

DHSPA MEETING – 2/7/2012  
CURRENT EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES (“BACK PAGE”)

**Student Life/Community Council** is holding an all-grade **BLUE and WHITE Dance on March 16th**. The students are asking for donations of soda and savory and sweet snacks. They also would love for parents to come and help, and the two options for shifts are 6pm-8pm and 8pm -10pm. Sign up sheets are being passed in the auditorium today or you can contact Carolyn Eddie at 203-570-7494 [carolyneddie@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyneddie@hotmail.com) if you would like to help out.

**Scholarship Information Now Available** - The College and Career Center has compiled a list of available scholarships as well as a list of search engine sites for those students looking to offset their college tuition with merit or need based assistance. Parent volunteers are available in the College and Career Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-1 to assist with scholarship information, train students on using Naviance or provide help in locating college brochures. The scholarship information can also be accessed online from home. The list can be found on the DHS main webpage under the Guidance tab.

**Upcoming Parent Awareness Programs:**

- Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys, Monday April 2, 7 - 9 pm, Darien High School. Dr Michael Thompson, PhD, will discuss some of the risk factors that afflict the lives of boys, and give suggestion about how to support a boy throughout his school experience.
- Media Literacy, Wednesday February 15, 9 - 10:30 am, Hindley School. You know what your kids watch on TV, but do you know what they **see**? What message is the media sending your child? A presentation from Girls, Inc.
- Being Accountable: Raising Children of Character in a Culture of Affluence and High Achievement, Wednesday March 7, 7:30 - 9 pm, Middlesex School. Laura Gauld, head of the Hyde Boarding School Initiative.

**Volunteer Opportunity for Parents and Students**. The Tiny Miracles Foundation distributes over 600 Keepsake Fleece Isolette Cover Blankets to premature babies and their families in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) at Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford Hospitals each year. This year, the program will be expanded to Danbury Hospital.

The Foundation needs your eyes and hands and your love! Even one hour of your time helps. Three days of fleece cutting, folding and bagging by volunteers is needed to prepare for making over 600 "Blankets for Premies" in partnership with the Middlesex Middle School students.

Blanket cutting, folding and bagging will take place on Tuesday March 6, Wednesday March 7, and Thursday March 8 at Wee Burn Country Club Private Dining Room, 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road, Darien from 10-3pm for Adults (we are sorry, children are not allowed for safety reasons) and 3-5pm for any Youth Service Groups, ages over 8 please! All groups and adults, reply to [kellychapman@ttmf.org](mailto:kellychapman@ttmf.org) and let her know when you plan to come and with how many. Thank you for volunteering to cut fleece to make **Blankets for Premies**. Your time and effort will make a tremendous difference so in many lives.

**2012/2013 DHSPA SLATE POSITIONS OPEN: SPIRIT WEAR CHAIR, SR INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS, and STUDENT LIFE - 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REPS!** [dedgar@optonline.net](mailto:dedgar@optonline.net).