

Dickinson Digest



What's up at
**Dickinson
High School**
for the week of
September 28, 2009

The Week Ahead:

- 9/29 – Department Chairs 2:45 in M113
- **Get those work samples to Ms. Rotundo – see my e-mail list of names sent on 9/25**

Farther Out:

- Back to School Open House is Wednesday October 7 at 6:30 p.m. The agenda for the evening's activities will come out this week
- 10/5 through 10/7 - First Marking Period Interim Report Entry is open – Lock Down is at 9:00 a.m. on 10/8
- 10/12 – Interim Reports mailed
- 10/9 – State In-Service Day. We are hosting the Ruby Payne “Framework for Understanding Poverty” workshop which will be held in our auditorium, and which will include our colleagues from McKean High School. The workshop is in two parts – a.m. and p.m. The morning is mandatory, the afternoon is optional (you may work in your classroom or attend a different workshop in the afternoon). All CTE teachers are excused to attend their annual luncheon. Please register for session 9126 (morning) and 9127 (afternoon).
- 10/17 – Nosferatu PAB fund raiser – see below
- **Spirit Week begins 10/19 and ends with the Homecoming Game on 10/23 and the Homecoming Dance on 10/24**

Reminders:

- Donated Leave Policy – I have had a couple of questions in this area recently, here are the basics...
 - Recipient must be out of work for at least 5 weeks
 - For every 2 days donated, 1 will be made available to the recipient
 - Recipient must have already utilized all available sick and personal days
 - The amount to be received is capped at 188 days for ten month employees
 - A teacher or school employee may use donated leave without loss or reduction of pay, leave to which the teacher or employee is otherwise entitled, credit for time or service, or performance or efficiency rating

News:

- A reminder: All field trip request forms must go through the principal's office and must be submitted at least 25 days prior to the trip
- Nosferatu – This is a silent film produced in 1922 based on Bram Stoker's “Dracula.” This showing is a fund raiser for the Performing Arts Boosters and it will be accompanied by the full score played on our Theater Organ. Students who come in costume (No Masks) will get free Halloween Candy. Hats off to the PAB for using the Theater Organ to directly benefit JDHS students.

Bravo to The Rams Field Hockey Squad and Coach Seeman who are now 3 – 1. Great Work Girls!!!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the SLRT meeting on Tuesday – we're off to a great start.

Quotes of the Week: “...the majority of minority and poor students do not have access to the formal register at home. As a matter of fact, these students cannot use formal register. The problem is that all state tests ... are in formal register.” (Payne, p. 28) *English teachers please forgive my clumsy citation*

“I don't have time to focus on the difficulties. I have too much that I need to do for our students.”

Remember: It's About Choices...