

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
December 7, 2009

The Week Ahead:

- 12/7 – Dr. Daugherty will be here at 9:00 a.m. to address Ninth Grade Students in the auditorium
- 12/8 – Department Chairperson's Meeting – 2:45 in room M113
- 12/8 – Workshop on "Academic Language" at Conrad Schools of Science – see the second bullet in the "News" section below
- 12/9 & 12/10 – Our DOE September 30 audit – see below for additional information

Farther Out:

- Secret Santa Week begins on 12/14
- November / December SLRT is on 12/15 – Look for the Agenda from Anne Herholdt
- "New Year's Party" Dance - 12/19 – See Ms. Colon for more details
- Band & Chorus Concert 12/22
- Winter Break – 12/23 through 1/3

Reminders:

- **Our DOE (September 30th Count) Audit is Wednesday the 9th and Thursday the 10th. Remember that Ms. Martinez, Ms. Rotundo and Ms. Norton will have very limited availability on those days. Also, room M113 will be used by the auditors for both days.**
- **In consideration of the Jewish Holidays – please do not schedule evening events on any of the following dates: December 10 – 12 (Chanukah), February 27 (Purim), March 29 (Pesach), and May 18 – 20 (Shavuot). Please also avoid scheduling tests or major assignments on December 10, and 11 as well as May 19 and 20**
- **The online Professional Leave Form is now up and running. Forms must be submitted 10 school days prior to the absence.**

News:

- Closed Personal Days are December 21, and 22
- There is a great professional development opportunity for General Education teachers who may be experiencing the challenges of working with mainstreamed ELL students. Workshop #8953 focuses on Academic Language and comes highly recommended. Go to the Data Service Center to register or to read the course description.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. (Especially Mrs.) CT Lyons on the birth of their son Jacob.

Congratulations to Coach Fillingame, Coach Saunders and the Boy's Basketball Team on the first BIG WIN of the winter sports season. The boys beat Tower Hill 47 to 38 on Friday night.

Thanks to Darryl Skrovanek and Anne Herholdt for their hard work each month in attending the 21st Century Leadership Academy and for their central role in bringing valuable information and training back to the staff.

Thanks to Dan Bartnik and Bob Karcha for their work with ongoing Action Teams that are working on Scheduling and Absence and Grading Policy Revisions respectively.

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