

# Dickinson Digest



What's up at  
**Dickinson  
High School**  
for the week of  
**October 5, 2009**

## The Week Ahead:

- 10/6 – Faculty Meeting – audion – 2:45 to 3:45 See e-mail sent 10/1 for agenda
- **10/7 – Open House – 6:30 to 8:30 See e-mail sent 9/30 for agenda**
- 10/5 through 10/7 - First Marking Period Interim Report Entry is open – Lock Down is at 9:00 a.m. on 10/8
- 10/9 – State In-Service Day. We are hosting the Ruby Payne “Framework for Understanding Poverty” workshop which will be held in our auditorium, and which will include our colleagues from McKean High School. The workshop is in two parts – a.m. and p.m. The morning is mandatory, the afternoon is optional (you may work in your classroom or attend a different workshop in the afternoon). All CTE teachers are excused to attend their annual luncheon. Please register for session 9126 (morning) and 9127 (afternoon).

## Farther Out:

- 10/12 – October PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10/12 – Interim Reports mailed
- 10/17 – Nosferatu PAB fund raiser – See the 9/28 newsletter for details
- **Spirit Week begins 10/19 and ends with the Homecoming Game on 10/23 and the Homecoming Dance on 10/24**
- Pink Shirt Day is October 28 – see Ms. Ray for Details

## Reminders:

- Please make sure your classroom looks beautiful for Open House. The custodial staff will be working very hard to do their part, let's make sure that we do our part as well.
- It's October – time for that reminder that costumes are not permitted except on pre-arranged days such as those that might occur during spirit week. Similarly, masks and excessive face make-up (think face painting - like for a football game) are also prohibited.

## News:

- It has been suggested that seniors be permitted to use i-pods (and similar music players with headphones) while in the courtyard – not cell phones. If you have any thoughts on this issue please share them with an administrator.
- The gym should re-open next week. If you haven't had a chance to take a look, peek through the window when you get a chance, it looks great.

**Bravo** to everyone involved in the school beautification committee – especially the chair – Mrs. Martinez, and Kathy Sheehy and Jeff Knott as well.

**Bravo** to Mr. Swierzbinski for the proud return of the girls' Cross Country team.

**Thanks** to everyone for pitching in with student work samples.

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