

# Denmark Middle School

October 2022

Dear DMS Families,

Happy Fall! October is always a busy month and this year is no exception. Please keep an eye on the calendar for all the fun activities and events at DMS in the coming weeks.

We appreciate your partnership and welcome your input and feedback. Please contact us with any questions or concerns, we are happy to help!

Wishing all DMS Families a fun-filled Fall!

Best,  
Amy T. Gleeson  
Denmark Middle School Principal



## Wild, Wild West DANCE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:30 - 6:00PM DMS GYM - TICKETS \$5.00

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST DRESSED

ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE AT LUNCH THE WEEK OF THE DANCE

Picture retakes October 6th



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Calendar of Events

"Dates and times are subject to change"

# **Denmark School District Preschool Screening Notice Children Age 3 (and turning 3)**



In Accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Child Find Law, Denmark School District follows a procedure to locate, refer and identify, as early as possible young children who are in need of an Early Intervention Program or Early Childhood Services.

**If you live in the Denmark School District and have a child who is age 3 or turning age 3 during the current school year, please notify the Denmark School District's Early Childhood Office at 920-863-4177.**

Once you have contacted the school, you will be placed on a list to receive a questionnaire to complete called the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). The ASQ is sent in early January of the current school year and helps the district Child Find Team determine if further screening is needed for your child.

If you have any immediate concerns about your child's age appropriate development, you can call Sheryl DeLarwelle at 920-863-4035 to inquire about the referral and evaluation process. You can also email her at [delarwes@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:delarwes@denmark.k12.wi.us).

# BIG MOUTH & THE POWER TOOL HORNS

Thursday, October 6th  
Denmark High School PAC  
7:00 PM Concert



Admission: \$10.00

Proceeds go to the Music Department  
Tickets are available from Music Students  
or at the door. Doors open at 6:30 pm



## Band Events

Saturday, October 8th

The 8th Grade Band will be performing for the Flight of Champions at Austin Straubel Airport. The Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Milwaukee Bucks Alumni will be on these flights. The flight is scheduled to land at 7:30 pm.

**Monday, October 3** - Honor Flight Preview Concert 6:30 DMS Gym

## September - Positive Attitude

### 6th Grade

**Jack VanGroll** is the son of Jacqueline VanGroll. Jack represents the quality of a positive attitude by being willing to work with any student in class. He happily answers any question as part of class participation. If he does become frustrated about something, he doesn't get angry. He simply moves past it by working to find a solution. Jack enjoys Minecraft and working with computers. He also participates in 6th grade band and chorus.

**Shirley Windorff** is the daughter of Carrie and Cory Windorff. Shirley represents the quality of a positive attitude by being kind to others; she gets along with people, always quietly avoiding drama with a pleasant smile on her face. In her free time, Shirley likes to hang out with her cats, and participates as an extra in the musical Newsies. She plays piano and is in chorus and band. Her favorite kind of music is country. Shirley is a great asset to the sixth-grade class.



### 7th Grade

**Brady Maes** is the son of Jason and Vicki Maes. Brady's positivity has been very noticeable throughout the first month of school. He is always smiling and ready for the day. At school, Brady is involved in football and basketball. In the 7th grade band, he plays the trombone. When he is not at school, Brady can be seen practicing basketball and playing with his dog, Piper. Family vacations are fun for him, too.

**Samantha Nellis** is the daughter of Eric and Sara Nellis. Samantha has had a strong start to the school year with her positive approach to school and her activities. She genuinely enjoys being involved and doing her best. In her free time she enjoys hunting, fishing, painting, and reading, especially fantasy books. She is going to start a Bible Study club. In school, Samantha is a member of the 7th grade band and plays the clarinet. She plans to go out for track in the spring.

### 8th Grade

**Jeorjia Trembl** is the daughter of Jeffery and Heidi Trembl. Jeorjia represents the quality of a positive attitude by being an all around positive person. She is an upbeat student who always has a big smile on her face when she enters and exits the classroom. She is willing to participate, work hard, and is a positive role model for all of her classmates. All of her teachers agree that she is a pleasure to have in class. Jeorjia participates in the morning video announcements for DMS, volleyball, track, dance, student council, and is a member of the 8th grade band.

**John Baugnet** is the son of Jason and the late Amanda Baugnet. John is a happy-go-lucky student who always has a smile on his face. He comes to school with a great attitude and a willingness to learn. His sense of humor in class is appreciated by all of his teachers. Outside of school, John enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

### Encore

**Max Goral** is the son of Jeff and Erica Goral. Max always brings a smile to his Encore classes. His positive attitude in his Encore classes and sense of humor are often contagious to those that are around him. Max works hard, participates well, and does his best with any task we throw at him. Max is involved in FFA, Band, 4-H, and the Robotics club here at school. When not at school, he is usually tending to his family's goats and chickens.

**Olivia Grusznski** is the daughter of Adam and Sarah Grusznski. Olivia is always pulling the positive out of her Encore experiences. She is committed to growing her skills in our classes and pushes herself while maintaining an incredibly positive outlook. Olivia does her best and is a pleasure to have in class. Her sense of humor and positivity help others to feel comfortable in our classes. Olivia is a fantastic role model for other students in our classes. In her spare time, she plays volleyball, is on student council, loves art, and enjoys hanging out with friends.

# Epi Pen Training Event



What Epinephrine Products  
Are Currently Available in the U.S.?



[kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog](http://kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog)



## EPI PEN TRAINING EVENT

**TUESDAY, NOV 8 IN THE HIGH  
SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA  
CENTER 3:45PM OR 6:00 PM.**

The content of the course is state-approved through the WI Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (WAOPS). The course lasts approximately 1 hour and is free of charge. Those appropriately trained individuals can then carry Epinephrine and administer to anyone in need. Information on how to obtain discounted EPI pens will be provided.

The Dillon Mueller Memorial Fund directly administers and supports these courses

**"Do It for Dillon Brraaaapp On"**

# Viking Sports Corner

By: Heather Woyak, DMS Athletic Director

## Upcoming Home Games/Events:

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#### Football:

- October 4th 4:15/5:30pm
- October 11th 4:30/5:45pm



#### Volleyball:

- October 3rd 4:00/5:00pm
- October 6th 4:00/5:00pm



#### Girls Basketball:

- October 17th 4:00/5:00pm (7th and 8th gold only)
- October 18th 4:00/5:00pm (7th grade)
- October 24th 4:00/5:00pm (7th grade)
- October 31st 4:00/5:00pm (8th grade)
- November 1st 4:00/5:00pm (8th grade)
- November 10th 4:00/5:00pm (8th grade)



#### Dance:

- October 17th 4:30/5:30pm
- October 24th 4:30/5:30pm
- November 1st 4:30/5:30pm
- November 10th 4:30/5:30pm

### Upcoming Practice Start Times/Dates:

#### Fall Sports Start Times:

- Dance - October 3rd 3:30-4:30pm at MS cafeteria
- Girls Basketball - October 10th 3:30-5:00pm at MS and ES gyms
- Boys Basketball - November 14th 3:30-5:00pm at MS and HS gyms

Find practice and game schedules here: <https://www.northeasternconferencewi.org/public/genie/376/school/1329/>

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## Standout Student Athletes

**7th and 8th Grade Football:** We would like to highlight the entire 7th and 8th grade football team. Throughout the year, both teams have vastly improved in every facet of the game. The effort levels have been high from the start of the season and we as coaches believe every player deserves recognition for their effort.

**7th Grade Gold Volleyball:** Taylor Meier has been a strong leader for our volleyball team since the start of the season. She has worked hard on and off the court, has been a great sport at all times, and has demonstrated strong volleyball skills.

**7th Grade Purple Volleyball:** Mya Lamack demonstrates a true commitment to her teammates by understanding her role on the team and helping others in a kind way to get into position. She asks for help to improve her game and is always smiling, willing, and ready for practice or games.

**8th Grade Gold Volleyball:** Kate Demmin has shown great dedication to the team this season. She was always willing to learn and improve her skills. She always put forth her best effort in practice and games. It was a pleasure coaching Kate this year.

**8th Grade Purple Volleyball:** Shaelyn Kraschnewski is a quiet leader with her teammates, is always striving to get better by asking questions during practice, and is very hard working. You will never see her complain, and she is always a great example of what sportsmanship is. Shaelyn is not only a hard worker on the court, but also a hard worker in the classroom which is shown by her straight A's in her classes.

**Cross Country:** Aubrey Fameree has shown outstanding leadership on this year's Cross Country team. She has led team practice runs and continually has the shortest running times. Aubrey contributes a positive attitude at meets and cheers on her teammates. She always tackles a difficult job at hand with a smile. Keep up the great work, Aubrey! We will miss you next year!

# Denmark Wrestling CLUB

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[DENMARKWRESTLINGCLUB.COM](http://DENMARKWRESTLINGCLUB.COM)

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- DENMARK WRESTLING CLUB MEMBERSHIP
- ALL PRACTICES LISTED BELOW
- FALL CLINIC (8 SESSIONS) (5TH - 12TH GRADE)
- YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY
- A WHOLE LOT OF FUN FOR YOUR WRESTLER!!



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK  
(DENMARK WRESTLING CLUB)



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Thursday, October 6th  
7:00 PM  
Denmark High School  
Purple Multi-purpose Room  
(enter by north side of building)



**LITTLE AVENGERS**

K - 1st GRADE

(8) Mondays, January 2nd - February 20th

5:45 - 6:30 PM

Coach John Goral

WRESTLING \* AGILITY \* QUICKNESS \* FUN



**2nd - 4th GRADE**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

January 3rd - February 28th

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Coach Luke Goral



**5th - 8th GRADE**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

December 6th - December 29th

5:45 - 7:00 PM

Coach Jay Welsing

\*Traditional Middle School practice will start in January\*



Wrestling is alive and well in Denmark, WI

## Middle School FFA



The middle school FFA had a very successful meeting with over 150 students attending. If all of these students join, the officers will have met their goal of 150 members! The FFA members kicked off their year of activities on Friday night, September 23 as they brought back Family Fun night. Over 40 members signed up over 140 people including themselves, siblings and parents to partake in some delicious pizza from DeGrands, dodgeball, big base kickball, and corn hole. While playing dodgeball students were able to play against their parents and other adults. A great time was had by all.

On Monday, September 26, twelve 7th and 8th grade members attended Fall Leadership Workshop along with some high school members. The workshop was hosted by Bay Port FFA as that is where this year's Section 9 State FFA Officer is from. While at the workshop, FFA members were able to participate in three leadership sessions that helped develop important skills in each of them.

Due to highway construction, the Adopt-A-Highway for the Fall is canceled or postponed depending on when the highway construction is done. We will either try to get it cleaned on a Saturday in November or make sure we get an early spring date to keep the highway clean. When we get into November, it is difficult to clean the highway after school because it gets dark too early.

There was an error on the past QR code, so if you have not filled out the Google Form, please scan the new QR code to get registered for membership. If you have already filled out the Google Form, **please do not fill it out again**. Also, please have students remember to join the Google Classroom with the code "a5e4use". If students want an FFA T-shirt, the \$10 needs to be turned in to Mr. Nowak by October 5th to be on the first order.



SCAN ME

### Upcoming Middle School FFA Activities:

#### October

- 5 - FFA Meeting (Homeroom in Cafeteria)
- 15 - FIRE Conference (FVTC- Appleton TBD)
- 21 - Haunted House
- 29 - Trunk or Treat Canned food collection

#### November

- 9 - FFA meeting during Homeroom
- 4 - Veteran's Day Assembly and Meal
- 17- Dave and Busters

## Denmark Archery Club

Denmark Archery Club will be holding their kick-off meeting on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the High School Purple Multi-Purpose room. Archery is open for 6-12 grade students. If you're interested in joining this year please try to attend this meeting. Anyone unable to attend the meeting and/or have questions please contact Jennifer Langhoff at [denmarkarcheryclub@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:denmarkarcheryclub@denmark.k12.wi.us).



# Destination Imagination

**Destination ImagiNation®** is an international program for students in kindergarten through college. Each year 5 new Team challenges are developed for DI teams to choose from. They range from performance and improvisation to very technical and structural. *The program encourages students to apply creative problem solving, critical thinking, and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways as they work to develop a solution to their chosen challenge.*

Instant Challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking. At a tournament, a team will receive an Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. The team members must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a period of just five to eight minutes. *In a world with growing cultural connections, increased levels and types of communication, and a new need for real-time teamwork and problem solving, the ability to solve problems quickly is becoming increasingly critical. This is an exciting opportunity for your K-12 child to be challenged and also to have a lot of fun!* [Click on the challenge preview video for a glimpse into this year's challenges:](#)

## 2023 CHALLENGE PREVIEW VIDEO



### TECHNICAL CHALLENGE



The Technical Challenge prompts students to complete tasks by using engineering, research, strategic planning, and related skills.

Who doesn't love a good puzzle? Your team will explore the thrill of finding that crucial piece or clue that brings the whole thing together. Puzzle it out in this season's Technical Challenge!

- Design and create a puzzle that will be assembled during the Presentation.
- Design and build 2 puzzle solvers that use technical methods to assemble the puzzle.
- Create and present a story about how a character's understanding changes at a pivotal moment.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



### ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



Our Engineering Challenge asks students to explore and apply engineering skills and tools to design and build solutions to specific applications.

Zooooom, whoosh, weeeee! Design and test your very own roller coaster, complete with unexpected twists and turns. Join us for a wild ride as you explore this season's Engineering Challenge!

- Design and build a roller coaster that will be assembled and then tested during the Presentation.
- Design and create a launching mechanism that starts moving a golf ball along the roller coaster track.
- Test how far and how fast the golf ball can travel through the roller coaster.
- Create a Presentation that shows what the riders would experience when riding the roller coaster.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE



Our Scientific Challenge blends the curiosity of scientific research with the creative expression of performance art.

Have you ever heard a story that seemed too amazing to be true? In this season's Scientific Challenge, your team will show how science can be used to put the impossible to the test. Is the story fact, or is it just a tall tale?

- Present a team-created story in the style of a tall tale.
- Include an exaggerated character with a hyperbolic trait.
- Design and build a theatrical embellishment that enhances the hyperbolic trait.
- Present a scientific analysis to determine whether or not the exaggerated character could actually exhibit the hyperbolic trait as described in the tall tale.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## FINE ARTS



Our Fine Arts Challenge helps students develop acting and creative skills through artistic media, theater arts, scriptwriting, and prop design.

Sometimes the story you know isn't the whole story. Explore what happens when the focus of a story changes. It's time to put your own twist on a well-known tale in this season's Fine Arts Challenge!

- Create and present a flipped tale that is inspired by a well-known story but focuses on a new main character.
  - Research literary devices and integrate one into the Presentation.
  - Use theatrical techniques to move the audience's focus from one portion of the Presentation Area to another.
  - Design and build a piece of scenery that goes through a scenery flip.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



## IMPROVISATIONAL



Our Improvisational Challenge is all about research, spontaneity, and storytelling. Teams receive topics and quickly produce skits. We all love to root for an underdog. In this season's Improvisational Challenge, your team will use your improv skills to tell a story about an unlikely hero who rises to a challenge. Will they emerge victorious, or will they crumble under the pressure?

- Create and present an improvisational skit about an Underdog preparing for and/or participating in a competition.
- Incorporate an expert into the skit.
- Integrate a complication into the skit.
- Enhance the skit with trash bags and rubber bands.



## SERVICE LEARNING



Our Service Learning Challenge is designed to engage students in public service that addresses real-life community issues.

It takes a lot to make the world a better place. You've put it all on the line—will it pay off? The clock ticks and the pressure builds in this season's Service Learning Challenge.

- Identify, design, carry out, and evaluate a project that addresses a need in a real community.
- Create and present a suspenseful story about a high-stakes situation.
- Include a slow-motion scene that is enhanced by a special effect.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.



# INSTANT CHALLENGE



All teams will have the opportunity to solve an Instant Challenge. These challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking.

In a world with growing cultural connections, increased levels and types of communication, and a new need for real-time teamwork and problem-solving, the ability to solve problems quickly is becoming increasingly critical.

Each team will be asked to solve an Instant Challenge for their DI tournament. The team must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a short period of time.

Instant Challenges are performance-based, task-based, or a combination of the two. Although each Instant Challenge has different requirements, all Instant Challenges reward teams for their teamwork. Instant Challenges are kept confidential until it is time for teams to solve them.

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP MY CHILD?**

There are a limited number of teams forming now for the **February 25, 2023** competition in the Northeast Sectional Tournament which includes the Northeast, Bay Lake, and Green Bay regions (**Feb. 25 in Shawano**). The Affiliate Tournament is scheduled for April 1, 2023, in Green Bay and DIHQ just announced that Global Finals will be in Kansas City, MO, May 20 – 23, 2023. Teams will compete against ALL the other teams (in their Challenge & level) at their Sectional Tournament. WIDI wants as many teams as possible to go to Green Bay, so the rules for advancement to the Affiliate Tournament will be determined based on the overall number of teams. The Aristotle Award may also be used to provide more opportunities for teams to advance. A lot will depend on how many Wisconsin teams there are this year. Thank you all for your patience and commitment to getting the DI program back up and running.

If your child wishes to be on a team, please consider being the **Team Manager or Assistant**. You may also want to find other friends of your child who want to be on a team together, or may already be forming a team with a manager already in place. We have found that teams work best when kids choose each other, rather than being assigned to a team.

If you are unable to find a team for your child, we will assist you with this process as best we can to find a placement if one is available on a team. *For any additional questions, please call Mrs. Loriann Link-Ritz, GT Enrichment*

*Coordinator, at 920-863-4033.*

# 2023 DI REGISTRATION FORM

*If you are interested in having your son/daughter participate, please fill out and sign this permission form and send it to Mrs. Link-Ritz at the Pupil Services Office or email to LinkritL@denmark.k12.wi.u or your child may hand it to their classroom teacher **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a team formed already for your son/daughter? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is the Team Manager's Name? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to help as a Team Manager? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Member Names (besides your child):**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

**Which challenge are you interested in?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Technical**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fine Arts**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Scientific**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Improvisational**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Structural**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Service Learning**

*\*\*\*The teams have no more than 7 students and no fewer than 2. Each team has at least one and more often two (or more) Team Managers. Team Managers can be anyone over 18 such as parents, teachers, or community members who are interested in mentoring a group of young people.*

**Parents are a very important part of a DI team's support network and success.** We are asking you to consider a role in helping make this year even better than ever so our teams can have rewarding experiences. **You can be a team manager or assist a team manager and show your child how team involvement and cooperation really improves learning and fun for all!**

Training sessions can provide new and experienced managers an opportunity to develop their skills. The items to be discussed are team building, instant challenge, scoring, tournament day expectations, central challenge procedures, how to read the challenge, side trips and more. **If you are interested in attending a manager training session in the Green Bay area, please call 920-863-4033 for more information.**

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English: If you need this information in your native language, please contact Deb Kralovetz at [kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us) or 920-863-4034. Spanish: Si necesita esta información en su idioma materno, póngase en contacto con Deb Kralovetz en [kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us) o 920-863-4034. Hmong: Yog tias koj xav tau cov ntaub ntawv no ua koj hom lus, thov hu Deb Kralovetz ntawm [kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us) los sis 920-863-4034. Mandarin Chinese: 如果您需要使用母语提供的这些信息，请联系Deb Kralovetz，电子邮件地址为 [kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us](mailto:kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us) 或 920-863-4034。

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY** It is the policy of the School District of Denmark that no person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's gender, color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, gender orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability

