



Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky
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From the Administrator...

Can you believe that right around the corner is the beginning of October and a Columbus Day break? We are off to a record enrollment year and are truly thankful for the support of our DCA families. DCA has a waiting list in PreK and continues to add "last minute" students to the elementary program. We have begun to announce our initiatives for this year...key being planning for adding a 9th grade in the fall. In the previous Head...lines we asked for your prayers regarding the facilities expansion needed to continue growth and the additional high school needs. I'm pleased to announce that the church board has authorized a "fast-track" development of a master plan for the needs of both school and church. The next few months will be very busy as we prepare for re-enrollment announcements and continued growth next year. We will be blessed with two classes per grade from K through Grade 7.

News & Views...

- **Surveys & Results:** The brief Middle School survey concerning adding high school resulted in an 80%+ favorable response. We will be sending a school-wide survey soon covering other items of interest.
- **Parent-Student Handbook:** The updated copy is being published. Key changes were announced in a prior Head...lines.
- **Lunch Issues:** Again, we need your help in thinking ahead for your child's lunches for the week. Aramark works on a daily preparation basis and needs firm numbers each day. PLEASE review the lunch menus, when you get them on Mondays and have them back marked, and with money, by Tuesday mornings. PLEASE NOTE: Walk-up lunches are \$4.00 each this year.
- **School Pictures (Friday, Oct 5th):** Dress casual...absolutely NO T-shirts or JEANS. Many families want these pictures for Christmas, relatives, etc...help make everyone look good!
- **Tardies:** You are doing great with our new starting times...keep up the good work!
- **Basketball Forms: FLASH!** The form date is wrong...the forms are due by WEDNESDAY, Sept 26th.
- **Dress-down Day:** This Friday, Sept 28th is our first dress-down day. NO CHARGE.
- **No School Days (Columbus Day):** Monday, October 8th and Nov 1st & 2nd ACSI Teachers Convention.
- **SCRIP:** A great benefit for you! SCRIP is a program in which families purchase gift certificates through Dayspring to shop at major food, retail stores, and restaurants...at a discount. The school then sells the certificates at face value to participating families and credits their tuition account or general fund with the difference. SCRIP forms are available at the DCA office and on-line. Please participate.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up and Parking Update:** Please remember to pull up as far as possible in front of the school, make sure child has exited properly and is clear of your vehicle before you move, look for others in the crosswalks to clear...then exit at the far roadway. Stay in single line to exit via the roadway in front of the sanctuary. Remember that the public road is two way so you must stay to the right - the police have been checking. Pick-up reminders: ALL TRAFFIC is ONE WAY. Do Not exit back through the entrance roadway or parking lot. PARKING: During the week Dayspring shares parking spaces with church personnel. The first two rows closest to the church office building are reserved for church staff and are off limits to Dayspring parents. Don't even think about parking there!!!!!!
- **Medical Forms:** Many have not yet returned the required medical forms to the nurse. There will come a time when we reach: NO FORMS - NO SCHOOL. Please take this request seriously.
- **Activity Fee:** DCA tuition is far below the average of similar Christian schools in our region. We are the largest PreK to G8 Christian school in Eastern MA and RI, and run a very tight budget. Additional funds are needed to support programs, field trips, chapel speakers, transportation, graduations, etc. We do not have a mandatory annual fund or in-service requirement. Nor will DCA push candy, candles, cookies or magazine sales! We do hope that you respond to DCA fund raising efforts such as "FloorUs."
- **Email addresses:** For communications we need your email address, if you have not already provided it.

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