

DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
"Where Dreams Become Reality"

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, under the leadership of guidance counselor **Ryan Chিকেletti**, the Delaware Valley Middle School held a **Career Day for 8th grade students**. After reviewing the career artifacts in each 8th grade student's file, the student's interest areas were determined based on the information provided throughout their middle school years at DVMS. Students were given the opportunity to attend small group sessions with the career speakers who fit these interests. **Twenty-one presenters that included an engineer, veterinarian, pilot, a representative of the Workforce Alliance, financial advisor, TV/film producer, athletic administrator, writer, military officer, physical therapist, social worker, Director of Forestry, police officer, athlete, automotive technician, EMT, interpreter, entrepreneur, business manager, musician, and school psychologist** were invited to attend the Career Day sessions for 45 minutes each. The speakers enjoyed attending **breakfast prepared by our PTA** at DVMS before their speaking engagements. Our students had the opportunity to ask questions to the three different speakers that they saw throughout the morning. Some of the topics that our Career Day speakers discussed in detail were their own interests at middle school age, what drew them to their profession, type and amount of education required, positive and negative aspects of their career, what a typical day on their job is like, and related careers/professions. The presenters handed out information on their individual careers to our students.



DVMS CAREER DAY SPEAKERS

A POWERFUL MESSAGE DELIVERED: On Thursday, October 17, Delaware Valley Middle School students and staff were treated to a show-stopping presentation delivered by **Jim Mothersbaugh** and his **Road Radio USA** production team. This lights and music-filled event supported an important message for children and adults of all ages to remember. Mr. Mothersbaugh shared his tragic story dating back to 1984, a situation involving drinking and driving which resulted in sustaining life-long injuries in addition to the death of a close friend. In the end, the students left with a deeper understanding of the negative effects of drinking alcohol and doing drugs. Several students remained behind to speak with Mr. Mothersbaugh and to express their appreciation for his presenting this information.



UNITED WE STAND: Unity Day is an event that was developed by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center to show support for preventing bullying in schools, communities and online. DVMS staff and students wore orange on Wednesday, October 23 to show that we care about keeping our schools safe. We were part of a worldwide effort to prevent bullying and stand united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion!



KEEPING IN TUNE: The **music department** continues to prepare for their **December concerts** (4th for 7th & 8th Grade Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and the 11th for 6th Grade Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.) Additionally, 17 students are beginning to work on music for their respective PMEA Songfests which occur in November. Also, during the weekend of October 25, 2019, four orchestra students participated in the Marywood University String Celebration where they had the opportunity to work with some nationally recognized master-teachers.

JR. SASA CRUSHED IT: **DVMS Jr. SASA** kicked off Red Ribbon week, October 23-October 31 with faculty and staff wearing orange for Unity day and ended with everyone receiving Red Ribbons for drug prevention awareness. Jr. SASA club members decorated DVMS with Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance to drugs as we joined the National Red Ribbon campaign to help create a drug free America. Announcements were read all week regarding healthy choices and the importance of being aware and informed. Students, faculty and staff participated in spirit filled days chosen by Jr. SASA student members to celebrate this year's theme to *Send a Message to Stay Drug Free*.



BE KIND: During Bullying Prevention month DVMS wore blue shirts to “STOMP out Bullying” as well as Orange shirts to celebrate inclusion of all students for Unity Day. Daily announcements reminded students of the DVSD Bullying Policy and how it is brought to life by following the DV5 and how bystanders can be proactive if they witness bullying. Middle school students with school social worker Vivian Bruno promoted the Sandy Hook initiative “Start with Hello,” by making a banner and having activities during the week of September 23-27 to build on DVMS positive school climate.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN: On Wednesday, October 30th over 125 students participated in the annual **PTA Halloween costume dance**. Along with many well-thought costumes, we had outstanding music and many spooky edible treats. This highly successful dance has become one that the students look forward to attending. Thanks to our **PTA** and to **Mrs. Gandolfo, Student Council Advisor**, for coordinating and chaperoning this fun event.



MAKING MATH FUN: Students in Miss Troast's classes participated in a fun fall themed review for the completion of their first math unit. Students completed a variety of math review games including creating candy corn versions of solving equations, matching pumpkin inequalities to pumpkin graphs, matching ghostly absolute values to their graphs, and graphing lines in a pumpkin patch. Students also played Math Crime Clue-a DVMS version of the beloved detective game with a math twist.



OCTOBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Kate Tamplin, Charleigh Cook, Clayton Woodley, Cassie Joyce, Isabella Sevek

OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

**Bryan Mackery
Elizabeth Groudin
Mackenzie Donald**

**Catherine Ficken
Joseph Dallesandro
Zack Anderson**

**Stanely Colin
Luis Mesa De La Cruz
Anthony LaRocco**

**John Llewellyn
Noah Berrios**

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



William Wall, Lily Cosentino, Tyler Matteson, Sophia Fitzpatrick

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

On Tuesday, November 26 and Wednesday, November 27 school will be dismissing at the times listed below. Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon/evening and Wednesday afternoon. School will then be dismissing for Fall recess. **School lunches will NOT be served on Tuesday or Wednesday.**

November 5	Quarter 1 Report Cards Go Home
November 8	DVMS Honors Veterans, Breakfast/Presentation 9:45AM-12:00PM
November 8	DVMS Drama Presents <i>Frozen Jr.</i> 7:00PM, DVHS Auditorium
November 9	DVMS Drama Presents <i>Frozen, Jr.</i> 7:00PM, DVHS Auditorium
November 10	DVMS Drama Presents <i>Frozen, Jr.</i> 2:00PM, DVHS Auditorium
November 20	National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7:00PM, DVHS Auditorium
November 26	½ Day for Students, Dismissal 11:15AM, Activity/Late bus departs 12:45PM
November 26	DVMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 – 3:30, 5:30 – 8:30PM
November 27	Grandparents Day 8:30-10:30AM, DVMS Cafeteria
November 27	½ Day for Students, Dismissal 11:15AM, Activity/Late bus departs 1:15PM
November 28-Dec 2	School Closed, Thanksgiving Recess, Happy Thanksgiving

We are now off and running into the second marking period. It has been a pleasure getting to know the new students a bit and rekindling developing relationships with those from last year. Please take this

transition into a new quarter as an opportunity to reflect upon what has been working well and what may need some slight adjustments. This is a wonderful time to see where we are with our goals. If goals for the quarter have not been established, please consider selecting a few to help guide your way.

November has traditionally been a very busy and exciting month of school. The veterans program and Grandparents Day celebrations held this month are two of the most special events of the year. Also, the Drama Club is set to perform three outstanding presentations of *Frozen, Jr.* Please consider attending one of these shows.

Thanksgiving break has proven in the past to be a wonderful way to end this packed month of events and activities. Please take the time to appreciate all of the things for which we have to be thankful. As always, please have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,

Pete Ioppolo, Ed. D.
Principal