

THE DOLPHIN WAY: BE HERE - BE RESPONSIBLE - BE RESPECTFUL

**Hello!**

Hello! I'm excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year. This is the first issue of the Bennett Beat, a monthly publication. I hope this newsletter will inform, excite and inspire. The purpose is to provide you with updates on amazing things happening at DY High School with the "Top 5", provide articles impacting education today that I hope parents and guardians will read with their student(s) with the "Read with Me", include important dates with the "Events" and mention helpful links with "Resources".

I'd also like to welcome Ariana Kmiec to DY as the new Assistant Principal.

I hope you enjoy!
-Kendra Bennett
Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth High School

**Top 5**

1. At the 2023 Senior Awards Night, \$332,820.00 was awarded in scholarships
2. At the 2023 Underclassmen Awards Night, over 130 students were recognized for their achievements
3. The DY Girls Track Team sent 8 athletes to the Nike Outdoor National Track Meet in Oregon.
4. The 8th Grade Field Day and WAVE Track meets were huge successes to close out the school year.
5. The HS Cafeteria was able to give away the remaining beverages in the cooler during the last lunch of the year

Joke of the Issue:

What type of sandals do frogs wear?

Open Toad!**Events:****Keep an eye out for updates on:**

iPad distribution
8th Grade Orientation

September 6, 2023: First Day of School

Resources:**Read with Me**

U.S. News: [Cell Phones in School: What to Know](#)

Prompts for discussion:

What are the impacts of the notifications interrupting class instruction? "In a 40-minute class period, his students received a total of 600 notifications."

Are teenagers able to regulate their phone use during the school day? "He says being present in real life and developing strong interpersonal connections is still vital to success in adult life."

Does social media increase discipline in school? "local police department had documented 56 criminal incidents in the last school year where students used cellphone communication with fellow students to plan fights, harass other students, coordinate vaping 'gatherings' in school bathrooms, vandalize property and commit other criminal mischief."