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DCS POINT OF ENTRY SECURITY SYSTEM

The school's point of entry security system includes an intercom, camera, and electronic door activation and is a vital tool in protecting students, staff and property. Parents will drop off students at the **connector** which is the only entry door to the school. The doors on the east side gym building will remain locked at all times. Students can access the building through the new connector from 7:45-8:45 a.m. **After 8:45 a.m. ALL exterior doors, including the connector doors, will be locked.** Students will be able to exit the doors at any time. Parents, students or visitors to the church or school will have to use the intercom to request access to the building.

DO YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS?

School communication to parents is managed primarily through the school's web site and Edline. Items such as the school newsletter, elementary teachers' newsletter, midterms, sports schedules, and report cards are posted to one of these sites. Parents are strongly encouraged to contact these sites to keep up to date. If you do not have internet at home and require a hard copy of office items, contact the school office by Friday, August 27. Last year's families will not automatically be listed for this year.

LEGACY KICKOFF – AUGUST 30, 2010

Legacy Kids Servathon is the only school wide fund raiser of the year. It is an annual event that has earned \$560,535 for the school. Through the Legacy projects the school has purchased HVAC, lockers, equipment for the Pre-Kindergarten, blinds, desks, chairs, teacher supplies, security system, teacher bonuses, supplemented the school general fund and built the connector. All of the items previously mentioned were paid in full with cash from the Legacy fundraiser. Your child will receive the packet on Monday, August 30. Please take the time to fill out the brochures and collection envelopes to help Delaware Christian School to provide for your child.

SPIRIT DAY – AUGUST 30, 2010

Spirit Day is Monday, August 30. On that day students are asked to dress-up in their best DCS Spirit Wear. The wildest and wackiest dressed students will be awarded prizes at the Legacy Kids Servathon rally. **No jeans please, just red, white and gold.**

FREE FIRST CLASS STAMPS FOR LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON BROCHURES

How can your family take advantage of the free stamps for your fundraising brochures? The students will receive their brochures on Monday, August 30. You need to address your family's brochures between Monday, August 30 and Friday, September 3. Bring your completed brochures to school on or before Friday, September 3. Give your addressed brochures to the homeroom teacher or school office. **All brochures must be returned by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3 to receive the free stamp offer.**

BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR FOR LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON

If you own a business or know of a business that would be interested in being a corporate sponsor for the Legacy Kids Servathon, please contact Becky Stechschulte at 740-362-4360.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 ~ LABOR DAY

LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON – OCTOBER 1

On the day of the Servathon, Friday, October 1, DCS students spend the afternoon assisting and volunteering at 25 charities. Every student in the school is assigned to a service project. Younger students design placemats and decorate nut cups for a local church 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 Ephesians 5:1-2 **Lead by serving; change lives through love and sacrifice.** If you wish further information regarding the Servathon or corporate sponsorship, please email Joyce Johnson at joyce.johnson@dcschool.org or call the school at 740-363-8425.

JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Support DCS athletics by joining the Athletic Boosters Club. Now is the time to get involved. The club raises funds to provide uniforms, equipment, concessions, and many other areas of support to the athletics program. Please contact Bill Ferrigno at 740-363-5010 for additional information and to sign up.

CLARIFICATION FOR WEARING TEAM UNIFORM JERSEY

Student athletes participating on a school team are permitted to wear their uniform jersey to class on the day of home games. The jersey must be tucked in. Each player is required to wear their Educational Apparel uniform bottom.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please do so by phone, voice mail, or e-mail before 9:00 daily. In the case of high school students, please state a reason.

STUDENT PICK-UP

The same traffic pattern will be used as last year. There will be traffic cones set up for drop off and pick up. Please stay to the right of the cones. Students should be picked up in front of the east doors of the gym building. If you are parking, stay to the left of the cones and find a parking spot. **Student drivers** are asked to park in the northeast (former Ponderosa) parking lot. This will relieve traffic congestion for parents bringing students. **DO NOT USE THE FRONT CHURCH DOORS.**

MORNING PROCEDURE

Staff devotions take place every morning from 8:00 – 8:20. There will be a teacher on duty in the gym beginning at 8:00 a.m. Elementary students should report to the gym immediately upon entering the building. Elementary students are not permitted to proceed to their rooms before 8:20. Seventh through ninth grade should gather in the concession stand area or the hallway by the lockers. Eleventh and twelfth grade students should gather in the lobby and hall areas by the library. After devotions, the students will be dismissed to their homerooms.

All students (PK-12) who are tardy must come to the office for a pass to go to their homerooms. Students are tardy if they are not in their rooms by the second bell at 8:30 a.m.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care is available for this school year. Mrs. Emilee Awbrey, a school mom with two students in the school, will supervise. **Care will begin at 3:30 and end promptly at 5:00. Please do not be late.** The cost per child will be: 3:30-4:00, \$1.50; 4:01-4:30, \$3.00; 4:31-5:00, \$4.50.

EDLINE ACCOUNTS

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.

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. At the end of the school year when books are turned in, if they are found to have been covered with sticky book covers, the student will be charged for the cost of the book – that amounts to \$50 to \$75 depending on the text book. So please – take care of your books!!

KIDS, MEDICATION, AND SCHOOL

Before students will be permitted to take ANY medication during school hours, the *Request and Authorization of Medication* form **MUST** be completed. This form is required when the new school year begins, when changes occur in medication, and for over-the-counter, non-prescription medications. We **MUST** have parent's permission to administer all non-prescription medications at school. Medication must be brought to the school office. (Students may not self medicate at school.) The medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle. The medication request form must be filled out by the parent and stored with the medication to be given.

SPORTS TRAVEL DIRECTORY

Travel Directories to away games are available on the school web site and Edline. There are **LIMITED** copies of the directory in the school office for new parents. Please make every effort to print directions to away games from home.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Friday, October 15, is Grandparent's Day. It is not too early to have grandparents set aside this date to join us for a great afternoon of fun and entertainment!

OPEN HOUSE

This year's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary to begin and then be dismissed to visit in your child's room. The bell will ring every 10 minutes to give parents opportunity to visit all classrooms of their students. This is a time for teachers to go over their class requirements. Secondary schedules will be available for parents at the table in the foyer.

PICTURE DAY ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING AT DCS?

Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities throughout the year. Not only do we need help in individual classrooms but we could use people on playground duty, assisting secretaries, the lunch program, and library. Contact the school to discuss opportunities. Parents, grandparents, and senior citizens all make excellent volunteers.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunches will be available daily for 2nd grade through high school. Kindergarten and 1st grade will be offered lunches on Wednesdays and Fridays. A menu with prices will be posted to the web site. Soda is available only on Wednesdays for 4-12 graders. **Meal tickets can be purchased for any amount.**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 30 Legacy Kickoff
September 2 Open House 7:00 p.m.
September 6 No School – Labor Day
September 11 ACT
September 14 School Pictures