



## Welcome to Dayton Christian School 2017-2018

**THEME FOR THE YEAR: FOCUSING ON CHRIST – HIS PROVISION/PROTECTION**  
**THEME VERSES: MATTHEW 6:3, PHIL. 4:19, PSALM 46:1, PSALM 91**

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! As I begin this year as Head of School, I am looking forward to partnering with our parents, faculty, and staff in order to take Dayton Christian School to the next level as we provide a Biblically-integrated academically-rigorous education for all our students. It is our vision to have DC become the school of choice for Christian education throughout the Miami Valley. To that end, we will focus on the following:

- We will stress open and responsive communication with parents.
- We will partner with local science, health, engineering, and business professionals to gain input on how to make our curriculum relevant and current so students are introduced early to career possibilities.
- We will continue to provide a safe and secure environment for teaching and learning.
- We will continue to foster a Christ-centered learning environment so students grow in their faith and develop a hunger for God’s Word and experience the power of prayer in their lives.
- We will begin to introduce the concept of “life calling” so students begin to learn how God has gifted them and how they are each unique and what vocation God is calling them to.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming school year -- that we would accomplish all that God has for us, that our students would grow spiritually as well as academically, and that in all we do, we would honor the Lord.

Blessings!

Dr. John Gredy  
Head of School  
2017-2018

### MEETINGS AND DATES

There are many activities and opportunities for parents and students to better get to know our school. We welcome you to take note of the following activities and attend as they apply to you and your students. Below is a list of events that will help in the transition to a new school year. Please note that since we have restructured, DCES (Dayton Christian Elementary School) will refer to grades preK-6. DCJH refers to Dayton Christian Junior High (grades 7-8), and DCHS refers to Dayton Christian High School (grades 9-12).

July 24	OHSAA Pre-Season Meeting - cafeteria	6:30 p.m.
August 2	DCES and DCJS homeroom teacher letters sent home	
August 8	DCHS & DCJH schedules available online	noon
August 8	High school new student drop-in and tours	noon-4:00 p.m.
August 14	Elementary School Back to School Night	5:30-6:30 p.m.
August 14	Junior High (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) Back to School Night	5:30-6:15 p.m.
August 14	High School Parent Orientation	6:20-7:30 p.m.
<b>August 16</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>	
August 18	School Picture Day	
August 21	DCES Meet the Teacher Night (preK - 6 <sup>th</sup> ) - parents only	6:00-7:00 p.m.
August 21	DCJH (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) Meet the Teacher Night - parents only	6:30 p.m. (cont'd)

August 23	Fall athletic photos	3:30 pm
August 24	DCHS Meet the Teacher Night	6:30 p.m.

- The 2017-2018 school calendar may be found on the Parents and Students drop down on the top right side of the DCS website homepage.
- Additional homeschool dates may be found in this communication.

## SCHOOL DAY BEGINNING AND DISMISSAL TIMES

<b>Preschool</b>	
½ Day a.m.	8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Full Day	8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
<b>Kindergarten</b>	8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
<b>DCES 1-4</b>	8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
<b>DCMS 5-6</b>	8:15 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
<b>DCJS 7-8</b>	8:15 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
<b>DCHS 9-12</b>	8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b>Extended Care</b>	Until 6 p.m. (PK-6)

## COMMUNICATION

### FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dayton Christian principals have their own unique way of communicating with our school families.

- Wendy Tesmer (Dayton Christian Preschool Lead Teacher): weekly “Plugged-In” email
- Rich Garrett (DCES): weekly “God Sightings” emails
- James Holliday (DCHS and DCJH): daily “[DC Warrior Daily](#)” blog
  - Through “DC Warrior Daily” blog, you can easily access the Warrior Daily Facebook and Twitter sites as well as sign up to receive email notifications.

### FROM YOUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Our Head of School Dr. John Gredy will send out a weekly email newsletter “Building for the Future” through Constant Contact email service. In addition, you will receive updates regarding school events from DCS Communications Manager Melissa Geiss.

### SURFING THE WEB

Below are a few ways we attempt to keep our Dayton Christian School family connected with pertinent information:

- **Dayton Christian** websites:
  - [www.daytonchristian.com](http://www.daytonchristian.com)
  - [www.facebook.com/daytonchristian](https://www.facebook.com/daytonchristian)
- **Dayton Christian Homeschool** websites
  - [www.daytonchristianhomeschool.com](http://www.daytonchristianhomeschool.com)
  - [www.dcsshomeschooltogether.wordpress.com](http://www.dcsshomeschooltogether.wordpress.com)
- **Social Media sites**
  - [www.facebook.com/DaytonChristian](https://www.facebook.com/DaytonChristian)
  - [www.twitter.com/DCWarriorDaily](https://www.twitter.com/DCWarriorDaily)
  - <https://www.instagram.com/dcswarriors>

For athletic events and practices, please visit [Schedule Star](#).

## PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK AND SCHOOL POLICIES

The school will attempt to consistently enforce our policies and procedures. Please review the Parent/Student Handbook that contains the guidelines for the school. Please take a look at the guideline that will govern cell phone usage and dress code. We believe that these policies remove unnecessary distractions and will help the school provide a better educational environment. The Parent/Student Handbook is available on [DC Connect](#).

## LIENS

Those students who have not paid for book fines, library fines, liens, gum fines, participation fees, or who have not completed community service hours for the 2016-17 school year must take care of those items before the new school year begins. Returning students will not be permitted to attend classes in the fall until these commitments have been resolved. Call your school office if you have any questions.

## UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE INFORMATION

### DRESS CODE and UNIFORM ORDERING

The 2017-2018 School Uniform Dress Code and Uniform Ordering Information is available on the [DCS website](#).

### NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL LOGO

Polo shirts for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students are not required to have the school logo embroidered on them if the shirts are navy, light blue, light pink, burgundy, or white.

### UNIFORM REMINDERS for grades 5-12

As you shop please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Shorts and pants should be khaki or navy blue in color. No white, gray, or black. Inseam must fall between 8" and the ankle.
- Pants and shorts must be modest and loose-fitting. The current fad of leggings and stretch pants are not permitted. No tight or low-riding pants, saggy, or "skinny" styles.
- Denim fabric is permitted only on Spirit Days.
- Shirts should be properly sized and loose-fitting, not taken in or tight-fitting.
- Cargo pockets on shorts and pants are permitted.
- Undershirts should be solid in color, but long sleeves are permitted.
- Outerwear worn in class must have a DC logo.

## IMPORTANT CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FEE

As a reminder, there is a participation fee *per* fine arts and athletic activity. Fees will be billed to the family's account.

### FINE ARTS INFORMATION

For more information about the Fine Arts Boosters please contact Karla Herman, [dcsfinearts@gmail.com](mailto:dcsfinearts@gmail.com).

### ATHLETIC INFORMATION

In order to contact a member of the DCS Sports Boosters, please see below.

President: Dave Darkow (937) 241-8276 [darkow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:darkow@sbcglobal.net)

Treasurer: Laura Skujins (937) 830-5311 [skujins24@gmail.com](mailto:skujins24@gmail.com)

## **SPORTS PHYSICALS\***

Kettering Hospital and Sports Medicine Center have advised us that you should use your family doctor for physicals to be more compliant with requirements of the current OHSAA physical. Student athletes MUST have completed physicals uploaded to Privit and approved by the athletic office before they can begin practices.

\*The OHSAA has mandated that schools must use the Privit system. Please allow yourself ample time to complete the process. The OHSAA physical form has been phased out and will no longer be accepted.

## **PRACTICES**

For **Dayton Christian School** practice information, call the athletic office at 937-291-7219 to receive contact information for the respective sport's coach you are inquiring about.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION – LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Many school districts provide bus service to our campus. If you are unsure about whether your school district provides transportation to the campus your child attends, contact your local school district's transportation department.

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION – FIRST STUDENT, INC.**

DCS has contracted with First Student, Inc. to provide shuttle bus transportation (for a fee) to DCS families living in the City of Dayton and areas west and north of Dayton. For families interested in these services, please contact Randy Sweigart, DCSS Transportation Manager, at 937-291-7322 or [rsweigart@daytonchristian.com](mailto:rsweigart@daytonchristian.com). You can learn more about First Student by visiting its website at [www.firststudentinc.com](http://www.firststudentinc.com).

## **REIMBURSEMENT**

Reimbursement may be available from local school districts that do not provide a bus. Due to cutoff dates, inquire promptly with your local school district for eligibility.

## **HOMESCHOOL INFORMATION**

### **EVENTS FOR K-8 HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

- **July 25, August 1, & August 8: Starting Strong Seminars:** See below for more information
- **August 15: Summer Park Day 10-1 @ Centerville Activity Park**
- **August 31 @ 6:30pm Back to (Home)School Night:** Meet the teachers and parent meeting in DC Cafeteria
- **September 8:** First day of EXCEL

### **EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL HYBRID STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

- **August 3 @ 6:30 pm:** High School Hybrid Parent and Student meeting in the DC Library
- **August 8 @ 6:30pm:** Ignitia training for parents

### **STARTING STRONG SUMMER SEMINARS - Thursdays, 6:30 @ DCS - July 25, Aug 1, Aug 8**

Starting Strong Seminars are for K-8 homeschool parents, whether this is your first year of your tenth! We want to help you start the year energized, focused, and strong. Join us for these educational and encouraging seminars. You and your guests are welcome to one or all of these sessions.

#### **July 25 @ 6:30 pm**

**DC Homeschool 101:** Get to know DC and other DC Homeschool parents

**Homeschool Parent Panel:** Learn from a panel of experienced homeschoolers about what works for them and what might help you!

#### **Aug 1 @ 6:30pm**

**Special Guest Speaker: Ann Skolik**

**Learning Styles and Modalities** – Learn how a better understanding of learning styles can help you be more successful in your home education.

### **August 8 @ 6:30**

#### **Break-Out Sessions**

- Ignitia Training (6:30-8:30)
- Designing the AEP (Annual Education Plan) (6:30-7:30)
- Am I Doing Enough? How Do I Know? Learn how to track your child's progress and worry less about if you're doing enough.

## **PRAYER**

### **MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL**

The Moms in Prayer International prayer group(s) at Dayton Christian are a great way to support our school and to connect with other moms. They meet together according to your child's grade level in school. If interested, please contact Renetta Hendricks at (937) 848-2804.

## **HELP US GROW STRONGER – OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND TO SERVE**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

God has gifted us in many different areas, and there is **always a need** for assistance from parent volunteers. You are vital to our success! Your principal will be communicating those needs throughout the year.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOST HOMES**

We are grateful for the opportunity that Dayton Christian has in ministering in the lives of our international students. They in turn provide our students the privilege of experiencing the cultures of other countries as they attend class together. Vital to the program are the families that open their homes to these students and act as hosts for them through the school year. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact the high school office at 291-7285. For more information, please visit the "[International Students](#)" page on our website.

## **PERSONNEL AND CONTACT NUMBERS**

### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Please remember to pray for DCS administrators during the school year:

Krystal Cox	Executive Assistant to the Head of School
Rich Garrett	Elementary School Principal (Pre-K through 6 <sup>th</sup> )
Melissa Geiss	Communications Manager
Dr. John Gredy	DCS Head of School
Dr. Sarah Griffiths	Special Education Director
Mitzi Hanks	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
James Holliday	High School / Junior High School Principal
Beth Ney	Director of Operations
Theresa Powell	Director of Finance
Katie Reynolds	Assistant Principal DCHS/ DCJH and Director of College Counseling
Ben Shroyer	Athletic Director
Ann Skolik	School Psychologist
Erin Smith	Director of Homeschool

### **SCHOOL NUMBERS:**

	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>FAX</b>
Dayton Christian School	291-7201	291-7202
Attendance	291-7248	291-7250
Preschool	291-7335	291-7250
Elementary Office (PK-6)	291-7249	291-7250
Junior High School Office (7-8)	291-7273	291-7274

High School Office (9-12)	291-7285	291-7286
Athletic Office	291-7219	291-7221
Homeschool Office	291-7240	291-7519
Special Education and Student Assessment	291-7265	291-7266
Admissions Office	291-7212	291-7213
Finance Office	291-7560/291-7565	291-7561