



**Deer Park Jr/Sr High School
Counselors' Corner
Week of Nov 25 - Dec. 6**



WHAT'S NEW?

Know! The Prevention Action Alliance

Please check out [this article](#) regarding how acts of kindness can actually be a benefit to our physical health and well-being. The article contains easy-to-implement ideas about how to encourage your student to commit random acts of kindness.

PRIDE SURVEY 2019

As we continue our drug prevention efforts at Deer Park Jr/Sr High , we ask for your support as we administer the PreventionFIRST! Student Survey. This is an anonymous student survey about alcohol use, drug use, and other health behaviors. The survey information will assist us in assessing our successes or failures in educating students of the health and safety value of not using alcohol and drugs. The PreventionFIRST! Student Survey is a thoroughly researched group of questions that can give us valuable insight into many positive and negative student health behaviors. The survey is an anonymous survey and students are not required to participate, it is voluntary on the part of each student.

If you prefer that your child not participate please inform our office, in writing, before Nov. 15th as the survey will be administered the week of Nov. 25th .

A copy of the survey is available in the main office if you would like to review its content. A summary of the information gathered will be shared with parents when results are obtained. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help students understand that alcohol and drug use can be harmful to their health and safety.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Important Information for Seniors

Cap and Gown packets were sent home with students in October. Students can obtain extra copies in the CCR office or they can be accessed electronically at <https://www.herffjones.com/product/graduation> .

Q: When should I order my cap and gown?

A: The cost of cap and gowns will go up starting **December 6th**-order ASAP because cost increases and to ensure appropriate sizing.

Q: How can I order my cap and gown?

A: Orders can be placed on-line at www.graduateserviceinc.com or by phone at 513-272-5890. Graduates Services will accept cash, check or credit card.



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Q: What if I cannot afford a cap and gown?

A: Please contact Ms. Madden at 513-936-4684

If you have not already completed your FAFSA, please do so ASAP (please remember that funding is given to those who apply early first). Fantastic information is located at: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>. If you have additional questions feel free to reach out to Ms. Madden at madden.c@dpccsd.org. **Many colleges have deadlines on December 1st.**

Important Information for Sophomores

Sophomores interested in applying to Scarlet can do so starting November 18th. Applications are completed on-line at <https://application.greatoaks.com/>. The deadline for applications is 2/10. Interested students can also attend Open House at Scarlet Oaks on January 30th from 5:30-7:30.

Support Services

We would just like to remind parents that the Jr/Sr High School has partnered with the Children's Home of Cincinnati to provide an in-house therapist. This person can provide counseling services during the school day. If you feel that your student might benefit or if you have questions, please contact your student's school counselor.

End of Course Retakes

High school students needing to retake an end of course exam were given letters and were asked to attend a meeting with the counselors this week. Testing will begin the second week of December and students will soon receive specific testing dates. If you have questions about testing and/or graduation requirements, please contact your student's school counselor.