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# Superintendent's Weekly Message

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Community Members,

One of the indicators of an outstanding school district is the traditions that they hold deep and are remembered long after graduation. In Depew, there are many traditions that I am learning about each week. Whether it is the Depew bagel, dressing down the day or prior to a Bills game, the annual car show, craft show ... the list goes on and on. This coming week is perhaps the most memorable of all traditions, Spirit Week!

Over the course of the next several days, the months of preparation will be realized as Spirit Week takes place. I am so very excited to learn about our Depew Spirit Week traditions that include:

- Monday: The Chicken Barbecue fundraiser for the students class activities (3:00-6:00 p.m.) and Bonfire (7:00 p.m.).
- Wednesday: The annual Powder Puff game (6:00 p.m.)
- Friday: The DHS Motorcade, Pep Rally and Home Football Game (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday: The Homecoming Dance.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of those in our school community who work together to make these activities happen. Our school staff and Athletic Director Bob Skoczylas. Depew Fire and Police, our Booster Club and so many volunteers who give of their time and energy.

For those attending the football game on Friday evening, please know that all of admission will be donated to local charities that include St. Martha's, Tri-Community and Trinity Food Pantries and the [P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative](#), a nonprofit that supports the families of cancer victims to "ease burdens, bring relief, heal hearts, lift spirits, and allow parents to focus on what matters most; being there for their sick child."

Do not hesitate to pull me aside at a District or Community event and help me to better understand our schools and community. Please consider following me on Twitter @DrStopinski.

Sincerely,

***Dr. Hank Stopinski***  
Superintendent of Schools

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