

# Davis School for Independent Study



## Upcoming Events for Secondary Students and Families November/December 2008/January 2009



Dear DSIS Families,

Nov. 3, 2008

My first quarter at DSIS has been filled with remarkable encounters with exceptional individuals. As I'm getting to know the staff and school community, it confirms my decision (over and over) to transition to DJUSD—and DSIS, in particular. Even though this school year began with a number of key areas “in limbo”, our parents, students, teachers, and support staff have all pulled together to make the best of our educational program.

One of our greatest limbo challenges has been the elementary school move to the north wing campus. At times this has caused stress and concern among our families and teachers, but we've pushed through the various obstacles and now have a firm plan in place to complete the transition. During Thanksgiving week, Maintenance and Operations (M&O) will work around the clock to set up room 1 as a classroom for workshops and arrange the front office space adjacent to room 1 for Amy, Cathy, and Christine to hold individual meetings with parents and children. This will be their second move this year, so any parent volunteers would be graciously accepted if you have the time in the next few weeks. The north wing move will also impact the main DSIS campus as more space opens up. Our facilities subcommittee is working to create options for redesigning how we use our space to best serve students and families. Feel free to provide input if you have any requests or visions for our site plan.

On a curricular note, Marvie Paulson and I attended the California Consortium of Independent Study (CCIS) conference last week and gathered a great amount of information on compliance issues and current trends in independent study. One of the highlights was meeting with person in charge of approving “a-g” courses at UCOP. Don Daves-Rougeaux assured us that the way we've set up our advisory hours this year is acceptable to maintain our existing “a-g” status in English Language Arts and social science. He also gave us guidance on how to write proposals for new courses so they will likely be approved in the future. Marvie and I both agree that the conference was well worth attending!

I look forward to getting to know more of you as the year unfolds. Don't hesitate to stop by my office to visit at any time. Happy Thanksgiving!

Kim Wallace  
Principal  
November

11/4 ♦ Mock presidential election for all registered DSIS voters.



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Office Hours are: Mon 8:00am-3:00 pm ♦ Tue-Thu 8:00 am - 5:00 pm ♦ Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

11/11 ♦ Veteran's Day, school closed.

11/12 ♦ Apple Pie Day

Sign-up to come at 10:00 or 11:00 am. Please bring 8 apples plus or minus depending on the size (hard varieties work best,) 1 extra apple to share, a rolling pin if you have one, a bowl, a pie tin, and plastic wrap/foil. DSIS will have all of the other ingredients. Students will bring home a pie that is ready to bake, or freeze and bake at a later time.

11/13 ♦ Deadline for submissions for this year's Book of Thanks.

11/16 ♦ Thanksgiving Potluck Feast 11-12:30 pm Orange Room.

11/20 ♦ Positive School Climate/Site Council meeting at 5:00 pm in the Orange Room.

11/24-28 ♦ Thanksgiving Break, school closed.

## December

12/3 - 14 ♦ STEAC food drive collection boxes at DSIS.

12/18 ♦ Positive School Climate/School Site Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Orange Room

12/18 ♦ Craft Day from 10-12 noon in the Orange room.

12/22 – 1/2 ♦ School closed for Winter Break.

## January

1/5 ♦ School opens after Winter Break. All classes will meet this week.

1/12 ♦ 7-9th workshops resume.

Positive School Climate/School Site Council meeting at 5:00 pm in the Orange Room.

1/19 ♦ School closed for Martin Luther King Day.

1/23 ♦ Last day of the fall semester. All textbooks for 1st semester classes now due. Signed Master Contracts for spring semester due.

1/27 ♦ School closed for Teacher Work Day. (All other secondary schools will be closed Monday, 1/26.)

