert and 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Essay Winners Chris Hernandez '26 and Mia Young '26.

"The ACA is an important resource for providing funds to cover many of our operating expenses at Duchesne throughout the year," said Boschert. "On behalf of Duchesne High School we want to thank our community for their generous support of the ACA."

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

March 31 - April 4

Mission Week

April 1

All School Mass/
Junior Ring Mass

April 2

Chris Cakes Before School

April 4

Mission Week Pep Rally

April 8

ACT and Pre-ACT Testing Day

April 10

Half-day for professional development. It will end a little earlier than usual. Classes will dismiss at 11:30am.

April 14-16

Music Department Trip

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life

Staying Vigilant in the Digital Age



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful spring break! I spent mine re-reading *The Anxious Generation*—partly because I wanted to be better equipped to support our students (your children), and partly because, well... I like to torture myself with sobering truths about the digital

world our kids are growing up in.

After diving back into the book, I'm officially on a rant (just ask my own sons or even my husband—they've all told me I'm the worst this week!). But here's the thing: Our kids are living in an online landscape that we didn't grow up with, and we cannot afford to take a hands-off approach.

So, parents, I encourage you—no, I urge you—to take a deep dive into your child's social media presence. Not just the polished account they let you see, but the other one (because they almost certainly have at least two). Check their DMs (for those unfamiliar, that stands for "direct messages"). See what they're posting, who they're talking

to, and what kind of content they're consuming. It's not about invading privacy—it's about protecting them from the pressures, influences, and potential dangers lurking online.

Our kids need us to be vigilant, even when they roll their eyes at us. So go ahead, be the worst—because sometimes, that's exactly what good parenting looks like.



ACT & Pre ACT Testing Date

April 8th

ACT & Pre ACT Testing: Our freshmen and sophomores will take a practice ACT. Our juniors will take the ACT.

Seniors do not have school on the April 8. For our 9th through 11th graders, school will begin at the usual time and end around noon. Students should report directly to their testing rooms. They should also bring with them a calculator and a #2 pencil. Juniors will need to bring with them a photo ID.



Shoutout to the Diamondline for two fantastic performances at the state competition on February 22! Their Mix routine placed 4th! Congratulations to the team for a great year, and to our senior Maggie for a fantastic run!

Ailsa Ide '25 Honored as Missouri Scholars 100 Recipient

By Clark Mershon
MoASSP

High school senior Ailsa Ide of Duchesne High School has been distinguished as one of the top academic students in the state through the 2025 Missouri Scholars 100 program. This statewide initiative, organized by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of 100 outstanding students from the graduating class of 2025.

The announcement of Ailsa Ide's selection for this esteemed academic honor was made by Dominic D'Urso, Principal at Duchesne High School. The recognition will culminate in a special luncheon hosted at the Holiday

Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a competitive program that invited schools across the state to nominate candidates based on academic excellence. The selection process employs a formula considering the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT scores. Nominees must meet the criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," successfully navigating ten challenging academic events to showcase their scholastic strength.



To qualify, students must hold a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,280, rank in the upper ten percent of their class, and engage in advanced coursework in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. Additionally, nominees must exhibit excellent attendance, exemplary citizenship within the school, and active participation in the school's activity program.

Clark Mershon, Executive Director of the principals' association, expressed, "The Missouri Scholars 100 Program is one of the premier academic recognition programs in the country. It is truly a celebration of learning. Students selected for this program have taken a rigorous course of study and maintained the highest academic standards. The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals wants to celebrate the achievement and success of these students and their schools."

The 2025 Missouri Scholars 100 program marks its 31st annual recognition, reflecting a longstanding commitment to honoring academic excellence. For additional information, please contact MoASSP at 573-445-5071.

Clark Mershon, Executive Director of the principals'

Honoring a little brother, and spreading awareness

Duchesne senior Jack Burle honored his brother and helped spread awareness of Down Syndrome before Pioneer Baseball's season opener on March 21.

Jack's little brother, eight-year-old Xavier, is an individual with Down Syndrome. When Jack learned that their first game of the season coincided with World Down Syndrome Day, he wanted to do something special.

"I wanted people to be aware of the condition and how it may be misjudged," he said.

Before the game, Jack shared a letter and wristbands with his coaches and players.

In his letter, Jack wrote, "People with Down Syndrome like my brother Xavier bring so much into this world. Their smiles are contagious, their determination inspires those around them, and their kindness reminds us what truly mat-

ters. But sometimes, they face challenges because others don't always understand their incredible potential."

Duchesne Athletic Director Renee Moore '86 commented on how impressed she was with the usually quiet Jack courageously stepping up to educate others on this topic.

"I am so proud of Jack for making a difference. While it may seem small to some, it is as big as an X-man hug!" she said.

What Jack hopes people took away from the night is simply to remember to treat those with Down Syndrome just like you would treat anyone else: as unique individuals capable of doing so much to enrich the lives of the people around them.

"Xavier always reminds me to be grateful for the little things and to treat others with kindness and respect," said Jack.



ACES and Science Olympiad Accolades

ACES

ACES Regional Competition Results

ACES finished first at Regional competition Friday on Feb. 14 and qualified for Sectional competition on Thursday March 6 at Missouri S&T

Individual Awards earned:

1st place Biology:
Lili Magers

2nd Place Biology:
Maggie Schneider

3rd Place Biology:
Natalie Hubert

1st Place Chemistry:
Jack Bierbrauer

2nd Place Chemistry:
Reese Piskulich

3rd Place Tie Chemistry:
Reilly McCormack
& McKenna O'Brien

1st place Computer Science:
Alex Hoff

2nd Place Computer Science:
Bridget Caldwell

3rd Place Computer Science:
Seamus Burch

1st Place Tie Engineering Graphics:
Logan Murrish
& Reilly McCormack

1st Place English:
Lili Magers

2nd Place English:
Maggie Schneider

3rd Place English:
Seamus Burch

1st Place Math:
Ailsa Ide

2nd Place Math:
Logan Murrish

3rd Place Math:
Maddie Denker

1st Place Physics:
Ailsa Ide

2nd Place:
Alex Hopf

ACES Sectional Competition Results

Congratulations to the ACES team for taking First at Sectionals and qualifying for the Bi-State ACES Competition on Monday April 14 at Eastern Illinois University.



Duchesne ACES Team

Individual Awards earned:

1st Place Biology:
Bridget Caldwell

2nd Place Biology Tie:
Maggie Schneider
& Lili Magers

3rd Place Biology:
Natalie Hubert

1st Place Chemistry:
Jack Bierbrauer

2nd Place Chemistry Tie:
Reilly McCormack
& Reese Piskulich

2nd Place Computer Science Tie:
Alex Hopf & Seamus Burch

1st Place Engineering Graphics Tie:

Logan Murrish
& Reilly McCormack

1st Place English:
Lili Magers

2nd Place English:
Maggie Schneider

3rd Place English:
Seamus Burch

3rd Place Math:
Reese Piskulich

2nd Place Physics:
Alex Hopf

3rd Place Physics:
Ailsa Ide



Duchesne Science Olympiad Team

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad Competition Results

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad Team, who competed in the Regional Competition this past Saturday. Great job by all!

Hardware goes to:

Anatomy 2nd place:
Ailsa Ide & Lili Magers

Write It Do It 2nd place:
Ailsa Ide & Kate Wieman

Electric Vehicle 3rd place:
Logan Murrish & Morgan Murrish

Disease Detectives 4th place:
Lili Magers & Maddie Denker

Robot Tour 4th place:
Alex Hopf & Logan Murrish

Helicopter 5th place:
Logan Murrish & Ailsa Ide

New digital Legacy Wall in Ted Yeater Athletic Center

Visitors to the Ted Yeater Athletic Center may have noticed Duchesne's new digital Legacy Wall on their way into the gym.

The digital kiosk offers visiting alumni the opportunity to relive their days as a Pioneer, and newcomers a chance to learn more about Duchesne history.

Using a high definition touch screen, users can look up athletics teams

from years past, view record boards, read profiles on notable Pioneers, and more.

Academic achievements will be displayed, as well as class compositions and digitized year books.

Content is gradually being uploaded, and new material is being added all the time. Be sure to check back often for updates!



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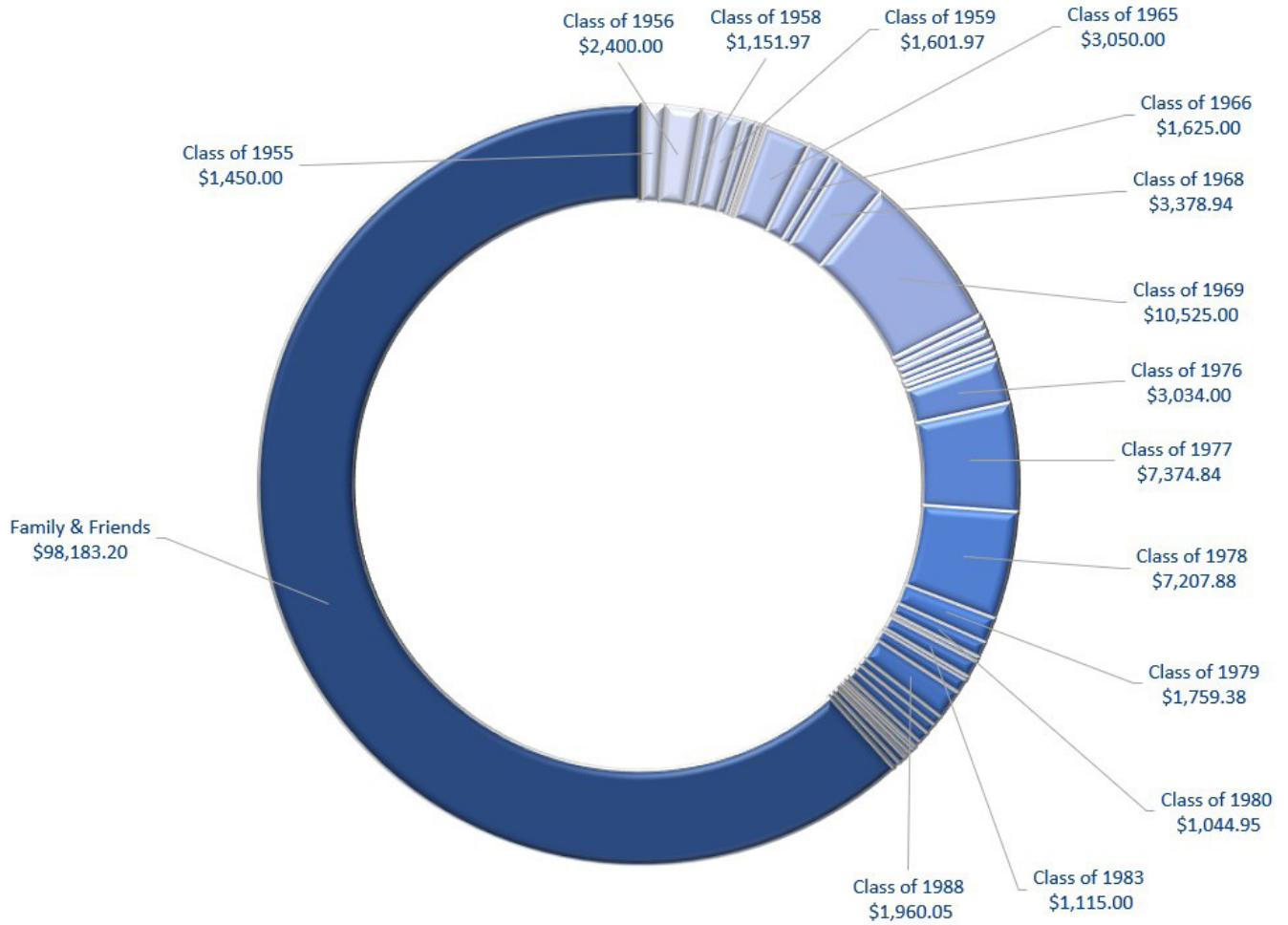
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Minimum donation amount will be 15% of net sales* from your purchase donated directly to the participating organization. Not valid on mobile app, online or kiosk orders. *"Net Sales" means the selling price of regularly inventoried merchandise, food, and beverages sold during the event for the purpose of supporting your organization, excluding special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes.

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Pioneer Class Challenge

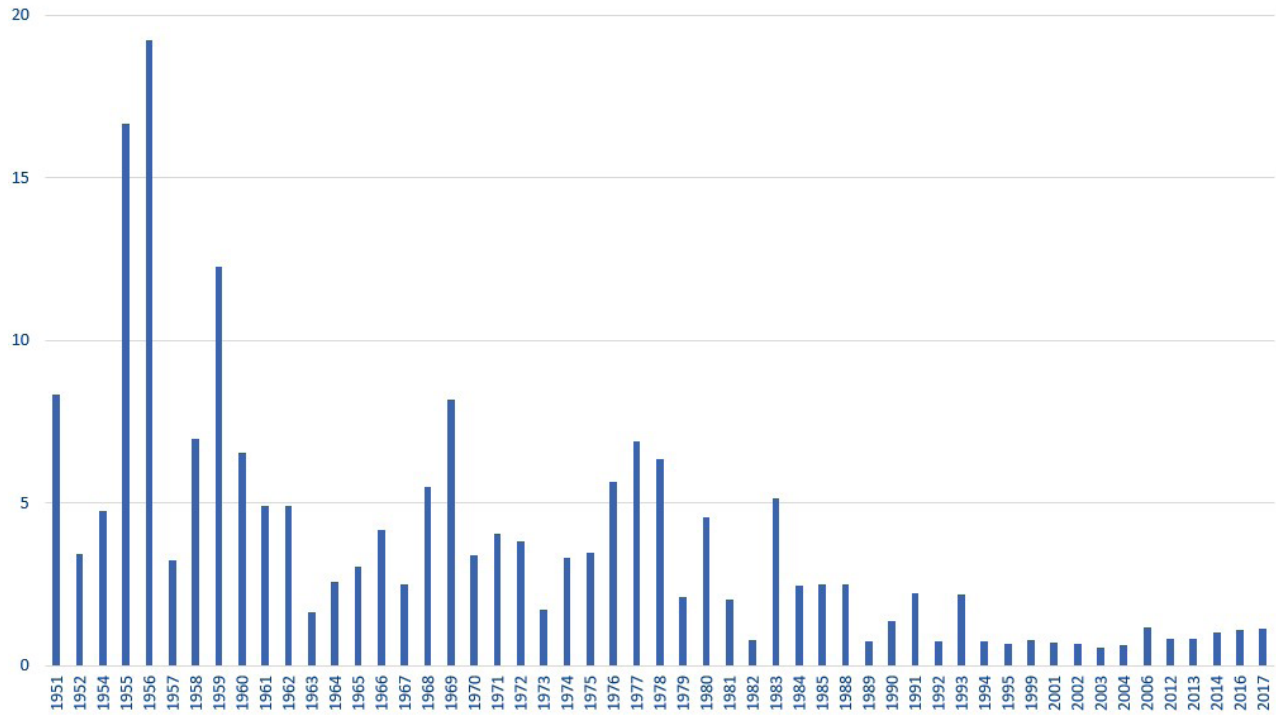


1951	\$100.00	1964	\$125.00	1981	\$328.94	1993	\$759.20	2006	\$490.00
1952	\$50.00	1967	\$750.00	1982	\$51.97	1994	\$395.88	2012	\$52.50
1954	\$200.00	1970	\$553.94	1984	\$330.36	1995	\$50.00	2013	\$416.96
1957	\$100.00	1971	\$612.50	1985	\$918.88	1999	\$250.00	2014	\$50.00
1960	\$825.00	1972	\$603.94	1989	\$40.00	2001	\$300.00	2016	\$50.00
1961	\$335.00	1973	\$509.38	1990	\$685.00	2002	\$259.38	2017	\$50.00
1962	\$300.00	1974	\$428.94	1991	\$703.94	2003	\$52.12		
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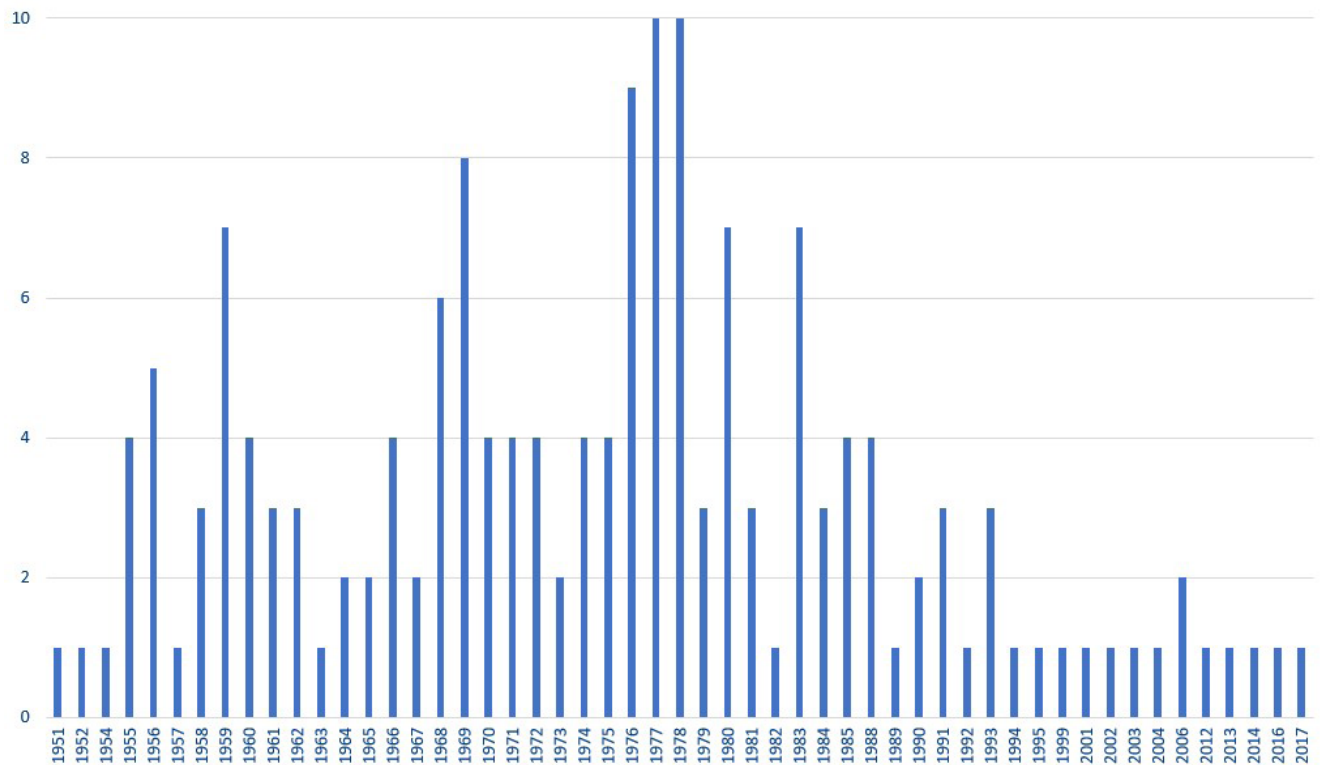
These totals are of gifts received as of 3.21.2025

\$159,323.89 raised so far!

PERCENTAGE OF LIVING CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



From the President



**Paul Boschert '77
President**

Greetings, Pioneer Nation:

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved this past year

and to express our gratitude for your continued support of Duchesne High School. It is with your generosity that we can nurture and inspire the next generation of Duchesne Pioneers.

Each year, our Pioneer Fund plays a vital role in helping us maintain and enhance the programs that make Duchesne a special place for our students. From academic excellence to athletics, arts, and campus improvements, your contributions help us provide an exceptional education experience for all who walk through our doors.

With the end of the fiscal year fast approaching on June 30, we kindly ask that you consider making a gift to the Pioneer

Fund before then. Whether you are an alumnus, a current parent, or a friend of Duchesne, your support is crucial in ensuring that our school continues to thrive and evolve in the years to come. Every gift—no matter the size—has a meaningful impact and helps us achieve our goals.

Ways to Give:

Online:

Visit www.duchesne-hs.org, click "Support" at the top, and then "Giving" on the left.

By Mail:

Send your check to:
Duchesne High School
Attn: Pioneer Fund
2550 Elm St
Saint Charles, MO 63301

By Phone:

Contact 636.946.6767 ext. 6910 to make a gift with your credit card over the phone.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. We look forward to the incredible impact we will continue to make together.

Sincerely,

Paul Boschert '77 President

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Ballpark

BONANZA

Wednesday, May 7th
vs. Wright City @ BMAC

Join us for

- 4:30PM BBQ
- YARD GAMES
- 5:30PM BASEBALL GAME

SPRING HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Hosted by Ursuline Academy
→ 341 S Sappington Road, St. Louis, MO 63122
Parking will be available at the Back Monroe Entrance

Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to visit with representatives from St. Louis' best all-girl, all-boy, and coed high schools:

Bishop DuBourg	St. Dominic
CBC High School	St. Francis Borgia High School
Chaminade College Preparatory School	St. Joseph's Academy
Cor Jesu Academy	St. Louis University High School (SLUH)
De Smet Jesuit High School	St. Mary's South Side Catholic
Duchesne High School	St. Pius X High School
Incarinate Word Academy	Ursuline Academy
Nerinx Hall	Vianney High School
Notre Dame High School	Villa Duchesne
Rosati Kain Academy	Visitation Academy
Saint Louis Priory School	

The 2025 Duchesne Dream Raffle is here!

Jen Krupich '99
Director of Annual Giving

Duchesne High School's 30th annual Dream Raffle kicked off on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Thanks to our sponsor, Fischer & Frichtel Homes, the Duchesne Dream Raffle features a grand prize of \$150,000 credit toward a new F&F home or \$120,000 in cash – and 19 other cash prizes. Winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Plus, there are cash incentives for sellers, an Early Bird drawing, and a special drawing for free and half-off tuition.

If you are a parent of a current Duchesne student or the parent of an incoming freshman or transfer student, for every three tickets you sell, you will receive one entry into the free full tuition drawing. For every one ticket you sell, you will receive one entry into the half-off tuition drawing. Parents of current seniors will have tuition refunded if they win in the special tuition drawing. Parents will also be eligible for the seller's prizes. The more tickets you sell, the more chances you have to win! Please see our website for a complete list of the rules and regulations at <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/duchesne-dream-raffle.html>.

Just like last year, this year's Dream Raffle will be all online, and only Missouri residents are eligible to win. However, we are using a new platform, Go Raise Dough, to make it easier for our ticket sellers. While there will be no paper tickets, we can accept cash or checks as a form of payment if a buyer does not want to pay online by credit

2025 DUCHESNE DREAM RAFFLE

Win your choice of \$150,000 toward new home construction by Fischer & Frichtel Homes OR a single payment of \$120,000 in CASH!

SELL TICKETS! **WIN FREE TUITION!**

Early Bird Deadline is April 16
 Early Bird Drawing is April 23
 Ticket Sales End May 9
 Grand Prize Drawing is May 14

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card. To buy a ticket in person and pay with cash or check, please contact Jennifer Krupich at jkrupich@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6910.

Tickets are \$100 each and only 3,500 tickets will be sold. What great odds! The Early Bird deadline is Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Purchase a ticket by the Early Bird deadline and be eligible to win \$1,000. Five Early Bird winners will be drawn and announced on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. All ticket sales end on Friday, May 9, 2025.

This is the largest fundraiser for our school each year. We are looking forward to another exciting raffle and wish everyone the best of luck. Thank you for your support and for making it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – EARLY BIRD DEADLINE – To

be eligible for the Early Bird deadline, tickets must be purchased before midnight.

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – EARLY BIRD DRAWING – FIVE winners will be randomly chosen and receive \$1,000 each. No need to be present. Winners will be contacted by email and posted on the DHS website and our Facebook page. Early Bird winners are still eligible for the Grand Prize drawing.

Friday, May 9, 2025 – TICKET SALES END – All tickets eligible to be entered for the Grand Prize Drawing must be purchased by midnight unless we have sold out before this date.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – GRAND PRIZE DRAWING – FIRST PRIZE (\$150,000 credit toward new construction by Fischer & Frichtel Homes or \$120,000 one-time cash payment) and a total of 19 other cash prizes will be drawn. No

need to be present. Winners will be contacted by email and posted on the DHS website and our Facebook page.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – FULL AND HALF-OFF TUITION DRAWINGS – ONE name from the full tuition eligible entries and ONE from the half-off tuition entries will be drawn. No need to be present. Winners will be contacted by email and posted on the DHS website and our Facebook page.



Duchesne will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of our 1995 Boys Golf State Champions and the 10th anniversary of our 2015 Girls Soccer State Champions before our girls varsity soccer game.

5:00pm-5:30pm -- State Champion Alumni gather in the Esports Center (310 building)*

5:45pm -- Presentation on the Field in Frank Barro Stadium

6:00pm -- Girls Varsity Soccer v Veritas Christian Academy

Postgame -- Garden Party in our new DHS Garden Courtyard (All are Welcome!)

LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

DHS Soccer Program to raise funds for injured alum

The Duchesne Soccer program will host a fund-raising event during their game with St. Dominic on Friday, April 24, in support of injured police officer and alum Nathan Spiess '12.

The night will be a collaboration with Nathan's twin brother and Duchesne soccer coach, Nick, the Dueling for Lincoln

It's only natural to support a fellow Pioneer in their time of need."

Football Club, and the DHS Athletic Boosters. Attendees will be provided QR codes to scan in order to donate. There



Nathan Spiess with twin brother, Nick.

may also be a basket raffle.

"Our Soccer Program has created a culture that supports each other on and off the field," said DHS Head Soccer Coach Pat Turner. "Nathan has been

a big part of our alumni group, which gets together throughout the year. It's only natural to support a fellow Pioneer in their time of need."

Officer Spiess was critically in-

jured on March 17 while responding to a carjacking. After a chase with multiple officers, the stolen car became disabled on the interstate 70. Both Spiess and a 15-year-old suspect were struck by a car as the latter tried to flee the scene.

Spiess was discharged from Barnes-Jewish Hospital after three surgeries and a nine-day stay.

All the funds raised at the April 24 game will be donated to Spiess's GoFundMe account. The fund has raised more than \$130,000 as of March 26.

For more information, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/officer-spiess-path-to-healing>.

Last Call for Spring Paver Orders!

Enthusiasm for our beautiful Garden Courtyard continues to build. With plans for more alumni and friends gatherings in that space, now's the time to make your mark and add your family, your loved one, or yourself as part of DHS history with a paver message. We are continuing the special \$250 price through April 15, 2025, to encourage more purchases before the spring engravings.

Email nkohl@duchesne-hs.org if you are interested, and please include the message you have in mind. It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer!



DO YOU HAVE A FEATURE STORY IDEA FOR OUR **LEAVES SECTION**?

LET US KNOW!

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

Email your idea to Eric Seiffert at
eseiffert@duchesne-hs.org.

Just put "Leaves Feature Idea" in the subject line!

Planned Giving and RMDs



Our Duchesne students have benefited greatly from major gifts provided by our alumni, parents, and friends through planned giving bequests, RMDs (retired minimum distributions), and other significant donations. Please talk with your advisor and consid-

er including Duchesne in your financial plans, now as well as later.

For more information about how to coordinate your planned gift-giving to support Duchesne, please contact nkohl@duchesne-hs.org.

Duchesne Catholic High School Uniform Fitting Dates!

April 1 - April 5, 2025

Fischer's School Uniforms

3773 New Town Blvd
St. Charles, MO 63301
(636) 493-0655

Tuesday & Thursday
10am-6pm

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10am-3pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

What is a uniform fitting?

A school uniform fitting allows students and families to try on uniform tops and bottoms for the correct fit and size. Families can take home the items or place orders for any out-of-stock products or special order items.

Can I order online?

Absolutely! Our store is open year round and if you already know your child size, ordering online is a great option! We offer \$5 USPS shipping during your fitting dates.

Why should we attend?

All orders paid in full will receive a 10% discount on the total purchase, both online and in-store! **Your school has a special order plaid that may take 8-12 weeks to receive if we do not have your size.** This gives us ample time to have the item to you prior to school starting.

What if my child grows?

We fit for growth! Any stock items purchased that are unworn and with tags can be exchanged for another size!

Shop Online at www.fischersuniforms.com



REUNIONS

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Are you a current Class Rep or a past Class Officer? Is your class approaching an anniversary year ending in 0 or 5 (such as 20th or 25th)? Contact Nancy Kohl at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org to begin a conversation about your class reunion!

We are offering Alumni Reunion Packages for those groups that have their event at DHS. You will have use of our Garden Courtyard, Chapel for Mass, and/or PAC for your get-together, dinner, dancing, games, etc. Alumni groups are not charged a rental, just a maintenance fee. Various catering options with different menus and price points are available for your group to choose from.

CLASS OF 1975

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
August 23, 2025**

Brian Klutenkamper, Theresa Thro, and Geri (Henderson) Willbrand are organizing your class's 50th Reunion. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. If you would like to reach out, call Brian at 314.570.0576 or email him at bklutenkamper@englube.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Brian know.

CLASS OF 1980

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
September 27, 2025**

Mike Boschert is once again your head cheerleader and classmate gatherer - this time for your class's 45th Reunion. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website

under Alumni as they develop. If you want to help, please contact Mike at boschfam@sbcglobal.net. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Mike know.

CLASS OF 1985

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
October 11, 2025**

Eric Kozak has begun plans for the Class of 1985's 40th Reunion and is looking for ideas and assistance. If you are interested in being on the committee, please email eric_kozak@yahoo.com. Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. There is also a class Facebook page: Duchesne HS Class of 85. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Eric know.

CLASS OF 2005

**At Duchesne on Saturday,
October 18, 2025**

Thanks to Dan Amiri, Brian Hu, and Emily (Friedel) Epley for initiating the Class of 2005's 20th Reunion! Details will be published in this newsletter and on our website under Alumni as they develop. In the meantime, if you'd like to help in the planning, email emily.epley@gmail.com. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Emily know.

CLASS REPS

Our Class Reps help us with communications to classmates and spreading the news about all we are doing and planning for Pioneer Nation. They are additional ambassadors for our alma mater and are invaluable

to our ability to stay in touch with our alumni. We are in need of a volunteer for each of these classes: 1959, 1960, 1969, 1977, 1978, 1984, and 2024. It does not require a lot of time, just an interest in what's happening at DHS and some networking with your classmates to share the good news and help with updating contact information. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email nkohl@duchesne-hs.org with the individual's name and cell number.

PIONEER NATION INFO UPDATES

Alumni! Family! Friends! Help us keep you updated by making sure we have your best contact information! And please share this link with friends and family members who may not be receiving our communications. Thank you! <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumniupdate.html>



Forever Friends

Many of us still get together with our high school friends on a regular basis. We would love to share a photo of your

group's gathering. Please submit your pic(s) and a brief description to nkohl@duchesne-hs.org.



Friends from the Class of '79 recently gathered at The Corner Bar for an evening of 3-pin bowling, storytelling, and comradery. (First row: Phil Schneider, Bob Baronovic; Second row: Dave Rankin, Mike Hodges, Tom Allman, Tom Fleming, Doug Rothermich, Dick Clever, Mark Baker)



CAMPUS MINISTRY



**Mike Fitzgerald ("Mr. Fitz")
Director of Campus Ministry**

Mission week is quickly approaching! During March 31-April 4, our students will be raising money for our annual support of Heifer International.*

Students with Mission Week T-shirts can dress down for the week without paying the dress-down donation, or they can dress down for one or more days at \$5/day. T-shirts, raffle tickets, ducks, and RPS (rock/paper/scissors) necklaces will be available for purchase in the lobby before school and at all lunches in the cafe. T-shirts are \$25 each; raffle tickets are \$1/each, \$5/6 tickets, \$10/13 tickets. Ducks and necklaces are \$1/each (only one necklace/day). (cash or card)

Here is a summary of the week's activities:

Monday – Kick-off Sales: 1\$ raffle tickets, ducks, and RPS necklaces.

Dress-down theme: 70s

Tuesday – Junior Ring Mass (no dress down)

Sales continue. Plus Puppies! -- at least 6 adoptable puppies will be available to play with during each lunch shift for \$1/minute.

Wednesday – Grandparents Rosary at 7:15am in the chapel and Chris Cakes in the cafe 7:30-9am

Preorder your pancakes through Noon on Monday, 3/31, at <https://www.duch-esne-hs.org/grandparentrosary1.html>.

Pay cash or card on the day of for \$10/plate (cash or card)

Chris Cakes will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and Tang. Families and children are welcome. My wife and sons will be joining in the fun – bring your family, too! Alumni are also invited!

Please register using the Grandparents Rosary link

above. (The events are separate, but the sign-up is on the same page.)

If you've never had Chris Cakes before, you'll be surprised to learn they actually throw the pancake at you to catch it from across the room! Check out this video: <https://www.chriscakesstl.com/>

Dress-down theme: 80s

Thursday – Teacher Dunk Tank: \$3/throw; \$5/3 throws.

Dress-down theme: 90s

Friday – Pep Rally with dodgeball, RPS champions face-off, chuck a duck, raffle prizes, and pie in the face for teachers.

Dress-down theme: 2000s

Penny Wars will be happening throughout the week for House points.

* Heifer International supports smallholder farmers to sustainably address hunger and poverty in their communities while caring for the Earth.

DONATING through the DECADES

- ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS** (ALL WEEK)
- CHUCK-A-DUCK** (ALL WEEK)
- RAFFLE PRIZES** (ALL WEEK)
- PUP SNUGGLES** (TUESDAY)
- CHRIS CAKES** (WEDNESDAY)
- DUNK TANK** (THURSDAY)
- PEP RALLY & PRIZE DRAWINGS** (FRIDAY)





COUNSELING CONNECTIONS



Junior College Prep Workshops

The Class of 2026 attended a series of college preparation workshops that covered topics that included what to look for in a school; ACT, test scores, and GPA; scholarships and financial aid; and how to request transcripts and letters of recommendations.

To wrap up the workshop series, the class of 2026 will be attending a mini college fair on Friday, April 11, as they continue to progress in their college search process.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

When it comes to college choices, financial aid is a critical component. Financial aid letters include unfamiliar terms, confusing numbers, and nuances that can make differences to the actual offer and obligation. Here is a resource to help students and families unpack the details.

[How to Read a Financial Aid Letter](#)

REMINDERS

Planning a college visit? Don't forget to turn in your College Visit Permission Form to Mrs. Grass one week prior to scheduled visit.

https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf

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SOPHOMORE COLLEGE FIELD TRIP

The Class of 2027 will be heading on a college field trip to UMSL, LU, and SCC. The purpose of this field trip is for students to start thinking about the college process and be able to identify the differences between 4-year public, 4-year private, and community colleges. This field trip will take place on Wednesday, April 23. More details to come.



BUILD MY FUTURE STL FIELD TRIP

Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to attend the Build My Future STL Event at the Family Arena on Wednesday, April 30. Build My Future gives students the opportunity to spend a day in the construction industry through an experiential showcase. Student activities include educational displays, equipment operations, and interactive booths.



FOLLOW US!

Our Counseling Department is on socials! Give us a follow to stay up to date on everything happening. You can find us on Instagram and X (Twitter) @dhs_counseldept.

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SENIORS—Submit your College Acceptance and Scholarship Information by Thursday, April 17.

[College Acceptance](#)



April 17th is quickly approaching!

This is the deadline for seniors to have all A+ tutoring/mentoring hours completed and turned into Mr. Fitzgerald. In addition to the tutoring hours, seniors must have all A+ attendance and citizenship appeals turned in. If you or your student has a question regarding their A+ eligibility, please email BGrass@duchesne-hs.org.

LOOKING AHEAD SPRING 2025

April 8th

ACT Testing Day @
DHS

April 11th

Mini College Fair 9am

April 23rd

Sophomore College
Field Trip –
more details to come

April 30th
Build My Future Event
at the Family Arena

May 7th-9th
Junior and Senior Finals

May 13th
Baccalaureate Mass

May 15th
Graduation

May 21st- 23rd
Freshman and
Sophomore Finals

June 14th
National ACT Test Date
Our School Code is:
262841

HELPFUL LINKS

DUCHESNE
COUNSELING
<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/counseling.html>

FAFSA
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

SCHOLARSHIPS
<https://www.fastweb.com/>
<https://myscholly.com/>
<https://myscholarship-central.org/>

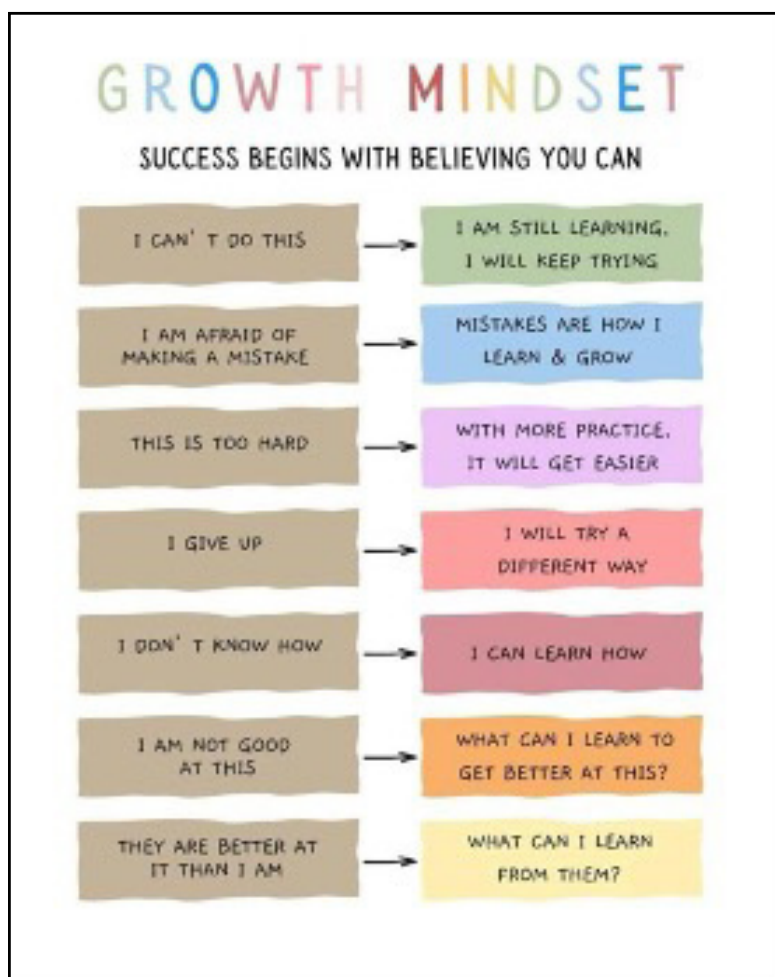
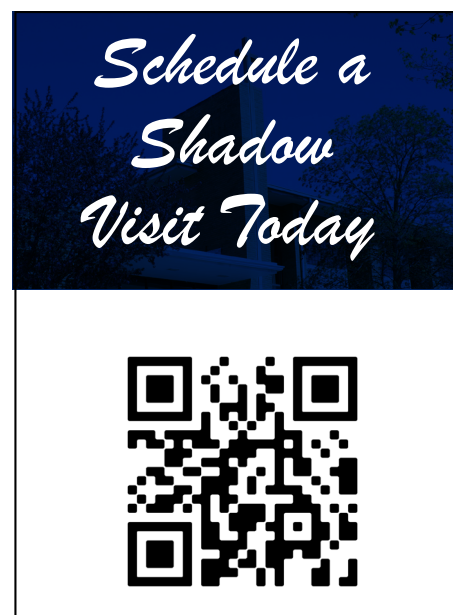
NAVIANCE
<https://student.naviance.com/main>

COMMON APP
<https://www.common-app.org/>

NCAA ELIGIBILITY
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ACT
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en-missouri.html>

SAT
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>



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FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Renee Moore '86
Athletic Director

Spring Sports is an exciting time of year for high school athletics. It marks the third season of the high school calendar but as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, our coaches and athletes have a renewed sense of enthusiasm as they enter their respective playing fields. Our 2024 State Champion Baseball team returns with a new set of tournament challenges, as do our track and golf individuals who look to return to their state tournaments. We are also eager for our girls soccer, boys volleyball, and boys tennis teams to get their seasons started!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, SENIORS!

Winter sports/activities recognized the following seniors and their families for their dedication to Pioneer Nation.

Class of 2025
Marching Band
Logan Archer, Ariel Harris, Ailsa Ide, Carson Kuhn, Liliana Magers, and Dylan Paulette

Class of 2025
Boys Basketball
Cole Brockmeyer, Jack Burle, Gavin Moffitt, Charlie Ries, Bryce Rogles, and James Williams

Class of 2025 Girls Basketball
Maddie Denker, Madisyn McCarthy, Mackenzie Nave, SaVaughn Pickett, and Katie Stockhausen

Class of 2025 Bowling
Mackenzie Nave

Class of 2025 Cheerleaders
Taylor Potter, Hannah Rimmey, and Zaria Watson

Class of 2025 Diamondline
Maggie Schneider

Class of 2025 Wrestling
Zaria Watson

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR KATIE STOCKHAUSEN

On Tuesday, February 11, Katie Stockhausen scored her 1,000th point to become the 8th Lady Pioneer to join our 1,000 Career Point Club. The Pioneers went on to win the game, making Senior Night an extra special evening for our Lady Pioneers!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Class 3, District 5 All-District teams were announced.

We are very proud of the following players who earned a place on the 2024-25 MBCA Class 3 All-District teams:

Boys
Class of 2026
Drew Heischmidt

Girls
Class of 2025
Katie Stockhausen

Class of 2027
Kylie Bryan

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR MADDIE DENKER

Maddie was selected as Duchesne's 2025 Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete. Maddie carries a 4.5 GPA, is a golf state champion, and plays basketball and soccer. Maddie will be continu-

ing her education and play golf next year at Quincy University. As a Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete, Maddie will be recognized on Tuesday, May 6, prior to the Cardinal baseball game.

CLASS OF 2025 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNINGS

Additional seniors have announced their decisions to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. These individuals will be honored in a signing ceremony on Wednesday, April 9, at 8:30am in the Ted Yeater Athletic Center. Congratulations to the following:

Scottie Alberson
Truman State University
Soccer



The MSHSAA Scholastic Achievement program acknowledges academic achievement in the classroom!

Congratulations to varsity football, soccer, esports, cheer, cross country, dance, girls golf, and girls tennis on receiving this honor for the first semester!

MSHSAA Scholastic Achievement program acknowledges academic achievement in the classroom using two distinct levels of recognition. Outstanding, with an overall team GPA of 3.5 - 4.0 and Distinguished, acknowledging team GPA of 3.0 - 3.49.

Congratulations to these fall sports teams that achieved these certificates in the first semester.

Gianni Bolanos
State Fair Community College
Soccer

Trevor Boschert
State Fair Community College
Soccer

Luke Fink
State Fair Community College
Soccer

Declan Fuchs
State Fair Community College
Soccer

Katie Stockhausen
St. Charles Community College
Soccer

Any senior who decides to participate in college athletics moving forward, please be sure to reach out to Mrs. Moore so you can be added to our Signing List!

RECOGNIZING OUR FALL SPORTS TEAM WITH MSHSAA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

An important aspect of education-based athletics is to recognize outstanding performances on the field; however, it is equally important to recognize accomplishments in the classroom. The MSHSAA Scholastic Achievement program acknowledges academic achievement in the classroom using two distinct levels of recognition: Outstanding, with an overall team GPA of 3.5-4.0, and Distinguished, with an overall team GPA of 3.0-3.49. Duchesne fall sports teams prioritized their studies while balancing athletic practices and games. Congratulations to the following teams:

Outstanding:

Boys and Girls Cross Country
Diamondline Dance Team
Girls Golf

Distinguished:

Cheerleading
E-Sports
Football
Boys Soccer
Girls Volleyball

LOOKING AHEAD THIS SPRING

- Friday, March 28, Pre-Game Ceremony prior to the 6pm Varsity Girls Soccer Game honoring the 1995 State Champion Golf Team (30 years) and the 2015 State Champion Girls Soccer Team (10 years)

- Saturday, April 26, Duchesne Athletic Booster BBQ – details to come!

- Tuesday, April 29, Senior Night for Soccer (pregame), Golf and Tennis (halftime)

- Monday, May 5, Senior Night for Baseball (pregame)

- Wednesday, May 7, Ballpark Bonanza at BMAC – watch for information

- Thursday, May 8, Senior Night for Volleyball, Track and Field, E-Sports (prematch)

SPRING TRYOUT DATES

- Cheer Tryouts are April 22-25 from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the PAC. For more information contact head coach Becky Severs at BSevers@Duchesne-hs.org.

- Diamondline Tryouts are April 28-30 from 6pm-7:30pm in the PAC. The parent-student meeting will be held Monday, April 14, at 6pm. For more information contact head coach Anita Borgmeyer at ABorgmeyer@Duchesne-hs.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

- Check out the summer camp dates for all our sports and activities

- Details to come soon on summer work-out programs and hours

- Duchesne Dead Period: August 2-10, 2025. No sport or activity practices or meetings

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER CAMPS
2025



Make sure to go to the Girls Soccer Home Opener Friday, March 28 to test out your throwing arm with Chuck-a-Duck for a chance to win a basket full of goodies!!

- First Fall Practice Date: Monday, August 11, 2025

- Follow Athletics_DHS on X for real-time updates

- Visit Big Teams-Schedule Star for full schedules and weather-related changes

STAY INFORMED

As spring weather can bring unpredictable conditions, please remember to stay up to date on practice and game adjustments/cancellations:



2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala
Save the Date
 Saturday, January 31, 2026
 Ameristar Casino

Pioneer for a Day

ATTENTION 6TH & 7TH GRADERS!
 Join us on Friday, April 25th, from 8:00am – 2:30pm for a full day of Pioneer **FUN!**

You'll take part in small group activities led by our House Leadership and participate in faculty-designed, hands-on activities in the classroom!

Events Include: Ice Breakers | Prayer | STEM Activities | Music | Athletics Experiments | Learning about our House System | Pizza Lunch and MORE!

EXPERIENCE DUCHESNE IN MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT

Register

EGG MY YARD
 LET DHS DO THE WORK FOR YOU!

30 EGGS \$25 50 EGGS \$45 100 EGGS \$75

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 | 6:00PM
 EGGS WILL BE STUFFED WITH CANDY, STICKERS, AND SMALL TOYS!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS PROGRAM!

We're raising dough!

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

25% OF NET SALES WILL BE DONATED*

April 10, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
2079 Zumbuhl Road, St Charles, MO

Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales.

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UPDATED TRYOUT INFORMATION!

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DANCE

DIAMONDLINE TRYOUTS

IN-PERSON TRYOUTS
 DATES- APRIL 28-30, 6:00PM-7:30PM (DHS PAC)
 PARENT/STUDENT MEETING MON, APRIL 14, 6:00PM DHS

Email Coach Anita Borgmeyer for More Information:
aborgmeyer@duchesne-hs.org

SCHEDULE YOUR
SHADOW VISIT



REGISTER TODAY!

Welcoming 7th and 8th Grade Visitors!

Discover our Pioneer Family and how our students build their futures as they grow in mind, body, and spirit!
Contact Dana Bryan at dbryan@duchesne-hs.org for more information.

**DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING GOLF
TOURNAMENT**
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025




The Falls Golf Club
1170 Turtle Creek Dr.
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Foursome Scramble
\$150 per golfer/\$600 per team
Pioneer Package \$100 per team
includes contests, skins, and 4 mulligans

REGISTRATION	12:00pm	DINNER & AWARDS	6:00pm
SHOTGUN START	1:00pm		

CONTACT DETAILS
Jennifer Krupich
636.757.6910
jkrupich@duchesne-hs.org



**Interested in
Cheerleading?**
Be a part of our team!

Tryout Information:
April 22 - 25 (Tuesday - Friday)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
in the Performing Arts Center

Check out our team:



YouTube/
Instagram/
TikTok



Follow the QR code above
to be on the contact list
for current tryout
Information!




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