

# DAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Dear School Family,

Believe it or not, summer is almost over! I trust you have found this break to be a refreshing time during which you have grown closer to both your family and our Father before we come back together as a school family in a few weeks. The campuses are still busy, but silent. It is definitely not the same without the energy and sounds of students filling the halls. Few things are lonelier than an empty school!

This has been my third summer working out of my Xenia campus office. Many of you may not realize the incredible history of the Xenia Christian campus. It was formerly the Ohio Soldiers' & Sailors' Orphans' Home (OSSO), later renamed the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home (OVCH), established in 1869. It was totally self-sustaining, complete with dormitories, classrooms, hospital, dairy barn, green house, banquet hall, swimming pools, ponds, gardens, and chapel. In its history, over 13,500 children were apprenticed, mentored and trained in a specific service industry so they would graduate and immediately have an income. But in the meantime, they were loved. They became close-knit family, bonded together in a unique way out of the tragedy that brought them here.

Every summer, I watch the OSSO alumni come to the XC campus for their annual reunion. They wander through the halls of Xenia Christian, pointing out all the changes and reminiscing with each other. They are full of incredible stories and intense love for the campus. Can you imagine? This was the only home and family they had! They are drawn to it, to each other and to the memories.

It reminded me of the longing I myself have for "going home." I believe God imparts this longing in us, and this is how we get through the hard days. We know we will someday be eternally with Him and His family. It is our aim and goal. As the Psalmist wrote, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:25-26, NIV)

Meanwhile, we have the unique opportunity of creating a family within the Dayton Christian School System, culminating in deep and abiding relationships. These relationships are a gift from God and the residual effects spill over and beyond the walls of the school. The relationships built here are part of "Educating for Eternity." I am always deeply humbled to be a component of this vital ministry. I look forward to seeing both you and your children in a few weeks and to serving you this coming year. May we be reminded of the challenge posed by the author of Hebrews who said, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." recognizing that it is only through Him, that He is the "author and perfecter" of our faith.

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

Robert M. Elliott  
President & CEO

# Welcome to the Dayton Christian School System 2011-2012

1. **THEME FOR THE YEAR:** “Focusing on Christ – His Servanthood”  
**THEME VERSE:** **Philippians 2:5-8**

2. **SCHOOL-PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS:** There are many activities and opportunities for parents and students to better understand our schools. We welcome you to come and participate in any or all of the activities as they fit your interests. Below is a list of events that might help in the transition to a new school year:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
August 15	Dayton Campus 9-12	5:30-8:30	Cookout/Information Meeting
August 16	Homeschool	6:30-9:00	Parent/Teacher Meeting (see below)
August 16	Xenia Campus 6-12	7:00-8:30	Athletic Seminar
August 18	Dayton Campus PK-4	5:00-6:00	New Family Dinner
August 18	Dayton Campus PK-8	6:00-7:30	Family Drop In
August 18	Xenia Campus TK-12	6:00-8:30	Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night
August 25	Dayton Campus PK-8	6:00-7:30	Meet the Teacher Night
August 30	Dayton Campus 7-12	5:30-6:45	Athletic Seminar
August 30	Dayton Campus 9-12	6:45-8:45	Meet the Teacher Night

For more details regarding these events, please go to our dynamic online calendar:  
<http://www.dynacal.com/daytonchristianschools/calendar.asp?OrgId=3788>

3. **DCSS HOMESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Annual Education Plan (AEP) Workshop** – Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (10:00-noon) in the DC campus library. Come hear secrets from a veteran homeschool mom on how to overcome being overwhelmed! Bring your books, planner and a laptop – we want to support you by working though your AEP together!

**Parent Meeting:** The initial meeting for all K-8 DCSS Homeschool (DCH) parents will be held on Tuesday, August 16 at the Dayton Christian School campus in the auditorium of Building A. Due to limited space, we are asking that only parents attend please. Parents who are new to DCH this year need to arrive at 6:30 p.m. and returning parents at 7:15 pm.

**EXCEL Day** – Family/Teacher picnic – Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering. The 1<sup>st</sup> EXCEL Day will be at Patterson Park Church on Friday, September 23 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.

**Homeschool Library** – The newly catalogued and organized Homeschool library is located in D-115 at the Dayton Campus. Stop by to see what is available through this resource or call the office at (937) 291-7240.

4. **DAYTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL and XENIA CHRISTIAN COURSE SCHEDULES (GRADES 6-12):** All high school students may access their course schedules through their NetClassroom account beginning August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

5. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** God has gifted us in many different areas and there is always a need for assistance from parent volunteers – you are vital for the success of all the campuses! We encourage you to fill out the enclosed volunteer form and turn it in to your school office so we can best use your talents where needed.

6. **SURFING THE WEB:** We are excited to announce a brand new, completely redesigned family of websites for the Dayton Christian School System. Each school now has its own unique web address: [www.DaytonChristian.com](http://www.DaytonChristian.com), [www.XeniaChristian.com](http://www.XeniaChristian.com), and [www.DaytonChristianHomeschool.com](http://www.DaytonChristianHomeschool.com).

The new corporate web address for the Dayton Christian School System is [www.EducatingForEternity.com](http://www.EducatingForEternity.com).

Both Dayton Christian and Xenia Christian School have an active social media presence as well. You can visit our pages at [www.facebook.com/daytonchristian](http://www.facebook.com/daytonchristian) and [www.facebook.com/xeniachristian](http://www.facebook.com/xeniachristian).

7. **GIFTS IN KIND:** Dayton Christian School System has a continuing need for many kinds of tools, equipment, and materials for use at each of our campuses. If you have any items you would consider donating, please contact Eddy Zakes at (937) 352-1517.
8. **ADMINISTRATORS:** Please remember to pray for our school administrators during the school year, several of whom are new in their roles:

Robert Elliott	President of Dayton Christian School System
David Rough	Academic Dean
Mark Shaeffer	Assistant to the Academic Dean
Mitzi Hanks	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Rita Hines	DCES Principal
Rich Garrett	DCMS Principal
Brent Davis	DCHS Principal
Jennifer Reno	DCHS Assistant Principal
Tara Lee	DCSS Homeschool Principal
Natalie Demana	XCES Principal
Robert Colaner	XCES Assistant Principal
Joseph Batchelor	XCHS/XCMS Principal
Kathleen Carl	DCSS Special Education Director

9. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** While we have made great strides to improve our overall financial picture, we rely on an annual base of unrestricted funds to “bridge the gap” that exists between funds that are generated each year (like tuition) and the actual budget. This base, called the Annual Fund, supports a wide variety of programs, special projects, and new initiatives. It is the foundation of our annual support, giving the school system the flexibility to address unexpected opportunities or respond immediately to areas of greatest need. Gifts made to the Annual Fund endorse our commitment to providing students with a Christ-centered, Biblically-based, affordable education. The Annual Fund provides necessary resources to enhance excellence in the classroom as well as extra-curricular activities, promoting the schools’ mission of “Educating for Eternity.” Please prayerfully consider how you can support DCSS. This year we have an Annual Fund goal of \$450,000. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the needs at DCSS, please contact Eddy Zakes, Director of Advancement, at (937) 352-1515.

10. **BEGINNING & DISMISSAL: School begins on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.**

**School hours are as follows:**

<b>XCES ½ Day TK</b>	8:15 am - 11:30 am
<b>XCES Full Day K-5</b>	8:15 am - 2:55 pm
<b>XCHS/XCMS 6-12</b>	8:15 am - 3:00 pm

**Pre-Kindergarten DCES**

½ Day PreK a.m.	8:15 am - 11:15 am
½ Day PreK p.m.	11:45 am - 2:45 pm
Full Day PreK	8:15 am - 2:45 pm

**Kindergarten DCES**

½ Day K a.m.	8:15 am - 11:15 am
Full Day K	8:15 am - 2:45 pm

<b>Elementary DCES 1-4</b>	8:15 am - 2:45 pm
<b>Extended Care DCES</b>	Until 6 pm (PK-4)
<b>DCMS 5-6</b>	8:15 am - 2:50 pm
<b>DCMS 7-8</b>	8:15 am - 2:55 pm
<b>DCHS 9-12</b>	8:15 am - 3:00 pm

11. SCHOOL NUMBERS:	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FAX</u>
Dayton Christian School System	291-7201	291-7202
Dayton Christian School Attendance	291-7248	291-7250
DCES Office (PK-4)	291-7249	291-7250
DCMS Office (5-8)	291-7273	291-7274
DCHS Office (9-12)	291-7285	291-7286
Dayton Christian School Athletics	291-7219	291-7221
Xenia Christian School Office (PK-12)	352-1640	352-1641
Xenia Christian School Athletics	352-1642	352-1651
Dayton Christian Homeschool Office	291-7240	291-7250
Special Education and Student Assessment	291-7265	291-7266
Admissions Office	291-7212	291-7213

**12. TRANSPORTATION:**

**A. BUS TRANSPORTATION – LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Many school districts provide bus service to at least one of our campuses. If you are unsure about whether your school district provides transportation to the campus your child attends, contact your local school district’s transportation department, check the DCSS web page at [www.daytonchristian.com](http://www.daytonchristian.com) or contact Don Hamilton, DCSS Transportation Manager, at (937) 291-7216 or [dhamilton@daytonchristian.com](mailto:dhamilton@daytonchristian.com).

**B. BUS TRANSPORTATION – FIRST STUDENT, INC.:** DCS has contracted with First Student, Inc. to provide shuttle bus transportation (for a fee) to DCS families living in the City of Dayton, and areas west and north of Dayton. For families interested in these services, please contact the Transportation Manager, Don Hamilton. You can learn more about First Student by visiting their website at [www.firststudentinc.com](http://www.firststudentinc.com).

**C. CAR POOLS:** For those DCS and XCS families who are interested in car pools, please contact the Transportation Manager at (937) 291-7216.

**D. REIMBURSEMENT:** Reimbursement may be available from local school districts that do not provide a bus. Due to cutoff dates, inquire promptly with your local school district for eligibility.

**E. BUS DRIVERS:** DCS will continue to own and operate one school bus for after-school athletic programs and certain field trips. Volunteer bus drivers are needed. A commercial driver’s license (CDL) is required. DCSS will train and help you get your license if you don’t already have a CDL. If you are interested, please contact the Transportation Manager.

**13. SUBSTITUTES:** Every year we have a definite need for substitute teachers. If you are a college graduate, you may qualify to be a substitute teacher in our system. Please call Beth Ney, DCSS Human Resources Director, at (937) 291-7217 for information and an application. Dayton Christian School System’s local professional development committee is willing to help regular DCSS substitutes maintain their State certificate or license.

**14. ATHLETIC INFORMATION:  
A. SPORTS PHYSICALS**

**\*DCS –** Kettering Hospital and Sports Medicine Center have advised us that you should use your family doctor for physicals to be more compliant with requirements of the current

OHSAA physical. Student athletes MUST have completed physical forms submitted to the athletic office before they can begin practices.

\* The OHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form must be used and is available at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) and in the offices at all campuses. These must be completed in advance.

**B. EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FEE:** There is a participation fee of \$125 per activity. Fees will be billed to the family's account.

**C. PRACTICES:** \*\*Each athlete must bring a completed physical form and Emergency Medical Authorization Form in order to participate in a practice with a DCS or XCS athletic team. For Dayton Christian School practice information, call the athletic director at (937) 291-7219. For Xenia Christian School practice information, call the high school office at (937) 352-1640 or the athletic office at (937) 352-1642.

**D. ATHLETIC SEMINAR FOR FALL SPORTS:** All athletes, parents and coaches are **required** to attend this seminar in which we explain Dayton Christian's philosophy of athletics. **Please mark your calendar and plan for this meeting.**

**DCS (Grades 7-12)**

5:30 pm, Tuesday, August 30 in the Cafeteria

**XCHS/XCMS (Grades 7-12)**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 16 in the Auditorium

**15. DAYTON CHRISTIAN HONORS BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DCHS SCIENCE FAIR** which will be held on November 17, 2011. Physics and AP students are strongly encouraged to participate as well. **Your student will begin the science fair process as soon as school begins.**

**16. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOST HOMES NEEDED:** We are grateful for the opportunity that Dayton Christian School System has in ministering in the lives of our International Students. They in turn provide our students the privilege of experiencing the cultures of another country as they attend class together. Vital to the program are the families that open their homes to these students and act as hosts for them through the school year. If you are interested in hosting a student, contact Mark Shaeffer, Assistant to the Academic Dean, at 291-7205.

**17. LIENS AND FINES:** Those of you who have not paid for book fines, library fines, liens, gum fines, participation fees, or completed community service hours for the 2010-11 school year must take care of those items before the new school year begins. Call your school office if you have any questions.

**18. XCS UNIFORM RE-SALE: Xenia Christian School – Thursday and Friday, August 11-12 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the Auditorium Chambers.** Gently worn clothing may be brought to XCS August 8-10 and left in the school office between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please safety pin an envelope to each piece of clothing with your name and dollar amount requested. Clothes should be clean and in good condition. Clothing that does not follow dress code guidelines will not be displayed for sale. In addition to uniform items, you may bring t-shirts, hoodies and jackets or other items that display the XCS name and logo. Please direct questions to the school office at 352-1640.

**Suggested prices:** sweatshirts/hoodies \$3-\$10; sweaters, pants, skirts/jumpers \$3-\$5; shorts \$2-\$4; logo-polo shirts \$3-\$5; plain polo shirts (Elem.) \$2-\$3; oxford shirts \$1-\$3; logo t-shirts \$1-\$5.

**19. NEW UNIFORMS:** The 2011-2012 Dress Code is available at your school's web site in the Parent's section under Parent-Student Handbook. Uniform items and spirit wear can be ordered online at Land's End or at [www.stoutenterprisesusa.com](http://www.stoutenterprisesusa.com) or at one of two **Stout Enterprises locations: 1285 N. Fairfield Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45432 (Phone: 937-429-4040) and 63 Bellbrook Plaza, Bellbrook, OH 45305 (Phone: 937-848-8400).** Store Hours M-F: 10 am to 6 pm.

- 20. WEB-BASED CALENDAR:** We have a web-based calendar program called Dynacal. This calendar program resides on our web site and provides all of our dates, including athletic games, to you 24/7. Events can be viewed by the entire school system, or just one campus, or even just one sport at one campus. Users can make personalized calendars that include or exclude the events from whichever campus(es) they would like. To access this calendar, visit your school's web page and select calendar. This page also has a quick tutorial to help you navigate the calendar.
- 21. ASBESTOS INSPECTION & MANAGEMENT PLANS:** Our DCSS campuses have been inspected and management plans were accomplished in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) asbestos-containing materials in school rules as amended in 40 CFR Part; 763, on October 17, 1987 and the Ohio Department of Health, Asbestos Abatement rule, chapter 3701-34, Ohio Administrative Code, amended March 3, 1988. The inspection results and the management plan are available for your review at the administrative offices of each school campus. The school has adopted a surveillance and maintenance plan that will keep all asbestos-containing materials within our buildings to a safe condition so that the environment for your children and our employees meets the health standards as set forth in the above regulation. If you have any questions, please call Dick Stroh, Facilities Manager, at (937) 352-1555.
- 22. ENROLLMENT UPDATE:** We praise the Lord that enrollment is on target for the 2011-2012 budget year. Our budget goal is 1,448 students. Please take a few moments to pray that God would bring in the students necessary to reach and **exceed** our goal. In the current economic climate we are sure that many families are struggling with the decision to invest in Christian education. Pray for those families, that God would supply their need and give them the guidance to make the right decision.
- 23. MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER GROUP:** The Moms In Touch (MIT) prayer groups at Dayton Christian meet together according to your child's grade level in school. Information will be forthcoming for the Xenia Christian group.

<b>Preschool and Elementary:</b>	Monday 8:30-9:30 am
<b>Middle School:</b>	Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am Contact Renetta Hendricks (937)848-2804
<b>High School:</b>	Thursday 8:30-9:30 am Contact Susan Saxe (937)901-0716
<b>College and Career:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 7-8pm Contact Marsha Turner: (937) 435-7609

- 24. Kroger Program:** Once again, we have the fantastic opportunity to earn money for DCSS through the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. **This program brought in over \$33,000 last year!** All you need to do to make a difference is use a special DCSS Kroger card when you shop at Kroger. When you use the DCSS card to make your purchases, 4% of the cost of your purchases is sent to DCSS. This is money you were already planning on spending, and now it benefits your child's school. If you do not already have a DCSS Kroger card or need an additional one, please contact the Office of Advancement at (937) 352-1515. **Please use your DCSS card when you shop at Kroger!**