



## News from DAE

### From the Desk of Mr. Fischhaber!

Edition #1 2023/2024

Dear DAE Families,

Time is flying by! We are already nearly halfway through the school year. Every new trimester brings a sense of excitement for the possibilities that come with each new beginning. We all have been working on becoming better people, which in turn creates a more positive learning environment. We have been working hard on goal setting through the Educational Development Plans (EDP) that are completed in our advisory classes. The EDP process is meant to match our academic strengths to future plans.

With that being said, we will renew our focus on the ABC's of DAE (Attendance, Behavior, and Credits) and how those are key components to success. I know that I can count on your continued support in these areas. Please know that you may always reach out to me, anyone of your student's teachers, our one of dedicated office staff with any questions or concerns. Our next session of **Parent Teacher Conferences will be January 10, 8:30-9:30 am and then 4:30-7:00 pm.** Your attendance at these conferences sends a positive message to both our teachers and to your student that school is a very important part of your child's success.

Thank you for allowing your child to come and study and grow with us! I know that you have many other choices for the educational needs of your child, it means the world to me that you have chosen to entrust this staff of dedicated professionals with your most treasured possession(s). I am honored to work with your student!

Sincerely,

TJ Fischhaber  
Principal



# Congratulations Students!

## #EVERYDAECOUNTS

### Trimester 1 Graduates

Javon Bridges  
Therran Coote

### Perfect Attendance

Landon Morris

*Students are only eligible for honor roll if they earn credit for all of their scheduled classes.*

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER—Aki Walker  
NOVEMBER—Caden Wineman  
DECEMBER—Charity Millay

### Honor Roll 3.0 and Above

#### Grade 9

Saffron Brotzke

#### Grade 11

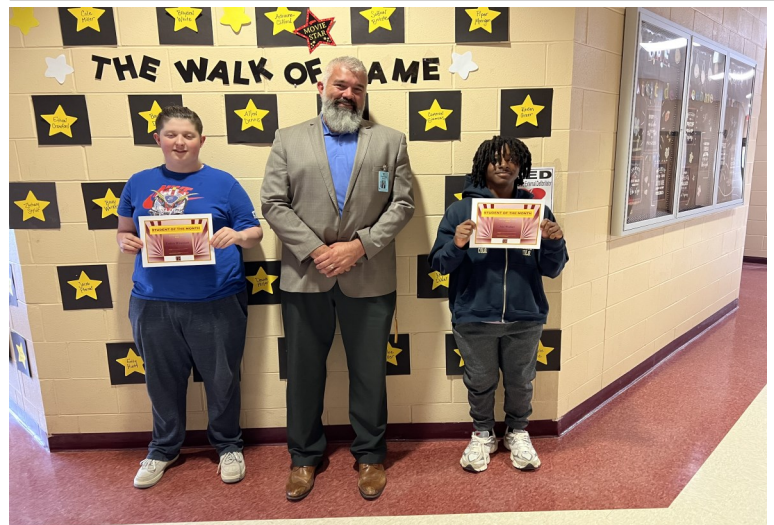
Lainey Frost  
Skyla Lucas

#### Grade 10

Kaiya Durham  
Adriana LaLonde  
Ava McAboy  
Gracie Melenbrink  
Ja'Niya Parnell  
Nova Summers

#### Grade 12

Jacob Bock  
Bryan Elliott  
Emilee Hanshaw



### JROTC (GCI)

Colin Abdella  
Allison Prado  
Jadyn White





#### GO Stipend ~ Genesee Opportunity Stipend

Representatives from the ISD met with students at the Davison Alternative on Monday, November 13 to assist with completing the GO Stipend application.

All graduating seniors in Genesee County are eligible to the GO Stipend to use toward college or other training opportunities after high school.

#### TIP ~ Michigan's Tuition Incentive Program

Students can check if they qualify for the TIP Program by calling 888.447.2687. TIP will pay for up to 84 credit hours at all community colleges in the state of Michigan. It is definitely worth a 2 minute phone call.

Seniors that have applied and been accepted to a college or university should let Mrs. Cole know. She would like to update the names displayed on our 'Applied/Accepted' window.

## Do You Want Help Applying for Financial Aid for Your College Bound Senior?

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid ) Night will be held **Wednesday, January 10 from 5—7 pm** here at Davison Alternative. It is very important for parents of senior students who intend to apply to colleges or trade schools to attend this event. **Please complete the FAFSA Worksheet on the back of this page!**



Parent/Teacher Conferences are also scheduled on this day from 8:30—9:30AM and 4:30—7PM; and again, it is so important for parents of seniors and juniors who intend to graduate in June to attend conferences.

Mr. Stephen Maule is the Student Mentor here at DAE. His goal is to support students in their efforts to succeed in the ABC's of DAE (Attendance—Behavior—Credits) and ultimately earn their high school diploma.

Mr. Maule served in the US Navy for 10 years and has a Master's Degree from Ferris State University in Information Security and Intelligence.

He connects with students on many levels, but mostly on his love of Disney World and Mickey!



# FSA ID Worksheet

The first step towards receiving money from the state and federal governments to attend college is creating your FSA ID accounts. You'll need this to file the FAFSA.

## Important Notes:

- ♦ In most cases, both the student and one parent or legal guardian will need an FSA ID.
- ♦ Students and parents/guardians will need to create separate FSA ID accounts.
- ♦ Students cannot make FSA ID accounts for their parents, and parents cannot make FSA ID accounts for their students.
- ♦ Students will need a social security number to create an FSA ID.
- ♦ **Parents/Guardians:** If you have a social security number, use this to set up your FSA ID.
  - ♦ If you do not have a social security number, parents/guardians can still create an FSA ID account.
  - ♦ In this case, you can use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or complete the knowledge-based authentication process on the FSA ID website.

## What you'll need:



1. Your social security number (if you have one)

## Two Factor Authentication



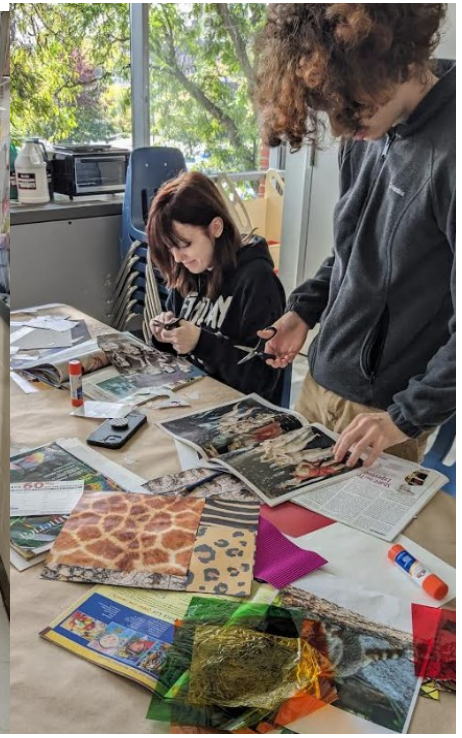
2. A laptop to create your account; and,
3. A cellphone to complete two-factor authentication

## How to create your FSA ID:

1. Go to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and click on "Create account" on the top right, then click "Get Started."
2. Enter an email address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ♦ Use your personal email. Students and parents must use separate email addresses.
3. Create a username: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ♦ Must be 6-30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthday.
4. Create a password: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ♦ Must be 8-30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers.
5. Complete your profile by entering your social security number, birthdate, and legal name.
6. Verify both your email address and mobile phone number to set up two-step authentication.
  - ♦ FSA will send you an email with a code to verify your email address. FSA will send a text message with a code used to verify your mobile phone number.
7. Keep track of your backup code in case something gets lost: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT STEPS:** Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible when it releases in December!





OVER 20 AREA BUSINESSES WERE ON HAND FOR THE VERY FIRST DAVISON ALTERNATIVE CAREER FAIR.

HOMECOMING IS ALWAYS A FESTIVE OCCASION AT THE DAVISON ALTERNATIVE. STUDENT SHOWED THEIR SCHOOL PRIDE EVERYDAY.

STUDENTS TOURED THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND PARTICIPATED IN HANDS ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!





# ALT-PACAS!

Principal's Advisory Committee



Members of the Davison Alternative Alt-Paca's, DAE's version of Student Council, attended the MAEO Stars Conference.

The Alt-Paca's lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the November School Board Meeting





## FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS



## THE DAVISON ALTERNATIVE STUDENTS MAKE A PLEDGE TO STAMP OUT BULLYING





# School To Work Mock Interviews!

Students in Mrs. Mobley's School to Work Class completed Mock Interviews for their Final Exam at the end of Trimester 1. This event is our students opportunity to fine tune the skills they learned in her class. Students were nervous, but they did a wonderful job presenting their skills and abilities in a positive way. Students that were able to participate showed exemplary portfolios. Business professionals from around the community volunteered their time to interview the students. The interviewers provided valuable feedback including how well prepared the students were for the experience, how they enjoyed getting to know these students and learn more about their long term career goals.



## Big Thanks to Our Supporters!

Jamal Dozier Labor Relations, Hurley  
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Laura Rooker, DHS Student Mentor  
Ron Chouinard, DAE, PBS Facilitator  
TJ Fischhaber, DAE Principal

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Jennifer Gekeler, Community/Family Liaison  
Stephen Maule, DAE Student Mentor  
Johnny B. Good, ReMax Realtor







PRINCIPAL TJ FISCHHABER HAS BEEN A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE STAFF AT THE DAVISON ALTERNATIVE. HIS LEADERSHIP WAS EVIDENT DURING HOMECOMING WEEK AND HE ENCOURAGED EVERY STAFF MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVITIES!





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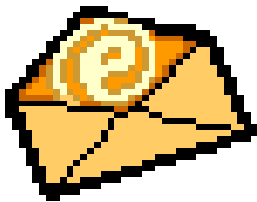
**NEED TO CONTACT US?**



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Secretary to the Principal  
Secretary  
Family Liaison

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**WE SHARE ONE GOAL HERE AT  
THE DAVISON ALTERNATIVE!  
YOUR STUDENT'S WELLBEING  
AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS!**





## *Important Dates to Remember....*

### **DECEMBER**

06—DVE Meeting 4:30—6 pm MANDATORY!!!  
21—Winter Break Begins

### **JANUARY**

10—Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30—9:30 am &  
4:30—7 pm  
15—No School—MLK Day  
17, 18, & 19 Delayed Start Days (DHS Exam Days)  
22—No School—Teacher Records Day  
24—No Delayed Wednesday  
31—No Delayed Wednesday

### **FEBRUARY**

14—Cup Cakes On-Count Day!  
20—Intercession II Begins 2/19—2/22  
23—No School  
26—School Resumes

### **MARCH**

06—Early Release Day—No Delay  
07—DAE Exams  
08—Tri II Ends 1/2 Day 10:45 am Dismissal  
11—Tri III Begins  
25—Spring Break 3/25—3/29



Pancakes with the Principal is an annual event held on Count Day every October. This year Mr. Fischhaber and his trusty assistants served almost 150 students, flipping at least 300 pancakes, to students in both the Davison Alternative and Davison High School. Pancakes with the Principal celebrates the commitment we all have, teachers, administrators, support staff and students to making **#EVERYDAECOUNT!**

### **PSAT 9 & 10 and SAT UPDATE SAVE THE DATES!!!!**

#### **Tuesday, April 10, 2024**

Juniors take the SAT  
No school for 9th, 10th  
and 12th graders

#### **Wednesday, April 11, 2024**

Juniors take the Work Keys Test  
9th Graders take PSAT9  
All others report at 11:30 AM, hours 1—3

#### **Thursday, April 12, 2024**

Juniors take the MSTEP  
10th Graders take the PSAT10  
All other students report at 11:30  
4—6 hours

