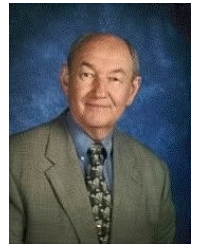




# Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky

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## ***From the heart...***

An important time has come to share with you thoughts of select experiences and opportunities that lie ahead for Dayspring Christian Academy. The purpose is to ask our Dayspring families and friends to especially pray for God's will to be accomplished as key leadership decisions are contemplated in the immediate days ahead. In particular, please whisper a prayer each day during the remaining days in September.

Dayspring is at "The Tipping Point." Malcolm Gladwell, in his book *The Tipping Point*, notes that businesses are often turned around by one key decision. Dayspring is in the business of Christian education and I believe that the critical decision is just ahead. Permit me to explain...

DCA is experiencing its highest enrollment on record, while many other Christian schools in our region are seeing declines or closure. As you pray...please thank God for blessing Dayspring with increase at this time. He has brought the increase, permitting us to truly say, "God is doing it."

The past few years have brought much needed change to DCA, not without the required

COST: C - commitment; O - obedience; S - sacrifice; T - time

Many long and sometimes strenuous hours have been invested by our fine faculty, staff, parent community and administration. A number of improvements have been made in infrastructure, organization, curriculum and environment...contributing to stability and growth. Some efforts have been personally disappointing: support of summer programs and lackluster response to fundraising efforts (a needed revenue stream for successful private education as tuition alone does not cover all costs). The church is not our cash cow.

With growth comes a space problem...there is no more room to expand in our building. We are seeing great interest in our early childhood, PreK - K programs, with a waiting list, and seriously contemplating beginning a high school program by adding Grade 9, next fall. But where...and will you continue to support DCA during an expansion period? Your timely response to surveys that will be forthcoming, is important.

DCA is presenting the basics of a 5 year "Strategic Plan" to the church leadership that includes facilities and finance, etc...critical to growing Dayspring. It is *The Tipping Point* decision noted above.

Thank you for your support of Dayspring and allowing us the privilege of educating your children. Again, please pray for the right decisions to be made to allow Dayspring Christian Academy to continue on its mission, "...making a difference now and eternally."

**Turn over for important SCRIP information...**

# DCA SCRIP PROGRAM

**SCRIP** is a program in which families purchase gift cards and certificates through DCA to shop at major food, retail stores and restaurants. Great Lakes Scrip sell certificates to DCA at a discount. The school then sells the certificates at face value to participating families and the credit earned is split equally between their tuition account and DCA. The percentage earned varies from store to store.

The gift cards or certificates supplied by SCRIP are the stores' actual gift cards or certificates. They are the same as cash; you can buy anything in the store that you would normally buy with cash, check, or credit card.

## Getting Started:

1. Complete the ENROLLMENT FORM and include the completed form with your first order.
2. Fill out the ORDER FORM and ENCLOSE PAYMENT by check or money order made out to DCA. (additional order forms are available at DCA or at [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org).)
3. DROP OFF YOUR ORDER in the drop box just outside of the DCA school office.
4. See SCRIP SCHEDULE for pick up dates and times (Back side of this form).

**See [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for the complete list of over 500 retailers. Any retailers not listed on the order form can be written at the bottom of the form and added to the total.**

## SCRIP Policies:

- All SCRIP orders must be accompanied by checks made payable to DCA.
- Orders may be placed in the DCA office drop-box any time before 2:30 P.M. on the **order date**.
- Orders will be available for pick-up in the school foyer from 2:30-3:00 P.M. on the scheduled **pick-up date**.
- The gift certificates are the same as cash. DCA does not accept responsibility for lost or misplaced certificates.
- Anyone writing non-sufficient funds (NSF) check will incur a fee of \$25.00.
- After two NSF checks are tendered on your SCRIP account, your SCRIP ordering privileges will be limited to money order only.

**SCRIP Coordinator: Heidi Giammarco (401) 305-5249, e-mail [LynseyG4@cox.net](mailto:LynseyG4@cox.net)**

## Scrip Schedule      Fall 2007

All Scrip orders **must** be dropped off in the box outside of the school office by 2:30pm on the order date to ensure processing. Scrip orders are placed every other week with the exception of December. Please refer to order and pick-up dates.

### Future Order Dates

Friday, September 7, 2007  
Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
Tuesday, October 2, 2007  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007  
Tuesday, October 30, 2007  
Tuesday, November, 13, 2007  
Tuesday, November 27, 2007  
Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
Tuesday, December 11, 2007

### Future Pick-Up Dates

Friday, September 14, 2007  
Monday, September 24, 2007  
Tuesday, October 9, 2007  
Monday, October, 22, 2007  
Monday, November 5, 2007  
Monday, November 5, 2007  
Monday, December 3, 2007  
Monday, December 10, 2007  
Monday, December 17, 2007

Orders may be picked up in the school foyer between the times of 2:30-3:00 pm. All orders not picked up at that time will be sent to the office and can be picked up at anytime.

NOTE: Please do check the website: [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org) for latest information and forms needed to participate.