

July 10, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to school year 2017-2018! For those of us at Dixie, we believe there is nothing better than being a Flyer. We have a great school, and it is our goal that every student will achieve success at the highest level. The administration, teachers, and staff here at Dixie will work hard to assist your child work toward this goal, but we need two very important commitments from each student: 1) be in class every day; and 2) complete all academic assignments. Please remind your son or daughter of the important benefits that reading regularly (20 minutes a day) will provide; i.e., success in high school, higher ACT scores, and academic preparation for college level course work. I know that many students read regularly when they were younger, but fell out of the habit as they entered high school. Let's turn that around! Now is the time when improving reading ability will pay off in higher ACT scores, and summer is an awesome time to read every day! Working together, we can have the best year ever.

Dixie High will need the help of many parents to assist in the PTA and in other parent booster organizations. We welcome everyone to participate as part of our Flyer Family. I hope the following information will help inform you of school policies and events.

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 14 is the first day of school, and we will follow an unusual schedule. All 10<sup>th</sup> graders will report to the school at 8:15 a.m. and participate in a morning orientation and workshops. All students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) will report to class after lunch at 11:56 and rotate through all 8 periods, concluding at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run on their regular schedules; 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders riding the bus to school will be able to ride at the regularly scheduled time and remain at school throughout the morning, if needed. School lunch will be served. Regular class schedules will resume on Tuesday, August 15, which will be a "B" day on our block schedule.

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We need parents willing to serve on the Dixie High Community Council. This group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. These elected Council members oversee the Utah State Trust Land funds which are appropriated by the legislature each year, and also provide input on school policies and decisions. Meetings are open to the public. Elections for these positions will occur at our Back to School Night scheduled for August 22 and continue through September 5. If you are interested in standing for election to this Council, please contact Mr. Brooks. He can be reached at [jason.brooks@washk12.org](mailto:jason.brooks@washk12.org).

#### PLAN TO ATTEND

Back to School night is scheduled for August 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 8 and again on February 6, from 3:30–6:30 p.m. Your attendance at these events is very important. Please join us!

#### SCHOOL PICTURES

Bell Photographers will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, August 23. Retakes are scheduled for September 27. Students must follow school dress code in order to be photographed. We ask that all students be photographed, even if they are not purchasing pictures, so we can create student picture ID cards and place student photos in the yearbook. We have placed a link for Bell Photography on our website under School Info to allow you to contact them directly about what is available to purchase.

#### REGISTRATION/COUNSELING

Students will be able to view their next year's class schedule beginning mid-July. Please realize that class changes will be handled differently this year. We have reserved two days this summer and two days after school begins for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade class changes.

Seniors will see counselors by appointment. This is an important step in ensuring that seniors are on track for graduation. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet from the counseling office for more complete information.

## PAYMENT OF FEES

We strongly encourage you to submit fees online at [www.myschoolfees.com](http://www.myschoolfees.com) beginning Monday, August 7. Parents can log in and follow the registration instructions. Please note that some classes require lab or class fees. If you wish to pay in person, fees will be accepted beginning August 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Payment must be made in cash or credit card; **checks are no longer accepted**. Finance information can also be accessed at [www.dixiehigh.org](http://www.dixiehigh.org) under the Finance tab.

## FEE WAIVERS

A fee waiver application is available online at the Washington County School District website at [www.washk12.org](http://www.washk12.org) for those families who meet federal income guidelines, or at the office at Dixie High. If you wish to apply for a fee waiver, complete the application, attach your most recent income tax return or the last three pay stubs for each household member, and bring to Dixie High. Eligible students must reapply each year. If your family receives food stamps, you must submit the 24 month Benefit Report from Work Force Services as part of the application. The finance office will be open beginning August 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee waiver applications are separate from applications for free and reduced lunch.

## SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

Dixie High serves breakfast at 7:45 a.m. (\$1.25) and lunch (\$2.50). Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will also qualify for breakfast. Applications for free and reduced lunch must be submitted online, following these instructions: 1) Go to [www.washk12.org](http://www.washk12.org); 2) click on Departments; 3) click on Food Service; 4) click on Meal Benefits tab; 5) click on link to [Washington.rocketscanapps.com](http://Washington.rocketscanapps.com) and follow instructions. Families must reapply each year to determine eligibility. You need apply only once for all children in the household, but please make sure you list all children on your application. Please allow up to 10 days for applications to be processed by the district. Students will not be allowed to charge meals. Parents may deposit lunch money for their students online at [www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com), and can even arrange for automatic payments.

## STUDENT PARKING

All students planning to park a vehicle in the reserved/numbered area of the school parking lot must purchase a parking permit. The cost is \$20. Seniors only may purchase parking spots on August 10 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the school commons area; all students will be able to purchase on August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Areas designated as free parking (non-numbered) will be located in the far east section of the south parking lot and at the baseball parking lot. Students who plan to park on campus must complete a Vehicle Registration form. We can accept cash only; and please bring make, model, and license of your vehicle. Students who park in visitor, faculty or reserved parking spaces during the school year will be fined \$20 for each infraction.

## ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY SPORTS

If your student is planning to participate in athletics this year, please be aware that all student athletes must comply with the eligibility requirements of the Utah High School Activities Association. **In order to participate, students must earn a 2.0 GPA in the quarter preceding participation. Also, the student transcript must reflect no more than one grade of "F," or "I," in the quarter preceding participation.** Please take the time now to check grades from 4th quarter and take the appropriate steps this summer to resolve any eligibility problems. Students who need to recover credit through Utah Online High School should contact their counselor and/or go to [www.utahonline.org](http://www.utahonline.org). Also, any student wishing to participate in athletics must have medical insurance; if your family does not have insurance, a policy covering accidental injury can be purchased through the school. A district participation fee of \$85 per sport will be charged for all participants. Please note that physicals are required prior to participation in sports each year. Forms for physicals and health history can be downloaded from our website. Complete all forms carefully and return them to Dixie High School. **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ATHLETICS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS** at [registermyathlete.com](http://registermyathlete.com). If you have previously registered, please update your information and sport. There are important documents which parents are required to read and e-sign. A link to UHSAA athlete registration can be found on our school website. Also, please discuss with your athlete the importance of regular attendance. Athletes should be aware that any player who misses school on the day of a game will not be allowed to compete.

## DRESS STANDARDS

The purpose of the Washington County School District dress code is to maintain a positive educational environment in the school. Please keep in mind the district dress code when purchasing clothing for the school year. Tank tops and clothing which reveals underwear, bare shoulders or bare midriffs is not permissible. Shorts or skirt length must be long enough to reach the ends of fingers when arms are extended down the side of the leg. Any clothing associated with gang apparel is not permitted, including excessively

baggy pants or clothing with gang insignia. Clothing cannot promote illegal substances or display profanity. Pierced ears are allowed, but facial piercings are not allowed. Students who do not comply with this policy will be sent home to change.

## REBOUND

The REBOUND program at Dixie High provides a second chance for students to increase their academic success by receiving additional time and support with their math, science, and language arts teachers. REBOUND will be held during an extended lunch period on designated weeks each quarter. During REBOUND week, students who are not referred by a teacher to REBOUND will enjoy a 60-minute lunch break; those who are referred by teachers are *required* to attend, and will receive 20 minutes to quickly eat lunch, then spend the remaining lunch time working with their classroom teacher. Please know that we consider this to be a very important program at Dixie High designed to help students succeed. You will be notified by email if your son or daughter is referred to REBOUND. Please help your child succeed by setting the expectation that they attend Rebound when referred.

## CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

District policy prohibits use of cell phones or electronic devices in school. They are a disruption when used in class, and some technology represents a test security problem. Any electronic device that is used without permission during class time must be surrendered to the teacher; after a second violation a parent must come to school to pick up the phone. Please be aware that electronic items are highly susceptible to theft, especially in locker room areas; it is strongly recommended that students leave them at home. Any personal items should be locked when left in the PE locker room areas. Please review this policy with your son or daughter and support us by eliminating this disruption.

## ATTENDANCE

The school district will use the PowerSchool program for student records. We would encourage you to obtain your student's password from the counseling office and check grades and attendance regularly. If your child is not able to be in school (illness, bereavement, etc.), please call the school to report all absences as soon as possible and no later than one week following the absence. Please realize that students are awarded participation points for each day they attend class, arrive on time, and engage in the day's learning activities. Students are not eligible to earn these points when they are absent without parent permission. You may refer to the enclosed attendance policy for further information.

## ACT AND PLAN TESTING

One of our school goals is to help each student prepare for higher educational opportunities after graduation. The State of Utah will provide funding for all 11<sup>th</sup> graders to take the ACT test this year on February 27, 2018. Students generally achieve their highest score the second time they take the test, so we encourage seniors to retake the ACT in early fall so those scores are available for scholarships and college admission deadlines that occur as early as November. Specific information about the test and/or test prep can be obtained from our counseling office. Students are responsible to register individually for any retakes of the ACT by going to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). When registering for the ACT test, you should use the Dixie High school code, which is 450 350. Please note the following registration deadlines for the ACT test:

Registration Deadline	ACT Test Date
08-04-17	9-09-17
09-22-17	10-28-17
11-03-17	12-09-17
01-12-18	02-10-18
03-09-18	04-14-18
05-04-18	06-09-18
06-15-18	07-14-18

## CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who have failed classes and need to recover credit for graduation should plan to participate in credit recovery courses offered by Utah Online High School as soon as possible. Contact person for this program is Krista Winward: [kwinward@utahonline.org](mailto:kwinward@utahonline.org). The cost is \$50 for an unlimited number of credits. Summer is a great time to get back on track!

Sincerely,

Sharla Campbell  
Principal

Jason Brooks  
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Mike Bair  
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director