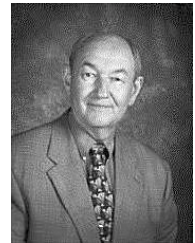




# Head...lines

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## ***Parent/Student Responsibilities***

Part of our administrative responsibility is to assure that the "rules of the road" are being followed and that everyone is doing their part to make the quality of life and product of Dayspring...the very best. In our "Parent – Student Handbook" (that, of course, you have all read and understood), you will find the following:

### **What are the student's/parent's responsibilities?**

- arriving on time to school each day
- attending all classes and homeroom daily
- assuming responsibility for proper behaviors
- coming to school each day ready to learn

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a rather high percentage that seem to have forgotten...or do not adhere to at least one or more of the above noted responsibilities. Therefore, we must both remind all and take greater corrective action of the guilty. We have a responsibility to be faithful to the majority of families who abide by and support the "rules of the road". Let's review them one-at-a-time.

**Tardiness:** In times past, the slate was wiped clean and the cycle could begin again in mid-year. The rule was changed in the latest Handbook. All records run to year-end. So far, nearly 20% of our families are guilty of 4 or more unexcused tardies, with students serving many detentions. Parents...you are guilty! As of January 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be no more unexcused tardies and beginning February 13<sup>th</sup> we will be imposing a lateness fine of \$5.00 per day late, billable monthly. Some schools deduct semester letter grades for excessive lateness...but in that case the student is punished for parental responsibility. We trust that the guilty will get the message!

**Class attendance:** The lost class teaching time for repeat offender's amounts to nearly 2 weeks per year. Also, some parents pick-up early nearly every day. These actions reflect in student performance and poorer grades.

**Proper behavior:** This is a "Christian" school with high expectations for behavior. Notice the posters in the hallways: HONESTY-RESPECT-ATTITUDE. They are a reminder for all, but in particular, those students who violate these basic principals of behavior. Dayspring is NOT a penal institution but an academy for learning. Again it is a minority who serve far too many detentions for improper behavior. Good behavior begins at home! Parents please help.

**Ready to learn:** This includes doing all homework assignments. Dayspring provides an advanced academic program with our students averaging grade levels above national norms. Homework is key! Those students who are struggling can assure better performance by doing their homework. Parents, you are ultimately responsible for making sure that homework is done regularly and on-time.

After mid-year report cards go out, the administration and faculty will review both behavioral and academic performance and will be meeting with "wanting" parents and students to set a plan of action to get on track and meet our "rules of the road". The vast majority of performing parents and students should ask no less of the Dayspring school leadership. Thanks to all who are working to make Dayspring Christian Academy the best performing value school in the area.

### ***Yet, we are good guys!***

Friday, January 27, 2006 will be a free dress down day.

### ***Reminder:***

Continue to get those re-enrollment forms in!