

# Sir Francis Drake High School

January 2018

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**"The Royal Ball"**  
DHS Winter Dance and  
Costume Party  
February 2, 2018  
8:00-10:30 pm

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January 25, 2018  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
Incoming 8th grade families  
please come to the gym.

## More About Course Selection:



**Students are choosing  
courses for 2018-19  
NOW!**

**Due by February 8th!  
Questions? Please see  
your Counselor or  
Assistant Principal.**

## More About Be the Influence:



## The Drake Direct- a community newsletter

### Community Conversations about Race and Equity

*Liz Seabury, Principal*

In a letter home, dated November 2017, (find attached below) information was provided regarding a hate crime at DHS. Sadly, racist and discriminatory language continues to be used nationally and locally. I asked our community to spend some time working on these issues in a personal way by looking inward and within our families to understand the role race and diversity shows up and our personal interactions. Hopefully this work has given us all some thoughts and reflection about our relationship with race in our daily lives.



I would like us to explore these topics in a community conversation about race, equity and prejudice. Please join myself and members of the Drake Race and Equity Team for a conversation in our main office on February 12, 2018. We are holding two different times, please join us for the one that best fits your life!

- Monday morning at 10:00 am
- Monday evening at 6:30 pm

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lseabury@tamdistrict.org](mailto:lseabury@tamdistrict.org).

### Wellness @ Drake: An Update

*Lani Bass, DHS Wellness Coordinator*



The Wellness Program at Drake officially opened it's doors in January 2017 and we are thrilled to report that our Wellness Center is now in full swing and being utilized by 100+ students each day for services, support, health education or just as a safe space for students to relax and connect with peers or a trusted adult. Drake Wellness offers health, mental health, substance use/abuse and sexual health services to our

students through direct services (1:1 counseling/therapy, nursing and health services, support groups, etc) and through school-wide health education and prevention programming.

**Community Partnerships:** We have developed partnerships with a diverse group of local community organizations and providers including BACR, SPAHR, Family Works, Inside Circle, Marin Community Clinic and UCSF Nursing to expand support services available for Drake students. These new providers on campus are all coordinated through our Wellness Coordinator.

**Student Wellness Outreach:** Wellness Staff has also been to over 20 classrooms this fall including all Social Issues classes to facilitate our interactive Wellness 101 Workshop which is an introduction to the Drake Wellness, education around the health and wellness topics, and activities that address and break down stigma to encourage open access and utilization of services by all students in need. We have also conducted a school wide poster-campaign about Wellness and hope to get all Drake students in the know about Wellness!

**How To Get Support for My Teen:** If you have a student that could benefit from Wellness support or services, please contact your student's School Counselor or our Wellness Coordinator, Lani Bass at [lbass@tamdistrict.org](mailto:lbass@tamdistrict.org). For more information about our program, services and health and wellness support for your teen, check us out at: [www.tamdistrict.org/wellness](http://www.tamdistrict.org/wellness).

## Winter Dance Update

Drake High School can dance. At our Homecoming dance, we sold over 900 tickets to a school population of 1200. Our students love to come to dances. The downside continues to be the appropriateness of some of our dancing and some inappropriate acts on the dance floor that is making some students feel unsafe. We take both of these issues seriously and caused us to cancel the Winter Formal, as we knew it. We spent the fall talking with our parent community and listening to the students about what needed to change to make our dances fun, yet safe; a party with appropriateness. After much conversation and listening, the ASB-Leadership class took this challenge on and went to work problem solving....

This winter, we are throwing the "Royal Ball". This dance will be in our gym with shortened hours. We have contracted with "Events to a T" (the same company we work with for our proms) to provide a number of activities for students to participate in during the dance. "Events to a T" is also providing a new DJ, dance floor security and dance blocks to break up the dance floor to provide space for dancing. The ASB-Leadership Dance Committee also is bringing in a Silent Disco, video games (old school) and other activities. The theme is "Royal Ball" to promote more formal dress, costume dress (pull out those distant party dresses for a new, recycled life!) and fun accents (long gloves, sashes, crowns, tiaras, etc.) . Our hope is that as students dress up, they will behave more appropriately on the dance floor.



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Tickets go on sale this week. Please click [here](#) for our Student Store. Students with ASB stickers will pay \$25.00, without \$35.00. We also have 25 guest passes available for students who want to bring a non-Pirate.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the administrative team. Liz Seabury @ [lseabury@tamdistrict.org](mailto:lseabury@tamdistrict.org), Chad Stuart @ [cstuart@tamdistrict.org](mailto:cstuart@tamdistrict.org) or Liz Chacon @ [lchacon@tamdistrict.org](mailto:lchacon@tamdistrict.org)

**Attachments:**

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