



DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Building on Faith, Family & Community

NEWSLETTER

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SECONDARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Secondary Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, February 16 3:30 to 8:00pm. You may make an appointment or drop in to see the teachers.

We encourage parents to visit with teachers to discuss the progress of their children in the time slot requested. Interviews will be 15 minutes.

An interview request form was emailed home and also attached to report cards. If you did not receive your child's report card, another one can printed during conferences.

REREGISTRATION DAYS COMING SOON.

Re-registration packages will be sent home via backpack express on Monday, February 20. If you do not receive your package, please contact Sandra Griffiths in the elementary office. These packages have confidential information and are family specific. Please complete and update all forms and return the package to the elementary school during re-registration dates and times below:

Thursday, March 2 from 8:00am to 7:00pm

Friday, March 3 from 8:00am to 1:00pm

Staff will be available during the re-registration times below to answer any questions and to assist you with re-registration forms and tuition.

Class lists will be made on a first come, first served basis. After March 6th, 2017, depending on available space within a class, new families will be given the opportunity to place their child(ren) at DCS.

Individual student emergency preparedness comfort packages will be available for parents to change out an existing package or add one. More information on emergency preparedness is included in the re-registration package.

YOU ARE INVITED! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Duncan Christian School together with Christian Stewardship Services will host a free will clinic

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm at the DCSS - Learning Commons Room

Learn how to have an effective will and estate plan that is tax-smart, protects your family and best of all learn how to use current and future gifts to impact charities that are important to you. RSVP: Annetta 1-800-267-8890 x217 or annettas@csservices.ca

A draw for a free Will to take place!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PLC EARLY DISMISSAL AFTERNOONS

The following Friday afternoons will be early dismissal (12:30pm) for all students:

March 3

April 7 and 21

May 5 and 19

Staff will be attending PLC (Professional Learning Community) afternoons. The buses will be running to accommodate the early dismissal.



DONATION AND TUITION RECEIPTS

Donation and tuition receipts will be available for pick up on March 2 and 3 at re-registration.

All receipts not picked up by March 3rd will be mailed out.

SIGNIFICANT STUDENT MATH GAINS

Many DCS students use the JUMP Math program, and we are pleased to see that results from fall and spring assessments conducted nation-wide by educators using JUMP Math have revealed significant gains for students participating in JUMP Math's National Book Fund for the fifth year in a row. Here are the highlights:

- On average, math achievement of students grew at **2.4 times** the rate of the WRAT-4 standardization sample
- Mean percentile rank on the WRAT-4 increased from 30 to 42 from fall to spring.
- The percentage of students scoring in the 'above average' range on the WRAT-4 increased from 12% to 20%



Our own in-house testing also reveals that students working in small groups at the elementary school are making significant gains in both numeracy groups and the literacy groups. We congratulate Learning Assistance teacher Sheri Atsma and her team for these achievements!

We are very pleased to see students growing in their academic abilities, as well as their confidence, as they develop the unique set of gifts that God has provided each of them.

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SCHOOL REFUNDABLE BOTTLE RECYCLING

Do you have any refundable beverage containers lying around the house? Why not donate them to the Duncan Christian School Grade 12 Missions Trip 2017! For pick up, please call either school office

Also the Mission trip students have an account at the Bottle Depot called Duncan Christian School Mexico Mission. Anyone can return bottles to the depot (and mention the account before computer entry of returns begins) to help fund all mission students to Mexico in September! Thank you for your support.

CUPCAKE DELIVERIES!!

The Senior Girls Basketball team is happy to make and deliver cupcakes to your son/daughter on their birthday or any other special occasion. You choose the flavour and icing!

Cost is by donation.

mnderlof@duncanchristian.com to make an order.

DCS NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

February 16

↪ Secondary P/T Conferences

February 23

↪ Grade 10 FT to VIU for Discover Days

February 24-25

↪ Island Boys A Basketball Championship at DCS

March 2

↪ Re-Registration 8:00am-7:00pm

March 3

↪ Re-Registration 8:00am-1:00pm

↪ PLC Early Dismissal - 12:30pm

↪ Drama Retreat 3-9pm

March 4

↪ Drama Retreat 9am-4pm

March 13—24

↪ Spring Break—school closed

March 27

↪ First Day Back from Spring Break

SCHOOL CHAPELS

ELEMENTARY CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 1:20pm

Elementary Gymnasium

Families are welcome to join us.

February 22-Upper & Lower Chapels

March 1-Secondary Chapel

March 8-Opening Bball Ceremony

March 29-Mr. Terpstra

As special events sometimes change the time for chapel, you may want to call the school office to check before you come.

SECONDARY CHAPEL

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Pentecostal Church

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES

PLC Friday and Early Dismissal (12:30pm):

March 3,

April 7 and 21,

May 5 and 19.

Pro D Days—School Closed: Finished for 2016-2017 school year.

Spring Break: March 13 - March 24

Grade 7 Recognition: June 21

Grade 12 Graduation: June 27

Last Day of Secondary Classes: June 16

Last Day of Elementary Classes: June 22