

## Welcome to “Charger Chatter!”

*This week is shaping up as a very good week for Duchesne Athletics. It began last Saturday with Cross Country accomplishing something as a team that DASH CC has never done before. Tonight is going to be a very exciting Field Hockey evening over at the Seminary Field as the Varsity takes on the Alumnae. We have a Varsity VB playoff game Tuesday to determine if we get a TAPPS Bi-District playoff home game. And all of our Middle School Teams continue to get ready for their upcoming HJPC Championship playoffs. Good luck to all, Congrats to others. It is a great week to be a Charger! Come celebrate with us!*

**Cross Country Runners Place 4<sup>th</sup> at State Meet** – **Shannon Klenke** lead the Duchesne Cross Country Team to a “first” for DASH XC...bringing home a treasured TAPPS 4<sup>th</sup> place plaque from the State Meet. **Shannon successfully defended her State Title in the largest 5A Division** and it is her 2<sup>nd</sup> CC Title and 4<sup>th</sup> TAPPS State Championship in her 3 years at Duchesne. Shannon was joined on the victory podium by her teammates who ran together and faster than all but three other teams. They were **Jackie Manley, Sarah Welter, Kate Woodward, Robin Estus, Emma Partridge, Claire Hildebrandt and Emily Donaldson**. Congratulations to all and to **Coach Rochelle Smith** in her first season at Duchesne.

**Spirit Day Varsity vs Alumnae Game Monday**- The inaugural Alumnae versus Varsity Field Hockey Game will be played today between our Duchesne Varsity Team and a collection of 18 former students ranging from the class of '08 to the class of '98. The game will be played over at the Seminary field at 5:30 PM. Faculty come out and reconnect with your former favorites. Students come cheer on you classmates. Rumor has it that free food will be served. Hope to see you there. **We Guarantee the Chargers will win tonight!**

**Middle School Runners Shine** – Last Saturday the Middle School Cross Country Team competed in the St. John’s Maverick Ramble and they WON! Beating several other schools, our Chargers brought home another plaque to stick in our crowded trophy case. Representing DASH were **Elise Viguet, Tara Virginillo, Kate Kemple, Lindey Durant, Caroline Rossettie and Helen Hammon**. This was a limited entry event so a lot of our other runners were not allowed to run. Congrats to the young runners. **You made us very pleased!**

**Middle School Teams Get Playoff Ready** – All of our Middle school 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are working hard in preparation of the up-coming playoffs and HJPC (Houston Junior Preparatory Conference) Championships. Weather permitting they all begin next week for Field Hockey, Volleyball and our Cross Country Teams. They have all prepared well and we look forward to you representing Duchesne to the best of your collective abilities. Great Luck!

**Varsity Volleyball Raises Money for Breast Cancer Awareness** - Several weeks ago our Girls Varsity Volleyball teams help raise over \$1100 in a Charity Volleyball match against St. Agnes hosted at Duchesne. The teams sold the usual goodies and then added some of their own home cooked cupcakes and cookies to literally sweeten the pot. St. Agnes also ran a “Breast Cancer Awareness” game and raised the same amount. There will be “Joint Donation” made by the two largest Private Girls Schools in Houston in the up-coming weeks. Thank you to all of the players, parents, faculty, Administration and fans who came out to support this worthwhile event. You folks did very well for a worthy cause!

Have a Great Week and Go Chargers! We sure are proud of YOU!