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Warrior Monthly

From the Head's Desk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Feb 4th:**
**Winter
Formal @
7-10 in
Warrior
Hall**
- **Feb 9th:**
**DCPS
Chicken
Bog**
- **Feb 20th:**
**Presidents
Day, NO
SCHOOL!**
- **Feb 28th:**
**Wonder-
land Circus
K5-6**

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Accreditation And Accomplishments

By: Mr. Brian Fitzgerald

Dillon Christian School has celebrated many events and occurrences this year, ranging from the whole school community with our 20th Year Anniversary celebration and our 1st Annual Oyster Roast to the many individual accomplishments that our students have attained over the course of the first six months of school. While listing their accomplishments would take this entire newsletter, we have recently witnessed 192 out of our nearly 300 students make one of the Honor Rolls in the second quarter, numerous academic teams competing and succeeding against other schools (including our High School Quiz Bowl team winning their first ever match), and our Senior class putting the final touches on their fundraising as they prepare for their mission trip in March. These are only a few examples of what our children have achieved over the first semester, and I know that they will continue to astound us as we continue on through the second semester.

I consider myself truly fortunate to have been able to view the Lord's hand in each facet of our school as we continue our march through the 2011-2012 academic years. However, this year also marks another annual event for DCS as the

staff and I are currently working with diligence on the process to renew our South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) accreditation. This event occurs every three years, and requires a great deal of data and research to be performed so that SCISA may once again accredit us as an institution worthy to be deemed as an educational entity. This is an exhaustive process that requires us to not only update our curricula and to examine our operations with the staff, but also stipulates that the Head of School and Board of Directors update the strategic planning and long-range planning of the school so that the future of the school remains intact.

To assist with the certification, SCISA provides a list of accreditation standards that must be addressed by school officials and subsequently documented in what is referred to as a "Self-Study Report" that is then reviewed by an external team of educators that visit the campus. Essentially, for the next several months, Dillon Christian School will be "under a microscope" as all of our policies and procedures are scrutinized to ensure that we are 1) doing what we say we are doing and that 2) we are providing a safe and quality education for each child.

I have not written this commentary for any other reason as to better educate each family on what we are accomplishing as a school. By the end of the year, it is my commitment to you that our SCISA Accreditation will be renewed for another three years and that Dillon Christian School will use the results of our studies to continue to grow and to provide a quality Christian education to this community and beyond. Ultimately, while it is indeed quite satisfying to be recognized at the state level for our excellence as a school, the true testament to the accomplishments and future of Dillon Christian School lies within each family and what the Lord can do through each child that matriculates through our doors.

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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:

- Go to www.renweb.com
- 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 into the spring season is almost 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: MAR. 10, MAY 5, JUNE 2

2011-12 ACT
CALENDAR:
TEST DATES: FEB. 11, APR. 4, JUNE 9



SERVICE HOURS!!!

This serves as a reminder that Service Hours are a requirement for our students in grades 9th – 12th. It is a requirement for grade promotion and/or graduation. Report cards or transcripts will not be released without completion of

the required service hours. 9th Grade – 10 Hours, 10th Grade – 15 Hours, 11th Grade – 20 Hours, 12th Grade – 20 Hours.

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.

Computer Lab Gets a Makeover

Dillon Christian School recently received 25 new computer monitors for the purposes of updating the hardware in the computer lab. Mr. Fitzgerald worked with the PTF to make this a priority, and thanks to the generous

fundraising of the PTF, the students now have a battery of 18.5 inch wide-screen monitors with which to better learn the important computer skills of the 21st century. In addition to the new monitors in the computer lab, the

yearbook staff was also able to get new monitors for their endeavors as they continue working steadily on the 2011-2012 edition of the yearbook.

SCISA Chess Tournament

Several Dillon Christian School students have been involved in the school's first Chess Club this school year. On January 24, 2012 five of our students attended the SCISA State High School Chess Tournament. Seniors Madeleine Desser, Jonathon Justice, and Ben Price and

freshmen Tate Hamilton and Ellison Rourke each participated in the five-round tournament in Orangeburg. The DCS team finished in the top 10 of the state in SCISA. Ben Price won three of the five rounds and finished in the top third of all individual participants, losing only to the top players in the tour-

namment. We are very proud of these students!

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.

FEBRUARY 2012

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26	27	28	29			

Athletic Director-Christian Wolfe

By: Mr. Christian Wolfe

With January coming to a close and February getting started, basketball is winding down. We need your support for our teams as they finish up the regular season and get ready for the region tournaments. We really appreciate all the support and help with gate and concession during our

home games. We are very proud of our Warriors and want to see them finish strong. As we enter February, baseball and softball has already started practicing. Those games will begin in March. Once again, we will need help with our concession and gate for all spring home games. We look forward to a successful spring season

Elementary News!

The kindergarteners had a very exciting week this month! January 25th was the 100th day, and they celebrated the special day for several days! The children enjoyed doing things with 100, including counting and eating 100 goodies. They took a trip to The Ex-

ploration Station in Lumberton and had so much fun! Very special congratulations go out to **Ron, Malik, and Grayson** in Mrs. Power's class and **Madaline and Michael** in Mrs. Massengale's class! They have all had **perfect attendance** for the first 100 days! Way to go! Keep it up!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1st – SCISA Literary Meet**
- Feb. 4th – Winter Formal**
- Feb. 7th – SCISA Regional Middle School Quiz Bowl**
- Feb. 8th – 3rd Quarter Interim Reports**
- Feb. 9th - DCPS Chicken Bog**
- Feb. 15th – SCISA State Spelling Bee**
- Feb. 20th – President's Day – NO SCHOOL!!**
- Feb. 24th – Middle School Dance**
- Feb. 28th – Wonderland Circus K5-6**

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 (blove@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.

DCPS Annual Chicken Bog

Dillon Christian Preschool & Childcare will be holding its Annual Chicken Bog Fundraiser on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Plates will be available between 11am-2pm, as well as between 4pm-7pm. This annual event is organized and prepared by Mr. Henry Brunson. Tickets are \$6 for a hearty plate full of the best chicken bog, green beans, bread,

and homemade dessert! Tickets may be purchased in advance at Dillon Christian Preschool, and walk-ins will be welcome on the day of the event. As always, lunch and dinner deliveries are available with a minimum plate order of eight. Any business interested in having plates delivered, please call 774-0890. This fundraiser provides a percentage of the

operating costs of this ministry that loves, cares for, and educates many children in our community...bringing them up with a joyful foundation in Christ. The Dillon Christian Preschool & Childcare would like to thank DCS families in advance for supporting this vital fundraiser. God Bless!

First Annual DCS Oyster Roast

We would like to thank everyone who came out in support of the school for the 1st Annual DCS Oyster Roast last Saturday evening on January 28th. The DCS Marketing Committee did an excellent job not only in planning, but in executing an exciting event that will certainly become a high-

light of the school year for families as the event becomes a fixture in the school calendar. This year's menu featured not only freshly cooked oysters, but also Beaufort Stew and many other side items that were enjoyed by the participants to the sounds of beach music being played over the loud speakers on a pictur-

esque January evening. On a special note, the Marketing Committee would like to extend a special thank you to all of the individuals who volunteered their time and resources to ensure the success of this event.

High School News

The two Dillon Christian School HS math teams traveled to Orangeburg to participate in the SCISA HS Math Meet on Tuesday, January 17th. The teams consisted of five members each, with one alternate attending. There were nine seniors from the calculus class and two juniors from pre-calculus. The participants were: Holly Davis, Hannah Ford, Nick Hammonds, Michael Horne, Jonathon Justice, Cody McKenzie, Emily Prutzman, Hannah Shackelford, Page White, Amy Coleman, and John Michael Price. Amy Coleman and Emily Prutzman were the high scorers on each team.



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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



Senior College Acceptances!

Savannah Bethea-Converse College;
Corey Crew-Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina;
Holly Davis-Charleston Southern, College of Charleston, Columbia College;
Madeleine Desser-Florence-Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion;
Hannah Ford-Charleston Southern, Columbia College, North Greenville;
Townsend Hamilton-Francis Marion;
Nick Hammonds-The Citadel, Presbyterian College, University of South Carolina, USC Upstate;
Michael Horne-Francis Marion;

Jonathon Justice-The Citadel, Francis Marion;
Catherine LeChette-Florence-Darlington Technical College;
Reagan Massengale-Charleston Southern, Francis Marion;
Cody McKenzie-Francis Marion, University of North Carolina at Charlotte;
Courtney Miller-Charleston Southern, Columbia College, Converse College, Florence-Darlington Technical College;
Luke Pittman-The Citadel;
Emily Prutzman-University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, North Carolina State University;

Ben Price-North Greenville, University of Advanced Technology;
Chad Quick-Florence-Darlington Technical College;
Michael Reaves-Anderson University, Regent University, Savannah College of Art & Design, USC-Upstate;
Hannah Shackelford-Campbell University, Drexel University, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Salem College;
Page White-The Citadel, Campbell University, Converse, Gardner-Webb, North Greenville, Presbyterian College, Regent University.