Update about drills at the Evie Dennis Campus:

Families will now receive emergency texts from the district. The communications team will also send emergency robo-calls. Messages will be sent during crises such as lockdowns, evacuations and weather delays/closures. We are excited about this change because sending text messages will inform families of crises in a much shorter time frame than what it takes for a robo-call or robo-email to be delivered.

Parents and guardians, you have been automatically opted-in to receive emergency texts based on cell phone numbers provided during registration. Please check to make sure your information is up-to-date in Parent Portal. Messages will be sent in English and Spanish.

Learn more about lockdowns and lockouts [here](#).

Upcoming Dates:

**FAFSA Night** – Tuesday, October 2\(^{nd}\), 4-7pm in Building 2

**College Fair** – Thursday, October 4\(^{th}\) during the school day

**Hispanic Cultural Celebration** – Thursday, October 11\(^{th}\), 5pm (in Cafeteria)

**Picture Day Retakes** – Tuesday, October 16\(^{th}\).

**Chipotle Fundraiser** - Tuesday, October 16\(^{th}\) from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

Student Opportunities

[www.InvolveBoard.com](http://www.InvolveBoard.com)

Looking for more ways to explore your passions and get involved in the community?!? Check out Involve Board! Make an account and browse the opportunities. There are new programs being added all the time, so check back often!

**CU Pre-Health Scholars Program:** The Anschutz Medical campus is recruiting freshmen, sophomores and juniors to join the CU Pre-Health Scholars Program (CUPS). The CUPS Program includes monthly Saturday session focused on career exploration and development, as well as hands-on summer academies throughout your high school years. In addition to learning more about a variety of health and
STEM careers, you will also receive college access support and mentorship through the CUPS program. Start your application here. Feel free to email Mr. West if you would like support on your application.

(HS)² Summer Program (Freshmen only): The High School High Scholar (HS)² program at Colorado Rocky Mountain School (CRMS) is a three-summer scholarship program that prepares students for college, with an emphasis on courses in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and college counseling. During five weeks each summer, (HS)² scholars live and learn on the CRMS campus in Carbondale, Colorado. On weekdays, students attend six hours of academic classes. In the afternoons, they participate in the Active Program, which includes rock climbing, kayaking, and team sports, as well as art classes such as silversmithing, blacksmithing, and music. On weekends, the natural environment surrounding campus inspires exploration. Email Mr. West to get started on your application.

Chicktech: Chicktech Denver hosts monthly hands on workshops such as Robotics, 3-D Printing, Soft Circuits, Mobile Application development, JavaScript, and Python programming for high school girls. Students spend 8-10 hours in a single workshop building a tech project they can take home at the end of the event. There is a demo showcase at the end of the event for them to show off what they’ve built to their friends, family, teachers and community. All our workshops are hands-on so that participants come out of each with a sense of accomplishment and a burst of confidence. This is targeted at high school females who have little experience with technology. Reach out to Mr. West if you are interested!!

Girls in STEM: Open to all Metro Denver High School Students! Meetings are held on Saturdays (once a month) at the Microsoft Store - Park Meadows. We have an amazing year planned for our South Metro HS chapter! Here is a quick overview of what students can expect: Fall semester focus on Assistive Technologies, spring semester focus on Incubator Design Challenge, how to create your Personal Brand, how to give a successful Presentation, field Trips to: ViaSat Inc., 3D Systems Healthcare, Terumo BCT, and so much more! The cost is $175 – you may reach out to Mr. West to explore funding opportunities.

Evening of Opportunities in STEM at Byers: Tuesday, October 2nd from 5:30 to 7 at DSST: Byers. Come out and hear from Michael Massimino who is a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Columbia University’s The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Senior Advisor of Space Programs at the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum. Dr. Massimino was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1996. A veteran of two space flights, the fourth and fifth Hubble Space Telescope servicing missions in 2002 and 2009, Dr. Massimino has many accomplishments in space including a team record for the number of hours spacewalking in a single space shuttle mission. He was also the first person to tweet from space. Check out the flyer attached!

Women in Business Leadership Day on Saturday, October 13th, at CU Boulder. This full-day program provides high school women with the opportunity to interact with and learn from accomplished women faculty, staff, and corporate executives while engaging in hands-on activities to explore possible career paths in business. Open to current Juniors and Seniors. Click here to reserve your spot and read more about the day.

CU Boulder’s Business at a Glance: A Program for Diverse High School Students: The Leeds School of Business Office of Diversity Affairs at CU Boulder is thrilled to announce our second annual Business at a Glance Program for Diverse High School Students. Meet diverse high school and college students and hear from underrepresented professionals from all areas of business. There will be hands-on activities
and workshops from Leeds faculty and staff to help you explore possible career paths and learn about all of the opportunities that are open to you. The event is free for all participants and up to one parent or guest. The program will include a continental breakfast, full lunch, program materials, and parking. It will be Saturday, November 3rd from 9 to 3. Learn more and register here.

Create a Business Plan Workshop with YouthBiz – Saturday, October 13th: If you’ve always wanted to own a business but weren’t sure how to start, this workshop is for you! During this one day workshop, participants will work their way through creating a real-life business plan! No need to even have an idea—we will help you with that! Participants will learn how to create a SWOT analysis, market analysis, and financial analysis of their business idea while also considering operations, staffing, and marketing. Learn more and register here.

US Postal Service Jobs for High School Seniors: The United States Postal Service is recruiting high school seniors for jobs in mail distribution, mail processing, and customer service. If you’re looking for a job to help you pay for college, be sure to check out their opportunities. See the attached flyer for more details.

Temple Grandin Equine Center Volunteers Needed: In search of student volunteers with and without horse experience to assist with Therapeutic Horseback Riding Lessons and Equine Assisted Physical and Occupational Therapy at the Temple Grandin Equine Center in Denver. Wednesday afternoons starting at 3:00 and Saturdays. Give back while experiencing the healing power of horses! Our volunteers work directly with students, horses, and instructors. If you are interested in learning more about working with animals, working with animals as part of therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Equine Management or just want to do for others, this is a great opportunity! Temple Grandin Equine Center is located in the National Western Complex. For more information see flyer attached and please contact Jami Anthony 303-646-6166

Fall Festival Volunteers Needed: Help make this year’s Fall Festival a blast by volunteering to help with set up and supervision. The Fall Festival takes place on our campus on Halloween (Oct 31st) from 6 to 8pm. Interested? Then call 720-541-6520 or email zplace.info@gmail.com for more information.

Join an Explorer Program: Want to explore more career opportunities? Denver Explorers provides a number of career exploration opportunities in everything from engineering to public safety to funeral homes. Learn more about their programs here.

CU Denver STEAMposium: Learn about majors and career fields in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics at CU Denver on Friday, October 12th. Check out the flyer attached and send an email to register yourself and reserve a spot.

Be a RefGirl: The RefGirl program prepares each participant to officiate recreation and high school level basketball games. The 8-week course includes classroom instruction on the rules of high school basketball and appropriate NFHS mechanics. The course will incorporate video analysis and rules quizzes to ensure a basic foundation of the rules and mechanics. Most importantly, the class will cover game management skills and how to facilitate the game from start to finish. Career guidance and how to find opportunities will be included so participants feel confident in finding work. The class is ideal for basketball officials with 0 to 4 years of basketball officiating experience and offers a certificate of completion.
**Athletics and Beyond:** If you would like more experience in sports management, consider volunteering for Athletics and Beyond, an organization based in Montbello. They are currently looking for more volunteers to help ref and keep score at weekend youth football tournaments in Montbello and Commerce. This is a great way to support local sports while building up your experience and resume. Email Mr. West if you are interested.

**Diamond Challenge Entrepreneurship Competition:** An innovative entrepreneurship competition for high school students offering $100,000 in awards! The Diamond Challenge provides a unique opportunity for teens to learn about entrepreneurship while putting their ideas into action. While many entrepreneurship programs focus on principles of small business management, the Diamond Challenge focuses on unleashing creativity, encouraging a mindset of abundance and self-determination, and promoting purposeful entrepreneurial action. Learn more and register your team here.

**Youth Empowerment Workshops** at the Z-place (building 5 on campus): 2530 Outreach is looking for DSST students to join their afterschool workshops at the Z-place. Topics include leadership seminars, self-defense workshops, and weekly fencing classes. Check out the flyer attached for more details, and let Mr. West know if you want to sign up. Scholarships are available to cover the costs.

**Volunteer with the Denver Botanic Gardens:** Denver Botanic Gardens is looking for teens who are interested in volunteering at the following events: Fall Plant and Bulb Sale (Sept 28 and 29), Glow at the Gardens (dates throughout October), Pumpkin Festival (Oct 12, 13, 14), Chatfield Farms Corn Maze (weekends in September and October)

**College Corner**

**College Placement Office Hours:** Mondays, 3:30 to 4:30pm in the Office of College Placement

**Upcoming College Rep Visits – Sign Up Through Naviance:**
- Harvey Mudd College: Tuesday, October 2nd, 12:30pm
- Pomona College: Wednesday, October 3rd, 9:30am
- University of Vermont: Friday, October 5th, 1:30pm
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI): Thursday, October 11th, 12:15pm

*All Rep Visits meet in the Office of College Placement

**Latin American Educational Foundation Scholarship:** The Latin American Educational Foundation scholarship application is now open! It will close on November 20th--- for more info visit [http://www.laef.org/Scholarship](http://www.laef.org/Scholarship). The LAEF scholarship amounts ranges from $500 to $2000 annual. We award 20 new high school seniors, and 4 new currently enrolled undergraduate students. Scholarships are renewable for up to 5 academic years (10 semesters). Students must have a 3.0 GPA All students graduating from a Colorado high school are eligible to apply, regardless of permanent residency or citizenship.

**JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship Now Open:** Check out the attached packet for more information and directions on how to apply.

**Upcoming Area College Fairs:**
Mountain Vista High School In & Out-of-State College Fair & Workshops, Highlands Ranch
Saturday, September 29, 2018
10:00AM – Noon

Monarch High School Out-of-State College Fair, Louisville
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Lakewood High School Out-of-State College Fair, Lakewood
Thursday, October 4, 2018
6:30PM - 8:00 PM

Register yourself for any of the fairs above by clicking here. By registering early, you can enter to win a $50 gift card!

Additional Opportunities at Regis University:

- **Weekday Tour / Presentation** – We offer tours of campus in the morning (9:30am-11:30am) and afternoon (1:30pm-3:30pm) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday year-round. If you or your students are interested in scheduling a tour, please register [here](#) (scroll down and click on the yellow tab labeled, “Sign Up for a Weekday Visit”).

- **Financial Aid Workshop** (in English & Spanish) – On Saturday, November 17th, we will be hosting our annual Financial Aid Workshop with sessions in English and Spanish. On top of the workshop, we will also offer tours of campus and a Regis presentation for students interested in learning more about the university. This event is free and open to all students and families, regardless of their post-secondary interests/aspirations. If you or your students are interested in attending, you can register for the Financial Aid Workshop [here](#). (scroll down, click on the yellow tab labeled, “Sign Up for a Saturday Sampler”, and be sure to select the November 17th option.)

#RaptorNation Athletics

Come out to support our student athletes at these upcoming games!

**Monday, October 1st**: Girls Volleyball home vs. DSST College View (JV 5pm, Varsity 6pm)

**Tuesday, October 2nd**: Boys Soccer at DSST Stapleton (Varsity 4:30pm, JV 6pm)

**Thursday, October 4th**: Boys Soccer home vs. STRIVE Smart Academy (Varsity 4:30pm, JV 6pm)

STP/PAT Updates:

The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 2nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm** in Building 3 (middle school) In room 114.
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