

DCS MONTHLY

From the Heads

September

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

PERSPECTIVE ON LABOR DAY

As we arrive at the Labor Day holiday, it is interesting to think about the significance that the holiday has meant to both adults and children. Traditionally, students have looked at Labor Day as the end of their summer and as an end to the freedom provided by that respite from school. In recent years of course, many schools now start well before Labor Day so the students view the holiday as the first marking point to signify that indeed they are back in school. Adults, by contrast, tend to view the holiday as the last weekend and chance in which to enjoy their summer. Unfortunately, many working families find that save for that one vacation in July, the summer slipped by virtually unnoticed in terms of relaxation and summer fun. If not for the blistering South Carolina summer sun, many of us might not ever know that the season had even occurred. Indeed, many adults work throughout the summer months, so we forget the joy that the children experience from the idea of being unfettered from teachers and homework, but perhaps that is not a bad notion. It stands to reason this indicates that a working professional truly is able to understand the meaning of our national holiday and perhaps celebrate the reason for its inception.

According to The United States Department of Labor, Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers and constitutes a national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country (<http://www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm>). It is interesting that a holiday that was originally created as a reward for the American worker, a tribute to the collective actions of our society over the centuries, is not necessarily recognized as the major event that it perhaps should be. We have celebrations and remembrances for major accomplishments and events through out history, yet the collective efforts of the American society arguably has merely one holiday attributed to it and is often looked at as simply the end of summer or as the last day to wear white or pinstripes. Furthermore, the holiday has been mislabeled in many minds as Labor-Free Day, not as the collective celebration for labor and accomplishment for which it was originally intended.

To further the point from a Christian perspective, it is also interesting to note that many Christians pray to God for specific events or requests, and rightfully upon the answering of such prayers give the credit to God. However, as with the average American and the viewpoint on Labor Day, do we as Christians look at the Lord in terms of the sum of isolated incidents or do we view our existence in terms of the collective works of God? The Lord is wonderful and does indeed do many mighty things for us as His followers, but we should also remember that He is the Lord of all, and that our perspective on all that we experience and are surrounded by should be viewed as a collective goodness of our Lord and what He has provided for man for many millennia. I would ask that this Labor Day, please do take a moment and celebrate the American worker, but as you are reconfiguring your perspective on Labor Day, also take a moment and remember to appreciate the collective works of God, not just the last thing that He did for you lately.

Brian Fitzgerald, Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 5 Labor Day School Holiday

Sept. 7 School Pictures

Sept. 9 Lower School Grandparents Day Celebration 1:30

Sept. 16 Progress Reports

SCHOOL PICTURES

The photographers from Lifetouch Portraits will be on campus the morning of Wednesday, September 7th for school pictures. Informational fliers have been sent home today, Wednesday, August 31st. Later, proofs will be sent home with ordering information.

RENWEB

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

1. Go to www.renweb.com
2. Click Login at the upper right corner
3. Type the district code DCS-SC
4. 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.
5. Click Login Create new parents web account, if this is your first time. (If not, and you dont remember your password, then you can change it on this screen, too, under change password or username.)
6. Check your email and there should be an email from RenWeb with your password.
7. Get the password from that email and go back in to the RenWeb login page.
8. Log in with your password and you may have to check if you are on dial-up or high-speed internet.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

Mrs. Power and Mrs. Massengale are so excited about the new crop of kindergartners this year! They seem to be a super smart group of boys and girls! It has been a busy couple of weeks for them, but they have been fun

weeks! The children seem to be catching on to most everything they have been working on so far. They have been talking about the sounds and formations of the vowels I, U, E, A, and O. They are also talking about numbers, colors, rhymes, and following directions, as well as the weather, days of the week, date, and months of the year. The Bible lessons have been about the original sin and our salvation through Jesus Christ. They have also been working on Bible verses A, B, and C. The children are doing a great job memorizing them! The children in Mrs. Powers class are: Ron Bracey, Jamison Bullard, Mackenzie Gardner, Malik Hayes, Grayson Hunt, Jacob Kirby, Haley Lewis, Eva Newell, Madison Odin, Bryce Patterson, Tara Twombly, and Ava Webster. The children in Mrs. Massengales class are: Baxleigh Arnette, Michael Brigman, Ethan Eller, Austin Frost, John Gamble, Madaline Hayes, Braxton Hodge, Lily Jensen, Ethan Leggett, Mason Lockamy, Jacob Mijalli, Joseph Raia, and Abby Rouse.

Mrs. Power and Mrs. Massengale would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Head of School, Mr. Brian Fitzgerald, as he begins his first year with our DCS family!

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.

MEDICATION

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.

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!!

GUIDANCE NEWS

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 9

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!

LUNCH 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.