



Dunn School Calendar for the Week of December 16-23

Friday/16	Saturday/17	Sunday/18	Monday/19	Tuesday/20	Wednesday/21	Thursday/22
<p>FINALS!!!</p> <p>Morning Exams Foreign Language 8:30 - 11:30am (LS start at 8am)</p> <p>Afternoon Exams Studio Art I (<i>Mrs. Yaki's sections</i>), Photo I & II, Digital Film, Music, & conflicts 1pm</p> <p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls Basketball 3:45 - 4:45 JV Boys Basketball 4:45 - 5:45 Varsity Boys Bball 6:30 - 7:30</p> <p>Soccer practices 3:45 - 4:45</p> <p>A Christmas Carol PCPA performance in Santa Maria Leave at 6:15pm Tickets \$20</p> <p>Target Shopping in Santa Maria Leave at 6:15pm</p> <p>Movies in Santa Maria Leave at 6:15pm <i>Movies posted at dinner</i></p> <p>Movie and Pizza in Library hosted by Investment Club 7-9pm</p> <p>All Calendar items subject to change.</p>	<p>Brain Break in the Earwig Café 2-3pm Give yourself some time off to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream / marshmallows and cookies treats.</p> <p>Dorm Unity begins at 8:30pm</p>	<p>VCF Church Leave at 8:15am</p> <p>Mission Church Leave at 10:45am</p> <p>Brain Break in the Earwig Café 2-3pm Give yourself brain freeze and some time off to enjoy ice cream.</p>	<p>FINALS!!!</p> <p>Morning Exams History & Philosophy 8:30 - 11:30am (LS start at 8am)</p> <p>Afternoon Exams Conflicts 1pm</p> <p>Bingo Day Student Unity event hosted by the Day Council in Collins Library, 1pm - 2pm</p> <p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls Basketball 3:45 - 4:45 JV Boys Basketball 4:45 - 5:45 Varsity Boys Bball 6:30 - 7:30</p> <p>Soccer practices 3:45 - 4:45</p> <p>Family Dinner Holiday Celebration 5:45pm</p>	<p>FINALS!!!</p> <p>Morning Exams Math 8:30 - 11:30am (LS start at 8am)</p> <p>No athletic team practices.</p> <p>Hanukkah begins at sundown</p> <p>Students with their own transportation may depart after their last final exam.</p> <p>The school will provide transportation to the airport, air bus, and train station in Santa Barbara departing at 3pm</p>	<p>Winter Break begins All students must depart by noon</p> <p>Campus closes at noon for Winter Break</p>	<p>Enjoy your Winter Break.</p> <p>Classes resume Monday, January 9</p>
<p>ACT, SAT & PSAT Deadlines & More</p> <p>ACT/SAT Registration Deadlines Dunn School will be offering the ACT on campus for the first time on February 11, 2012. The deadline for the ACT registration is January 13, four days after classes resume from winter break.</p> <p>Current juniors should plan to take the ACT on February 11 and the SAT on March 10. The deadline for SAT registration is February 10. There is a late registration period for both tests, but students shouldn't bank on that. It's important to register on time.</p> <p>PSAT Scores Going Home PSAT scores were returned to students this week. They will be mailed to parents later this week. Information will be enclosed to help parents understand what the reports mean and what the next steps are for their child.</p> <p>Each student will meet with Ms. Holmes individually to go over their scores--the meeting with the juniors includes information on SAT and ACT test prep. All students are encouraged to go on the College Board website with their online access codes, as it is full of great information and resources.</p>					<p>December's Formal Dinner</p>  <p><i>Boarding students and faculty enjoyed California rolls, sticky rice, sushi and teriyaki shrimp during last Monday's formal dinner.</i></p>	

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Eric Gaylord to Move at End of School Year

DMS Headmaster Eric Gaylord announced that this will be his final year at Dunn. His letter to the Dunn community is below:



Fellow Earwigs,

It is with bittersweet feelings that I tell you this will be my last academic year at Dunn School. It is a *carpe diem* moment for me and my family, and after 13 years at Dunn I am heading off to experience a new adventure as the Head of Colorado Springs Middle School. It has been a great pleasure to work with your children in this community-centered environment, where the welfare and education of the children take precedence over everything else. I will take with me many fond memories.

Dunn Middle School is alive and well, and it will remain so long after we are gone. You will not find a more stellar staff in any school, and they, along with the students, will help to carry on the legacy of DMS. Throughout the winter, Gene Vachon, Annie Greenough, and the DMS staff will scour the nation in their search for the Director best suited to lead our wonderful school into the future. It is with confidence that I leave DMS in the capable hands of our dedicated staff.

Carpe Diem!
Eric Gaylord

Imaging Goals and Finding Mentors

During H Block on Tuesday, students got to hear from recent graduate Mia Winthrop '09. Currently a Medical Anthropology pre-med major at Dartmouth, Mia spoke about the importance of getting support from the right people. Inspired by a required reading book as well as a trip to Tanzania, Mia realized she wanted to be a doctor to underserved communities. But she didn't know how to reach that goal. Her experience at Dunn helped.

"I learned how to speak to teachers because of Dunn," she says. "Most undergrads don't speak to their professors. They're intimidated. Being at Dunn taught me how to make relationships, that school and life aren't separate."

After Dartmouth president Dr. Jim Kim spoke in her Intro to Anthropology class, Mia approached him in his office. She was nervous about meeting Dr. Kim, a MacArthur Genius award recipient and Obama advisor. But Dr. Kim offered advice that Mia could relate to: Find a mentor. He referred her to someone at the Hitchcock Medical Center and through a flurry of emails, Mia was able to find the person that made a difference. Her mentor, Dr. Lee Witters, has in turn introduced her to a variety of other people who are helping her imagine and pursue her goal.

Mia isn't waiting for graduation to pursue that goal. This July she'll be returning to Tanzania with specific objectives in mind: free healthy lunches for students and salaries for teachers, so that students who are eager to learn will have someone in place to learn from.

Mia believes that Dunn School prepared her in so many ways. "More than hard work, more than anything, your goal has to be a passion that pulls you like a magnet. Respect your options," she says. "And be thoughtful with your choices."



Celebrating the Holidays



Students and faculty from both the Middle School and Upper School joined together for a holiday celebration in the Nancy Luton Jackson Barn. Jazz students joined teacher Matt Yaki to provide music for the event.

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Jazz 1 Recital

Dunn's music department unveiled it's new, upcoming talent last Tuesday night with the first 2011/2012 recital of the Jazz 1 students. The program consisted of two combos playing classics by some of Jazz's greatest composers. The field of players included Ayinde Crear and Bruce Lai on piano, Declan Moles, Jake Eisaguirre and Khaleeq Sattar El on drums/ percussion, Sergio Santos and Myles Simpson on bass, Dominick Lawrence on guitar, and Brian Kim on alto sax.

As each combo continues to amass repertoire and deepen its execution, look for more recitals as the year progresses. The future of jazz at Dunn looks very bright indeed.

--Matt Yaki

Girls Basketball

Yi Yang and Liliana Santos scored their first points of the season in a solid win over the Besant Hill Coyotes. Katri Morrison-Goulias had 16 points and Elena Field had 10 points. The girls scored 44 points overall to win the game. They have improved immensely since the beginning of the season. Coach C and Ms. Holmes are proud of the team.

Boys JV Basketball

The team has had great improvement since the beginning of the season..... leading the way are captains Brian Bae and Cody Kessel.

Boys Soccer

JV boys tied their first soccer game of the season at Thacher, 1-1. Varsity players won thier game, 7-2, with 4 goals by Abu Danladi, 2 by Dodi Kandeel and 1 by Brian Kim.

Boys' Varsity Basketball Highlights

Boys' Varsity Basketball has had a very successful start to the season. The first contest was a non-league game against Valley Christian Academy. It was a great way to start the season. They won the first quarter, Dunn won the second and both teams were even for the third. Unfortunately, Dunn was out-scored in the fourth for a heartbreaking loss 48-43. Spencer Huttman was the leading scorer with 14 points, followed by Danny Cullington and Khaleeq Sattaar El, both with 9 points.

Next up was a league match up against rival Laguna Blanca. The first half was won by the opponent and the score at half time was 23-14. Dunn bounced back in the third quarter and outscored Laguna Blanca 20-10 with great 3-point shooting from freshman guard, Chandler Hughes. The fourth quarter started with Dunn clinging to a single point lead. Then the team ran out of steam. In the end, Dunn lost by 10, 52-42. The top scorers for that game were Danny Cullington and Chandler Hughes, both with 9 points.

The third game of the season was a non-league match up with Orcutt Academy. It was a very exciting game with a big home team crowd. The lead changed sides many times, but Dunn players were sure and steady down the stretch and pulled out the win, 65-60. Robert Lee was the top scorer with 23 points, followed by Danny Cullington with 16 and Khaleeq Sattaar El with 13.



and tenacity on defense but struggled offensively. Execution of set plays was poor. Still, the team managed to tie the game at the end of regulation and went on to win it in overtime, 61-58. Khaleeq Sattar El and Jacob Bronfman lead the scoring with 17 points each and Spencer Huttman contributed 14.

This is the strongest start to Dunn School basketball in a long time. The team is blessed with some natural talent, a love of the game and the maturity to practice with discipline.

--Catherine Henrey
Boys' Basketball Coach

Note: The local Santa Ynez paper had a great write-up on Earwig basketball. Read the article at: <http://goo.gl/HLO9J>



The final game before exams was a league contest versus Midland, with the opponent having home court advantage. Dunn's players started incredibly strong and were up 20-4 in the first quarter. Midland came back with a vengeance and responded with a 24-point performance in the second. Down at half time, the boys showed true grit and determination. They played with intensity



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A Big Thank You...

...from Senior Dorm to the Secret Santa who delivered the festive decorations and lights. It adds holiday spirit to the dorm and has brought plenty of cheer to residents.



Delivering Toys for Tots



Prefects Maddie Carroll, Maddie Sexton, You Bin Maeng, Scott Goodman and Spencer Huttman collected close to \$1,500 and 80 toys during the Toys for Tots drive. They delivered the loot on Thursday, December 15. A special thank you goes out to the Dunn community for their generosity.



The Season of Giving

at Dunn School



The holiday season is a time to reflect on gifts we've received in our lives, and on gifts we wish to give - to make a difference in the lives of others. By making a year-end gift to Dunn School before December 31, you join us in giving students an education for a lifetime. You also gain significant tax advantages.

Please consider a year-end gift to Dunn School, and keep these tips in mind:

- 🎁 Gifts must be completed by midnight on December 31 to be recognized in the current income tax year.
- 🎁 Cash gifts (check or credit card) allow you to reduce your taxable income and save money you would have paid in taxes. For example, a single person in the 35% tax bracket gives \$100 and realizes a \$35 tax savings (so the \$100 gift actually only cost \$65).
- 🎁 Long-term appreciated stock gifts provide "double" tax benefits, and can dramatically reduce the out-of-pocket cost of your gift. You get an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities, and you pay no capital gains tax on the transfer.
- 🎁 Other gifts such as real estate, personal property, or life insurance policies give you significant tax benefits. Each case differs so seek your advisor's counsel.
- 🎁 Please contact us if you have questions or wish to discuss your intentions. You may also visit www.dunnschool.org to make your year-end gift online (click "Give to Dunn").