

# Dickinson Digest



What's up at  
**Dickinson  
High School**  
for the week of  
**January 19, 2010**

## The Week Ahead:

- January 18 – No School in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King Day (Dr. King's actual birthday is January 15)
- January 19 – BIG BIG BIG home Boy's and Girl's Basketball Game against McKean. A big faculty turnout would be great to see. For a variety of reasons (not the least of which is midterm exams) we are going to work on bringing a crowd of students out to a game later in the season
- January 19 through 22 – Half Days for midterm exams
- January 22 – End of Second Marking Period

## Farther Out:

- January 26 – January SLRT – Major vote to recommend a bell schedule for next year is on the agenda
- January 27 – Teacher mark entry lock down – 4:00 p.m.
- College Fair – the evening of 1/27/10 at Conrad Schools of Science – Teachers, please avoid major assignments DUE on 1/28 as the fair may run late – See Below for more information
- February 1 – No school for students – In Service day for teachers. IMPORTANT!!! You will need to go into the Data Service Center site and enter 7.5 hours for 2/1/2010 to be paid. You should enter these hours as either "Regular Pay" or "Regular Hours"
- February 1 – Report Cards ready for pick up
- March 10 – DSTP Begins

## Reminders:

- Please remind your homeroom students about the College Fair being held at Conrad Schools of Science on January 27. More than 60 Colleges and Universities are scheduled to attend. Click on either of the links below for more details

<http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/news0910/010810collegefair.shtml>

<http://www.redclay.k12.de.us/news0910/images/010510CollegeFairPostcard.gif>

## EYI:

- The Teacher of the Year process is getting underway. See Mr. Kohan if there is someone you want to nominate or if you would like more information.
- The district has entered into a grant that provides JDHS with the services of an on-site Mentor/Drop Out Prevention Specialist. Bradford (Brad) Powns (pronounced like several chess pieces – Pawns) will be with us three days per week. He is a retired Police Officer and currently works for Communities in Schools. To summarize a broad range of responsibilities in a very few words, Mr. Powns will work closely with any student experiencing academic, behavior, or personal problems that could lead to dropping out.

**Check This Out:** An interesting article on teaching in a block schedule that includes an interview with Dr. Robert Lynn Canady. It is likely that our block scheduling consultant will be affiliated with Dr. Canady's organization.

Go to "My Computer" on your desktop – select T:\~FAC-PUB – and look for the PDF article entitled "blockschedulespecialreport Jan 2010"

If you have any difficulty finding it – give me a call

*Bravo* to Kathy Sheehy for taking a Swim Team from the brink of extinction to respectability  
*Thanks* to Ray Wharton for agreeing to travel to Indianapolis on very short notice

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