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Good Morning Drexel Hill Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying their week! It's hard to believe that this is our last full week in February! Spring is upon us! \*I apologize for the Thursday morning message about my laptop charger at school last night!!

In this message you will find the following:

- DHMS Popcorn Fundraiser Info. (attachments)
- Speak Up! Opportunities (attachment)
- 8th Grade Information
- Annie Jr. Tickets and Showtimes
- Angela Duckworth Parent Article: Please Read!
- Yearbook Ordering Information
- Home and School Information
- 6th Grade Parent Night
- Community Bulletin Board
- Early Childhood Family Community Day Event (attachment)

### **Popcorn Fundraiser**

Attached to this message you will find ordering information for a popcorn fundraiser. If you are interested, please submit your purchases **asap** as this is a blitz fundraiser with a quick turnaround. Please note that all items will be delivered directly to your home.

### **Speak Up!**

Speak Up is coming to DHMS! We are looking forward to hosting another successful event this year! To begin, we are looking for students to be a part of our Student Leadership Team (SLT). Please see the attached presentation for more information.

### **Yearbook Ordering**

Attached to this message is information regarding the pre-ordering of this year's yearbook! I will continue to include this information in future Wednesday messages until the order date has passed. Get yours today!

### **Annie Jr.**

Annie Jr. tickets are now for sale online! You may also pay cash at the door. Tickets are \$10, but for students, teachers, or military with ID they are \$5. The show dates are March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

<https://www.showtix4u.com/events/DHMS>

### **8th Grade Presentation**

Two weeks ago, UDHS held an informational session for incoming 9th grade students. I am attaching the [presentation](#) here.

### **8th Grade Facebook Page**

Attached is a link to the DHMS 8th Grade Facebook page. All families are encouraged to follow this page in order to keep up to date on 8th grade end of the year activities.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/5930919706964245/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/5930919706964245/?ref=share_group_link)

In addition, you will see a special section on our school website dedicated specifically to 8th grade students and their families. We recognize that the end of the school year is a busy time filled with many exciting activities, so we hope that a one stop shop will help you stay organized and in the know!

### **Home and School**

Our next Home and School meeting will be held on March 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM. We will be in person and virtual! Please consider attending!

### **6th Grade Assembly**

On March 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM, Ms. Cammiso and I will be hosting a 6th grade expectations assembly. All 6th grade families are strongly encouraged to attend. There is a virtual option and we ask that you [RSVP here](#).

### **Community Bulletin Board Reminder**

According to the National Education Association, "when schools, parents, families, and communities work together to support learning, students tend to earn high school more regularly, stay in school longer, and enroll in higher level programs." (NEA May, 2016). Community support, partnership, and engagement with and in school is important and necessary for our children's success. The Upper Darby School District welcomes community members and neighbors from the Upper Darby Township, Heights Borough, and Millbourne Borough to visit our Community Bulletin Board regularly for news and updates regarding events, activities, resources, and supports that are available in and around the School District community. The Upper Darby School District Community Bulletin Board - your source for community-wide activities that benefit our students and families! REMEMBER TO CHECK IT EVERY WEEK!

### [COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD](#)

### **Safe2Say Something Reminder**

We feel that it is important to remind our parents and students of the *Safe2Say Something* program. The Upper Darby School District takes the safety and security of students very seriously and recognizes that the uncertainties and pressures that students and families have faced the uncertainty of a pandemic has clearly demonstrated mental health of students as a priority. The *Safe2Say Something* system teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and say something, using our anonymous reporting system. *Safe2Say Something* is also a way to anonymously report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in any school in Pennsylvania.

For anyone who is feeling unsure or unsafe, please remember that there is help and it is okay to ask for help.

Find below videos and the District's webpage outlining the Safe2Say Something PA Program:

[Safe2Say Something PA Program](#)

[UDSD Safe2Say Something Presentation 2021](#)

<https://pa02209738.schoolwires.net/Page/8021>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal.

### **Duckworth Article**

"Pack your bags! We're going on a guilt trip!" one of my teenage daughters said to the other.

I'd just made a passive-aggressive comment about the dirty dishes they'd left in the sink, so maybe I deserved that remark. But it still stung. And if my kids have such time giving pointed feedback at home, might they also be unkind when they're out and about?

All parents probably worry about raising kids who allow themselves to be jerks to others. But here's something I know about development: Adolescence is a time of [high friction](#) at home, in part because teenagers become acutely perceptive of their parents' shortcomings and are often quick to point them out. They do this because they know the fact that we, the only parents they have, are far from perfect. They hope for us to improve, especially before they move out, so they tend to save the feedback for us.

So how should you react when your teen hits you with zingers? Your teen knows you well—often better than you know yourself—and their observations are usually spot on. They also know when they've crossed a line, and they expect to be called on it. It's important to remind kids that all people—parents included—are more likely to make use of their input when it's delivered with compassion.

*Don't* be defensive when teens criticize you. That either closes down communication or escalates friction, sometimes into a full-blown conflict—two outcomes that set you back.

Do push back if their feedback is more hostile than helpful. Consider saying, "I'm sure you have a point, but we don't speak to each other that way around here. I'm in your corner, but you need to let me know in a kinder way." I'm in constant awe of how quickly my daughters are growing and changing. And thanks to their keener commentary on my not-so-endearing quirks, I'm growing and changing too.

Have a wonderful rest of the week!

Mrs. Palladino





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