



Welcome to Dayton Christian School! 2021-2022 Back-to-School Letter

Theme for the Year: Upholding God's Truth
Theme Verse for the Year: John 17:17

MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

There are many activities and opportunities for Dayton Christian School parents and students to better get to know our school. We welcome you to take note of the following activities and attend as they apply to you and your student(s). Below is a list of events that will help in the transition to a new school year. *Additional dates for Dayton Christian Homeschool & Independent Studies are in the Homeschool section of this letter.*

July 30	PreK-5 homeroom teacher letters sent home	
August 4	OHSAA Pre-season Meeting, Grades 7-12 fall athletes, Warrior Center	7 pm
August 4	Grades 7-12 schedules available on DC Connect	
August 4-6	Grades 7-12 schedule changes made in person in guidance office	1 pm – 3 pm
August 9-10	Grades 7-12 schedule changes made in person in guidance office *Drop/adds resume first day of school.	9 am – 11 am
August 16	<u>New</u> Student Orientation: K-12, Last names A-L Last names M-Z	9 am – 11 am 12 pm – 2:00 pm
August 16	Back-to-School Night (Grades K-12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Last names A-F, 3 – 3:30 pm○ Last names G-L, 3:45 – 4:15 pm○ Last names M-R, 4:30 – 5 pm○ Last names S-Z 5:45 – 6:15 pm	
August 18	First Day of School	
August 18	First Day Event in Warrior Center Parents are invited! Students arrive from classes at 8:45 am	8:15 am (parents)
August 18	Fall Athletic Photos	3:15 pm
August 20	School Picture Day	

- August 23 Meet the Teacher Night (Grades PreK-5)
- PreK, 5:30 – 6 pm
 - Kindergarten, 5:30 – 5:45 pm
 - First Grade, 5:50 – 6:05 pm
 - Second Grade, 6:10 – 6:25 pm
 - Third Grade, 6:30 – 6:45 pm
 - Fourth Grade, 6:50 – 7:05 pm
 - Fifth Grade, 5:30 – 6 pm

August 26 Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 6-12) 6:30 am – 8:30 pm

“Back-to-School Night” is an informal time for students to drop off school supplies, briefly say hello to their teacher, find their desk or locker, etc. It is a drop-in event for all. “Meet the Teacher” times are geared toward parents. This is when our teachers take time to tell you about themselves and their classroom philosophy and to explain how their classroom is managed. At the high school/middle school level, parents walk their student(s)’ schedules to meet all their teachers. These “Meet the Teacher” times are not recommended for students.

- The [2021-2022 school calendar](#) may be found on the “Parents and Students” drop down on the top right side of the DCS website homepage.
- Additional homeschool dates and information may be found within this communication as well as on The Homeschool & Independent Studies Blog at <https://dcsshomeschooltogether.wordpress.com/>

SCHOOL DAY BEGINNING AND DISMISSAL TIMES

Preschool	
½ Day am	8:15 am – 11:30 am
½ Day pm	12:15 pm – 3:15 pm
Full Day	8:15 am – 2:45 pm
Kindergarten	8:15 am – 2:45 pm
DCES 1-4	8:15 am – 2:45 pm
DCMS 5	8:15 am – 2:55 pm
DCJS 6-8	8:15 am – 2:55 pm
DCHS 9-12	8:15 am – 3:00 pm
Extended Care	Until 6 pm (PreK-6)

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL

Students who arrive between 7:30 am and 8:00 am report to their grade level's designated early care location. Students who arrive between 8:00 am and 8:15 am may report directly to their classroom.

Please note the proper entrance for students by grade level.

- Preschool and kindergarten students enter through Door B at the PreK/Kindergarten entrance.
- Students in Grades 1-8 enter through the main entrance in Building C.
- Students in Grades 9-12 enter through the Warrior Center entrance.

All traffic must enter the campus through the Spring Valley Pike entrance and exit via the Washington Church Road exit. View the [Drop-off Entrances](#) map.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal times vary according to a student's grade level.

Elementary

Only cars picking up elementary students may use the carpool lane closest to the main entrance. Elementary students with older siblings may wait in the designated carpool room for a parent or sibling pick up. (This room is designated at the start of the year and communicated to parents.)

Middle School

Students exit out of the main entrance and proceed across the first driveway beyond the black fence. Parents can park in a designated parking spot and wait for their child or they can pull up in the first lane beyond the black fence and wait for their child. Parents are not to park in an undesignated spot or stop in the second lane of the driveway.

High School

All high school students are to exit through the Warrior Center entrance.

COMMUNICATION

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL/SCHOOL

Dayton Christian principals each have their own unique way of communicating with our school families.

Preschool

Wendy Tesmer (Dayton Christian Preschool Director): “Wee Warrior Weekly” email (Fridays)

Dayton Christian Elementary School (Grades K-5)

James Holliday (DCES Principal): Weekly elementary update via email (Thursdays)

Dayton Christian Middle School and High School

Gabe Pethel (DCHS/DCMS Principal): Weekly high school/middle school update via email (Thursdays)

Dayton Christian Homeschool & Independent Studies

Susan Ebert (Director)

- EXCEL announcement emails
- Independent Studies announcement emails
- Updates on the Dayton Christian Homeschool & Independent Studies blog

FROM YOUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Our Head of School, Dr. John Gredy, will send out a bi-weekly email newsletter, “Head of School Message.” In addition, you will receive updates regarding school events and announcements as needed.

SURFING THE WEB

Listed below are Dayton Christian School websites and social media sites to help keep our families connected and informed.

- **Dayton Christian School websites:**
 - www.daytonchristian.com
 - www.daytonchristianwarriors.com (Athletics)
- **Academic Information/Messaging:**
 - [DC Connect](#)
- **Dayton Christian Homeschool & Independent Studies on the web**
 - www.daytonchristian.com/homeschoolindependentstudies/
 - www.dcsshomeschooltogether.wordpress.com (blog)
- **Social Media sites:**
 - [@DaytonChristian \(Facebook\)](#)
 - [@DaytonChristianPreschool \(Facebook\)](#)
 - [@DaytonChristianHomeschool \(Facebook\)](#)
 - [@dcswarriors \(Instagram\)](#)

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK AND SCHOOL POLICIES

The school will strive to consistently enforce our policies and procedures. Please review the Parent/Student Handbook that contains the guidelines for the school. The handbook is available on [DC Connect](#).

LIENS

Those students who have not paid for book fines, library fines, liens, gum fines, participation fees, or who have not completed community service hours for the 2020-2021 school year must take care of those items before the new school year begins. Returning students will not be permitted to attend classes in the fall until these commitments have been resolved. Call your school office if you have any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All school supply lists for Grades PreK-8 can be found on [DC Connect](#) under the “Resources” tab.

UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE INFORMATION / SPIRIT WEAR

DRESS CODE and UNIFORM ORDERING

The 2021-2022 School Uniform Dress Code and Uniform Ordering Information is available on the [DCS website](#).

UNIFORM REMINDERS for Grades K-12

As you do your back-to-school shopping, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- In order to protect the hardwood floor of the Warrior Center, SHOES WORN ON GYM DAYS MUST HAVE NON-MARKING SOLES.
- Students in Grades K-4 may wear polo shirts without the DC logo in the following colors only: white, navy, light blue, red, light pink, and burgundy. All other colors must have the DC logo.
- Shorts and pants should be khaki or navy blue in color. No white, gray, or black. Inseam must fall between 8” and the ankle.
- Pants and shorts must be modest and loose-fitting. The current fad of leggings and stretch pants are not permitted. No tight or low-riding pants, saggy, or “skinny” styles.
- Denim fabric is permitted only on official casual days. For Friday “Spirit Days,” normal uniform pants are required.
- Shirts should be properly sized and loose-fitting, not taken in or tight-fitting.
- Cargo pockets on shorts and pants are permitted.
- Undershirts should be solid in color. Long sleeves are permitted.
- Outerwear worn in class must have a DC logo.
- For Grades 6-12, students are permitted to wear a spirit shirt with uniform pants or shorts on Friday as long as the shirt is a Dayton Christian shirt (for example, a missions team t-shirt, band t-shirt, etc).
- EXCEL students of Dayton Christian Homeschool will follow the Friday uniform guidelines stated above with the addition of any DC Homeschool T-shirt.

If you are looking to purchase Warrior gear, be sure to stop by the Spirit Stand in the C-1 lobby on Back-to-School Night (August 16). You will also be able to purchase spirit wear on campus. Details will be announced soon.

IMPORTANT CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FEE

As a reminder, there is a participation fee per fine arts and athletic activity. Fees will be billed to the family’s account.

FINE ARTS INFORMATION

For more information about the Fine Arts Boosters, please contact Stephany Weldon at sonaip88@yahoo.com.

ATHLETIC OFFICE: NEW LOCATION

Please note that the DC Athletic Office has moved from Building B to Building D (Room D110).

SPORTS PHYSICALS/PRIVIT

ALL student athletes MUST have completed physicals uploaded to their online Privit accounts and approved by the athletic office before they can begin practices on August 1 for all fall sports. We use the online PRIVIT system for collecting physical forms and completing all other OHSAA required paperwork in order to participate in interscholastic athletics. Please allow yourself ample time to complete the online process.

PRACTICES

For Dayton Christian School practice information, check for information on our athletic website or call the athletic office at 937-291-7219 to receive contact information for the respective sport's coach you are inquiring about.

ATHLETIC WEBSITE

All information pertaining to Dayton Christian Warrior Athletics (schedules, announcements, team information, calendar, rosters, etc.) can be found on the Dayton Christian athletics website: <http://www.daytonchristianwarriors.com>.

SOCIAL MEDIA (ATHLETICS)

To find out the latest sports news, follow Dayton Christian School Athletics on social media.

@DaytonChristianSchoolAthletics(Facebook)

@DCSATHLETICS (Twitter)

@dcs.athletics (Instagram)

DC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

To reach the DC Athletic Boosters, contact Kellee Collins (president) at kelleecollins@rocketmail.com or Steve Skolik at sskolik@daytonchristian.com.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS TRANSPORTATION – LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The following school districts provide busing to Dayton Christian: Centerville City Schools, Franklin City Schools, Miamisburg City Schools, and West Carrollton City Schools. If you are unsure about whether your school district provides transportation to Dayton Christian School, contact your local school district's transportation department.

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.

HOMESCHOOL & INDEPENDENT STUDIES INFORMATION

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

July 22	Middle School and High School Meeting	6:30 – 7:30 pm
	DC Auditorium – Building A (Enter through Door A)	

- Independent Studies students should attend the DC Back-to-School nights for full-time students. See the first page of this letter for dates and times.

August 31	Back-to-(Home)school Night for EXCEL - Auditorium	6:30 – 8:00 pm
September 10	First Day of EXCEL	9:30 am – 2:30 pm

EVENTS FOR EXCEL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Connect with your friends over the summer during this fun-filled park day. The park has a splash pad and playground, so there is plenty of wet and dry fun. This day is much like our field trips and open to the entire family. You may even bring a friend.

July 30

Summer Connections at Centerville Activity Park

9:00 am

STARTING STRONG SEMINARS

Starting Strong Seminars are held at 6:30 pm in the DC Auditorium in Building A. Please enter through the Building A door.

Starting Strong Seminars are for parents, grandparents, or guardians of EXCEL students. All families are welcome – previous, current, and inquiring. Whether this is your first year or your tenth, we want to help you start the year energized, strong, and equipped. Join us for one or all of these sessions. Also, if you have questions or need assistance with your documentation to notify your local school district, plan to stop by prior to the seminar.

July 27, 6:30 pm – “Bible Integration” and “Music Therapy”

Bible Integration – Bring your Bible into your homeschool without a formal curriculum

Music Therapy – What is music therapy?

August 3, 6:30 pm – “Planning Your Year: Tips for a Successful Year”

5:30 pm – District notification help session prior to the seminar

August 6, 6:30 pm – “What To Do If You Think a Child Has a Learning Delay or Disability”

5:30 pm – District notification help session prior to the seminar

HELP US GROW STRONGER – OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND TO SERVE

PRAYING MOMS

Joining our group of Praying Moms at Dayton Christian is a great way to support our school and to connect with other moms. They meet every Monday morning at 8:15 am in room D109. If you are interested, please contact Beth Welker at mwelker@woh.rr.com.

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

God has gifted us in many different areas, and there is **always a need** for assistance from parent volunteers. You are vital to our success! Your principal will be communicating those needs throughout the year.

DC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The DC Athletic Boosters are looking for volunteers to join the DC Athletics “Team behind the Team.” We have volunteer positions available as treasurer, website/social media coordinator, concessions manager, special events coordinator, and others. The DC Athletic Boosters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit made up of passionate volunteers who want to support DC Athletics and help advance its athletic programs. The Athletic Boosters annually provide financial and volunteer support to DC Athletics, Grades 7-12. If you are interested in joining “The Team behind the Team” please contact the Dayton Christian Athletic Office at 937-291-7219 or DC Booster President, Kellee Collins at kelleecollins@rocketmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOST HOMES

We welcome international students to the DCS family as we strive to represent the best parts of our culture and Christian faith. We are currently hosting students from China and Vietnam, and we are looking forward to growing

this program. Have you considered opening your home to an international student who attends our school? It's a great opportunity as a family to live out the gospel in your home, partner with an international family, and make an impact on a young life. If you're interested in hosting a student, please contact Polina Schroeder, Admissions and Financial Aid Director, at 937-291-7212 or pschroeder@daytonchristian.com.

PERSONNEL AND CONTACT NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATORS

Please remember to pray for DCS administrators during the school year:

Dr. John Gredy	DCS Head of School
James Holliday	Elementary School Principal (PreK-5)
Gabe Pethel	High School / Middle School Principal (6 – 12)
Tim Johnson	Chief Financial Officer
Julie Thompson	Chief Enrollment Management & Marketing Officer
Lydia Gaddis	Chief Operations Officer
Krystal Cox	Chief Administrative Officer

SCHOOL NUMBERS:

	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FAX</u>
Dayton Christian School	291-7201	291-7202
Attendance	291-7248	291-7250
Preschool	291-7335	291-7250
Elementary Office (PreK-5)	291-7249	291-7250
Middle School Office (6-8)	291-7273	291-7274
High School Office (9-12)	291-7285	291-7286
Athletic Office	291-7219	
Homeschool Office	291-7240	291-7519
Special Education and Student Assessment	291-7265	291-7266
Admissions Office	291-7212	291-7213
Finance Office	291-7560/291-7565	291-7561

OUR MISSION

Dayton Christian School inspires students to discover their God-given potential, become life-long learners, and stand on God's absolute truth.