

DELAWARE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

August 19-September 6, 2013

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 ~ LABOR DAY

DO YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS?

School communication to parents is managed primarily through the school's web site, www.dcschool.org, and Edline. Items such as the school newsletters, 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, September 6.** Last year's families will not automatically be listed for this year.

OPEN HOUSE

This year's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 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. Please leave your children at home. This is an adult only event.

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.

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 find a parking spot. **Student drivers** are asked to park in the former Ponderosa parking lot. This will relieve traffic congestion for parents bringing students. **DO NOT USE THE FRONT CHURCH DOORS.**

MORNING PROCEDURE

There are staff devotions every morning from 8:00 – 8:20. There will be a teacher on duty every morning starting at 8:00 a.m. Elementary students should gather in the gym. Seventh through ninth grade students 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. At the conclusion of staff devotions, the students will be dismissed to their homerooms.

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

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.

LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON NEWS ITEMS

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 Karen Lenart at 740-971-9245. The deadline is September 9.

FREE FIRST CLASS STAMPS FOR LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON BROCHURES - How can your family take advantage of the free stamps for your fundraising brochures? Your student will receive their brochures on Monday, August 26. On that day students are asked to dress-up in their best and modest DCS Spirit Wear. The wildest and wackiest dressed students will be awarded prizes at the rally. **No jeans please, just red, white and gold.** You need to address your family's brochures between Monday, August 26, and Monday, September 2. On or before Monday, September 3, bring your completed brochures to school. Give your addressed brochures to your child's homeroom teacher. **All brochures must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3 to receive the free stamp offer.**

LEGACY KIDS SERVATHON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 - On the day of the Servathon, Friday, October 4, 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 Joyce Johnson at joyce.johnson@dcschool.org or call the school at 740-363-8425.

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

Parents need to be aware they can qualify for transportation reimbursement from their home district. This payment is close to \$180.00 per student. The school sends a listing to each district of the students who attend DCS. Most of the larger, local school districts will use this listing to send a Pay-in-Lieu of transportation form. This form must be signed and returned by the specified date to receive this benefit. However, other districts require the parent to contact them directly and request the allotted funds. Who qualifies? The drive must be within 30 minutes from the school district's driveway to our school's driveway. The school district has the option to provide transportation or payment. If you move, you must notify the school office and affected district(s) of your address change. **It is the parent's responsibility to contact their school district to receive these funds.**

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.

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 books 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!!

LUNCH PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Senate Bill 210 went into effect July 1, 2011. This bill restricts food and beverage sales for all schools in the State of Ohio. The rules apply during school hours. What does it mean to Delaware Christian School? Foods of minimal nutrition value (soda, snack cakes, candy, chips (Cheetos, Fritos, etc.) cannot be sold. 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.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

DCS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the DCS gymnasium lobby. If you have never attended a meeting and are interested in becoming involved in supporting the DCS athletic programs, you should consider attending. Also, if you are an existing Booster member, please consider inviting families that are new to the school. During our first meeting we will be discussing the new budget, upcoming uniform purchases, proposed work at the athletic fields, and organization of the 2014 Sports Auction on March 22 (tentative date). It's never too early to begin planning for this important fund raising event. Please feel free to contact Grey Huston at ad@dcschool.org with questions, comments or suggestions to be considered by the committee.

PICTURE DAY ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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.

DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR ~ SEPTEMBER 14-21

The Delaware County Fair begins September 14. Those students having fair projects 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."

GRANDPARENT'S DAY - ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY

Friday, October 11, 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! Grandparent's Day will be for **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY**.

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.