

Dolores Secondary Schools

Parent Monday Memo--September 3, 2018

Hello, and Happy Monday (Tuesday)

I hope this memo finds you all relaxed and having enjoyed some of this partly gorgeous/partly wild fall weather that we have had this weekend. Below is an update on the condition of Joey Whited:

Joey is in critical but stable condition. When he arrived at Denver Health, he was immediately taken to surgery to have a stent implanted. The stent is doing its job, and the swelling on Joey's brain had not increased as of earlier today. However, 48-72 hours post-trauma is the greatest danger from swelling, so he remains in a medically induced coma in order to keep him still and avoid making the swelling worse. He had surgery today on his left hand, and that went well. His pupils are equalizing and all of his limbs are responding to pain stimulus. The doctors have told his parents that it will be a long recovery, with baby steps, but signs are good. His family appreciates all the thoughts, phone calls, emails, and texts that have come their way.

Get well cards can be sent to Joey at:

Surgical Intensive Care Unit
777 Bannock Street
Pavilion A--2nd floor
Denver, CO 80204
ATTN: Room C5, Joseph Whited

Every card will be read to Joey and then hung in his room.

We will have an additional counselor in the building tomorrow, along with one on call, if your students feel like they need a moment to talk to someone. These sorts of things can bring up feelings from past events, along with confusion, and we are here to serve your students. Please let us know if you think your student may need someone to check in.

A benefit dinner for Joey and his family is being organized, and you will see flyers/information as soon as the details are set.

Military Recruiter Information

By federal law, high schools are required to release the names and addresses, along with phone and email contact information, to military recruiters.

Parents have the option to "opt out" of this, and to NOT have their students contacted. If your student is in high school, and you do NOT want him/her contacted by a military recruiter, please fill out the form at the link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5192a434e4b0f3c88539a8b0/t/5228b3c0e4b021ee97a39eaa/1378399168800/JRA-JRC+E-2+Military+Recruiter+Opt-Out+form.pdf>

The first release of this directory information will happen on September 10. Please submit your form prior to this date.

Class Cup Spirit Points Update

Currently:

1st place: 7th and Freshmen TIED

2nd place: Seniors

3rd place: 8th place

4th place: Juniors

5th place: Sophomores

This week's contests: Attendance, Grades, Friday Spirit Day (Tell your kids to wear black, white, and red--or bear wear)

Weekly Events

Tuesday: MS Volleyball @ home vs. Dove Creek, 4 p.m.

Booster Club Meeting, 4 p.m., Library

Wednesday:

Thursday: HS Volleyball @ Telluride, 4 p.m.

MS Football @ home vs. Mancos, 5 p.m.

Friday: Cross Country @ Window Rock, 9 a.m.

HS Football @ Norwood, 7 p.m.

This week in Advisory

We will be continuing our work on the Mindset of Everything is Possible, with an emphasis on Dreaming Big. Most students will also continue the "Start with Hello" lessons about preventing social isolation in our community. These lessons will conclude this week. Students will also set up Khan Academy accounts, and middle schoolers will begin working through Growth Mindset activities in Khan. All students will have Academic Advisory time on Friday. You should expect an email from your student or his/her teacher regarding his/her grades.

