SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

To the DCG Class of 2020,

This is not how anyone envisioned the school year would end. I know you are disappointed, upset, confused, and sad. Parents, I know you are feeling these same things, I feel them too. Ending the year like this is not how the last three months of your senior year was supposed to go. You are missing out on enjoying the final months of your senior year, hanging out with your friends, cramming for those last tests, walking the halls one last time and dreaming about one last summer before all your classmates head in different directions. It is natural that you may be feeling sad, this situation has certainly created a sense of loss.

If there has ever been a group of students who can adapt to any circumstance, it is this group of seniors. You are no strangers to adversity. Nineteen years ago, you entered the world at another tumultuous time, when the world, post 9/11, was forced to adjust and change our way of life as a result of the worst terrorist attack our country had ever experienced. You were our first students who have always had to go through security checks when attending a sporting event or concert, you have always had to take off your shoes when going through airport security. You came into the world during a time of chaos. Now chaos is ushering you out of high school and pushing you into adulthood. You are used to uncertainty, and you know how to handle unpredictable times.

Seniors, you will be the new wave of thinkers and because of this will be able to problem solve and approach challenges like no one before you. You will continue to persevere and be successful because of this situation. I can’t wait to see what you do with the lessons you have learned. Please know you always have a home at DCG.

Scott Grimes, Superintendent
Pay-to-Ride (PTR) School Bus Registration Now Open

Registration for the Fall Pay-to-Ride (PTR) school bus service is now open. The purpose of this service is to assist parents in transporting their child to and from school. This service is fully funded by fees paid by parents that participate in this service. Parents interested in the PTR School Bus service are welcome to register for this service but payment will not be accepted until July 1st.

Program Details:
1. Available to Kindergarten through 5th grade students who live between 1-2 miles of their assigned school and live within the school boundary of their assigned school. See the PTR Eligibility Map for your school by visiting www.dcgschools.com/transportation. Distance is calculated by using public streets.

2. You do not need to register again if you are already participating in the PTR service. Please advise us if your child does NOT plan to utilize this service next year. The service will automatically be discontinued if your child is moving to 6th grade.

3. PTR Registrations are processed in the order they are received and space is limited. Once space is full, students will be placed on a waiting list.

4. Registration for a PTR School Bus Pass is a TWO step process. a. Complete and submit a PTR School Bus Pass Registration. b. We can not accept payment for this service until July 1st. Pay online with a credit or debit card at DC-G Schools RevTrak by the end of July.

5. The fee for a PTR School Bus Pass is $275 per semester per student. Students eligible for the DC-G free/reduced school lunch program will be charged a reduced fee of $150 per semester.

6. For more details, read the Pay-To-Ride Transportation Information, located at www.dcgschools.com/transportation.

Contact your school secretary for more information about the free/reduced school lunch program.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Wolfe, Transportation Director, jeff.wolfe@dcgschools.com or 515-986-5173 ext. #1.
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NCYL Students selected to represent DC-G High School for the National Council on Youth Leadership (NCYL) award include: Maddie Evans, Riley Feeley, Makenzie James, Isabel Kidd, Kylie Merical, Jillian Rants, Megan Sterbenz and Ty Walker. NCYL is an is an extreme honor. Applicants are screened and nominations are based on both faculty and community recommendations. All candidates are evaluated based on their leadership and strength of character. Each applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to be considered. Beyond meeting the academic bar, students are chosen based on their service and leadership in the school and community.

Aidan Ramsey
Alexander Romig
Alexander Thomas
Alexia Henrichs
Anna Kelly
Bailey Pierce
Cale Schmitz
Corbyn Paup
Dominic Ward
Ella Lampe
Elle Nelson
Ellie Jermier
Emily Cantrell
Emma Smith
Grant Harbaugh

Hannah Little
Isaac Short
Isabella Bauman
Jackson Jones
Jenna Skow
Julia Reis
Katie Christensen
Kaylin Petrak
Kenna Jackson
Lauren Wyllie
Luke Busby
Maximus Reitano
Maya Worley
McKenna Pierce
Mya Williamson

Olivia Murphy
Olivia Valline
Paige Hollatz
Rachel Koster
Rowan Kidd
Rylie Reents
Samantha Robles
Samuel Jones
Sarah Capps
Shaine Bryant
Shea Walker
Sierra Mason
Sierra Pickering
Skyler Blessman
Taylor Johnson

HIGH SCHOOL

National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization that is based upon four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. These pillars have been a part of membership since 1921. NHS is an honor that not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

This year the DC-G NHS Chapter had over 75 members including Juniors and Seniors. We are proud to announce that we have 45 new members who have accepted the honor of participating in the DC-G NHS Chapters!

MEADOWS

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DCG PTO Box Tops for Education has made changes to the way that our schools can earn money. The traditional Box Top Clips are being phased out of production as they work to become completely digital. You can still submit the traditional box tops to the elementary schools until they are no longer found on products. Each Box Top is worth $0.10 and if everyone is scanning their receipts, this adds up very quickly. The money earned is split between all four elementary schools. The app is easy to use! Search the app store on your phone or go to the Box Tops for Education website at BTFE.com.

Download the app and select our district by searching for “Dallas Center Elementary School”. Click on the Scan button and take as many photos as you need of your receipt to capture the entire purchase.

As you are scanning your receipt there is a star icon that allows you to give credit to a specific classroom. Type in the teacher’s name and then submit. (This is optional but will be used during our collection contests.)

Online grocery shopping receipts from places like Instacart and Walmart can be submitted online by forwarding your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email that is associated with your account in the app.

The PTO Box Tops Committee understands that this process does take a little bit longer than clipping physical packages but we do not want to miss this opportunity for our schools. We encourage you to download the Box Tops for Education app and start scanning! If you have any questions about the process, please contact Erin O’Connell at oconnelle83@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Cael Ramsey for being named the sixth grade runner-up of this year’s Hardest Math Problem Student Contest. For Cael’s successful efforts, he will receive a tablet computer from Scholastic. Cael’s Extended Learning Program (ELP) teacher, Mrs. Kluender, encouraged him and several other students to enter the first part of the contest in December. Those students who answered Question one correctly were allowed to move on to Question two. Students had to answer the question correctly, not only give a written reason for their answer but also how they calculated it to move on to the next round.

DID YOU KNOW DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

Are you wondering if your five year old is really ready for all day Kindergarten?

Optional Kindergarten will take your child where they are and adjust curriculum to support academic, social, and emotional readiness.

Optional Kindergarten is an extra year to grow before Kindergarten.

Students who will be 5 years old on September 15, 2020 are eligible to register for Optional Kindergarten.

Optional Kindergarten program focuses:
- Social and Emotional Development
- Academic Development
- Fine Motor Skill Development

REGISTER AT WWW.DCGSCHOOLS.COM OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS ACCEPTED!
**DC-G DECA** qualified nine students this past weekend for the National DECA Competition. Students qualify for the competition by placing in the top three overall in their chosen State competition event. We had four students win the overall competition in their event. State Champions
Jaxon Gambrall- Retail Merchandising Series
Missy Rose and Mallory Schmitz (team)- Hospitality Services Team Decision Making
Sam Vos- Principles of Marketing

Additional National Qualifiers (place in parenthesis)
Alimkhan Assylzhan (2)- Principals of Hospitality
Ariadne LeBeau (3)- Principals of Marketing
Paige Lockner (3)- Entrepreneurship Series
Emily Rutter and Karlie Wilts (2) Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making

**Jazz Band** had an extremely productive season. The growth has been obvious and students gained a wide range of experiences. The competition season culminated in a 3rd-place finish for Jazz 1 in class 4A at the Hoover Jazz Fest. This is the best placement we have accomplished since our school moved into class 4A for Jazz Band. In addition, senior Ben Miller was named All-Star Trombone, an honor given to the top individual players in each section.

Congratulations to Ryan Fitch (pictured right) for making it into the 2020 Class 4A All-State Jazz Band on trumpet. Ryan is a freshman and extremely talented. We are so proud to have him as part of our band program!

**DCG Education Foundation (DCGEF)**
Senior Awards Night is the pinnacle of the Foundation’s work during the year. Senior Awards night is our big game and the reason we raise money throughout the year. Awarding scholarships is why the Foundation exists, why there is a Raising Education Dollars (RED) Business Breakfast each February, a RED Dinner and Auction each November and efforts made for donations and scholarship sponsors.

Last year the DCGEF awarded 99 scholarships from 41 donors for $96,600. This year we anticipate 100 scholarships totaling over $100,000. We plan to make this event memorable, even during this unprecedented time. Please keep an eye our our Facebook page, DCG Education Foundation or Twitter, DCG Education Found for details. We will celebrate the great kids in our district and their continued pursuit of education.
DC-G Boys Basketball Senior Cody Hall quoted Clemson coach Dabo Swiney before a game this year. Coach Swiney said “opponents can prepare for what we do, but they cannot prepare for who we are.” This quote epitomizes the 19-20 Mustang Basketball Team. Our team this year was very close. They invested in each other and believed that a positive attitude and effort can be brought to the court every day. Team chemistry was tremendous and the senior leadership was special. This mentality fed the belief that culture wins! One of our biggest forms of success was that we had a lot of fun and enjoyed being around one another. The team culture was the main reason for the 17 win season, district championship and nine game improvement. The seniors set a standard of excellence and led by example. The season was filled with special memories we will never forget. Special thanks to the administration, cheerleaders, managers, custodians, students, staff and community for the wonderful support throughout the season.

2019-2020 DC-G Mustang Basketball Stats
* District Champion
* Number Two District Seed
* District game wins over Perry and ADM
* 17 wins overall.
* 7-0 Start
* Ranked as high as number three in the state

* Ended season ranked 13th in the State (BCMoore)
* 16th best defensive average in state = 52.74 points per game
* 23rd best offensive average = 60.74 points per game
* Team GPA 3.61
* 184-79 in last nine years 70% winning percentage
* Sweep over Pella Christian, Oskaloosa, Grinnell and ADM
* Wins over Ballard, Newton, Pella, Carlisle, Boone, Carroll Kuemper, Des Moines Christian, Carlisle, Perry

**Varsity Letterwinners**
- Beau Barrett
- Ethan Blum
- Seth Chumbley
- Owen Curtis
- Ike Eddy
- Cole Glasgow
- Cody Hall
- Nic Lawton
- Dawson Lego

**Junior Varsity**
- Jacob Adams
- Garly Augusma
- Beau Barrett
- Ethan Blum
- Luke Busby
- Seth Chumbley
- Ben Elfin
- Brock Junge
- Nic Lawton

**Academic All District**
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**Academic All Conference**
(3.50 Varsity GPA Average)
- Beau Barrett
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- Chase Stratton
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- Cole Glasgow - 1st Team
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- Trenton Liebe - Honorable Mention
- Alex Thomas - Honorable Mention

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**2019-2020 DCG Mustang Basketball Awards**

**Coaches Awards**
- Freshman: Tevor Hamil
- Sophomore: Blake Perrin
- Junior Varsity: Jacob Adams
- Varsity: Cody Hall

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CONGRATULATIONS

Caleigh Ann Allen
Mackenzie Renea Amdahl
Brennan Michael Anderson
Peyton James Arbuckle
Jayme Jude Augusma
Zachary Joseph Barker
Haley Renee' Bashara
Chloe Ann Beavers
Tanner Douglas Beebe
Lily Myria Bejarno
Dillon Matthew Belzer
Emma Jane Bentley
Amaris Israella Bertini
Conrae Hunter Bertini
Kyley Joe Bianchi
Carson Joseph Biegger
Clint Allen Bitting
Ethan Scott Blum
Reece Willey Boardman
Tristan Scott Bocook
Isaac Robert Boley
Drew Jacob Bormann
Carter Dean Bowen
Zoe Lynn Bowling
Lou Lynn Braun
Tyla Marie Brinker
Isaac Michael Campese
Jerzie Marie Carlson
Dawson Lee Channell
DeAnna Mae Channell
Trevon Cheatham-Wells
Jason Tyler Cline
Molly Jane Cooney
Emma Claire Criswell
Jordan Diane Cunningham
Owen Charles Curtis
Caleb Marvin Cyr
Mckenna Lynn Davis
Tyler Jon-Kotsilibas Davis
Brittan Elizabeth Deardoff
Malachi Alexander Deuel
Kolby Wayne Dirks
Madison A. Dow
Bridget Marie Dunn
Elizabeth Grace Elfvin
Jenna Nicole Ellerbeck
Larry Charles Embick
Eliza Belle Ewalt
Ashley Carol Ferguson
Kira Faye Filmer
Chantz Alan Finley
Luke Allen Fistler
Claire Delaney FitzGerald
Joseph Lyle Flyr
Jack Tyler Forsyth
Wyatt Eugene Fox
Zachary Bryant Freeman
Camden Charles Freking
Sarah Jean Frett
Jaxon Daniel Gambrall
Lani Jo Gannon
Kassity Kaelyn Gettler
Lynnea Renee Gordon
Hannah Serie Gullings
Jordan Amanda Gurnsey
Cody James Hall
Riley Marie Hall
Jenna Grace Hannemann
Benjamin Thomas Hanson
Alexis Danielle Haroldson
Brianna Renee Helleso
Jacob Charles Hochstetler
Benjamin Carter Hofland
Daniel John Hohenberger
Starr Marie Holcomb
Ella Brie Hopkins
Nile Owen Horak
Addison Joseph Huber
Jared Thomas Hyde
Todd Logan Ice
Rachel Meredith Ihde
Tatum May Jarboe
Marshall Jarnagin
Bryce Christopher Jermier
Connor Jacob Johansen
Andrew Thomas Johnson
Christopher Edward Johnson
Stephen Thomas Johnston
Jzonei Jones
Gabriel James Jorgensen
Karter Marty Jorgensen
Jackson Robert Joynt
Lara Mae Kallem
Kirill Alexandrovich Kashirin
Jenna Grace Kidman
Tori Lynn Kitt
Hannah Lee Klamfoth
Margaret Grace Klemesrud
Katelyn Faith Knudsen
Allison Faith Koch
Breanna RaeLynn Kyle
Armstrong Kyne
Molly Marie Lamb
Duncan Elijah Lambert
Dawson James Lego
Ashlynn Darlene Leonard
Nathaniel Louis Lickteig
Matthew Douglas Liebe
Trenton Allen Liebe
Tyler Michael Lindsay
Harrison Tye Lindsell
Christopher Douglas Longmore Jr.
Mia Lynn Lundholm
Carly Jo Luers
Tyler Christian Madsen
Jenna La Rae Mall
Gage Anthony Manges
Taylor Ann Manusos
Nadya Penelope Martinez
Jessica Ann McCarty
Collan McDuffee
Samuel James McGuire
Benjamin Robert McKernan
Hartman Alan Meints
Natalie Jean Melton
Jonathan Paul Mikota
Jennifer Miranda Millang
Austin Scott Miller
Ben Michael Miller
Gavin Patrick Moran
Lundin Jacob Morris
Glorie Shamargwe Mukiza
Chase Alan Ray Murga
Zachary Bryan Needham
Braeden Anthony Neilson
Jaiden Makell Nelson
Kamryn Faith O'Brien
Baylor Brett Osborn
Graham Michael Owen
Bryce T. Palmer
Preston James Pellatz
Brooke Elizabeth Peterson
Damion Michael Peterson
Gavin Daniel Petrak
Ella Jean Pierce
Grace Elise Pion
Bradley Ryan Ramsey
Lilian Jennie May Richardson
Micah Matthew Richey
Jacob Ryan Ridnour
Kaylee Anne Ringenberg
Emma Grace Roach
Madelyn Dale Rose
Clayton Lee Rossmannith
Andrew Michael Rothfus
Kylie Madison Rusch
Emily Mae Rutter
Adam Lane Ryan
Katrina Ryann Saddoris
Samantha Saldana-Jamison
Bailyn Nicole Sall
Ke'Alia Keshaye Schaeffer
Kailyn Victoria Schafer
Rachel Ann Schepler
Mallory Jane Schmitz
Logan Daryl Schultz
Spencer Clay Schwantes
Logan Joseph Smith
Sydney Marian Smith
Lauren Elizabeth Spaur
Caleb Cameron Spence
Brennan Daniel Spengler
Savannah Jade Spitz
Macy Paige Stephens
Brodny Williams Spitz
Taylor James Stiles
Jacob Adam Stout
Chase Kenneth Stratton
Caleb Mathew Tapper
Leaha Dawn Thoms
Tyler Alan Tice
Tristan Jacob Tooman
Nicholas Alexander Towne
Brigitte Uwase Mugeyo
Kiefer Riley Vance
Mason Kristopher Veenschoten
Jaci Lynn Versluis
Savannah Kathleen Vidergar
Samantha Marie Vas
Jacob Lawrence Waldron
Matthew Robert Wall
Zachary Kale Ward
Matthew James Watznauer
Jonathan Lloyd Weddle
Ethan Paul Wенell
Cole James Wessling
Sabrina Grace Wiedman
Colby James Wigham
Levi Jacob Willrich
Karlie Jo Danielle Wilts
Sarah Katharine Witmer
Kennedi Ella Beth Wojtowicz
Clay Robert Wuebker
Miles Christopher Wylie
Using a mixture of graphite and chalk pastel, senior Buddy Morris, created this amazing tribute to friendship in his independent art class.