



# Hi-Lights

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D.C. EVEREST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

## MAIN OFFICE PERSONNEL

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## Parent, Teacher and Student Scheduling Conferences

On Monday, February 6th, and Thursday, February 9th, from 3:35 to 7:00 p.m., high school teachers and administrators will be scheduling students for next year's classes. Beginning on January 3rd through January 27th, parents will be able to schedule the preferred dates and times of these conferences on the high school website.

Parents of current freshmen students will be receiving letters over the holiday vacation. Follow the online log-in directions to schedule a conference time of your choice. Please write the day and time of your choice on your home calendar, as those who schedule online WILL NOT receive a confirmation. For parents who do not have computer access, please request your day and time by following directions on the bottom of the letter that you will receive. You can either mail the letter back to the senior high, or send your request to the junior high guidance office. For those requesting a time by letter, you will receive a confirmation indicating the exact time for the conference.

Parents of current sophomore and junior students will also be able to schedule appointments online beginning on January 3rd through January 27th. Scheduling letters will be sent home with your son or daughter on December 21st. Please follow directions on the letter and schedule with the assigned teacher. If you are unable to schedule online, follow the procedure on the bottom of the letter. The assigned teacher will confirm the date and time of conference that best fits their schedule and return it to the student to be brought home.

It is essential that students attend scheduling conferences with a parent or guardian. If students do not schedule during these conferences, it becomes difficult to receive their choice of classes for the 2012-13 school year.

## Parent Scheduling Involvement

Your interest and involvement as a parent are among the most important factors in determining the success of your child's high school experience. Scheduling sessions provide an opportunity for you to help your son or daughter plan future course work at D.C. Everest High School and establish long-term educational or employment goals. It is important that you take some time to review the high school course selection booklet with your child before your scheduling session. During this time be sure to ask your child about his/her immediate and long-term educational goals and what required courses are left to fulfill his/her graduation requirements. Please come to the scheduling session with a tentative scheduling plan for next year's classes. We look forward to meeting with you on February 6th or 9th to discuss the future educational plans of your child.

## Final Semester Exams

Semester exams are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20. Students will complete exams for class periods 1, 2, 3, and 4/5 or 5/6 on Thursday and exams for class periods 6/7, 7/8, 9, 10 and 0 on Friday. Each exam is one hour in length. Dismissal times will be altered to 12:05 on both days. Teachers will be available after dismissal times to work individually with students. Busses will run at normal times and no lunch will be served on either Thursday or Friday.

## Test Taking Secrets

Teenagers take many tests. Having a game plan makes them feel more in control and perform better. Here's a checklist to share with your teen.

1. Having a positive attitude about a test-taking situation can influence their study plan.
2. Tests are a learning experience.
3. Find out as much as they can about the test itself.
4. Know what the test will cover, when the test will be given, and the testing format.
5. It is helpful if they try to predict questions that could be on the test.
6. Divide the amount of material they need to learn into study sessions.
7. Go over their notes one last time.
8. Make sure they have all of the materials they need for the test.

## AP Testing

The Advanced Placement testing will take place the weeks of May 7-11 and May 14-18, 2012. Each test will cost \$87 and fees will be collected March 14-18, 2012.

## Juniors Should Get Ready for the ACT

Juniors who are considering college should take the ACT. The ACT is the college entrance exam preferred by all University of Wisconsin schools and accepted by all Wisconsin's independent colleges and universities. Colleges outside of Wisconsin also require results from either the ACT or SAT\* for application and/or placement purposes. Furthermore, many scholarships use ACT scores in the selection process.

Juniors are encouraged to take the ACT on April 14, 2012. The early registration deadline for this test date is March 9, 2012. Students are encouraged to register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

Students should use the booklet "Preparing for the ACT Assessment" to become familiar with the test format and gain insights into test taking strategies. Online preparation is also available at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

Information about ACT Preparation Workshops and other ACT prep courses is available in Student Services.

\*Students doing a national college search should see their counselor on the necessity of taking the SAT.

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## Testing Accommodations on the SAT, ACT, and AP Exams

Students wishing to have testing accommodations (i.e. extended time, test reader or writer, large print, etc.) on the SAT, ACT, or AP exams must complete and submit a Student Eligibility form prior to the exam they want to take. This service applies to students with a documented disability as listed on their IEP, 504 Plan, or other professional evaluation.

To be eligible for testing accommodations the student must: 1) have a disability that necessitates testing accommodations; 2) have documentation on file at school that supports the need for requested accommodations and meets the "Guidelines for Documentation"; and 3) receive the requested accommodations due to the disability for school-based tests.

For more details on these exams and the procedures for documenting a disability, consult the exam registration booklet (available from your school counselor), the appropriate Internet website, or your school counselor.

[www.collegeboard.org/disable/counsel/html/indx000.html](http://www.collegeboard.org/disable/counsel/html/indx000.html) (for SAT I, SAT II, PSAT, and AP tests); and [www.act.org/aap/disab/policy.html](http://www.act.org/aap/disab/policy.html) (for ACT).

## ACT Prep Courses Offered at DCE

In preparation for the April and June ACT test, a test preparation course will be offered in March at the high school. In the previous two years we have offered this course, students have averaged an increase in their ACT scores of 2.0 points. Four D.C. Everest High School teachers will provide information and testing strategies in areas of reading, language usage, science reasoning, and math.

Application information will be provided to students with school announcements and posters in January. The course will include ACT testing, reference books, practice tests, and useful testing strategies. Students may sign up by picking up registration materials in the D.C. Everest Senior High Student Services Office. For information on course fees and schedules contact Dr. Johansen at 359-6561, ext. 4022.

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## On-Line ACT Prep Courses

Three opportunities for on-line ACT preparation will be available for high school students. The NovaNET program provides both ACT preparatory testing and preparatory curriculum. This program will be offered to students during the school day during afternoon study halls and independently at home. There is no cost for this program.

Additionally, students have received passwords for an ACT on-line prep that provides practice tests and results. At a minimum, we recommend that students complete these practice tests before taking their ACT in April. Students should see their counselor if they have misplaced their passwords. There is no cost for this program.

Free on-line help is available at [KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org](http://KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org) and [www.actonlineprep.com](http://www.actonlineprep.com)



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## Learning Where to Find the Money for College

Learning where to find the money for college: Students and parents may not have to pay for it all. Students may be eligible for grants, loans and work-study that would help defray the cost. This financial aid is based on the student and parent's ability to contribute toward the college costs like tuition, books and room & board. A financial aid expert from the Wisconsin DPI will present a program designed to help determine eligibility for aid and show you how to apply. This program is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at 7 PM in the DCE Senior High School auditorium.



## Scheduling Sophomore Career Planning Conferences

Parents of sophomores have recently received letters detailing the annual Sophomore Conferences. Topics to be discussed in this conference include: results of the ACT PLAN that was taken in October, career plans, college/tech/work readiness, progress toward graduation, and course selections for grades 11 & 12. Parents who have not scheduled a conference may still do so by contacting Student Services at 715-359-6561 ext. 4251.

## Sports News & Information

For all of our sports fans, parents, and students, there are several websites with a wealth of information for everyone. The official WIAA website has information about all sports, tournaments, conference scores from games, and much, much more. You can link to the Wisconsin Valley Conference page and the Wisconsin Valley Stats page from the WIAA site. Check them out, they are very helpful.

The WIAA address is: [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org)

The Stats page is: [www.wvcstats.org](http://www.wvcstats.org)

Also check out the D.C. Everest High School athletic pages at: [www.dce.k12.wi.us/srhigh/sports](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/srhigh/sports)

## Yearbooks

Did you miss the November 30th deadline for ordering a yearbook for \$45? You can still order and pay by credit card online by going to the high school home page and clicking on the link. Then, just follow the directions. Yearbooks can be ordered online through January 15, 2012. There is a \$2 convenience fee. Yearbooks can be purchased in May for \$60.

## "Snow Day" Procedures

In the event that school is postponed or closed due to inclement weather, the following media will have announcements. Please listen to these radio or TV broadcasts for questions on school closures.



WIFC - 95.5	WDEZ - 102	
WSAU - 550	WKQH - 104.9	WJMT - 730
WSPT - 97.9	WMZK - 104.1	WAOW - TV9
WPR - 90.9	WGLX - 103.3	WSAW - TV7
WGNV - 88.5	WYCO - 1230	WJFW - TV 12 & 27

## Moving?

If you are planning to move out of the district and would like your child to continue attending school in the D.C. Everest District, you are required to complete the Tuition Waiver form and apply for Open Enrollment during the next Open Enrollment period.

### Tuition Waiver

The intent of the tuition waiver is to solve the problem that occurs when students move out of a district after the open enrollment deadline. If your child meets the requirements and is granted the tuition waiver, he/she is allowed to remain in the district until the following February when you are eligible to apply for open enrollment. You must apply for open enrollment during the next February application period in order for your child to continue attending D.C. Everest.

### Open Enrollment

*(Application period for the 2012-2013 school year is February 6-24, 2012)*

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Parents must complete an on-line application no earlier than February 6, 2012, and no later than February 24, 2012 by 4:00 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

At this time, once a student is accepted to attend D.C. Everest under open enrollment, the student may continue to attend the district without having to reapply every year. Annually parents will receive a mailing requesting that you confirm your child will continue to attend under the open enrollment program, verify your demographic information and return it to us.

### Application Forms/Questions

Application forms for a tuition waiver may be obtained from, and must be returned to, the D.C. Everest Administration Building, 6300 Alderson Street, Weston, WI 54476. For more information please call Rhonda Haas at 359-4221, ext. 1245.

To complete an on-line Open Enrollment application during the open enrollment period, go to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Open Enrollment website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/pstoc.html>

This website will open on February 6, 2012 at 12:00 a.m. and close on February 24, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

## Senior Ball

The Senior Ball will be held Saturday, January 21st, at the Rothschild Pavilion from 7-11 p.m. Tickets will be sold the week of January 9th for \$15.00 each. Students will not be able to leave and re-enter. We hope this will be an enjoyable and safe experience for all who attend.

## D.C. Everest High School Mission Statement

*The D.C. Everest High School community, continuing a tradition of excellence, will provide effective learning opportunities which enable individuals to achieve intellectual, social, physical, and emotional well-being, as well as attitudes and skills for life-long learning. As a result of innovative curriculum, effective instruction, and community collaboration, our students will become self-reliant, positive contributors to a changing world.*

## Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

The high school staff has continued to work to further the successes of the PBIS program during the first semester of this school year. Target areas of focus for the last two years have been on classroom behavior, lunchroom etiquette, hallway cleanliness, and tardiness. Additional goals this year have been established to improve parking lot etiquette, theft and vandalism issues. Much work has been completed by students, teachers, and administrators to plan strategies for improvement, to reinforce these values, and to provide recognition for students who meet these targeted goals.

Looking at the related data provides the best evidence of the value of a program and we are very excited and proud of the results we have observed.

- Disciplinary referral comparisons from last year, reduced in September by 43%, October by 52%, and November by 54%. This is on top of similar reductions in the previous school year.
- The lunchroom and hallways are cleaner, having little refuse left on tables or floors (reported by custodians and cafeteria staff.)
- Tardiness has continued to be reduced in all class periods. Over 840 students ended the first quarter with no tardiness to any class period. We are continuing to work on our Wednesday morning late start tardiness issues.
- Theft and vandalism problems have almost been completely eliminated.

Teachers and staff report that there is ongoing evidence of increased student pride and respect for our school and our students report that the overall atmosphere in the high school is positive and friendly. We will be continuing our efforts to improve our PBIS program throughout the school year.

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## D.C. Everest School District Places on AP District Honor Roll

D. C. Everest School District is one of five Wisconsin School Districts to be named for a second year on the AP District Honor Roll. D.C. Everest School District is honored for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's Advanced Placement program, because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically-prepared students who are likely to benefit most from AP coursework. Since 2009 D.C. Everest School District increased the number of students participating in AP exams from 235 to 335 while maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 over 75%. The majority of U.S. colleges and universities grant college credit or advanced placement for a score of 3 or above on AP exams.

## Free & Reduced Price Meal Benefits

Applications for free or reduced price meals can be submitted at any time during the school year. If you feel you may qualify, please submit an application. All applications are confidential. Forms are available at all school buildings, from the Food Service office by calling 241-9700, extension 2407 or can be downloaded from the district website. Please contact Christine Welsh, Supervisor of Food Services, at 241-9700, extension 2408 if you have any questions.

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## Positive After School Support (PASS)

Students may be assigned to the PASS assistance program if they are extensively behind in their assigned class work or in need of extra academic assistance. Parents will receive notification from a teacher of a referral for PASS through e-mail or phone call. PASS sessions will be held on Wednesday and Monday nights, after school from 2:50 - 3:45 pm. Attendance is mandatory for referred students unless verification is received (prior to 8:00 am Monday morning) that all late and unfinished work has been completed. Teacher advisors will be available during PASS sessions to mentor and provide appropriate resources for students to complete their work.

Teachers may also assign students to report to their classrooms for more personalized academic support. Students who fail to attend PASS sessions will be scheduled to attend Saturday school support sessions.

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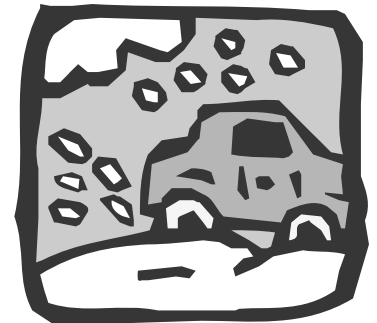
## Edline Tip to View Homework Calendars

1) Select your child's name in the "My Classes & Shortcuts" selection box, 2) Select on the combined calendar in the "My Content" box, 3) Select "Weekly" as your viewing option to most easily see classes and teachers.

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## Student Drivers

The change of the seasons means slippery roads and changing weather conditions. Please, please, please talk to your son or daughter about good driving habits. Emphasize that driving is a full-time job and seat belts are always in use! This also means cell phones, playing with the IPOD player, or driving recklessly are all NO-NO's!



# 2011-2012 Calendar

## JANUARY

- 3 First Day Back from Winter Break
- 9 Honors Parents Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Auditorium
- 10 HR Schedule, Jostens meets with Seniors on Graduation Caps, Gowns, etc.
- 14 Wausau Conservatory Jazz Festival, Wausau East
- 17 Jostens Returns for Graduation Orders, 9-1 p.m.
- 18 Financial Aid Parents Night, 7 p.m.
- 19-20 First Semester Exams, Altered Schedule
- 20 First Semester Ends
- 21 Senior Ball, Rothschild Pavilion
- 23 Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 31 SH Solo & Ensemble, SH - 3-5:30 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 1st Semester Report Cards handed out in homeroom
- 6 Scheduling Conferences, 3:35 - 7 p.m.
- 6-24 Open Enrollment
- 9 Scheduling Conferences, 3:35 - 7 p.m.
- 11 ACT Test, DCE
- 20 Spring Sports Parent Meeting  
6:30 - 7 p.m. Cards and Fee Collection  
7 p.m. Meeting in Auditorium
- 25 District Solo & Ensemble, Middle School
- 27 Interim Reports Mailed
- 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7 p.m.
- 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2-5 p.m.

## MARCH

- 2 Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 5 Track Starts
- 14 Teacher Inservice, Early Release - 1:20 p.m.  
Normal Bus Schedule
- 17 ACT Prep Course Test
- 19 SH Orchestra/Band Concert, 7 p.m.
- 19 Baseball, Girls Soccer, Softball Starts
- 23 Last Day Prior to Spring Break
- 23 3rd Quarter Ends

## APRIL

- 2 First Day Back from Spring Break
- 6 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- 11 Report Cards Handed Out in Homeroom
- 14 ACT Test - DCE
- 16 SH Choir Concert, 4 p.m.
- 20-21 State Forensics
- 21 Junior Prom, DCE
- 28-1 International DECA Competition
- 28 Jazz Blowout, SH Auditorium, 7 p.m.

## MAY

- 1 Mandatory Senior Meeting on Graduation
- 7 Snow Day Makeup; If not needed, Vacation
- 7-11 AP Testing
- 9 Interim Reports Mailed
- 14-18 AP Testing
- 18-19 Variety Show, 7 p.m.
- 21 SH Bands Concert, 7 p.m.
- 24 JH & SH Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

## JUNE

- 5 Final Exams, Altered Schedule, 7:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.  
Normal Bus Pickup, 2:40 p.m.
- 6 Final Exams, Altered Schedule, 7:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.  
Normal Bus Pickup 2:40 p.m.
- 6 Last Day of School, 4th Quarter Ends
- 6 Mandatory Graduation Practice for all Seniors,  
12:10-2:30 p.m.
- 6 Graduation - Field House, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Teacher Inservice - 8-2 p.m.
- 9 ACT Test, DCE

Also located at <http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/srhigh/>  
PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES LISTED.  
MORE WILL BE LISTED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## 2012-2013 Scheduling Information

### Attention all Freshmen!

Just a reminder to schedule a time online or return scheduling letter by Friday, January 27th, to the junior high guidance office.

To schedule by phone, call Heidi Bartlett at 359- 6561 ext. 4231.



### Attention all

### Sophomores & Juniors!

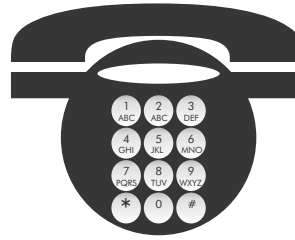
You will be receiving your scheduling letters in homeroom on Wednesday, December 21st. These must be taken home to be completed by the parent/guardian and returned by January 27th, 2012 to your homeroom teacher.

# Telephone & Calendar Information - Post On Your Refrigerator

## D.C. EVEREST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

If a student is absent or tardy to school:

1. CALL 715-359-6561, Attendance Secretary (ext. 4247)
2. CALL BETWEEN 7:15 a.m. and 9 a.m.
3. Be prepared to inform attendance secretary
  - a. Name, grade and ID number of student.
  - b. Reason for absence or tardiness.
  - c. If extended illness, estimate length of absence.
4. Each single absence requires a telephone call from the parent.
5. Phone messages for attendance can be received at all hours of the day using the extension listed above.
6. For extended absences, please contact the Student Services office for homework. Ext. 4246.



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 6 . . . . . 3:35 - 7:00 p.m.  
February 9 . . . . . 3:35 - 7:00 p.m.  
February 27 . . . . . 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
February 28 . . . . . 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Interim Reports Mailed

February 27, 2012  
May 9, 2012

### Grading Periods (Quarters End)

Report cards distributed within 10 days of the following dates:

January 20    March 23    June 6

### Vacation Days

December 23 - January 2                      May 7 (*snow day make-up, if needed*)  
April 6    May 28  
March 26 - 30

**D.C. Everest High School (715) 359-6561**  
**TDD Number: (715) 355-9593**

## 2011-12 DATES OF INTEREST

### In-Service Meetings

Jan. 23    All Day - No School  
Mar. 2    All Day - No School  
Mar. 14    1:20 p.m. Early Dismissal/Normal Bus Pick-up

*Seasons Greetings*

**NOTE: Other dates of interest will be included in up-coming newsletters mailed throughout the school year.**

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