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Warrior Monthly

From the Head's Desk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 5&6:
Boston Butt
Deliveries
- Dec 7th:
Junior Ring
Delivery
- Dec 7th:
Christmas
Program @
1:30
- Dec 14-16:
Semester
Exams
- Dec 19-30:
Christmas
Holiday
(NO
SCHOOL!)

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“CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF GOD’S LOVE AND PROSPERITY”

By: Mr. Brian Fitzgerald

What an astonishing sense of promise and hope is presented to believers during the Christmas season! It is perfectly understandable to be swept away amidst the joy affiliated with a season of giving and of the reuniting of family and friends, but as Christians we also get to celebrate the birth of our Savior. His birth is the origin of the ultimate gift of eternal promise and salvation, a time that as Christians sustains our belief in salvation from our sinful natures. The phrase “Merry Christmas” has many commercial and advertisement roots, such as a catchphrase for nineteenth century holiday cards, but the idea of a time “marked by festivity” seems very appropriate for the recognition of the birth of Christ.

At Dillon Christian School, we have another reason to “make merry” this season as our school is celebrating twenty years of providing a quality Christian education to Dillon and the surrounding communities. With 233 graduates since 2001, the Dillon Christian School name is now being analyzed on resumes and mentioned in social circles as our alumni are out in numerous communities staking claim to being productive and spiritual citizens. Over the next few months, we will be having several events that will be celebrating the twenty year existence of the school and of the

success that has been achieved through our core mission. According to our Mission Statement, Dillon Christian strives “for each student to develop academically, spiritually, socially, and physically to his or her fullest potential” and it can be concretely stated that we are fulfilling our duties as an educational establishment. With the development of a strong Bible curriculum and with over 95% of our recent graduates being accepted into colleges and universities, DCS has created a model of success of faithfully serving the community and it is my commitment as Head of School to continue to foster growth in this institution.

Our first event that will serve to memorialize the breadth of achievement that Dillon Christian has garnered over the last twenty years will be the sale of a special commemorative Christmas ornament. The ornament features artwork prominently displaying a tree that symbolizes the growth and accomplishment achieved by the school and its constituents over the previous twenty years. However, as with any developing organism, as we continue to “branch out” with more alumni and families who are part of our school, a tree is a perfect symbol as it represents not only growth in the past, but also the promise of future fruit and prosperity. As we continue to cultivate young Christians in matters both academic and spiritual, the

future shines brightly for the sustained spiritual blessings that the Lord bestows upon us.

At the source of our faith, the Bible is very clear in numerous passages that if we are faithful and loving to the Lord, He will reward us with prosperity. Psalms 122:6 speaks of “may they prosper who love you” and Psalms 118:21-29 essentially gives an outline for how the Lord is our salvation and the direct source of our prosperity, and we should praise and worship Him accordingly. It is very clear that with twenty years of operation and with over two hundred and thirty graduates, Dillon Christian has been blessed bountifully with spiritual prosperity from the Lord. Our graduates have had the distinction of not only going into the world with the benefit of an independent school education, but they have a further advantage with a fundamentally sound Christian education. With the great degree of academic and spiritual preparation being devoted to each student and with the tangible statistics that support our accomplishments, the only reasonable inscription for the ornament that could even begin to tell our story was “Celebrating Prosperity in Christian Education for 20 Years”. The Lord is good and I believe that He will continue to reward our school in all areas if we remember to give Him the glory in all that we do, and what a perfect time to mark this occasion. Merry Christmas to all and have a wonderful holiday.

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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

There will be a **Booster Club meeting, Monday, December 12th, at 5:45 P.M.** We welcome everyone who would love to come out and participate in the DCS athletics. Hope to see you there!

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.

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

20th Anniversary Christmas Ornament

The Christmas ornaments commemorating the Twenty Year Anniversary of Dillon Christian will be available for sale beginning on December 5th. You may pre-order your ornaments at any

time in the front office beginning December 1st. Each ornament will be available for only \$7.00, but please feel free to purchase additional ones as they will make great Christmas gifts and stock-

ing stuffers for friends and family. Supplies are limited, so please do not miss out on your chance to have a part of our school's history.

Quiz Bowl Team

The Dillon Christian School High School Quiz Bowl Team was part of the SCISA Regional Competition on November 8, in Myrtle Beach hosted by Christian Academy. This was the first time DCS has ever had a team in this competition, and we scored a victory in our very first match, 100-10, over the Pee Dee Academy team.

The other teams at the competition as well as the judges were very impressed by our new, young team in spite of our inexperience in this particular competition. The team scored an extremely high number of points during the day's competitions and finished third overall.

We hope that the Quiz Bowl will be a highlight for our school in the future. With

practice and dedication, we expect to be strong contenders in the very near future. Beginning in January, we will be selecting team members and beginning practice for the Middle School Quiz Bowl.

Team members are: Amy Coleman, Ben Price, John Michael Price, Michael Reaves, Hannah Shackelford and Paige White. Team advisor is Mrs. Bowman.

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.

December Basketball Schedule

Please refer to the schedule on the website for all of the practice and game schedules for the month of December. Please note that this schedule does not include the "B" team practices and games. In the event of a change in schedule, each coach has been given email addresses for each family and has been

instructed to send out an email well in advance to advise you of the change. For the week of exams please note that there is no practice for any team the day before exams begin and that the Wednesday and Thursday practices are voluntary so that the students may better prepare for their exams. Also,

while there are no formal practices currently scheduled for the Christmas Break coaches will have the opportunity to schedule further voluntary practices during that time.

Congrats to the Lunchroom Staff!!!

Warrior Hall received an A Certification from DHEC on Tuesday, November 8. The credit and thanks go to Mrs. Martha, Mrs. Sandy, Ms. Mae, Coach Conn and Ms. Adrienne for their hard work and dedication that

they provide each day. What a blessing each of you are to the student body, faculty, and staff. We look forward daily to the delicious meals that are prepared, and delight in the wonderful, loving atmosphere that we experience

when we enter Warrior Hall everyday. Again CONGRATULATIONS, AND THANK YOU!

Athletic Director-Christian Wolfe

By: Mr. Christian Wolfe

Happy Holidays! I am excited to announce that Jonathon “Choo” Justice was selected for the North/South All Star Game set to be played on Saturday Dec. 3rd at 11 A.M. in Orangeburg. Our basketball teams have started playing games, and we are thankful for the show of support so

far. We hope everyone will take the time to come out and join in the fun. We have a large number of the student body involved from B-Team boys and girls up through Varsity. We are in need of assistance with gate and concession for all games. Please call the office to volunteer. As always, thank you for your continued support of our

students and athletic programs.

Kindergarten News!

The kindergarten children are so excited because they have learned all of our letters! Hooray! Plus, they are working on numbers, all the way to the 70 family, as well as learning about pennies and nickels! They are also excited because they have started adding! Their favorite part of addition will soon be the treats we use to add with like Smarties and M&M’s! Lots of learning going on in our room, and lots more coming! We have also completed

our reading group assessments. If things go as planned, we should start our reading groups shortly after we come back from our Thanksgiving holiday! We have some really great readers!

On November 3, the kindergartners and many of their parents enjoyed a field trip to The Berry Patch in Rockingham, N.C. – home of “The World’s Largest Strawberry.” It was such a fun day! The children went on a hay ride, then ate a picnic

lunch, saw a miniature animal zoo, went down a hay slide, and did a potato sling! However, the most fun thing was that we got to eat homemade ice cream made right at the farm! It was so yummy! We had lots of tired children when we left the farm! Thanks to Mr. Berry for the fun time!

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Upcoming Events:

- December 3rd – SAT
- December 5th & 6th – Boston Butt Deliveries
- December 5th – Christmas Tree/Wreaths/Garland Delivery - 1:30 – 6:00 P.M.
- December 7th – Jostens Ring Delivery for the Junior Class
- December 7th – DCS Christmas Program – 1:30 P.M.
- December 10th – ACT
- December 12th – Booster Club Meeting @ 5:45 P.M.
- December 14th – “Puppet Love” from Florence, S.C. – Puppet Show
- December 14th -16th – Semester exams – (half days)
- December 16th – End of 2nd 9 weeks
- December 19th – 30th – Christmas Holidays
- December 30th – Regular Registration Deadline for Jan. 28th SAT

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!!!

Late Arrivals

Parents, if your child is going to be absent or late to school for any reason then it is policy to please contact the office so that we may account for your student. If we have not received noti-

fication from the parents the child will have to call his/her parent before being admitted to class.

Prayer Ministry

Please join us for a weekly prayer service in the Bull Lee Chapel EVERY Wednesday beginning September 14th, 8:10-8:25 A.M. Parents,

grandparents, alumni, pastors, family and friends are all welcome! We will pray for DCS, the students, staff, academics, athletics, families, etc. The

students will not be present.

Elementary News!

The elementary classes had a fun chapel service on Wednesday, November 16, with Nolan Eggert from Camp Grace and some of his special animal friends (he has over 80 at home!). He talked about the special ways that God created each one, just like He created each of us in a special way. The children just oohed and aahed over the spiders and snakes, but the teachers seemed just a little squeamish. Come to find out, he has a closet full of spiders! Yuck! However, everyone just loved Piccolo, the hedge hog. She was so sweet! We thank Mr. Nolan and his friends for

the unique chapel service. We've already invited him to come again and bring more of his friends...maybe leave the spiders and snakes at home next time?

A full-time professional puppeteer group called "Puppet Love" from Florence, S.C., will be doing a puppet show in our school during chapel time on Wednesday, Dec. 14. To cover their expenses, each child will see the show and get either a hand puppet or two finger puppets for \$3.00. Puppet Love has a weekly half-hour show aired over ABC affiliate WPDE-TV 15 in Florence. Thank you for help-

ing us support this group so our school can have this quality program done by professionals. We are very excited to be hosting this program!

****Additional puppets may be purchased for an additional \$3.00 as well.****

Yearbook Sale!!!

Yearbooks are still on sale! If your yearbook was purchased before November 22nd, the cost was \$50. The cost for a yearbook after November 22nd is \$55. The yearbook sale will end January 6th.



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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.

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Middle School Minutes

By: Mrs. Angie McKenzie

Our 6th graders just finished up a fun and exciting unit on Ancient Greece. We learned so many interesting things about the people and their lives. I think most of the class, if given the opportunity, would choose to live in Athens instead of Sparta; why not ask them to explain why. We learned that writing in Greek was not a pleasant task and would be an English teacher's nightmare to grade. We have some samples of our writing displayed on the wall outside of my room (102), drop by and see if you can interpret them. We finished up our unit by having an Olympic event and Greek festival. We all celebrated by enjoying some delicious Greek cuisine made by our girls. Our next chapter will take us to Rome, hail Caesar!

Our 5th graders did an awesome job creating lessons to explain the various regions of the United States. They collaborated together in small groups and designed lessons that highlighted the people and places in the states within their regions. The projects turned out great and are in the hall just outside my room. Please stop by and see what these creative geniuses came up with. Our next unit will take us into my favorite time period, the Roaring Twenties! I can't wait. I know the students are excited to see just how the United States celebrated the victory of WWI and how as a nation we recovered from the effects of the war. It will not be long before we are looking down the barrel of another devastating war.

Our 5th and 6th graders worked to-

gether to send coffee to some of our service members serving abroad. It has been so exciting to read the letters of appreciation from those service men and women who received a cup of joe. I have placed the letters on the wall outside my door. Please stop by and read them; they are really touching.

Finally, the awesome 7th graders had a blast at WonderWorks in Myrtle Beach learning about all of the wonders science has to offer. I don't think they realized how much FUN science could be. From testing G-forces to brain wave activity, it was most definitely an eye opening experience. We are currently studying the plant kingdom from bacteria to the giant sequoias and everything in between. We will be growing bean plants soon. Look for them in the hallway outside my door.