



UP-TO-SPEED NEWSLETTER

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CAMAROS CAPTURE CLEVELAND CROWD, HONORS:

The Weekend of April 1-3, DRIVE One students traveled to Northeast Ohio for the 56th Annual IX Piston-Power Autorama in Cleveland.

The show featured over 1,200 vehicles, from muscle and show cars to Semi's and Motorcycles. Among those 1,200 were the 1974 Camaro that competed in Detroit in March, and the 1986 IROC-Z Camaro ("Double Trouble IV"), both of which students have spent hours on over the course of the school year. The '74 captured 3rd in the Restored '73-'78 Class, and the IROC captured 2nd in Domestic Bracket Racer, both against fierce competition.

In addition to the real cars, Paul Diegel and James Robinson captured 1st and 3rd in the show's Model Car contest with their Mazda RX7 and '69 Dodge Charger.

MODEL CAR MADNESS!

This Year, Students completed a total of 23 1:24 scale model cars. It started as a yearly project for first year students, but has quickly turned into a collective hobby. At the Detroit Area Auto Modelers show in November, Paul Diegel's model of a '95 Mazda RX7 was named "Best In Class" against all other Junior modelers (15 and under). After his success, students completed another round of models for the Detroit Autorama, where Diegel won another "Best In Class" with a custom Nissan S14 kit, along with Aidan Moreno and his 1994 Ford Explorer (Best In Class-SUV) and James Robinson, Jacob Ochoa, Mitchell Stanley, and Kashmere Simpson all finishing on their respective podiums.

Later in March, Diegel and Robinson found matching success at both the Spring D.A.A.M. Show and the IX-Piston Power Autorama, where Paul's RX7 and James' '69 Dodge Charger finished 1st and 3rd in back-to-back weekends.

Congrats to all the students who found success in this year's Model Car Comps!

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

April 13-14:

SAT Testing

April 21:

Picture Day

April 30:

Season Opener @ Birch Run

May 13:

Last Day for Dual-Enroll Classes

May 14:

Cars + Coffee (DOTC)

May 17:

On-The-Move #7 (TBA)

May 21:

Cars, Creativity, + Careers @ AHOF

May 30:

No School (Memorial Day)

June 3:

Camaro @ Detroit Belle Isle GP

June 11:

Cars + Coffee (DOTC)

June 16:

End of the Year BBQ

June 24:

Last Day of School

July 9:

Cars + Coffee

July 11-22:

High Performance Camp

July 17:

DRIVEarama Car Show

August 13:

Cars + Coffee

September 6:

First Day of 2022-23 School Year

September 9-11:

Frankenmuth Autofest

September 14-16:

Detroit Concourse

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SAT TESTING UPDATE:

State Standardized Testing is happening this month. Testing for DRIVE One-WAY students will take place Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14 at either *Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington (25301 Halsted Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335)* or *WAY Academy West (19321 W Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228)*. 9th and 11th Grade students will test on Wednesday, and 10th grade students will test on Thursday. Information regarding your child's specific location and timing have been mailed to parents. You can contact WAY Michigan for info by emailing james.middleditch@wayprogram.net.

"ON-THE-MOVE" UPDATE:

There will be no DRIVE One "On-The-Move" for the Month of April due to SAT Testing.

An exciting finale to this year's "On-The-Move" tour will be announced very soon!



CARS + COFFEE:

DRIVE One "Cars + Coffee" returns bigger-and-better for its 2022 Season.

The second Saturday of every month from 8am-11am, we'll open our gates to the public and a plethora of cool cars and vehicles. The formula's simple: just bring your classic or custom vehicle, and the coffee and donuts are on us. The 2022 Dates are: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, & October 9.

PICTURE DAY:

After a Two-Year Hiatus, DRIVE One will once again have a Yearbook for the 2021-22 School Year.

As part of the yearbook, we will have a School Picture Day for Students on Thursday, April 21st.

All students should wear either their work shirts or DRIVE Tees. Yearbook and Photo Packages will also be available for purchase.

AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME W/ BOB LUTZ:

On Tuesday, March 15th, students from DRIVE One attended a round table with former Chrysler and GM Exec Bob Lutz at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

Students took a tour the HOF, participated in a Q+A sessions with Mr. Lutz, who then walked them through a Pontiac Solstice he produced at GM.

DRIVE One and students will return to the Automotive Hall of Fame for their Cars, Creativity, and Careers event on Saturday, May 21st.

END OF THE YEAR BBQ:

For the first time ever, DRIVE One will hold an End-of-the-Year BBQ during the last Thursday Day Night School of the year on June 16th from 6-9pm.

This event will allow us to celebrate the year in-style, with food, family, and 186 days worth of memories.

The event will also allow us to announce exciting plans for Summer 2022 and the upcoming school year.

As with our annual Christmas Party, families interested in contributing to the BBQ potluck can sign-up for a dish or supplies using our Sign-Up Genius page.

More information and a link will be available in the May Newsletter.

IF IT DRIVES, IT'S @ DRIVEARAMA:

The 5th Annual DRIVEarama Car Show + Enrollment Fair returns Sunday, July 17th to the DRIVE One TechCenter.

Come see the Motor City's most diverse array of Customs, Race Cars, Trucks, Low-Riders, and even Pedal Bikes. In addition to Fan-Choice awards for Outstanding Vehicle, Outstanding Special Interest, & Student Choice, DRIVEarama also features hourly project car firings, an Enrollment Fair for local area high school students, raffle prizes, a bake sale, & more.

The gates open at 9am for Exhibitors, while the show runs from 11am-3pm. Early-Bird Registration is \$10 through July 16th, and includes a loaded goody bag and 2 Lunch Cards for the first 40 cars. Registration after July 17th and at the gate is \$15. Admission is Free, But Donations Are Greatly Appreciated!

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DRIVE One is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, which instills at-risk youth with valuable trade skills required in today's workforce. The program educates students in fields such as automotive technology, welding-fabrication, machine-operating, and other areas with employment opportunities so that they can seek a greater life. DRIVE also provides students with free tutoring services to achieve current academic success, as well as additional assistance in gaining employment, internships, and scholarships opportunities to stimulate growth beyond high school graduation.

Our Mission Statement: "Drive One is a 501 (c) (3) organization founded to provide a career building technical education and training vocational skill-sets to students Grades 7-12 whose interest in technology is keen but underserved or unavailable"