

Durfee High School

Welcome to Hilltopper Nation!!

AP Program gets Results at Durfee

Advanced Placement courses at Durfee High School offer students the unique opportunity to take college level course work while still in high school. Currently, Durfee is the only public high school in Fall River that offers AP courses to students. Success in AP courses helps students in the college admissions process and prepares them for the rigor of college coursework. Students who earn qualifying scores on AP exams can earn college credit for their performance.

Durfee is proud to announce that The AP programs grew again for the 8th consecutive year! Last year, over 230 Durfee students earned qualifying scores on their AP examinations. For AP English exams, Durfee ranked 9th highest out of all high schools in the entire state for qualifying scores! Building upon the success of the AP program already in place, Durfee hopes to add additional AP course offerings for next school year. Stay tuned.

Aviation Club Soars to new Heights



Women in Aviation International and Cape Air Airline treated 16 Durfee High School students to an introduction to careers in Aviation on "Girls in Aviation Day", Saturday, September 24th, 2016. The girls, traveled by bus to New Bedford Airport (EWB) where they were they received their boarding passes and learned about checking the weather and calculating weight and balance. Then, two pilots lead the girls out waiting Cessna 402s for the flight to Hyannis (HYA). After touring a fixed base private aircraft service center adjacent to Cape Air facilities, they took off for Provincetown, for some aerial whale watching. The final stop involved a tour of the control tower with a presentation by the controller on duty as he directed movements of aircrafts landing. The students were super excited about their experience and can't wait to go again!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 28th –
December 9th –
Sophomore
Calculating My GPA
Workshops

November 28th –
December 9th –Junior
College Search
Workshops

November 29th –
Salem State College
Field Trip

November 21st –
December 17th –
Durfee HS Food Drive

December 6th - Prima
Health Care Job
Shadow

December 9th- 11th
Durfee HS Musical:
Sideshow

December 15th –
Credit for Life Fair

December 15th –
Holiday Concert

December 21st –
Term 2 Progress
Reports

December 24th –
January 2nd – Winter
Break

Durfee Athletics on the Rise



Congrats to Field Hockey, Boys Golf, and Boys Soccer for becoming Big 3 Champs!

Big 3 Athletic Allstars

- **Men's Cross Country:** Camron Cabral, Chris Novo, and Owen Norton Women's Cross Country Kristin Lavoie
- **Men's Soccer:** Leandro Oliveira, Nathan Carvalho, Justin Moniz, Andrea Massarini, Gabriel DeOliveira, Nilin Nehra
- **Women's Soccer:** Isabel McDonnell, Sara Normington, Hannah Sousa Women's
- **Volleyball:** Barbara DaCunha-Silva, Rafaela Ramos
- **Field Hockey:** Brittany Tabicas, Mikella DaSilva, Jamie Tavares, Kylie Dias, Katelyn Banalewicz
- **Golf:** J.P. McDonald, Nathan Tho, Mike Bernado.

HS Concert Band wins Awards

The Durfee Band attended the **NESBA Competition**. Their performances earned Durfee musicians **two silvers and a gold!** The link below is a video of their awesome work!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N82bJKWp53E>

Job Shadow – District Court



On Tuesday, October 25, 2016 twelve juniors from B.M.C. Durfee High School who were interested in the criminal justice pathway visited the Fall River District Court. During their visit, students received a tour of the facility and heard opening arguments in a murder trial delivered by the district attorney and defense attorney. The presiding judge, clerk magistrate, probation department head, and supervisor of the court officers educated students on the many career opportunities in the field.

Calming through Coloring



Durfee students (above) in Stress Management class practice the calming benefits of coloring to reduce their stress

HILLTOPPER EDUCATORS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS!!!

- Anna Chase, Lead Science Teacher and Tanya Bernier, ELA teacher won Bristol County Educator's Association Teachers of the Year Award for the excellence in thier teaching.
- Jacqueline Francisco, Diretor of Fine and Performing Arts won the Administrator/Supervisor Art Educator of the Year Award