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Warrior Monthly

From the Head's Desk

UPCOMING EVENTS

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“Lets Celebrate Homecoming”

By: Mr. Brian Fitzgerald

As we transition into the month of October, the feeling of fall is beginning to permeate the air as the days are slightly cooler, nature is beginning to take a break from the rapid pace of summer, and for schools, the fields are brightly lit and the stands full of fans every Friday night. The fall season is such a beautiful time of year and a pleasant reminder of the true beauty of God's creation. One of the great traditions that schools celebrate every fall is the annual Homecoming event and the game that accompanies it, where school alumni are invited back to campus to once again participate in the camaraderie that can only be associated with the friendships forged in school. Having personally attended both my high school and college Homecoming events, I can attest to the surge of nostalgia that the feelings and stories that are shared with past associates and friends brings forth over the course of the weekend.

With all of the focus from the returnees on the recounting of past and present glories, it can be easily overlooked by those in attendance the subtle exploit that accompanies their return to Homecoming. The implication there is that the former student has graduated and is now returning home after using the success attained

at their alma mater as a springboard to furthering their education or into a career. In essence, a Homecoming event extends well beyond the traditional viewpoint of simply celebrating the return of former students and families, but instead is also a ringing endorsement as to the performance and achievement of each and every member that is affiliated with the institution, both present and past. There are a vast number of Americans who cannot return triumphant to their alma mater's Homecoming, as they never finished school or obtained the equivalent diploma. It is this fact that makes Dillon Christian so special, as we can provide each child here with the support and personalized approach to their education to ensure that they graduate. This is extremely important as we continue into this century and the job market increasingly becomes more difficult, as referenced by a 2010 study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that claimed that Americans without a high school diploma maintained an unemployment rate of 14.5%, well above the national average (<http://epionline.org/newsdetail.cfm?rid=234>). This statistic seemingly singlehandedly verifies a family's investment into an independent school that promotes high levels of achievement.

Dillon Christian School exists to provide a superior Christian education for our community, and with the Lord's blessing this school will continue to do so in the best manner possible. However, I would ask that this Homecoming evening, when we are applauding the efforts of our student-athletes and catching up with the alumni and families that have returned to where they started, please also think about the simple fact of what each one of the alumni stands for that you see. They are a testament to both their own and their family's commitment to getting an education and rising above the statistics. Please join me in celebrating our alumni's efforts and successes, as having that DCS diploma already has provided a building block for becoming a productive member of the work force. With the staggering statistic of nearly 1 in 5 people without a high school diploma currently unable to find work and the economy continuing to weaken, it seems so appropriate then that we have this event to celebrate the foundation of accomplishment with which they are provided.

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Renweb.com is DCS' online grade book

TUITION!!!!

A reminder that tuition is due by the 1st of each month. It is considered delinquent on the 11th. There will be a \$25.00 late fee applied to past-due accounts per month.

RenWeb Logins!!!

If you have never set up a RenWeb account and would like to, then please do the following:

1. Click "Login" at the upper right corner
2. Type the district code DCS-SC
3. Username is your email address that you give to the

office and they must put it in RenWeb before you can set up your account.

4. Click "Login – Create new parents web account", if this is your first time. (If not, and you don't remember your password, then you can change it on this screen, too, under change password or username.)

5. Check your email and there should be an email

from RenWeb with your password.

6. Get the password from that email and go back in to the RenWeb login page.

Log in with your password and you may have to check if you are on dial-up or high-speed internet.

Medications in the Office

The change of season is upon us, and some of the children have come into the office complaining of headaches. We do have Regular Strength Tylenol and Ibuprofen in the office that can

be dispensed; however, the student has to call his/her parent prior to the medication being administered. We do encourage the parents of elementary children to please bring in their

own medication where it will be labeled with your child's name and kept in the office.

SAT and ACT Test Dates

2011-12 SAT

CALENDAR:
TEST DATES: OCT. 1,
NOV. 5, DEC. 3, JAN.
28, MAR. 10, MAY 5,
JUNE 2

2011-12 ACT

CALENDAR:
TEST DATES: SEPT.
10, OCT. 22, DEC. 10,
FEB. 11, APR. 4, JUNE
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Booster Club

Booster Club meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30PM. There has been great attendance and participation at the meetings thus far. If you are Interested, we would love for you to join us, and get involved in your DCS athletics. Also, please contact Sandy Justice or Pansy Williams to sign up as helpers at the Gate and

Concession during game events. Your support is very much needed and appreciated! If you have not submitted your email address to the Booster Club email list, and are interested in doing so, please send it into the DCS office. Lastly, if you have not yet purchased your Booster Club tickets, please see Pansy Williams in the

school office. She will be glad to help you with this. Thank you again for your continued support of the DCS Warriors athletics!!

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Tuition!!!!

We have several families with past due accounts. Please remember the tuition contract states, "tuition payments are due on the first day of the month, payable through the 10th of the month. An account will be considered delinquent on the 11th day of the month. If this account is not made cur-

rent by the 11th day of the following month, the student may be removed from school until both months' payments are made. Transcripts of records, report cards, and progress reports will not be released if an account is not current. We realize that it is a sacrifice to send your children to DCS and

we do not wish to create a hardship for any of our families. However, it is imperative that tuition is paid on time each month, and is kept current. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Warrior Hall

DCS, along with Mrs. Martha and Mrs. Sandy, would like to say a "BIG" thank you to the moms and dads that have given their time to help serve lunches in Warrior Hall. Mrs. Martha and Mrs. Sandy are so

appreciative of your willingness to serve. DCS continues to covet your prayers and support of each day. We are so thankful to have these two ladies preparing delicious and healthy food each day

for your children. Please continue the great support by giving of your time whenever possible. The rewards are endless!

Foreign Mission Project

The 4th and 10th grades are collecting items for the BMDMI mission trip to Honduras. These items include washcloths, bars of soap, candy (not chocolate), and SMALL toys. These items are used at the clinics that these doctors and den-

tists will be using in their clinics. Several Pee Dee area doctors, dentists, and pharmacists, nurses, pastor, and other lay people participate in these trips. DCS has two students, Erin Shackelford and Hannah Ford, who at-

tended this trip last February. Please encourage your students to bring in an item or donate a dollar. I have put a flyer in your box that you can put up in your classroom or copy to send home.

Lunch Room Payments

We appreciate the prompt attention being given to the monthly lunch payments; however, we do ask that these payments be made separately and not included with your child's tuition payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spirit Week Days!!! Oct 3rd-7th

DRESS CODE APPLIES AT ALL TIMES!

MONDAY – Pajama Day (NO nighties, short shorts, spaghetti strap tops or tanks without a cover-up.) Elementary classes might like to use this day as a “Read All Day” event. Just a sug-

gestion!!

TUESDAY – Favorite Children's Cartoon/ Storybook Character Day (NO adult animation characters please. This would include Family Guy, South Park, or any other cartoon with adult themes.)

WEDNESDAY – 80's

Day

THURSDAY – Class Matching Day (Choose your own way to match: color, theme, college, character, etc.)

FRIDAY – Spirit Day – School colors, Warrior Wear.

New Teacher News

Please join the faculty of DCS in welcoming Dolores “Dee” Conn to our staff and in welcoming back Ella Mae Sellers to our school. Both ladies

will be assisting in our cafeteria and have already proven to be highly valuable additions to the food service that we are providing for the chil-

dren. Ms. Conn, with her wealth of athletic experience, will also be teaching the 7th and 8th grade PE class.

Schedule of Events

- } October 3rd — Scholastic Book Fair ends/DCS Library
- } October 3rd-7th — Spirit Week
- } October 7th — Homecoming Game vs. Richard Winn @ 7:30
- } October 7th — Homecoming Dance @ 10-12 (after game)
- } October 10th — DCS Booster Club Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- } October 12th — Make up picture day
- } October 12th — PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors
- } October 17th — Booster Club Steak Dinner - Dillon Wellness Center @7:00 PM
- } October 20th — 1st and 3rd Grade Field Trip to Ovis Hill in Timmons-ville, SC
- } October 20th — Report Cards
- } October 21st — Parent - Teacher Conference (No School)

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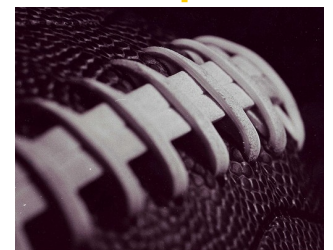
Athletic Director-Christian Wolfe

On behalf of the student athletes and myself, I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the staff, families, and friends of Dillon Christian School for the outpouring of support that has been extended during our volleyball and football season! We still have another month in each of these sports, so please, KEEP IT UP! Your support means so much, whether you are attending as a volunteer or a fan! We appreciate YOU!

We are greatly

concerned about the health and safety of our student athletes. I want to let parents know that DCS is currently conducting IMPACT TESTING for all our student athletes. This testing is being sponsored by Dicks Sporting Goods, with the help of McLeod Medical Center, and we greatly appreciate their assistance and support! Athletes and Booster Club members or currently selling tickets to our **Annual Steak Dinner Fund-raiser**, which will be held on Monday, October 17th

@ 7:00 P.M. Tickets will also be available in the office. Our guest speaker will be the head coach of the Francis Marion Men's Basketball Team, Coach Gary Edwards. He is a wonderful speaker, and he is looking forward to being a part of this event! Please plan to come out, welcome him, and show your support for the time he is giving to promote DCS athletics. This event is always a great time of fellowship, and we look forward to seeing you all there.



Football is in full swing as the Varsity Warriors Football team have a great team lead by Coach Christian.

Volunteers Needed!

There are many areas of the DCS campus and facilities that have been identified as needing the attention of skill-specific tradesmen. We are creating a master list of professionals and volunteers who would be willing to donate some of their time and expertise to help assist with specific maintenance needs

and with general projects throughout the school. The list would exist so that when a problem is identified, we would be able to contact that particular individual and ask for assistance. Several examples of who we are looking for would be plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, mechanical con-

tractors, masons, landscapers, architects, engineers and any other trade that you would be willing to apply at our school. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Brandon Love at 910-733-6865 (bllove@ci.lumberton.nc.us) or Brian Fitzgerald at 843-841-1000 (bfitzgerald@warriorweb)

The Senior Class of 2012 is currently planning and fundraising for their Senior Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Please keep them in your prayers!!!

Make up Picture Day

LifeTouch photographers will be here on Wednesday, October 12th, for make-up pictures. There are some extra informational fliers in the office should you need one. These make-up

pictures are only for those students who were absent from school the day the pictures were made or due to closed eyes on pictures.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 21st from 2:00-6:00 P.M. We ask that you call the front office and schedule an appoint-

ment if you need to meet with one or all of your child's teachers. Pansy Williams will be handling the scheduling of appointments, so please con-

tact her directly at 843-841-1000 or at pwilliams@warriorweb.us.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Power and Mrs. Massengale tell us that they have some very smart cookies in their room! The children have already learned the names and sounds of the five vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and are now working on consonants! They have learned t, l, b, n, m, and h, as well as starting to work on their blends and blend ladders! This is the beginning of the children learning to read! Just so you know, a blend is a consonant and a vowel put together to make the beginning sounds of a word. They have even started to read some words! WOW! They also love the blend ladder homework they have each Tuesday and Thursday. Isn't it amazing how the kindergartners love homework, and the "big

kids" don't? The children are also working every day with their numbers and number recognition. They have learned to recognize numbers up to 15, as well as counting their numbers. They have also learned that zero is the "nothing" number because there is "nothing to count!" Social Studies is zooming right along, as well. The children have learned about our community and many community helpers. They have talked about policemen, the mayor, pastors, farmers, veterinarians, teachers, salespeople, doctors, nurses, dentists, waitresses and waiters. Social Studies is always a fun time! Bible time is also another favorite of the classes. They have just finished up studying about

Noah and the Tower of Babel, and are now studying about Abraham and his great faith. Bible and prayer times are just so special to us because we know they are privileges that we have that other area schools do not. Also, the kindergartners say "Thanks a big bunch!" to the Student Council for the New Student Party! Everything was so yummy! It's always fun to be a kindergartner because they are always new students!

Biblical Character Traits

- Oct. 5 – Alertness
- Oct. 12 – Hospitality
- Oct. 19 – Joyfulness
- Oct. 26 – Boldness



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Dillon Christian School is a Private Christian School located in Dillon, SC. We offer grades Kindergarten to 12th Grade. When you send your child to DCS, you are putting them in a great atmosphere to learn while also learning about Jesus. We are accredited by the South Carolina Independent School Association and have been in Dillon, SC since 1991.

If you are interested in coming to DCS, please contact our wonderful office staff and come tour our campus.

Since 1991

