

# NORSKI CONNECTION

DEFOREST AREA HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2020



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Machell Schwarz

### Parents

This is a reminder that we will have parent-teacher conferences once again in February. The high school conference dates are:

- February 24: 3:30-7:30 pm and
- February 26: 3:30-7:30 pm

We encourage all parents to attend and certainly also encourage students to be a part of these conferences. Click for details and [Teacher Dinner Schedule](#). Students do not have school on February 27th and 28th.

On Tuesday, March 3 only 11th grade students will attend school. This is the date that all students in the State of Wisconsin will be taking our state required ACT test. This is a great opportunity for 11th grade students to take this test at no cost, to help determine preparedness for college and career. The ACT is valuable for all students, even if they are not planning on attending a four-year college. In preparation for the ACT test, teachers have been working to help prepare students in their classrooms. and all 11th grade students were given the opportunity to take the practice ACT test earlier this fall. There are many [ACT Prep Resources](#) available to help students practice. Our counseling staff will be running ACT practice sessions during learning lab times. Students should watch for announcements regarding these practice times.

For more important testing information regarding the ACT and ACT Aspire for 9th and 10th grade students, please read the Counselor's Corner section below.

## COUNSELING CORNER

### Next Year Scheduling Reminder

Students should have input their course selections into Skyward on their own or in advisory by February 10.

Completed course selection sheets should also be turned in at this time. Parents are encouraged to check their students' selections on Skyward and approve them by signing the course selection sheet.

### Grade Level Information

For specific information on grade-level counseling information (Sophomores-Seniors) please visit the following link:

### [School Counseling Updates](#)

If you would like to set up a meeting with a counselor, please reference the contact information below.

### Counselor Assignments

Sara Ensign	Last names A-G	842-6628	<a href="mailto:sensign@deforestschoools.org">sensign@deforestschoools.org</a>
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## ACT INFORMATION

Juniors should report to school for ACT testing by 7:50 am on Tuesday, March 3. The cafeteria will be serving breakfast for those students interested in having breakfast at school through their breakfast/lunch accounts. All students will be provided with a light snack during their break in testing.

Students will take the ACT test in the morning (3 hours and 35 minutes), and will be released from school at approximately 1:00 pm.

- Students may leave after the testing (1:15 pm) or they may stay in a supervised study hall from 1:15-3:25 pm.
- Lunch will be served at school at 1:15 for those who choose to stay at the high school for the supervised study hall.
- Bus transportation will be provided in the morning at the usual time and in the afternoon, leaving at 3:25
- Juniors absent from school on March 3 will be required to take the ACT test on the make-up day, March 17.

***Students in grades 9,10,12 do not have school this day***

### Juniors

This is a reminder of the College Readiness Benchmarks that you should be shooting for on the ACT. College Readiness Benchmarks are the minimum scores in each area of the ACT that research has shown will give you a reasonable chance of success in first year college-bearing classes. In other words, if you can score at or above these benchmarks, the chances of you having to take remedial courses decreases and the chances of you successfully completing your freshman level college courses increases. Please make sure that you are prepared to do your best on this test and come well-rested with a good breakfast. Here are the benchmarks:

- English: 18
- Mathematics: 22
- Reading: 22
- Science: 23
- STEM: 26
- ELA: 20

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### NHS Teams Up with Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

In the month of February, the National Honor Society is teaming up the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We have a series of events planned throughout the month (selling Pura Vida bracelets, Panera Night, Miracle Minute, and a penny war). If you are interested in donating, please visit [this link](#). Thank you for your support!

### FFA Alumni Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night is an event for everyone-- come and enjoy great made-from-scratch food, fun games for all ages and fellowship with the DeForest Area Community. For more information, visit [www.deforestffa.org](http://www.deforestffa.org).



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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Feb 3: No School - Staff PLC Day

Feb 26: PT Conference (District) - 3:30-7:30 pm

Feb 8: ACT Test Date, DECA Winter Formal, 8 pm

Feb 27-28: No School

Feb 18: DAHS NHS Blood Drive - 7 am

Feb 28: ACT Registration Deadline - April Test Date

Feb 20: DAHS Talent Show - 7-9 pm, PAC

Feb 29: WSMA Solo & Ensemble - 8am- 4 pm

Feb 24: PT Conference (DHS/Elem) - 3:30-7:30 pm

## MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Mar 3: Statewide ACT Testing for Juniors

Mar 3: No School Grades 9, 10, 12

Mar 7: FFA Family Fun Night - 5-9 pm

Mar 10: DAHS/DAMS Band Concert - 7 pm, PAC

Mar 30-31: No School - Spring Break

## CALENDAR RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- Visit our [District Calendar Webpage](#) for School & Athletic events
- Learn about [DASD-Sponsored Activities](#) and [Community Events](#)
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)
- Get Updates on the [Design and Construction of our Facilities Projects](#)