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Calendar of Events

August 19
First Day of School

August 25
DCS Spirit Day

August 28
Curriculum Night

September 1
No School-Labor Day

September 2
Free Stamp Deadline
for Legacy Brochures

September 9
Picture Day

September 25
College Visit –
Allegheny College

October 3
Servathon

October 4
Soccer Senior Day

October 9
Volleyball Senior Night

October 10
Grandparent's Day

October 15
PSAT

October 16
End of Nine Weeks

IMPORTANCE OF INTERNET ACCESS

The school's primary source of communication with our families is through the internet. The school website has up-to-date school information, as well as links to other vital websites including Edline, Facts Tuition Management, and our Athletics page. Parents are strongly encouraged to contact these sites to keep up to date. Visit www.dcschool.org to download the latest copy of the school newsletter and lunch menu. **If you do not have internet at home and require a hard copy of office items, please contact the school office by Friday, September 5.**

EDLINE

New families should familiarize themselves with our Edline website www.edline.net/pages/DCSchool. Pertinent items such as elementary teacher letters, grades, and secondary assignments are posted. Activation codes were sent home in this week's folders for new students/parents. Students in grades 7-12 will receive their own activation codes in addition to the family code. Returning parents will receive their activation codes if they did not activate their Edline account last school year. If you are a returning school family and have not activated your account you are encouraged to do so. Please contact the school office if you have questions setting up your account.

DCS SPORTS INFORMATION

All schedules for high school and middle school are found on the school website under "Athletics". You will be redirected to www.oh.8to18.com/DelawareChristian. For a specific sport's **full season** schedule, scroll over "Athletics", select your team (soccer, VB, etc.) and then click "Schedule and Results" in the Box to the left hand side. To view all sports events for a specific month, click the "Calendar" monthly tab. Maps to away games may be found by clicking on the game, then "View Map". The school will no longer be providing travel directories for away games.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

This year's Curriculum Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary to begin and then be dismissed to visit in your child's room. This is a time for teachers to go over their class requirements. Two tracks will run simultaneously (K-6 and 7-12). Secondary schedules will be available for parents at the table in the foyer. Please leave your children at home. This is an adult only event.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

The same traffic pattern will be used as last year. Students should be dropped off and picked up in front of the connector doors during the school day. Elementary students should be picked up at the south parking area at the end of the school day. If you are parking, stay to the left and then find a parking spot. **DO NOT USE THE FRONT CHURCH DOORS. Student drivers** are asked to park in the former Ponderosa parking lot. This will relieve traffic congestion for parents bringing students. As a reminder, parents wanting to carpool, or send their child home with another adult, must notify the school office by 2:45pm that day.

MORNING PROCEDURES

REPORTING ABSENCES: Please do so by phone, voice mail, or e-mail before 9:00 a.m. daily. Please state a reason for the absence.

LATE ARRIVALS: All students (K-12) who arrive after the 8:30 bell must come to the office for a pass to enter their elementary class or homeroom. Students are tardy if they are not in their room by the second bell at 8:30 a.m.

EARLY ARRIVALS: There are staff devotions every morning from 8:00 – 8:20; therefore teachers are not in their classrooms. Elementary students should report to the gym during that time. An elementary teacher will be on duty every morning starting at 8:00 a.m.; please do not drop off students before then, as they will be unsupervised. Seventh and eighth grade students should gather in the concession stand area or the hallway by the lockers. High school students should gather in the lobby and hall areas by the library. No students should be in the 100 building prior to 8:20. At the conclusion of staff devotions, elementary students will be dismissed to their homerooms.

FORMS SENT HOME

The first day of school, elementary students will bring home the following forms in their "Monday folder": Emergency Contact, Permission to Dispense Medication, and for grades 2-6, the Acceptable use of Technology Equipment. The high school students will receive all three forms in homeroom. Please return all forms into the school office by Friday, September 5th.

KIDS, MEDICATION, AND SCHOOL

Before students will be permitted to take ANY medications, including over-the-counter, non-prescription medications and the use of any sharps during school hours, the *Permission to Dispense Medication* form MUST be completed. This form is required when the new school year begins or when changes occur in medication. We MUST have parent's permission to administer all non-prescription medications; students may not self-medicate at school. Medication and sharps must be brought to the school office. Students requiring us to administer prescription medication must have a physician sign and complete the appropriate section. The medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle.

Calendar of Events (Continued)

October 17
No School- Teacher Work Day

October 28
Parent/Teacher Conferences-evening

October 30-31
Secondary Retreat

November 3
Parent/Teacher Conferences-evening

November 3
Used Uniform Sale 3-6pm

BOOK COVERS ~ DO'S AND DON'TS

All text books **MUST** be covered. **PLEASE** do not use the sticky contact paper covers or "book socks" that are available. Both ruin covers. At the end of the school year when books are turned and a cover or the book has been damaged, your account will be charged for the cost of the book – that amounts to \$50 to \$75 depending on the text book. So please encourage students to take care of your books!! The first week of school student council will be available to wrap books for high school students during lunch hours for \$0.50 a book.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Senate Bill 210 went into effect July 1, 2011. Foods of minimal nutrition value (soda, snack cakes, candy, chips (Cheetos, Fritos, etc.) cannot be sold during the school day. Available for purchase will be snacks like NutriGrain Cereal & Yogurt Bars, Kashi TLC Bars, Quaker Snack Mix Kids' Mix, pretzels and baked chips. We have endeavored to serve a healthier entrée as well. Students may brown bag everything or buy select items including milk and juice here. See the school web site for the monthly menu. Lunches will be available to purchase daily for 2nd grade through high school. Kindergarten and 1st grade will be offered lunches for purchase on Wednesdays and Fridays. **Meal tickets can be purchased for any amount you want to put on a pre-paid card.** Please try to keep your lunch account current, we do not want to allow charging except for rare "emergency" situations. In the event that lunch balances run behind, an incidental bill will occur on your "FACTS" account.

LUNCH HELP NEEDED

Mrs. Bean, our school lunch coordinator, is looking for help Tuesday mornings. Please contact her in the school kitchen before lunch if you are interested in volunteering.

LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON NEWS ITEMS

LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 - On the day of the Servathon, Friday, October 3, DCS students spend the afternoon assisting and volunteering at 27 charities. Every student in the school is assigned to a service project. Younger students design placemats for a local mission who serves Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in the community. Other students visit nursing homes. Older students scrub walls and floors, paint fences, sort clothes and shelve food at local agencies. DCS wants to serve our community by implementing John 13:35 "Showing Christ by serving others." If you wish further information regarding the Servathon or corporate sponsorship, please email Jane Miner at jane.miner@dcschool.org or call the school at 740-363-8425.

BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR FOR LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON - If you own a business or know of a business that would be interested in supporting the Legacy Kids Servathon as a corporate sponsor, please contact Christy Zody at (740) 963-2714

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: FREE FIRST CLASS STAMPS AND T-SHIRT
On Monday, August 25 students are asked to dress-up in their best DCS Spirit Wear. The wildest and wackiest dressed students will be awarded prizes at a special rally promoting the servathon. **No jeans please, just red, white and gold.** Students will be given their brochures to take home Monday. On or before Tuesday, September 2, return your addressed brochures to your child's homeroom teacher. Students meeting their required amount of brochures will receive a free Legacy Kids Servathon t-shirt in addition to the free stamps. **All brochures must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2 to receive the free stamp offer.** A "Last Call" reward of a free t-shirt will still be awarded to students returning their required amount of brochures in by Monday, September 8.

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

Parents need to be aware they can qualify for transportation reimbursement from their home district. This payment is close to \$250.00 per student. Who qualifies? The drive must be within 30 minutes from the school district's driveway to our school's driveway. If you move, you must notify the school office and affected district(s) of your address change. DCS sends a listing to each district for our enrolled students. Most of the larger, local school districts will use this listing to mail families a Pay-in-Lieu of transportation form. This form must be signed and returned by the specified date to receive this benefit. However, some districts require the parent to contact them directly to request the allotted funds. Ultimately, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that all paperwork has been filed with their school district. Here is a list of our three main districts requirements:

- Delaware City Schools** – They will work off the list we send them and will mail a form to you.
- Olentangy Schools** - A form from our office will be sent to you to fill out and return to Olentangy Schools.
- Buckeye Valley Schools** – A form has been filled out and sent to B.V. school district for you.
- Other School Districts** – Call your local school district to request the allotted funds.

PICTURE DAY ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

All students must be in uniform bottoms, but may wear different shirts or blouses. Shirts or blouses can be plain in color or printed, but may not have any letters or pictures of any kind. T-shirts are not acceptable.

COUNTY FAIR ABSENCES~ SEPTEMBER 13-20

The Delaware County Fair runs September 13-20. Those students having fair projects or leadership responsibilities that require missing school will need a pre-excused absence slip to be signed by their teachers prior to their absence. Students will not be excused to "just go to the fair." The same holds for Morrow Co. Fair Aug. 25-Sept. 1.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY – ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY

Friday, October 10 is Grandparent's Day. It is not too early to have grandparents set aside this date to join us for a great morning of fun and entertainment! The program will begin at 10:00am with registration. The program will conclude at 12:00pm with early dismissal for elementary students only. There will be no hot lunches served to either elementary or secondary students this day. **Also, there will not be aftercare provided in the afternoon, please make other arrangements for your child to be picked up if a grandparent will not be attending.** More details about this exciting event will be in September's newsletter.