

DELAWARE COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
*Welcome Guide*  
EVERYTHING NEW FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW





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# Welcome Guide



We're Glad You're Here!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the DC family!

The information contained in this Welcome Guide will help you learn more about our school and the exciting events that are in store for you during your first year here at DC. It has been my privilege to work with and get to know you over the past months through the admissions process. I continue to be so thankful for the faithful families that the Lord brings into relationship with our school. Our connection with you is vital. The investment that you make into your child's DC education by diving in and getting involved is critical to the overall positive experience that your child will take away from their years here.

It is our desire that God will bless this relationship in the years ahead.

Sincerely,  
Anne Goneau Assoc. Director of Enrollment

## BACK TO SCHOOL GATHERINGS

### Middle/Upper School Orientation

Monday, August 30

MS/US, New 6th-12th Parents and Students, Upper Campus

### ECC/Lower School Orientation

Thursday, August 26

New PK2-5th Parents, Lower Campus.

### Summer Socials

Your Welcome Family will be reaching out to schedule some summer fun!

### DC Family Picnic & Dedication Service

Stop by the PVO/Welcome tent to see how you can get connected to the community!

Thursday, September 2 | Picnic 5:00pm

Dedication Service | 6:30pm

Upper Campus | DeMoss Auditorium

### Homecoming Weekend

October 7-9

More information to follow; look for details in your weekly DC-Connect emails and at [dccc.org](http://dccc.org).



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## Important Back-to-School Dates

### ECC & LOWER SCHOOL

**ECC & LS New Parent Orientation**  
Thursday, August 26 | 7:00pm

**ECC & LS Open House, Grades PK2-5**  
Tuesday, August 31 |  
9:30am - 11:30am

**PK4-12 First Day of School**  
Wednesday, September 1

**PK2, PK3 First Day of School**  
Thursday, September 2

**No School**  
Friday, September 3  
Monday, September 6

**First & Second Grade  
Back to School Night**  
Thursday, September 16 | 6:00pm

**PK2, PK3, PK4, & K  
Back to School Night**  
Thursday, September 9 | 7:00pm

**Third - Fifth Grade  
Back to School Night**  
Thursday, September 16 | 8:00pm

**ECC & LS Picture Day**  
Wednesday, October 6

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Orientation**  
All MS Students new to DC  
and Parents  
August 30

**First Day of School**  
Wednesday, September 1

**Eighth Grade Retreat**  
September 9-10

**MS Back to School Night**  
Wednesday, September 15 | 6:45pm  
DeMoss Auditorium

**MS Picture Day**  
Thursday, September 23

### UPPER SCHOOL

**Orientation**  
All new 9th-12th Graders and Parents August 25-26  
August 30

**Senior Portraits**

**Upper School Retreat**  
September 8-10

**First Day of School**  
Wednesday, September 1

**US Back to School Night**  
Tuesday, Sept. 21 | 7:00pm  
Senior Parents Arrive 6:15pm  
DeMoss Auditorium

**US Picture Day**  
Thursday, September 23



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## DC's Promise

*We prepare students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ.*

## School Theme Verse for 2021-2022

*"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." James 3:17*

## DC's Mission

*To educate students who will serve God and impact the world through biblical thought and action.*

## Core Values Highlight DC's Mission and Promise

**Rooted in Christ:** *All that we do, teach, and learn is rooted in Christ.*

**Scholarship:** *We cultivate our God-given intellects and become passionate, lifelong learners.*

**Excellence:** *Doing everything to the Glory of God compels us to excellence.*

**Community:** *Our diverse community values partnership, collaboration, and strong personal relationships.*

**Servanthood:** *As servant-leaders we recognize our calling to influence culture for good.*

**Impact:** *Reasoning critically and acting biblically we are equipped to impact the world for Christ.*

## History

*In 1949 a small group of parents gathered together with the shared conviction that God wanted to raise up a school where children and young people would be educated in "the fear of the Lord." Throughout the year, these visionary parents gathered weekly to pray for God's direction and seek His provision in making Christ-centered education the key to knowledge.*

*On November 4, 1949, the Christian School Association of Delaware County (aka The Delaware County Christian School Society) was formed and its members stepped out in faith with a shared commitment to open the doors of a Christian (elementary) school in Delaware County by September 1950. God was faithful, and in September 1950, Delaware County Christian School officially opened its doors to 58 students in grades K-5.*

*Learn and read more at [dcs.org/history](https://dcs.org/history)*



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*Please highlight the following events on your 2021-22 DC calendar. Watch for more information about these and other activities in our weekly DC-Connect emails, on the DC website, and on our various social media outlets.*

## **Moms in Prayer Groups**

DC moms are encouraged to join a Moms in Prayer group that gathers weekly to pray for the needs of our school community. Groups will meet at the Lower Campus and at the Upper Campus at 8:30am.

## **Mommy and Me**

Come experience a morning at DC with your toddler or preschooler! Storytime, games, snacks, and coffee for mom. This event is open to all moms in the community. Mommy and Me meets at our Lower Campus, once a month, beginning at 9am. RSVP [LThompson@dccs.org](mailto:LThompson@dccs.org).

## **DC Coffees**

Please join DC's Head of School and various administrators for coffee and a time of fellowship and discussion on select mornings throughout the school year.

TIME: 8:30am-9:30am

UPPER CAMPUS LOCATION: Lowrie Hall Conference Room

UPPER CAMPUS DATES: October 14 and February 10

LOWER CAMPUS LOCATION: Conference Room

LOWER CAMPUS DATES: October 19 and February 15

## **DC Family Picnic and Dedication Service**

Join the entire DC Community for a Family Picnic on beginning at 5:00pm in the Upper Campus Courtyard. Chick-fil-A meals may be purchased starting in August at [www.dccs.org/picnic](http://www.dccs.org/picnic). The picnic is followed by the annual DC Dedication Service at 6:30pm which features a time of prayer and praise and new employee testimonies. Childcare for children aged 3 - second grade is provided during the Dedication Service. The service is held in the DeMoss Center Auditorium.

## **Middle and Upper School Grandparents Day**

This event provides a unique opportunity for students in grades 6- 12 to share lunch with their grandparents and to give them a personal tour of the Upper Campus. Prior to lunch, grandparents will also have an opportunity to attend a special program in the auditorium where they will enjoy the performances of various musical groups as well as listen to student testimonies. Grandparents on the DC mailing list will receive a letter of invitation from the school. Please feel free to email the Development Office ([LCavanagh@dccs.org](mailto:LCavanagh@dccs.org)) to provide the addresses of your student's grandparents so we may send them an invitation to this special event. Watch for more details in your weekly DC-Connect email.

Noteworthy Events



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#### **Homecoming**

Homecoming Weekend features a full range of athletic competitions, alumni gatherings, and great food! The festivities kick off Friday afternoon with a pep rally followed by V/JV girls soccer and V/JV field hockey competitions. Evening activities include our traditional Jr./Sr. Powder Puff football game, alumni soccer game, and food trucks. On Saturday, cheer on the V/JV boys soccer teams, grab lunch from the Athletic Boosters concession stand and then head over to watch the V football team. Look for more information, including a complete schedule of the athletic contests, on our website at [www.dccs.org/athletics](http://www.dccs.org/athletics).

#### **Middle School Play**

Evening performances will be held on both Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm in the DeMoss Center along with a 2:00pm Saturday matinee. Tickets will be on sale in October so be sure to make plans to attend!

#### **DC Fall College Bus Tour**

This is a great trip that gives juniors and seniors exposure to different types of colleges. This year's bus tour includes the following colleges and universities: Penn State-University Park, University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, Grove City College, Messiah College, and Johns Hopkins University. Students travel on a charter bus for the duration of the trip. Contact the Guidance Office for more information.

#### **All-School Thanksgiving Chapel**

All-School Chapels are a DC tradition as they provide special times of worship for the entire student body grades K-12 and are open to family and friends as well. Chapels are held in the lower gym at the Upper Campus. Come share the blessings as we rejoice in God's goodness to DC!



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#### **Tip Off Tournament**

Come cheer on the boys and girls varsity basketball teams as they compete for tournament titles.

#### **All-School Christmas Chapel**

Come celebrate the advent of our Savior's birth during this special chapel held in the lower gym of the Upper Campus at 8:30am. School will dismiss at 12:00pm on this day for Christmas Vacation

#### **Christmas Vacation**

Classes will resume and offices will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022.

#### **DC VEX Robotics Tournament**

DC's Middle and Upper School Robotics teams will host over 70 teams at the Upper Campus for this popular VEX World qualifier event. Many volunteers are needed to help with this event. Watch for more information in your DC-Connect emails.

#### **Winter Sports Weekend**

Don't miss this opportunity to see all of our Knights' basketball teams (boys and girls Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity) compete. Games will start in the afternoon with the final game beginning at 7:30pm. Concessions will be available for purchase throughout the day through the Athletic Boosters.



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#### **Upper School Musical**

The annual upper school musical is a highly anticipated event for the entire school. DC's award winning Upper School Theatre Department will present their musical in March, 2022. Recent productions including *Cinderella*, *Hello Dolly*, *Little Women*, *Mary Poppins*, *Seussical*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Beauty & The Beast* have all received Cappie nominations. Tickets will go on sale in February.

#### **Annual Society Meeting**

The Delaware County Christian School Society is the formal corporation that owns the school. Comprised of parents, former families, and friends of DC, the Society meets once a year to elect members to the school's Board of Trustees. The Board uses this time to report to Society members significant issues facing the school. **One parent from each family is required to attend this meeting.**

#### **All-School Easter Chapel**

Come be a part of this special chapel as we rejoice in the blessing of salvation and the glory our risen Savior. This chapel takes place in the lower gym on the Upper Campus.

#### **Spring Break**

Classes will resume and offices will reopen on Monday, April 4, 2022.

#### **Lower School Explore Night**

Parents of students in grades 1-5 are invited to experience hands-on workshops focused on the three main components of DC's SAIL program: The Humanities, The Arts, and STEM. This highly anticipated event also includes the Lower School Art Show and Band Concert.

#### **Spring Sports Day**

Our DC lacrosse, softball, and baseball teams will take the field on Saturday, April 16 for a day of competition. Concessions will be provided by the Athletic Boosters. Come on out and cheer on the Knights!



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#### **Lower School Grandparents Day**

This is a special day at the Lower School reserved just for grandparents. The day begins with a morning program, with each class making a presentation, followed by classroom visitation. The Lower School will dismiss at 12:00pm.

#### **Lower School Field Day & Picnic**

A day of fun, games, and frolicking for Lower School students and their families! This event kicks off at 10:00am and concludes at 2:30pm. Come cheer on the students as they compete by grade and team color.

#### **Commencement – Class of 2022**

Our Upper School graduation is an inspirational time of praise and worship as we acknowledge the many ways God has worked in the lives of our seniors. Commencement begins at 7:30pm and is held at Covenant Fellowship Church in Glen Mills in order to accommodate the large number of friends and family who attend. Family and guests are seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### **Fifth Grade Recognition**

This special evening marks the fifth graders' advancement to the Middle School in anticipation of the start of sixth grade in the fall of 2022. Each student is recognized in a special way by the fifth grade teaching team. This event takes place in the DeMoss Center auditorium on the Upper Campus beginning at 7:00pm.

#### **Eighth Grade Graduation**

Eighth grade graduation will be held in the DeMoss Center auditorium at 7:00pm. This event also marks the close of the 2021-2022 school year.



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## *Glossary of Often Used Names and Acronyms at DC*

### **ACSI – ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL**

ACSI serves Christian schools across the United States and around the world. DC has had a close working relationship with ACSI for many years and a number of our Heads of School have served on the national board of ACSI.

### **THE ANNUAL FUND FOR DC**

The Annual Fund supports the remaining 14 percent of the more than \$10,000,000 operating costs of DC that are not covered by tuition. All activities associated with the Annual Fund are managed by the Development Office.

### **DC CAFÉ**

The DC Café offers breakfast and lunch to all students, faculty, and staff on the Upper Campus. Located in the lower level of the DeMoss Center, the Café provides refreshment and a place for students to fellowship. All purchases must be made via a debit account established with the Business Office.

### **DC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

Athletic Boosters is a group of DC parents that supports our outstanding DC KNIGHTS athletic programs. Its purpose is to help raise extra funds and serve in various capacities to assist our athletic programs. Every parent once enrolled is invited into the DC Boosters program!

### **DC-CONNECT**

DC-Connect is a weekly email sent to all current parents, faculty, and staff that contains important news and information for members of our school community.

### **FACTS FAMILY ONLINE**

FACTS Family Online is DC's online portal for students and parents. Students and parents can access the DC school directory, class assignments, grades, and announcements

### **FOTA – FRIENDS OF THE ARTS**

FOTA supports students and faculty in all areas of the arts because we believe that God-given creativity is to be celebrated and nurtured in every student, all to His glory. FOTA accomplishes this endeavor through volunteering, promoting, fundraising, advocacy, and prayer.

### **THE HONOR CODE**

A school-wide Honor Code was adopted in the 2018-2019 academic year. This code is implemented across all three academic divisions in developmentally appropriate ways and provides clear expectations for student conduct with the express goal of shaping our community around positive, aspirational goals and reinforces DC's core values of Scholarship, Excellence, Servanthood, Community, Impact, and being Rooted in Christ.



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### **JUNIOR KNIGHTS SPORTS PROGRAM**

The Junior Knights program allows lower school students to participate in a variety of intramural and instructional sports clinics. All opportunities are communicated to parents via emails and flyers.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR**

The Junior/Senior Formal takes place each May. The junior class is responsible for planning this event.

### **LIVERPOOL SOCCER CLUB**

The Liverpool Soccer Club is a DC parent run travel soccer program for boys and girls ages 8- 14.

### **LOWRIE HALL**

Lowrie Hall is the former Strawbridge family mansion located on the Upper Campus. It is named after Dr. Roy W. Lowrie, Jr. who served as DC's first headmaster from 1954-1980.

### **KEYNOTER**

The *Keynoter* is DC's biannual publication for current families, alumni, alumni parents, and other friends of the school.

### **KNIGHT TONES**

The Knight Tones are a select vocal group composed of upper school students.

### **PVO – PARENT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION**

As a parent of DC, you are a part of our volunteer organization. All parents are encouraged to participate in the PVO. The PVO carries out our core values as we serve our faculty and students. It is a great way to get involved and meet other families and students.

### **PIAA – PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

PIAA is the state organization that governs all athletic activities of public schools. Private schools may join and thereby participate in all state playoffs. DC joined this organization effective September 2002. DC is a member of the **BICENTENNIAL ATHLETIC LEAGUE**.

### **PICK UP PATROL**

This service automates end of the day transportation, giving you flexibility to change your child's transportation plans. Sign up and add your child's default plan to [www.pickuppatrol.com](http://www.pickuppatrol.com)

### **SAIL – Schools for Applied and Innovative Learning**

SAIL provides opportunity for students to engage with authentic problems and current issues, and to develop the agency to work toward solutions that impact their communities and the world for Christ. SAIL courses are grouped into three different schools: the School for the Arts, the School for Humanities and Entrepreneurship, and the School for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

### **U SHOP**

The U SHOP sells gently used uniforms and school spirit wear and is located off of Lowrie Hall on the Upper Campus.



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## *Grades PK2-12 Dress Code Policy For 2021-2022*

For full dress code visit [dccc.org/dress](https://dccc.org/dress). Specific dress codes are listed by division.

All students are expected to follow these guidelines while on the school campuses during the school day, and on field trips unless directed otherwise. Special dress days (i.e. jeans days) will be announced by division administrators. **All clothing, (with the exception of pants and shorts), is to be purchased from Flynn and O’Hara (F&O) Land’s End (LE) or through DC’s U Shop located in Lowrie Hall on the Upper Campus. Both Flynn and O’Hara and Land’s End embroider shirts and outerwear with the DC logo.**

### LANDS’ END OPTIONS

**Contact Information:** Toll Free: 1-800-963-4816      **FAX:** 1-800-332-0103

**Online:** [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) Parents may shop online but please make sure that you use DC’s preferred school number **9000-9466-5** to see acceptable options.

### FLYNN AND O’HARA OPTIONS

**Contact Information:** Toll Free: 800-441-4122      **Email:** [custserv@flynnohara.com](mailto:custserv@flynnohara.com)

**Fax:** 215-637-6392

**Online:** [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)

Shop our stores:	Festival Shopping Center	or
	Route 30 @ Whitford Road	1991 S. Sproul Road
	Exton, PA 19341	Broomall, PA
	610-594-1970	610-259-3115
	Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday	or
	9:30am - 6:00pm	30 E Baltimore Pike
	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	Clifton Heights, PA
	9:30am - 8:00pm	610-284-1485

### U SHOP OPTIONS

Located off of Lowrie Hall on the Upper Campus, the U SHOP has many acceptable used items in a variety of sizes. To access the school store, sign in at the Head of School Office and request the key. Cash or check payments are due to the Business Office on the day of your purchase.

Dress Code for 2021-2022



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Dress Code for 2021-20212

### **Miscellaneous:**

- No body piercing except girls' ears.
- No “spacers” are permitted in noses, etc.
- No tattoos.
- No extremes in jewelry, hairstyles or make-up.
- Natural dye colors (boys and girls).
- No hats can be worn during the school day.
- Boys’ hair should be neat, well-groomed.
- Boys must be clean shaven; senior boys are permitted to have well-maintained facial hair.
- Undershirts - same colors as polo shirts—no writing on them, must not be longer than outer shirt.
- During scheduled dress-down days students should wear clothing that is appropriate, modest, and self-respectful. No spaghetti straps or belly shirts. No short shorts. Clothes should fit appropriately, not too big or too small and should not have rips or tears.

### **Dress Code Expectation**

At DC our expectation is that parents will help their students comply with these policies and will support the faculty and administration when infractions are brought to their attention. Students should assume the responsibility to be in dress code for classes.



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# DC Athletic Boosters

***At DC, Every Parent is a Booster!***

*It takes many hands to provide a premier athletic experience for our students. Every family is asked to serve in some capacity during each season in which your athlete participates.*

## **Mission and Vision:**

Believing that Christ-centered sports can positively influence a student athlete's character, the DC Athletic Boosters exists to support the Athletic Department by promoting and encouraging our athletes to Honor God, Develop Character, and Pursue Excellence. As volunteers, we provide team and individual recognition, fundraising, seasonal events, and school spirit opportunities.

## **What we do to support the Mission and Vision:**

### ***Athletic Awards Nights*** – Fall, Winter, and Spring Sport Seasons

Boosters helps coordinate these evenings. This includes team time, fellowship/food time, and all-athlete gathering with team recognition, senior testimonies, and a seasonal video.

### ***Sports Days*** -

Each season, there is a Saturday scheduled with all home games for the upper school teams and some middle school teams. We use these days to fundraise, "fun raise" and recognize our senior athletes. Boosters sells concessions during these days as well as Spirit Wear. We also have senior posters, provide photo buttons for the parents of the seniors and provide flowers for the girl seniors or the moms of the boy seniors.

### ***Tip-Off Basketball Tournament*** -

We organize/provide concessions for both days of the tournament as well as decorations, gate workers, guards and housing if needed.

### ***Football Concessions***

We organize/provide concessions and gate workers for all home football games.

### ***Basketball Games*** -

During the winter season, we organize/provide concessions for all home JV/V basketball games as well as gate "keepers" and guards.

### ***Team Parent/Team Photography Coordination*** -

Boosters works with each team to identify and support a team parent communication. The team parent ensures that team photos are taken as well as action photos of senior players.

### ***Spirit Wear*** -

Boosters works with the Athletic Office to make sure quality branded items are available to the community.

***Want to learn how to get involved? Stop by our table at the DC Family Picnic on September 2nd!***



DC Athletic Boosters



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# Inclement Weather

Campus Visitation—One Call Now

## VISITING/SECURITY

Please remember that all visitors must check into the Lower School Office or Welcome Desk in Lowrie Hall when visiting our campuses. Visitors will be asked to present a drivers license or passport in order to sign into our Visit U safety system. Once this procedure is complete, they will receive a visitors badge. This badge must be worn during your time on campus.

## One Call Now®

One Call Now® is a telephone and email messaging service used by DC to quickly reach parents with urgent school news such as school closings, delays, and early dismissals.

Emergency messages are sent to your home phone number and parent cell phone numbers.

Parents need to know both what DC has called and what their district has called to determine busing. Their busing times are based on what the district has called. Check with your local busing to determine delay.

If you have questions concerning One Call Now, please contact our Technology Coordinator, Debbie DeLecce at [ddelecce@dccs.org](mailto:ddelecce@dccs.org).





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# ECC & Lower School

## ECC & LOWER SCHOOL STAFF

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### Nurse's Office

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### Parent Volunteer Contact

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### Daily Schedule

#### Grades 1-5

Arrival - 8:20am  
Dismissal - 3:00pm

#### Grades P2-K

Arrival - 8:40am  
Dismissal - 2:50pm

## PICK UP PATROL

This service automates end of the day transportation, while giving you the convenience and flexibility you need to make changes to your children's plans. Sign up and add your child's default plan to [www.pickuppatrol.com](http://www.pickuppatrol.com).

## ABSENCE

Please notify the office of your child's absence before 9:00am by calling (484) 654-2400 x1514 or via email [Slatchford@dccs.org](mailto:Slatchford@dccs.org)

## LUNCH & RECESS SCHEDULE

Lunchtime varies from grade to grade. Each student has the option of bringing lunch from home or pre-ordering lunch through DC. Each grade enjoys recess daily.

## FACTS FAMILY ONLINE

Facts Family Online gives families with students in grades 3-5 online access to academic information including assignments, grades, and progress reports. With your unique Facts Family Online ID and password, you can view academic records for your student. Other users cannot access your family's information. You can log in by accessing the Facts Family Online page at [dccs.org/ffo](http://dccs.org/ffo).

## CHAPEL

Each week students enjoy a special chapel time. Students participate in chapel as a class and host special programs. If you are planning to attend, please check with the office for special events and schedule changes. Your students teacher will communicate the times when you child's class is presenting throughout the year.

## AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

There are many after school enrichment programs available including: chess, school newspaper, robotics, street hockey, and more. These generally take place immediately after normal school hours.

## EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL

Homework help is provided daily for care and enrichment after normal school hours. It is ancillary to the school program and designed only for children currently enrolled at DC. Please visit [dccs.org](http://dccs.org) for Excel After School information, forms, and fees.

ECC/Lower School students must be picked up at dismissal time or registered in Excel After School. Students who are not picked up by 3:20pm will be taken to Excel After School.



## STEM

STEM is an integral part of the science curriculum taught once a week to grades 1-5. Students learn the engineering design cycle, and apply critical thinking skills to solve real world problems.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Students participate in a variety of field studies and visit our outdoor learning spaces regularly. Students learn stewardship by caring for the various aspects of the school grounds including vegetables, sunflowers, butterfly gardens, and for our bluebird trail.





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# Middle School

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## Parent Volunteer Contact

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

8:15am - 3:00pm



## HONOR CODE

I will be honest.

I will be responsible.

I will be respectful.

I will practice servanthood.



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Middle School day ends at 3:00pm. Students are to be in the Library by 3:15pm doing their homework until they leave campus. All MS students must be picked up by 5:30pm. MS students should not be anywhere else on campus, unless they are involved in an after school club or sport.

## LUNCH/CAFÉ

Students eat lunch daily in the DC Café and have the option to purchase food or bring their own lunches. Students must pay for their purchases through their café account. Students purchasing through their café account must have a balance to cover each purchase; students will not be able to purchase through their account if there is a zero or negative balance. No provision is made for refrigeration. Students should not use glass containers for their lunches.

## DIRECTORY

The school directory listing current families, students, and school faculty and staff can be found in Facts Family Online under School-Directory.

## ATTENDANCE

All student absences and late arrivals are to be reported through PickUp Patrol by 8:45am. If your student is absent or will be arriving late to school, the PickUp Patrol is the application you need to use to communicate your students' attendance to the Middle School office. Your student is to sign in at the Middle School Office upon arrival.

## KEYCARDS

All middle school students are required to have their keycards with them during the school day. Replacement keycards cost \$25.



## FACTS FAMILY ONLINE

With your unique Facts Family Online ID and password, you can access your student's academic records, homework assignments, and family accounting information. This information is private and is not available to other users. You can log in by accessing the Facts Family Online page at [dccs.org/ffo](http://dccs.org/ffo). First time users will be instructed on how to activate your password protected account.



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## Grading System

Report cards are recorded on a letter grade system.

Numerical equivalents:

A=100-90%

B=89-80%

C=79-70%

D=69-60%

F=59% or below

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## CELL PHONES

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## SUMMER READING

Each middle school student will be required to read teacher assigned books from the list of books for his or her grade level..

## CHAPEL

Middle School Chapel is held Friday mornings. Parents are always welcome to attend chapel. On occasion chapel will be moved to another day of the week depending on the schedule. Check with the Middle School Office for the official chapel schedule.

## ATHLETICS

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## PVO

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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

8:15am - 3:00pm

# Upper School

**HONOR CODE**

As a student at Delaware County Christian School, I commit to pursuing a life of honor and integrity that is characterized by honesty, respect for all people and property, gratitude towards my parents, teachers, and peers, and responsibility for my actions. My commitment to this code reflects my respect for the mission and core values of Delaware County Christian School, and the calling of the Christian to glorify God in all things.



**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Please have your student sign in at the Upper School Office if he/she is late to school in order to receive a pass to class. A note from a parent/guardian is required when signing in. Similarly, if your student needs to leave school early for a doctor's appointment or other reason, he/she will also need a note in order to receive a pass to leave class at the requested time of dismissal. Sports team dismissals do not need a note. Please see the DC Student and Parent Handbook for clarification on excused & unexcused absences.

**FACTS FAMILY ONLINE**

With your unique Facts Family Online ID and password, you can access your student's academic records, homework assignments, and family accounting information. This information is private and is not available to other users. You can log in by accessing the Facts Family Online page at [dccs.org/ffo](http://dccs.org/ffo). First time users will be instructed on how to activate your password protected account.

**CHAPEL**

Upper School Chapel is once a week in the DeMoss Auditorium. Students sit with their assigned advisory groups.

**KEYCARDS**

All upper school students are required to have their keycards with them at all times during the school day. Replacement keycards are \$25.00.

**THE SCHEDULE**

The school day begins at 8:15am and ends at 3:00pm.

**ABSENCES**

If your son or daughter is sick or will not be in attendance on any given day, please call the Upper School Attendance Line at 610-353-6522 x2601 OR send an email to [eneal@dccs.org](mailto:eneal@dccs.org) by 9:00am. You should send a note with your student when they return to school with the reason for the lateness or absence. Their absence is marked unexcused until a note/email is presented. A pre-approved absence form is required prior to a student being absent for 2 or more days for a planned event. Please refer to the DC Student and Parent Handbook for more details.

**LUNCH/CAFÉ**

Students eat lunch daily in the DC Café and have the option to purchase food or bring their own lunches. Students must pay for their purchases through their café account. Students purchasing through their café account must have a balance to cover each purchase; students will not be able to purchase through their account if there is a zero or negative balance. No provision is made for refrigeration. Students should not use glass containers for their lunches.

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## GRADING SYSTEM:

Report cards are recorded on a letter grade system.

Numerical equivalents:

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## SUMMER READING

Each upper school student will be required to read the assigned books listed on the website according to his/her grade and course level. The summer reading books are provided to the students by the school. Pick up your summer reading books in the Upper School Office. Remember to check the website for any assignments due before the school year begins.

## LOCKERS

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## DIRECTORY

The school directory including current families, students, and school faculty and staff can be found in Facts Family Online under School-Directory.

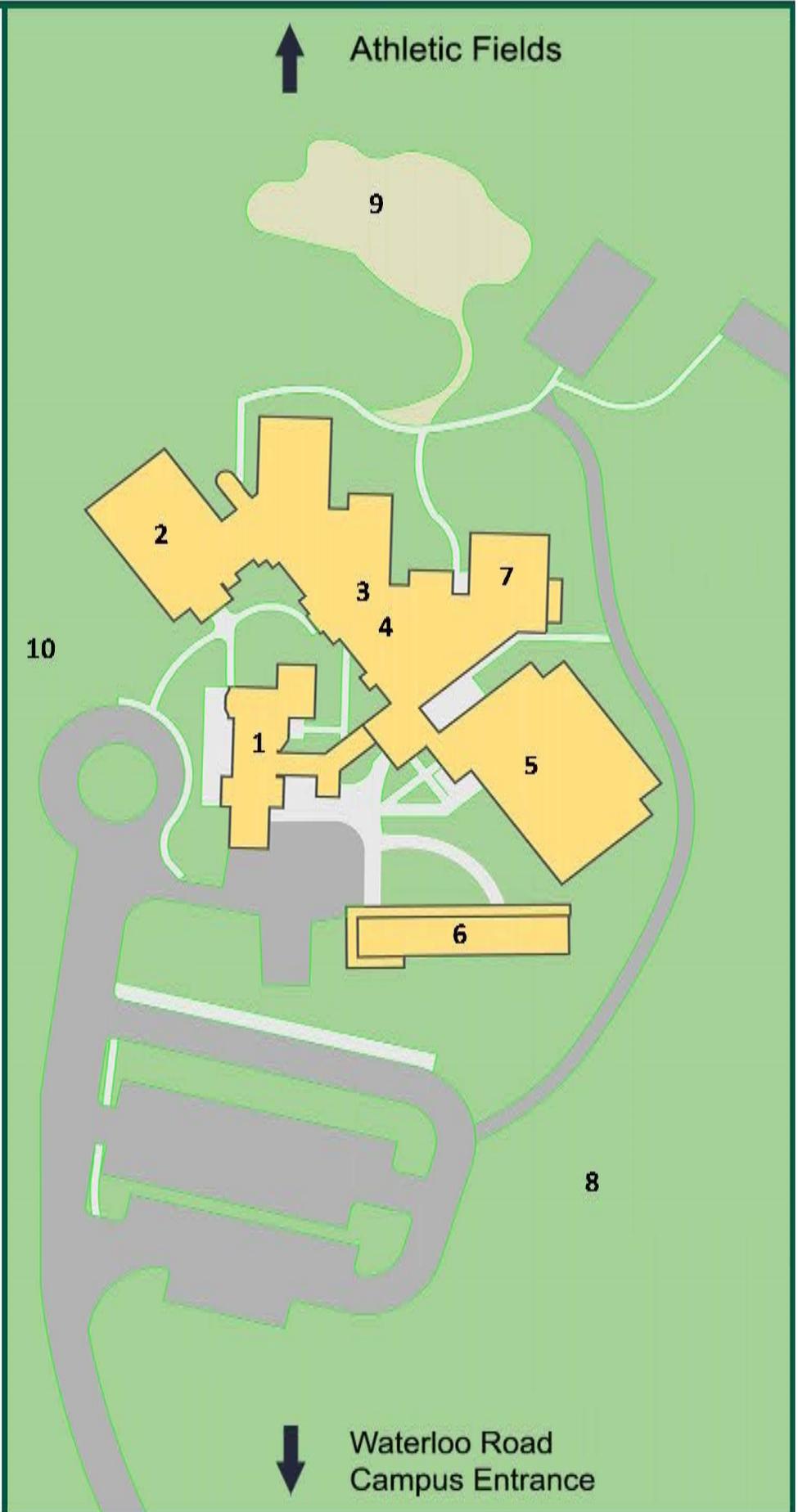




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- 1. Mansion**
  - Administrative Offices
  - Faculty Apartments
- 2. Chapel**
- 3. Classrooms**
- 4. Galleries**
- 5. Gymnasium**
- 6. Kings Table/Art Room**
  - Lunch Room
  - STEM Classes
- 7. Library/Media Center**
- 8. Outdoor Education Area/  
Ropes Course**
- 9. Playground**
- 10. Early Childhood Playground**





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### Upper Campus

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#### 1. Lowrie Hall

##### *Main Entrance/First Floor:*

Great Hall  
Main Office  
Head of School  
Business Office  
Classrooms

##### *Second Floor:*

Admissions Office  
Development Office  
Alumni Office  
Conference Rooms  
Guidance Office  
Classrooms

##### *Third Floor:*

International Admissions  
Office  
Transportation Office  
Faculty Offices

#### 2. Lowrie Annex

Art Rooms  
Classrooms

#### 3. Upper School

Upper School Office  
Classrooms/Labs  
Faculty Offices

#### 4. Library

Faculty Offices

#### 5. Middle School

Middle School Office  
Upper Campus Nurse  
Classrooms/Labs

#### 6. Lower Gymnasium

Locker Rooms  
Athletic Training Room

#### 7. Upper Gymnasium

Athletic Office  
Weight Room

#### 8. DeMoss Center

##### *Main Entrance/Upper Level*

Auditorium  
Conference Room

##### *Lower Level*

Commons Room  
Kitchen  
Music Room  
Drama Room

