

## HOMEcomings 2011

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Burlington City, NJ – **October 15, 2011**

Doane Academy knows how to throw a celebration.

The school's alumni will be welcomed back to campus with soccer games, a cook-out and salvos of pumpkin projectiles.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Soccer Game**. Several decades of former soccer players return for the match each year, with recent alumni in college often making the trip from campuses in Philadelphia, New England and beyond. Soccer continues at 1 p.m. in the **Homecoming Game** pitting the Women's Varsity playing Penn-Jersey rival Life Center Academy.

The tastiest part of the day, the **Alumni Tailgate and Cook-Off**, starts at noon. The tailgate allows alums to catch-up with old friends and meet current students. Bragging rights are earned on the barbecue with alumni, parents and students showcasing their favorite recipes. Children will be able to have their faces painted and play a number of different games including jumping in a moon bounce and taking aim at faculty and staff in a dunk tank. (Proceeds go toward the Senior Class Gift.)

Homecoming has a science component at Doane Academy.

Arguably the most anticipated of all of the festivities is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Launch**. Teams from the *Spartan Engineering Club* have built trebuchets (i.e. catapults) and cannons to hurl 4" x 6" pumpkins across the secondary soccer field (off of the main parking lot and parallel to the Burlington-Bristol Bridge). They will compete for the longest distance and highest precision prizes.

At night, the Sophomore Class hosts the **Homecoming Dance** open to the Upper School (Grades 7-12) and guests whom students have bought tickets for in advance.



**Who:** Doane Academy students and families past and present

**What:** Homecoming

**Where:** Doane Academy

**When:** Festivities begin at 11 a.m.

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

11 a.m. – Alumni vs. Men’s Varsity Soccer Game

12 p.m. – Alumni tailgate and Cook-Out Competition.  
Games, moon bounce, and dunk-tank fun

1 p.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Soccer Game  
Women’s Varsity vs. Life Center Academy

3 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Launch

7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. – Homecoming Dance (Grades 7-12)



## **About Doane Academy**

*Doane Academy, est. 1837, is an independent school located in Burlington, NJ, next to the Burlington-Bristol Bridge. Founded in the Episcopal tradition, our college preparatory curriculum, Pre-Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, challenges students to develop leadership and character. At Doane Academy students are known, loved and strongly encouraged to reach their full, unique potential.*