

**DILLON
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

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*“Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*
Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Communication Corner

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Please join Dillon Christian School for our annual Christmas Program
"Christmas is Jesus", by Luke Gambill and Rhonda Frazier.

December 8, 2016
Prelude 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:30 p.m.
DCS gymnasium

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EXAM EXEMPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades 9-12, with teacher and administrative approval, may exempt a number of exams each semester according to the information below by earning a semester average of 90 or better in the course.

Freshmen: one exam
Sophomores: two exams
Juniors: three exams
Seniors: all exams

The decision of which exam(s) an eligible student wishes to exempt must be made by the published deadline.

Students may be denied the opportunity to

exempt exams in cases of excessive absence or tardiness. Excessive is defined as being absent or tardy 5 times per semester. Also, any teacher may choose to make his/her exam ineligible for exemption. South Carolina Virtual School Courses and Dual Enrollment courses must follow the course outline and students must take exams as outlined by the relative schools.

Note: All students must attend review classes. When exemption applies, seniors do not need a note for missing an examination period, but must sign in and out. All underclassmen will need a tardy note or early dismissal note and sign in & out.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

CLASS RING ETIQUETTE

Wearing the Ring

It is customary to wear your ring facing yourself, at first. This signifies your pending graduation. On graduation day, after you switch the tassel on your graduation cap to the other side, you turn your ring around so that it is facing outward. This allows everyone to see that you have graduated.

Turning the Ring

Before you graduate, your classmates, family and teachers can turn your ring. The direction is traditionally clockwise.

The Last Turn

The last person to turn your ring is an important one. It is tradition that the last person to turn your ring must turn it in the opposite direction that everyone else has turned it. This signifies that no one else will turn your ring. For this reason, it is common to choose someone special such as a parent or grandparent, to perform the last ring turn counterclockwise.

CLASS OF 2018 JUNIOR RING CEREMONY

The Ring Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2016. It will be held in Warrior Hall at 8:30am. All Juniors will participate and be acknowledged at the Ring Ceremony. This is a treasured tradition and celebration of our Junior's "Moving Up" to Senior status.

This is an opportunity for the class to demonstrate its unity as it begins to assume a leadership position. It is a coming-of-age ceremony which symbolizes the Junior Class moving up the metaphorical ladder to become the next leaders of the school. The Juniors will be able to demonstrate who they are as a group, what distinguishes them from others and what they believe is important to them as a class. The rings also act as a symbolic bond among the class members, as well as demonstrates unity with all Warriors – past, present and future!

The ceremony also reflects our focus on family, as we encourage extended families to share in this exciting experience. Many of our students come from families that have had multiple family members attend Dillon Christian School, this is an additional connection for them. Parents are filled with pride as they see their sons and daughters accept their class rings.

The Ring Ceremony has always been an important part of Warrior tradition as it creates lasting memories for our junior class and fortifies within them that a Dillon Christian School education is both a gift that should be celebrated and cherished.

As each Junior's name is called, he or she will be accompanied by their parents and family. One parent or family member will place the ring on their child's finger while the other parent or family member offers a blessing over their child. This is a joyous occasion for our Juniors, please keep this precious ceremony in your prayers.



"Do your best to present yourself to God..." 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

ACT WORKSHOP FOR 10TH 11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

We are offering an ACT Workshop Prep Session to help our students...

"Do you suffer from test anxiety? Need an extra 2-8 ACT points? Register for our one-day test prep course that could earn you \$5000.00 to \$8000.00 a year in scholarship money or acceptance at a better college!"

"One on One" will be presenting a combined ACT Workshop for Dillon Christian School Students and Lake View High School Students hosted at Lake View High School on Thursday, December 8, 2016. We will take our DCS bus to Lake View High School for the workshop.

The company presenting, "One on One" has conducted previous sessions for our DCS students. The cost for the workshop is \$55.00 per student..

Each student registered will receive a current 2016-17 ACT/SAT booklet along with a folder containing information presented.

Students do not need a computer, but they will each need a calculator, a pen for note taking and a pencil for taking the sample/practice tests.

The presentation is 6 hours long; which will be split by a 30-minute lunch break.

Please note - we will be having lunch at Lake View High School. According to their lunch menu schedule Lake View will serve hamburger steak with gravy, loaded mashed potatoes, lima beans, cabbage, pears, and a biscuit on December 8. Students have the option of a full tray or a chef salad at the cost of \$3.80 per lunch. There is also an ice cream bar, which is extra (I was told that everything on the bar is under \$1). Of course, students are also free to bring their own lunch.

There is a flyer on the DCS website (www.dillonchristianschool.org/index.php/about/guidance-corner) with all the information and also a permission form to be signed and returned ASAP.

Parents: please encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of this workshop as the testing strategies taught, will also help them prepare for the SAT test. Keep in mind that colleges are looking for both SAT and ACT scores on admissions applications.

ACT & SAT DATES

SAT Test Dates

December 3, 2016

January 21, 2017

March 11, 2017

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

SAT scores will be available to students beginning on the dates listed below:

Dec. 3 test: Dec. 22 score delivery

Jan. 21 test: Feb. 23 score delivery

Mar. 11 test: Apr. 13 score delivery

May 6 test: June 8 score delivery

June 3 test: July 12 score delivery

ACT Test Dates:

December 10, 2016

February 11, 2017

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MISSION STATEMENT

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CORE VALUES

BIBLICAL PHILOSOPHY

We strive to integrate biblical truth and the character of God into all education at DCS. We believe that God is absolute truth and is the final authority in all matters of life. We believe that the Word of God is the standard for all decisions.

We believe that each individual, being created in the image of God, is of supreme worth and is created for the purpose of glorifying God. We value integrity in all relationships as we demonstrate communication, obedience, and accountability, as well as mercy and forgiveness.

A PERSONAL, ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

We desire that each student have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where students and staff members can actively grow in their faith.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE PERSON

We value each student as a unique creation by God, and our mission is to equip each student academically, spiritually, socially, and physically to his/her fullest potential. We desire that each student will love and pursue truth, live honorably, think critically, communicate persuasively, and be physically active.

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SCRIPS

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) would like to reintroduce a program that allows you to help our school, provides tuition credit, and will not cost a penny more than you already spend!! The program is simple. DCS buys gift cards at a discount and sells them to you at face value. The school makes the difference in profit. You can use these gift cards for everyday purchases as well as for gifts.

Using Scrips provides great benefits to you:

1. Once your family has reached \$100 in profit per child or \$250 for a family of three or more, then we will apply 25% of all profit generated to your tuition for the following academic year. This amount would be available to you as a credit to your August tuition payment!
2. Reaching the above goals of \$100 in profit per child or \$250 for a family of three or more, will exempt your family from the fall fundraiser yet your child will still receive a little gift for participating. This is truly a win-win for everyone!!!

The program will run from July 1st to June 30th. Any gift card profits that you generate during this time frame will be counted toward your goal. We also encourage you to have friends and family members purchase gift cards to support your child's education as well.

The program is so easy! You can enter your orders online 24/7 at www.scripzone.com, and they will be processed each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and can be sent home or picked up in the office on Thursday afternoon. Just send your check in for payment to the office. ALL orders MUST be entered online. If you do not have computer access, please contact us to make other ordering arrangements.

Instructions for ordering are and included below. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Mrs. Melissa Hodge, DCS Fundraising/Public Relations Coordinator, is our point person in the front office for the Scrips program at DCS. Thank you so much for supporting of the ministry of Dillon Christian School!

Ordering Instructions:

Go to www.scripzone.com and click on New User.

Enter your information, and then join our group using ID: 843841DCS

Order gift cards for you and tell your family about this wonderful program!

**Shop now for gifts and stock up for holiday baking, cooking and entertaining!!!*

If you own a business or have a contact at a local business that purchases gift cards for employees at Christmas, please make them aware of this wonderful opportunity!

We will be processing two orders on Tuesday and Thursday of this week and next week to provide plenty of ordering opportunities for family and friends! Orders may be done online or through paper orders. Please email or contact the office with any questions!