

The Donoho School Newsletter

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Ring in the New School Year with New Bell Schedules

All three school divisions will have a new bell schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. Lower school students will still have the option of attending early room in the LS gymnasium at 7:15 A.M. Middle and upper school students still have the option for early arrival as well; they are expected to report to the cafetorium if arriving before 7:50 A.M. each day. The cafetorium will open at 7:30 A.M.

The upper school schedule appears to be right. The lower school schedule is very similar with the exception of a short homeroom period at the beginning of the day. Parents and students should check their lower school packets in August for exact times.

US Bell Schedule 2011-12

PERIOD	TIME
TUTORIAL	7:30 - 7:55
Period 1	8:00 - 8:45
Period 2	8:48 - 9:33
Homeroom	9:36 - 9:43
Break	9:43 - 9:53
Community Period	9:56 - 10:35
Period 3	10:38 - 11:23
Period 4	11:26 - 12:11
LUNCH	12:11 - 12:41
Period 5	12:44 - 1:29
Period 6	1:32 - 2:17
Period 7	2:20 - 3:05

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**First Day of
School**

Wed. August 10

Electronic Textbooks

The technology department has received inquiries from students and parents about using electronic versions of their textbooks instead of traditional texts at school. At this time, the school requests that only *juniors* and *seniors* exercise this option (if they are able to locate the electronic versions from the publisher). Publishing companies do not yet have all texts available in the electronic versions, and the school would prefer to start with the two most senior grades first to test our own network capabilities and work through any unforeseen difficulties.



Intersession Plans Announced

Spring 2012 Grades 10-12 London/Paris Grades 7-9 Charleston/Savannah

Spring 2013 Grades 10-12 Italy/Germany Grades 7-9 Washington, D.C.

While You Were Sleeping... Online Courses and On-Campus Speech Offered

Nine high school students are taking online courses on campus this summer. Courses include AP Psychology, health, music appreciation and art appreciation. Five students are taking the required speech class with our own Mrs. Burrage.

School-approved semester online courses:

Health, music appreciation, art appreciation, web design, digital photography, JAVA programming, Nutrition and Wellness, personal finance, journalism, psychology, AP Psychology.



Approved Full Year Online Courses

Creative Writing	AP Art History
Earth Science	AP Computer Science
Environmental Science	AP Chemistry
German I-IV	AP European History
Japanese I-II	AP Microeconomics
Latin I-II	AP Physics B
Mandarin Chinese I-II	AP Statistics
Spanish V	AP Spanish
Sociology	AP U.S. History

The Mission...It's Possible

The school's mission statement that defines its purpose impacts all facets of school life. The mission statement naturally affects important decision-making, goal-setting, and strategy formulation by teachers, administration, and board members alike. Periodically the mission statement is reviewed and updated by The Donoho School Board of Directors. Our current mission statement reads as follows:

The Donoho School's mission is to provide a quality, college-preparatory education for capable, highly-motivated students. The school is committed to the development of the total child by providing a challenging curriculum in an atmosphere conducive to good citizenship, personal integrity, and devotion to religious principles. The school's academics, athletics, fine arts, and other student activities are designed to fulfill this commitment.

Community Period for Grades 7-12

9:56 A.M. – 10:35 A.M. daily

Monday - School-wide SGA led assembly in the cafeteria

Tuesday – Study hall/tutorial (priority); science lab if needed; *ACT Prep online

Wednesday – Study hall/tutorial (priority); science lab if needed; *ACT Prep online

Thursday – ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

Friday - Clubs and Organizations Meet; study hall if no meeting

"Oh, the Places We Shall Go!"

Summer Reading Instructions can be found on the "Academic" button on the school website:

<http://www.donohoschool.com/academics/?pageID=60>

Admissions Update

Admissions Director Sue Canter reports as of 10 June that she has accepted twenty-eight students from twenty-two new families for the fall. These students will be in grade PreK3 through grade eleven. Mrs. Canter also reports enrollment totals consistent with those of last year at this time with more applications in the process.

"Highly motivated, enthusiastic learners inherently reside in every community and in every demographic; there need only be a nurturing, inspirational and creative environment led by passionate role models to support them in realizing their potential. This is Donoho. Every community needs a definitive leader in its sector to attract the like-minded from other communities; this is Donoho. Well-rounded leaders in the medical, legal, business, educational, and humanitarian fields are our result. This is The Donoho School."

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Mrs. Landrum is having fun with some little chefs from the Summer Odyssey class, "Kids Can Cook!"

EXPECT, ENGAGE, EXCEL!

(2011-2012 School Theme)

Any school that labels itself college-prep should hold its students to a higher standard academically and indirectly in time-management skills. Probably the number one comment heard from all generations of Donoho alumni seems to be a variation of the following statement: "Donoho was where I learned to study; I was prepared my freshman year and watched everyone else around me struggle."

So when you hear about the loads of homework, the insistence of taking notes, the assigned essays, and lengthy reading requirements, remember that everything begins with an expectation.

EXPECT!

"Our Newest Alumni - Looking Sharp and Ready for College"

Class of 2011

The recipients of 5.2 million dollars in scholarship offers are featured on the front page of the school website:

<https://www.donohoschool.com>

For Grades 7-12

Don't forget to pick up **textbooks and paperbacks** in time for the first day of school. Please make sure all workbooks are new.

<http://www.donohoschool.com/academics/?pageID=58>