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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and our students are enjoying summer break. I am excited for the 2026-2027 school year and the amazing things we will witness from our students on a daily basis. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education; and I look forward to working with you and your children.
The entire DHS team has been working tirelessly to provide each student with the best possible education as we strive to keep all students safe, as well as preparing our building for the new school year. We will open the school year on August 25, 2026 with all students reporting to their respective first period class by 8:00 AM. Below you will find information pertinent to the start of the school year. Please continue to check our website (www.dallassd.com) then select Dallas High School for updates.

Please note the following:

- **Act 158 (Graduation Requirements)** - The PA Dept. of Education has updated graduation requirements including Keystone Exam proficiency. Updates will be given at our Back to School Night and information can be found on our website - https://dallassd.com/dallas-high-school/students/act-158/
- **Arrival/Dismissal Updates:**
  - Parent drop off will start in front of DHS starting at 7:30 AM
  - The Commons will be open to students at 7:30 AM - First Bell will be at 7:50 AM for locker use with doors locking at 7:57. Students arriving after 7:57 AM are considered tardy.
- **Guidance Department** - Our counselors will be meeting with members of the Class of 2027 during the first semester to complete an audit to ensure the graduation requirements set forth by Act 158. The School Counselor assignments are:
  - Mrs. Keating - Students with Last Names A-G
  - Mr. Kelly - Students with Last Names H-P
  - Ms. Thomas - Students with Last Names Q-Z
- **Senior Sign Out** - the Class of 2027 has the option to sign out of Mountaineer Minutes at the end of the day if all requirements are met and we are running a Mountaineer Minutes schedule. Please reference the document on the Class of 2027 Google Classroom or visit the main office to apply and submit parent permissions by August 25, 2026.
- **For Incoming Freshmen and New Upper-Class Students (Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM - Dallas High School Performing Arts Center)** – As an introduction to the *Dallas High School Experience,* Mr. Natitus will have a brief orientation for students and parents followed by Student Council members leading our newest students on a facility tour, answer student questions and offer helpful tips for our new students. Schedules and locker information will be available on the CSIU student portal.

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- **Back to School Night - Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 6:00PM - DHS Performing Arts Center**. Parents are invited for a brief presentation regarding DHS daily procedures, student expectations, safety updates, graduation requirements, and state mandated testing. Following the presentation parents may tour the building and meet any faculty present.
- **Student Schedules** - Students may access their schedule on CSIU starting on August 14, 2026. Please note we will only make schedule changes to complete graduation requirements as needed. Students should check the CSIU student portal in case of any changes and to determine their 1st period class prior to arriving on August 25th.
- **Student Transcripts** - Unofficial student transcripts are available on the CSIU parent portal and will be updated by the semester. Official transcript requests can be made through our Guidance Office.

Prior to the first day of school:

To help expedite opening day activities, we ask parents to complete the following forms and return with students on the first day of school. Please use the links below to view the source documents:

●Student Handbook/Acceptable Use policy signoff. You can find the full policies and/or documents on our website or use the links provided:

- ○ Student Handbook Signoff - https://dallassd.com/dallas-high-school/ (All Students)
- ○ AUP - https://dallassd.com/technology/resources-for-students/ (All Students)
- ○ Chromebook signoff/procedures - https://dallassd.com/technology/resources-for-students/ (Freshman/New Students Only)

●Update parent contact information on CSIU if there have been any changes from last year. - https://parent-csiu.eschooldata.com/DALS

We look forward to the return to school on August 25th, until then enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Daniel Natitus
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