

Durand Area High School

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Building/Grounds Updates

For a few years now, I have wanted to update the old black and red brick on the main high school entrance, and add banners to our light poles around campus. After some discussion with Mrs. Schaub, the Class of 2026 student government, and some past class advisors, we were able to collaborate and have both of those projects completed with fundraised money from past graduating classes. It really freshened up the look of the building and added another element of pride to our campus!



Freshman Orientation and High School Open House

We had another fantastic turnout for our freshman orientation, which was held on August 13. There were well over 100 people in attendance. Freshman students were invited to fill out a raffle ticket, and once they were free to explore the building, we drew ten winners. They received various school supplies to help them get off to a great start. Our high school open house on August 24 was also a success!

Senior Sunrise

On September 2, the seniors celebrated the beginning of their senior year with our annual Senior Sunrise. Thanks to their sponsor, Mrs. Bowman, for helping to organize that event. They had donuts, chocolate milk, and a few students even helped supply pancakes and sausage.



Band Plays at Depot

On August 19, our Marching Railroaders performed at the depot for Canadian National's Whistle Stop Tour. The band sounded fantastic, and everyone appreciated the performance. It really added to the patriotism and celebration of the whole event, and it was a memorable way for our students to showcase their talents for yet another audience.



School Spirit/Assembly

We had our first pep assembly on the Thursday of the Durand/Corunna football game. The students (and staff) really brought the energy and enthusiasm, and we were even able to make a quick video to get everyone fired up! After talking with a few of the cheerleaders, I've been getting them a few simple supplies each week and they've made a banner to correspond with the weekly theme. We hang it in the hall on Friday and then they bring it to the game that night. It has helped add another extra element of pride and spirit to our halls, and adds a little fun for the students! They really loved the glow theme for that first game!





First Fire Drill/Emergency Procedures

We held our first fire drill of the year on September 10 and students and staff knew exactly what to do and were safely out of the building very quickly.

Students and Teachers Back in Action!

In just a few short weeks, our teachers and students have fallen right back into the routines of school life. We have a new supplemental math program, Illustrative Math, and a new math intervention program, ALEKS math, that we are excited to begin working with. Students have already been making artwork, making newsletters, going on college visits, and we are looking forward to a great year!

Michigan Department of Education Recognition

Durand High School and Durand Middle School were both recognized by MDE at the August 11 state board of education meeting. Both schools implement the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring Systems (EWIMS) to help monitor and manage student grades, attendance, and behavior.



Coming Soon - Homecoming! The theme for Homecoming is "Superheroes Unite!"