DRHS Community Connection
March 16 - 21, 2020
Dakota Ridge High School thrives on the support of our Eagle community: students, parents, & staff. Please read below to discover current DRHS events, news, and information. - Jim Jelinek, Principal

Click Here for Dakota Ridge High School Website

Academics: Click here for JeffcoConnect Grades and Attendance

March 19: This is a student contact day. We do have school - Cardinal Day
March 23 – 27: Spring Break

District Updates on COVID -19
Please click here for the district’s updated coronavirus information page

Congratulations

New State Thespian Officer
Bella Virginia
As a state officer, Bella will actively help plan and organize Thespian festivals and conventions while modeling leadership within the performing arts community.

Jeffco Talented Teacher
Mrs. Abby Letourneau
In recognition for her Excellence in Helping Jeffco Student to Embrace the Communication Generation Skill

Counseling Information

Upcoming College Admission Rep visits in DRHS Counseling Post Graduate Center:

***Interested students must sign up in Naviance or on the calendar outside the Post-Grad Center.

Seniors Only- NEW Local Scholarships.
These are great opportunities for Seniors as the applicant pools tend to be much smaller than college-specific or national scholarships. Please visit the Counseling website by clicking HERE to see the list of local scholarships. Deadlines are fast-approaching. Please see your DRHS Counselor if you have further questions.
Activities - click here for Eagles Activities

Commissioner’s Missive:

All spring sports and activities including practices will be suspended until April 6th to address concerns surrounding the on-going decisions with COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 spring sports season, speech tournament, student leadership Advisor U, are suspended through April 6th. All music festivals are cancelled through April 6th. Additionally, an outreach with the Colorado Athletic Director’s Association will be conducted remotely from the CHSAA office. The date will be communicated after the 6th.

The decision is effective as of Friday, March 13, 2020. The decision to continue competitions today as some tournaments are currently being contested will be a local decision, supported by our office. No spring sports, activities, competition or practices can be held until at least April 6th. The situation will be monitored and evaluated with key decision-makers from around the state to determine when, or if, to resume the spring season.

Further information about the spring sports season will be communicated via CHSAANow, when available.

Rhonda Blanford-Green - Commissioner-CHSAA

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Per the message above in the Athletics section, Prom and After-Prom have been cancelled.

All spirit squad events including tryouts have been postponed. All fieldtrips have been cancelled. Thank you for helping us to be a part of the solution in this difficult situation.

Community Outreach

Awards and Recognition  International Baccalaureate
The Cord News

Summit Ridge Middle  Colorow Elementary
Powderhorn Elementary  Blue Heron Elementary
Mount Carbon Elementary  Westridge Elementary
Dakota Ridge Booster Club and School Fundraisers for the Week

TACO 'BOUT DOING GOOD

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

WE'RE DONATING 20% OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES TO DAKOTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

8501 W BOWLS AVE SUITE 1000, LITTLETON, CO 80123

In 2020, from January 26th, 20% of the food and non-alcoholic beverage sales during the first hour at Rusty Taco (college location) will be donated to Dakota Ridge High School.

Teen Substance Use & Mental Health Expo
An evening of information & encouragement for parents/guardians

Thursday, April 30, 2020
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Chatfield Senior High School
7227 S. Simmons St.
Littleton, CO 80127

To Register:
http://jeffcoevents.com/4-30-2020

R.S.V.P. by April 27, 2020
Light refreshments provided

Featuring:
- How to combat teen mental health challenges and substance use with science & support
- How to develop communication skills that build trust
- Mobile teen bedroom exhibit
- Resources for families
- Providers of youth mental health and substance use intervention services

With Special Guest: Dr. Christian Thurstone
Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado
Author of Clearing the Haze: Helping Families Face Teen Addiction

About this Event
Are you concerned that the teen in your life is currently using substances (alcohol, marijuana, vaping, etc.) struggling with a mental health concern or that they are headed in this direction? This event will provide you with information and resources to assist with supporting the young person in your life.

Join us on Thursday, April 30 at Chatfield High School for “Teen Substance Use and Mental Health: An evening of information and encouragement for parents/guardians.” This community event is intended for parents/guardians, school staff, coaches, mentors and anyone who wants to support helping youth be happy and healthy.

You’ll gain important insights about substance use and mental health challenges faced by teens and will have the opportunity to learn about skills, approaches, resources and services to engage positively with the teens in your life.

Space is limited and light refreshments will be provided, so we ask that you register no later than April 27 at http://jeffcoevents.com/4-30-2020 (space sensitive).

Questions? Contact:
Donna Vitreyette at Jefferson County Public Health
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720-555-1025 | Wendy.Darrance@jeffco.k12.co.us

Agenda
Note: Agenda is tentative and subject to change

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Check-In & Refreshments

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Session – Don’t Freak Out: Combating teen mental health challenges & substance use with science & support with Dr. Christian Thurstone

6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Resources for Families – mental health, substance use and other service providers & mobile teen bedroom exhibit

7:00 - 7:40 p.m. Session – Skills to Build Trust & Communication: Help for parents/guardians navigating teen substance use

7:40 - 8:00 p.m. Resources for Families – mental health, substance use and other services & mobile teen bedroom exhibit

The event is intended for adult participation only. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide child care.
The census is a count of all people living in the United States and takes place every 10 years. It is simple and confidential to complete. For the first time, you can respond online. You will receive a unique identifying number in the mail, which will allow you to fill out the online form beginning in March 2020. It will ask questions about your household such as how many people reside in your home, date of birth, race, and sex. Here are some things you should know:

**Your identity remains anonymous.** Any personal information you provide on the census form is protected by law and cannot be shared with anyone or any other federal agency. Regardless of your immigration status, the information cannot be used against you or to invade the privacy of you or any members of your family.

**The census is important.** The census is important because it helps to decide how much federal money our schools will get over the next 10 years, and how much money our state will get for our parks, neighborhood improvements, public health, transportation, and many other programs and services. For Jeffco Public Schools, this means federal funding for school nutrition programs and supports for students with special needs, who come from poverty, who are learning English, for disadvantaged students to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards and have a well-rounded education. Since the last census, Colorado school districts have received $3.56 billion in additional federal funds to enable these vital services for students.

The census is safe. All data collected through the census is protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Records are confidential for 72 years by law. All U.S. Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent information. The U.S. Census will never share a respondent’s personal information with other government agencies. Data is only released in summary tables; no individual records are released. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of $250,000.

**What do you need to do?** Complete the short and easy form online. If you don’t have a computer at home, you can use one at a library or at a location in your community clearly identified Census Questionnaire Assistance Center.

Your kids count, so make sure to count them when you fill out the census form in Spring 2020!