



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi all,

We are nearing the end of our fifth full week of school. That leaves only three weeks before the end of the first quarter. The school year has a tendency to move very quickly. In just a few weeks our freshmen will have successfully navigated their first period of high school and our seniors will need to complete just three quarters before they graduate. While it is obvious to say, I think it is also worth reminding ourselves how fleeting and precious is our time together.

Those of us who have been around Duchesne for several years know how quickly we all will be faced with the end of the first quarter and the seeming light speed at which the second quarter will travel. So, before we get into the craziness of Spirit Week, and the costumed fun of Halloween, and the long-awaited-but-somehow-impossibly-short Thanksgiving Break, and the “I can’t believe it’s already Christmas and the end of the semester” anxiety, I wanted to offer a few words of encouragement. The sooner students can meet with teachers concerning upcoming tests and make-up work, the better. There are so many wonderful opportunities that Duchesne offers our students. The fun activities listed above are just a few. We also have the Play gearing up and shortly our fall sports teams will be preparing for playoff runs. As we participate in the extracurriculars, let’s also make sure we are keeping our focus on the curricular.

Finally, I’d like to say a quick word/offer a reminder about how grades are determined at Duchesne. The academic year is divided into semesters and quarters. Semester grades are the only grades that appear on a student’s transcript. They are also the only grades used to determine a student’s cumulative GPA. We figure semester grades using the following calculations: the first quarter is worth 40% of the grade, the second quarter is worth 40% of the grade, and the final is worth 20% of the grade.

Sincerely,

Dominic D’Urso



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## Upcoming Events

September 19

**Home Doubleheader:** Both the tennis and soccer teams play at home. Tennis starts at 4:00, varsity soccer at 6:00.

September 20

**No School:** The students do not have classes on the 20th. The faculty will be engaged in professional development.

**Home Football:** The game starts at 7:00. Our football families will host a tailgate in the 310 parking lot starting at 5:00.

September 23

**Spirit Week Begins:** The 23rd kicks off spirit week as we prepare for Homecoming. There will be a variety of costume contests and activities leading up to the big game and dance.



**Home Tripleheader:** To kick off homecoming week, tennis, volleyball, and soccer all have home matches. Mr. Schneider might even grill up some hamburgers.

September 25

**Freshmen Testing:** Freshmen will take a practice ACT in the morning. They will report to their first hour class and then move to the PAC for testing. The test should end prior to the lunch hour. The rest of the day will continue as usual.

## Home Soccer

September 26

## Home Tennis

September 27

**Homecoming:** Our pep rally will be at 2:00 and will include an introduction of our Homecoming court. The game begins at 7:00. The Homecoming court will also be introduced prior to the game. As usual, all of our families are welcome to attend both events.

## Home Tennis



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September 28

**Homecoming Dance:** The doors open at 7:00 with the ceremony starting at 7:30. The dance will follow the ceremony and end at 9:30. Students attending the dance are required to stay until 9:00.

October 1

**Home Golf** (Bogey)

October 2

**Home Tripleheader:** Golf (Bogey), Tennis, and Volleyball

October 3

**All School Mass:** As always our families are welcome to join us for Mass. The service should begin around 9:45.

## Looking Ahead (More Details Soon)

October 24

Parent/Teacher Conferences

