

10/08/07

Dear AOIT Parents:

As you are aware, your son/daughter is a student within the Damascus High School Academy of Information Technology (DHS AOIT). Over the past 2 years your son/daughter has chosen to take numerous IT related elective courses while being a member of this Academy. We have been very pleased with their overall commitment and effort as a member of our program. We feel that the knowledge they are obtaining will make them more successful young adults as they continue with their educational career.

One of the requirements for graduation from the DHS AOIT is for your child to experience a paid internship during their junior year summer. We are busy now searching for internships that will hopefully bring to life the education that your student is getting from the IT related subjects they have explored. However, finding meaningful, paid internships in this economy is an extremely difficult task and we need your support.

We have scheduled a **mandatory meeting for all 10th and 11th grade DHS AOIT parents**. It is our 10th 11th grade students who must complete an internship during the next 24 months. Each student **must be represented** by at least one parent at this meeting. Failure to attend could jeopardize your student's chance for an internship and effect their graduation status from the DHS AOIT. For your child's overall success we believe that it is important to meet with you.

For this upcoming meeting we have decided to give you a **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT**. Your homework assignment is to find 5 Internship leads for your son/daughter. Please fill out the "Internship Referral Sheet" included in this letter. The more internship leads we get the better off we are! We also encourage you to invite your "Leads" to this meeting!

This meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday evening, October 23rdth at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 120 at Damascus High School. We know that your time is precious, but do ask that you make every effort to attend so that your student is not adversely impacted.

Lastly, we have included the meeting agenda for you and information regarding the requirements related to internships. We appreciate your overall concern and support for child's well being and we hope you can arrange your schedule so that you can attend and begin to support us in finding meaningful and paid internships for our students.

Jeff Hanson
DHS AOIT Director

Brian Wall
DHS AOIT Associate Director

Cheryl Wall
DHS AOIT Internship Coord.

