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DENBY HIGH SCHOOL

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Guide to
**COMMUNITY
INITIATIVES**

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to welcome you to another year at Denby High School! At Denby High School, our mission is to “inspire urban innovators.” We believe in promoting the “social, emotional and cognitive growth” of all students, not only developing their academic skills, but building character, citizenship and social skills. Furthermore, we believe that a school is not only a place for students to learn, but a hub for our community, where our students, families and neighbors can coalesce around, creating what we like to call the “Denby Family.” To that end, we have partnered with various community organizations to provide students and families with programs that will enrich the students’ learning in the classrooms and provide them with exposure to the world. We have also established numerous programs within the school to provide leadership opportunities for our students, and to expand their horizons. This handbook is meant to give you an introduction to the opportunities available at Denby High School, and hopefully, to recruit as many students and community members as possible to join us in these endeavors.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to sign up for one of these programs, please reach out to our Coordinator for Community Initiatives and Partnerships, Mr. Hui, at (313) 866-7200 (ext. 357) or at jhui@detroitdenby.org.

Thank you and we are excited to welcome you again to a new year at Denby!

Yours sincerely,

Tracie McKissic
Principal

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Academic Services

Organization	Program	Meeting Information	Service Description	Target Group
<i>VIP Mentoring</i>	Business Coaching	Room 225 Meeting times vary	Career readiness and professional mentoring relationships between professionals and students desiring to join a particular career field	Mentors and mentees of NHS, Student Government and Denby Elite Mentors
	Student-to-Student	Room 225 Meeting times vary	Training student mentors from our student leadership organizations to be able to mentor others	Mentors of NHS and Denby Elite Mentors
	Career readiness workshops (Americorps)	Room 223 Meeting times vary	Volunteers will work with students on career readiness programs	All students
<i>Harmony Point</i>	Computer and technology training and certification	TBA	IT and computer training and certification for students and families	All student and parents
<i>Academic Tutoring</i>	NHS Tutoring	Room 216 Tues/Thurs during Lunch	Peer-to-peer tutoring during lunch hours, conducted by National Honor Society students	All students
	Teacher Tutoring	Location TBA After-school	Teacher-led tutoring after school	All students
<i>Atlantic Impact</i>	Ambassador Program	Room 216 Wednesdays after school	Students will learn about the history of Detroit through the Atlantic slave trade, examining cross-cultural impact and culminating in a trip to the United Kingdom or Barbaros	All 10 th Grade students
<i>Detroit Parent Network</i>	College Readiness	Room 224	College readiness workshops, assistance with ACT and FAFSA preparation and college visits	All students

Social Services

Organization	Program	Meeting Information	Service Description	Target Group
<i>Urban Leadership Specialists</i>	Parent and alumni engagement	Meeting times vary	Programs to connect parents and alumni with Denby High School	Parents and alumni
	M2 Program	Room 317A Tues/Thurs during Advisory and after-school	Leadership development and early intervention program for males looking to enrich their academic and social growth	Young men
<i>Vista Maria</i>	Intervention Services	Room 211 Wednesdays	Programs addressing substance abuse, conflict resolution, male responsibility and crisis intervention	Young men
<i>Project 180</i>	Male Leadership	Room 221 Wednesdays/Fridays	Workshops for young men with a goal to reduce disciplinary action and to build capacity in leadership. Issues addressed include conflict resolution, out-of-school issues, gang violence, overcoming past histories etc...	Young men

<i>Alternatives for Girls</i>	TOP Program	TBA	Empowerment and leadership development for young ladies, addressing issues of gender identity and growth	Females
	Girl Smart	TBA	Program on sex education, relationships, and female identity	Females
	Topical Workshops	TBA	Topical workshops based on student need, ranging from grief and loss to anger management, or self-esteem to peer pressure	All students
<i>St. John's Health Center</i>	Health Programs	Room 102 8:30am to 4pm daily	Nurse practitioner services, including health screenings, STI testing, preventative treatment and various health-related programs	All students, with written parental consent
<i>Michigan Department of Human Services</i>	DHS Services	Room 300A	Resources on behalf of the State of Michigan, including food assistance, clothing and housing resources, and state-administered welfare programs	All students and families
<i>Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative</i>	Safety Station	Room 102 Lunch hours	Safety Station open to all students with games, activities and events for students to use during lunch hours, with community resources and services available in the room to discuss issues of youth violence prevention and access to resources	All students
<i>Matrix Human Services</i>	Matrix Center	13560 McNichols 24/7	Various social services, including shelters, clothing assistance, access to community resources, job training etc...	All students, families and community members
<i>Primary Preventative Care</i>	Parenting Program	Room 325 4/5 th Hour; Thursdays	Pregnancy counseling and parenting preparation program for to-be parents and current parents in school	Soon-to-be and current parents attending Denby High School
<i>Positive Behavior Team</i>	Positive Behavior Interventions	Room 125 Daily	Alternatives to suspension provided by the PBIS team, in addition to counseling and mentoring services	All students in the disciplinary process
<i>Denby Elite Mentors</i>	Peer Mentoring Program	Room 315 Meetings as needed	Peer-to-peer mentoring, addressing personal and social issues, as well as leadership development	9 th and 10 th Grade students

ACADEMIC SERVICES

These academic services are designed to enrich students' learning inside the classroom. Our various programs allow students to receive exposure and enrichment to supplement their education and to focus on specific interests and skills of each student.

VIP Mentoring

VIP Mentoring provides business coaching and mentoring services to our students, enabling them to develop into professionals and readying them for higher education and their future careers. VIP Mentoring uses four different programs to connect students with the community, businesses, and each other. Each of these programs contribute to develop students into well-rounded citizens and professionals. Through VIP Mentoring, students will be able to work with a peer mentor and a professional mentor who can guide them through the rigors of high school, and to prepare them for a future career. These programs are:

- Student to Student
- Community to Student
- Student to Business
- Service to Student

In order to be eligible to work with VIP Mentoring, students must first join a mentorship or tutorship group within Denby.

Please contact Kimberly Perry at kperry@vipmentoring.org for more information.

Harmony Point

Harmony Point offers computer and technology training for students and their families. They offer workshops for students and parents to become trained in computer skills, and receive certification for employment. Harmony Point will provide a platform for students and parents alike to access job opportunities as they undergo the certification process.

Please contact Mr. Hui at jhui@detroitdenby.org for more information.

Academic Tutoring

Academic tutoring is provided by our teachers and by National Honor Society students during lunch hours and after school. Tutoring can be for any subject or content area, and students receive personalized attention from their tutors based on their strengths and weaknesses.

Please contact Ms. Melton at jmelton@detroitdenby.org for adult tutoring information, or Ms. Flippen at bflippen@detroitdenby.org for peer-to-peer tutoring information.

Atlantic Impact

For the second year in a row, Atlantic Impact is excited to be providing opportunities for Denby High School students to explore their local community and world. Through the Atlantic Impact Ambassador program, students are eligible for the opportunity to explore historical sites in Detroit throughout the school year, and during the summer, they can earn the chance to travel to either England or Barbados! Upon their return, they will excel and use your experiences to improve the local community through internships, community presentations, and being a leader at Denby.

Please contact Mr. Hui at jhui@detroitdenby.org or Anise Hayes at anise@atlanticimpact.org for more information.

Detroit Parent Network

Detroit Parent Network strives to engage parents in their students' education, empowering parents to become critical parts of the educational community, and to provide students with access and opportunity in higher education. DPN has appointed four Americorps volunteers at Denby High School – one for each grade level – to promote college readiness. DPN corps members will be working with students to prepare college applications, organize college visits, mentor through career choices, and prepare students for ACT and FAFSA.

Please contact Dr. McGuire, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, at rmcguire@detroitdenby.org for more information.

SOCIAL SERVICES

These social services are designed to promote the personal, emotional and social growth of our students and families. They are to help students become global citizens, developing them into urban innovators that will transform the community around them and become a role model for those in their lives.

Alternatives for Girls

Alternatives For Girls helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation, and helps them to explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong and to make positive choices in their lives. AFG accomplishes this mission through three key services: AFG Prevention, the AFG Shelter/Transition to Independent Living Program (TIL) and AFG Outreach.

Alternatives for Girls provides three key services to young ladies at Denby High School:

- The TOP Program provides empowerment and leadership development for young ladies, addressing issues of gender identity and growth
- The Girl Smart Program provides programming on sex education, relationships and female identity.
- They will also provide various workshops throughout the year to address social issues ranging from grief and loss to peer pressure, and anger management to self-esteem

Please contact Ms. Blanding at cblanding@detroitdenby.org for more information.

Project 180

Project 180's mission is to reduce disciplinary action and to develop young men into leaders and adults. It provides workshops and programs geared towards students that want to address issues outside of the school, including social issues, problems of gang and drug violence, and family and community relationships. The program provides students with opportunities to share, to reflect, and to build capacity for personal growth. It will also offer field trips, professional mentoring, Saturday School, and various wraparound services for all our young men.

Please contact Mr. Jackson at thomas.jackson@the180program.us for more information.

Urban Leadership Specialists

Urban Leadership Specialists, Inc. adamantly rejects the notion that urban students are innately inferior. We believe that no child should be without access to a proper education and that no family or school should fail at providing that access. Given the right opportunities and access to resources that support student achievement, all students can mature into productive citizens and compete on the global stage.

This school year we will pilot a Leadership Development program for Denby males. This program will focus on teaching students the life and cognitive skills necessary to succeed. They will also learn to resolve and reconcile conflicts which help young people break down barriers, become leaders, and even prevent confrontations that lead to violent outcomes. Students will obtain the skills needed to avoid negative behaviors that lead to suspension and expulsion from school. During this program students will learn how to:

- Become Leaders
- How to deal with and overcome negative life situations
- Design and Participate in Community Service Activities
- Participate in fieldtrips to reinforce what is taught during the sessions
- Prepare and Deliver Anti-violence and Bullying Presentations for Peers

We will teach them that conflict resolution can provide opportunities for personal growth, improved relationships, and quality of life. This program will take place twice a week during and after school.

Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative

The Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of the Mayor of Detroit. The initiative aims to reduce youth violence through safe routes to school, sharing the prevention message, and coordinating city and federal efforts to increase public safety. DVYPI will be sponsoring a Safety Station at Denby, where students will be able to visit during their lunch hours, play games and activities, while speaking with representatives from the city about youth violence prevention and gaining a better understanding of the prevention message. The Safety Station will also host our community partners, where our students will be able to access various community services and receive information on resources available inside and outside the school.

Please contact Mr. Hui at jhui@detroitdenby.org for more information.

Vista Maria

Our Mission: We deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so that they heal, believe in their worth, and build the skills needed to succeed.

Our Vision: We will ensure that vulnerable youth and families are supported, prepared and equipped to achieve lifelong success.

Our Core Values:

- Respect the sanctity of life, intrinsic dignity and inherent worth of all individuals
- Honor Vista Maria's spiritual foundation
- Empower our employees and consumers to achieve positive change
- Demonstrate compassion and genuine concern for others in all of our actions
- Celebrate the diverse cultural heritage and background of all our consumers and stakeholders

Vista Maria provides services to our young men who wish to engage with mentors and with their peers to develop personal growth. Workshops will focus on: substance abuse, conflict resolution, male responsibility and crisis intervention.

Please contact Mr. Marino at cmarino@vistamaria.org for more information.

St. John's Health Center

The St. John Denby School-Based Health Center is located within Denby High School in Room 102 and is open Monday through Friday 8-4:30 pm. We provide comprehensive services to address the developmental, physical, and emotional needs of students with no out-of-pocket cost to the family. The health center is staffed by a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and a Clinic Office Assistant. General medical services provided include: Health Assessments, Sports Physicals, Immunizations, Dental/Vision/Hearing Screenings, Sexual Health Treatment and Counseling, Nutritional Counseling, and Specialist Referrals. Mental health services include: Individual, family, and group counseling for various social and emotional issues. The staff will also provide an assortment of health and social educational programs to students throughout the school year. Services are open to all enrolled Denby students, their siblings, and their children if they are a minor parent. For more information please feel free to contact the health center at 313-372-3826.

Please contact Delilah Bolis at dbolis@stjohn.org for more information.

Department of Human Services, State of Michigan

Pathways to Potential put the support of case workers in your community - where you can easily connect with them. The first phase of this program provides Family Resource Centers in neighborhood schools. These centers are staffed with "Success Coaches" who are ready to help you and your family find help with things like education, employment, food, day care and emergency services. The Success Coaches also work in conjunction with the truancy office to help reduce the truancy rate. Services for the Michigan Department of Human Services are also available.

Please contact Ms. Burton at burtonc3@michigan.gov for more information.

Primary Preventative Care

Primary Preventative Care provides services for soon-to-be and current parents that are attending Denby High School. They provide counseling for pregnant students, and students who are already parents, offering resources to guide students through the pre- and post-pregnancy process.

Please contact Ms. Blanding at cblanding@detroitdenby.org for more information.

Matrix Human Services

Matrix Human Services Center, a thriving community center on Detroit's east side, offers youth and families, adults and seniors an array of needs assessments, supportive services and referrals designed to break the cycle of poverty through collaboration with more than 150 mission partners. Programs are designed to meet the needs of the residents of the City of Detroit and surrounding areas. Programs include Casa Maria safe after-school programming for youth ages 5-16, Clients' Choice Food Pantry, Computer literacy, Counseling, Educational literacy, Employment Skill-building, Family activities, Financial literacy, the Arts, Head Start.

Please contact Sandra Ramocan, Director, at sramocan@matrixhs.org for more information.

Positive Behavior Team

The Positive Behavior Team utilizes PBIS strategies to counsel students, manage student discipline and provide alternatives to suspension. They are tasked with implementing positive behavior systems across the school and to empower students to take ownership of their own behavior and school culture. Students that are part of the disciplinary process will be able to receive, upon a case-by-case basis, services through the Positive Behavior Team as alternatives to suspension.

Please contact Dean of Students, Mrs. Mount at tmount@detroitdenby.org for more information.

Denby Elite Mentors

The Denby Elite Mentors are a group of student leaders that mentor younger students on personal and social issues, as well as leadership development and community service. Student mentees will have individualized access to an upperclassmen mentor, who will meet regularly with their mentees to discuss issues in and out-of-school, monitor academic progress, and develop personal relationships as they grow as students and as citizens.

Please contact Ms. Thomas at athomas@detroitdenby.org for more information.