



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi all,

The end of the term is rapidly approaching. Including today, we have eleven days of classes left. In addition to the instruction they will be receiving, students will be completing their Christmas doors, aiding their adopt-a-families, helping out with iGiveCatholic, participating in a Christmas concert, playing in and cheering at basketball and hockey games, and preparing for finals. Does it make sense that our students might feel a little stressed during this time of year?

The best way for students to deal with the stress brought on by the end of a semester is for them to stay on top of their work. As major assessments are assigned, they should section them out and work on them over several days. I know from experience (as both a student and a teacher) that avoiding last minute work can be seen as idealistic thinking, but it is also incredibly helpful.

We will also do our best to make the end of the term a successful one for our students. I am sure our teachers will be more than happy to help students take big projects or papers and break them down into manageable components. Additionally, the next two Wednesdays (12/4 and 12/11) will be Power Hours. Finally, on December 17th we will have our first semester Reading Day. We will start the day with mass. After mass, teachers will be in their rooms until noon to assist students and help them prepare for their finals.

Sincerely,

Dominic D'Urso



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Upcoming Events

- December 4 **Power Hour:** The faculty will not have formal professional development. Instead, they will be in their classrooms and available to our students as we approach the end of the quarter.
- December 9 **All School Mass:** As usual, the Duchesne community is welcome to attend. Mass should start around 9:45.
- December 10 **Boys Basketball Home Opener:** JV plays at 5:45. Varsity follows at 7:00.
- December 11 **Power Hour:** The faculty will not have formal professional development. Instead, they will be in their classrooms and available to our students as we approach the end of the quarter.
Christmas Concert: The Christmas Concert will start at 6:30. Audience members will have an opportunity to bid on Christmas cakes (baked by our fine arts students). All proceeds will support the fine arts department.
- December 12 **Girls Basketball Home Opener:** JV plays at 5:45. Varsity follows at 7:00.
- December 12 & 13 **Musical Auditions:** Those interested in performing in the musical or working crew should see Mrs. Owen for more information. This year's musical is *Little Women*.
- December 17 **All School Mass/Reading Day:** The day will begin in Communio at 7:45. Students will have around 30 minutes to finish wrapping their Adopt-a-Family presents. We should start mass around 8:15. After mass, teachers will be in their rooms until noon. Students may leave after mass to begin studying for their finals. They can also see a teacher for individual support.



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December 18

Final Exams 1, 2, & 3:

Period 1 Exam: 8:00—9:05

Period 2 Exam: 9:15—10:15

Period 3 Exam: 10:25—11:25

December 19

Final Exams 4, 5, & 6:

Period 4 Exam: 8:00—9:05

Period 5 Exam: 9:15—10:15

Period 6 Exam: 10:25—11:25

December 20

Final Exams 7 & 8

Period 7 Exam: 8:00—9:05

Period 8 Exam: 9:15—10:15

Exam Information

Students only need to be on campus when they are taking their exams. If, for example, they do not have a period 3 exam, they are free to leave after their period 2 exam is finished. Also, if they do not have a period 1 exam, they do not need to get to class until their period 2 exam begins. If a student is off between exams, they should report to the cafeteria and study for the third exam of the day.

All of the exams end by 11:30. This is done intentionally to give students time to prepare for their finals the following day.

December 23

Christmas Break Begins!

January 6

THE SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS!!!: The first day of the second semester will be an all classes meet half-day dismissing at 12:05.

January 7

Day 1: The first full day of classes will begin on January 1st.