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#### FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### Dear DC Friends and Families,

In a world sharply divided, we began our year with a call from 1 John to "Steadfast Confession and Unashamed Compassion." Our biblical worldview reminds us Christ is Risen, Christ is Lord of ALL, Christ will make all things new, and God has placed you in this moment (calling). This is our Steadfast Confession (I John 1). Letting the love of Christ flow through us to others is our Unashamed Compassion (I John 4). The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "We are Christ's ambassadors; God making his appeal through us". (2 Cor 5:18-20).

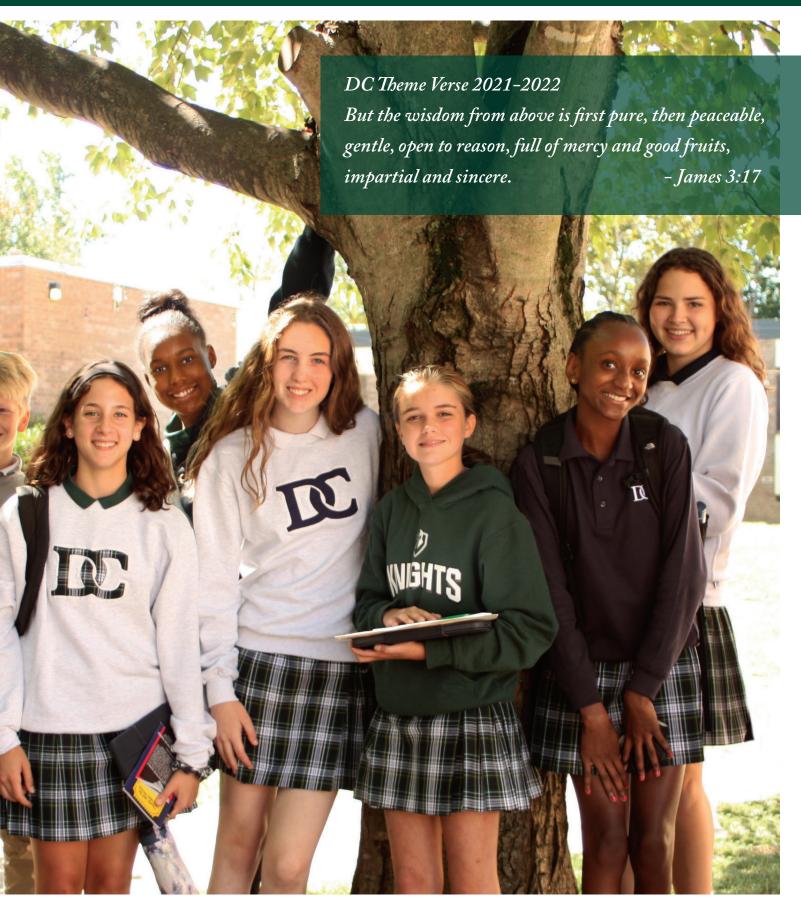
The third 'branch' of DC's 2020-23 Strategic Plan is an initiative to build Community Engagement. This initiative is the practical application of being rooted in Christ and living as Christ's ambassadors. Our Early Childhood Center and Lower School students begin community engagement at an early age with service opportunities. During the Christmas season they donated over 1,600 lbs. of food to the Chester County Food Bank. Students also traditionally make Christmas cards for residents of Broomall nursing home, and sing Christmas carols in the halls of the rehabilitation center. Partnership with the neighboring Waterloo Mills Preserve brings to life our second grade curriculum on monarch butterflies as students visit the preserve and learn about the conservation of natural ecosystems.

DC actively works to strengthen relationships with local churches and ministry partners with events like our fall Pastor's Breakfast, chapel speakers, and Middle and Upper School Bible studies and discipleship groups led by local pastors and youth pastors. The World Vision Ignite program featuring collaboration between Delaware County Christian School, The City School in Philadelphia, and four other Christian schools around the country expands our community engagement from local to global as students connect with a community in Honduras. Students from DC and The City School will also team up to implement a local service project in the spring of 2022.

Our 2021-22 school theme verse, James 3:17, reminds us that wisdom from above results in the character qualities of meekness, righteousness, and peace. When exercised in community, these character traits produce unity. Community is a core value at DC. We seek to build a community that supersedes the individual and to build strength through partnership, collaboration, and personal relationship.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Dan Steinfield Head of School



#### INNOVATING EDUCATION TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF ENGAGEMENT



At the Lower School, The Center for Innovation is manifested in The Hive, a centrally located space where students solve problems through imagination, design, and creation. At the Upper School, The Center supports student entrepreneurship projects such as student-run businesses, and hosts an Elevator Pitch Competition where students present business ideas before a panel of business professionals. The Center for Innovation is continuing to develop course materials, projects, and technology that will further allow students to learn and interact with business outside the school walls.

Delaware County Christian School has partnered with Teaching for Transformation, an organization that helps Christian schools fulfill their mission by "a distinctively Christian design framework that invites, nurtures and empowers both teachers and students to play their part in God's story through engaging learning experiences."

Teaching for Transformation is a training program that helps teachers design curriculum that connects the information students are learning with tactile experiences.

By incorporating these initiatives into a rigorous academic program, Delaware County Christian School is better preparing our students to learn about their role and responsibilities in the world, and gain confidence in preparation for the purpose God has created for them.



Jim Favino,

Director of Innovation

# SAIL

The School of Applied Innovative Learning is an additional program offered to all DC Middle and Upper School students that is complimentary to our School of Liberal Arts courses with the goal of continually pursuing innovative ways to educate.

SAIL has gone through many changes throughout its six years in operation. It has been one day a week, a half day on Wednesdays, and now it is taking the form of being offered as a full week of classes once during fall term, and and once in the spring term. In this new week-long format, DC faculty are able to expand offerings in SAIL to include trips abroad, service learning projects, and day trips off campus. There are certain aspects of the SAIL program that remain unchanged: the dedication to giving students product-based learning opportunities, experience interacting with the community, collaboration, and the opportunity to try new things and take risks while they are still in the Middle and Upper School environments.



The Art and Science of Baking



The Elevator Pitch

Each SAIL course is geared towards producing, performing, and presenting a product that can be assessed. Course offerings provide students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of potential career paths. After taking the Sports and Broadcasting SAIL course students are asked to demonstrate their learning by writing a sports reflection piece and assisting in the broadcasting of DC athletic events throughout the year. Teaching 101 introduces teaching methods and best practices at the lower school. Students apply their learning by going to the Lower Campus each day to observe and eventually teach a lesson they prepare. The Middle School Mock Trial course brought students to the Chester County Justice Center, and the Upper School Supreme Court course gave students the opportunity to travel to Washington DC to see the highest court in the nation for themselves.



The Supreme Court

Some new courses this year include, the Good Works
service project, the academic trips to Puerto Rico, the School of Arts trip to NYC, Teaching 101, Art History, Spanish Immersion, Latin/
Spanish, Art Murals, Astronomy, and a business Elevator Pitch course. The program requires students to be creative and think outside
the box. We are creative beings, created by and in the image of a creative God and the SAIL program promotes creativity in each
product-based course. Courses in the School of Applied Innovative Learning Program offer students the opportunity to hear from
teachers and adjunct teachers about how they are currently or how they have served God with their gifts and talents in a variety of
career fields.

—Brittany Andraka '12 DC History Teacher and SAIL Coordinator



Competition Robotics



Trash Talk



The Good Works Project.

#### INNOVATING EDUCATION TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF ENGAGEMENT



Student Life Programs at DC's Lower Campus provides students with opportunities to serve others in and outside of the school community, develop leadership skills, and experience new and exciting opportunities. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is a specific example of how this mission is realized in action. The purpose of SAC is to give students a greater influence on their daily school experience. They gather ideas from their classmates and work together to make some of these ideas a reality. Students in third through fifth grades submit applications to the office at the beginning of the first and third quarters to serve a 2 quarter term. SAC students that are selected to serve meet together often to help implement current school service projects and develop projects of their own, flowing from the thoughts and desires of their classmates.

This year, the first term SAC representatives have taken the lead on getting their classmates involved with the annual food drive and the Christmas gift drive. Thanks to their hard work and the participation of the entire Lower Campus, over 1600 pounds of food was donated to the Chester County Food Bank and over 200 Christmas gifts was provided to Bible Club Ministries in Philadelphia. Ongoing projects flowing from this group include the building of a bug hotel, giving students across grade levels the opportunity to observe bugs and their life cycles throughout the year as well as the painting of a Peacemaker Path on the sidewalk leading to the back playground. This painting will be a constant reminder for students of their commitment to the school Honor Code and to honor God through being a peacemaker at recess.

# WORLD VISION "REVEAL" EVENT

In order to broaden DC students' intercultural understanding, DC has formed a partnership with World Vision's Ignite program and The City School in Philadelphia. Through this program, students from both DC and The City School sponsor children from a town in Honduras. Along with correspondence with the children, students engage in lessons that help them understand how to biblically assist and advocate for those in need in a way that supports their culture and community. On November 3, DC hosted a World Vision "REVEAL" event where guest speaker Nate Butler, an accomplished music producer and recording artist, spoke to our students and faculty about being chosen to serve God. Students then received a letter and photograph from a child in Honduras who chose them as their sponsor.



## Academic Scholarship Recipients

DC provides several scholarships for students entering grades 9-12 to encourage academically talented students.

#### TEMPLETON SCHOLARS

Drs. John and Josephine Templeton, alumni parents, endowed funding for the annual Templeton Scholars. Dr. John M. Templeton was a prominent surgeon at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia before becoming president of the John Templeton Foundation. Dr. Josephine Templeton also served on the staff of Children's Hospital for many years. Dr. John Templeton passed away in May 2015 and Dr. Josephine Templeton passed away in October 2019. This scholarship remains as a testament to their commitment and support of excellent Christian education and encourages students to pursue their faith and scientific study.

#### THIS YEAR'S TEMPLETON SCHOLARS:

CLASS OF 2022: TITUS AHLBORN, EMMA CARRINGTON

CLASS OF 2023: ANDREW KO, CANDICE WANG

CLASS OF 2024: LEAH CONDE, ANNALISE HOWARD,

MAGGIE JENKINS, JACOB MATTHEWS

CLASS OF 2025: LUKE FOX, ABIGAIL GIFFORD,

CULLEN THOMPSON, IDARA UMOH

#### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP:

## Congratulations

TITUS AHLBORN was recently named semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. Titus is now among 16,000 students from across the nation competing for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered this Spring. To qualify as a semifinalist, Titus earned top scores on the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

#### ELLA HINES, ELIZABETH LEE, AND BEN PETRULIS.

These seniors were recognized as National Merit Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program.

#### INNOVATING EDUCATION TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF ENGAGEMENT

The DC Promise vows to prepare students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ.

Educating a child for a life of impact requires more than just rigorous academics. It requires actively providing students with opportunities to cultivate community engagement beyond DC and out into the world.

Over the past twenty-two years, Delaware County Christian School has welcomed students from around the globe to be a part of the International Student Program. These students not only gain a college preparatory education and cultural experiences in America, but their presence in the DC community enriches the educational experience of every student. Since its inception, 291 students representing seventeen countries have walked through the halls of DC, expanding the lives of students, faculty, and staff alike. International students have not only increased the diversity of the DC community, but they have significantly contributed toward the academic, athletic, fine and performing arts programs.

When international borders remained closed leading up to and throughout the 2020-21 school year, it became unclear how the DC international students would be affected. Many had already completed multiple years at DC and were unable to return back to the United States. Most remained in their home countries and spent the whole 2020-21 academic year studying virtually, juggling school work, isolation and time zone changes.

While distance learning was challenging, DC faculty stepped up to provide online lesson materials and assignments to the International students including class recordings and even one-on-one support via zoom. Of her experience last year, senior and native Chinese,

Alma Jiayue Wang says: "I had a weekly meeting with my biology teacher, Mrs. Swieson, every Friday. It was 8:00pm in China and 8:00am here. She would spend one to one and half hours discussing my questions every week. She is just such a nice teacher!"

By God's grace, international borders reopened this summer and twenty-six international students are currently enrolled at DC. "Their presence amongst us is what makes our school truly diverse. Knowing about world cultures is not the same as having students of different nationalities build friendships and interact over their diverse backgrounds and life experiences," stated Arlene Warmhold, the Assistant Director of Enrollment/ Director of International Students in reflecting upon the importance of the International Student Program.

Preparing DC Students to engage the ever increasingly accessible and globalized world for Christ requires them to develop a sense of how they fit within God's creation, and grow in awareness and appreciation of different cultures. Seeing the rich diversity of God's people through the lense of a biblical worldview, and building bonds of friendship across cultures as teenagers will certainly transform DC students to develop a deeper understanding of who they are as a global citizen who can individually and effectively impact the world for Jesus Christ.

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE DC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM SINCE INCEPTION:
BELARUS, BRAZIL, CHINA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, GERMANY, GHANA, GUATEMALA, JAPAN, KENYA, MALI,
MEXICO, NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, UKRAINE



#### FOCUS ON FACULTY

"I've been immeasurably blessed by the students, families, faculty, and leaders on this amazing campus; they've offered me not only a warm welcome into a loving community, but also a glimpse of what a faithful Christ-centered education can accomplish."

-Brendan Michael, US English



### OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Mike Militello, DC Upper School Math teacher, recently received The University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. He was recommended for this award by Jackson Piotrowski '20 who is currently studying at the University of Chicago.

It has been a long-standing tradition for students at UChicago to select educators who go beyond everyday teaching and leave an impression that is carried over a lifetime. An Outstanding Educator thinks carefully about their instruction, shares an infectious love for learning, and cares for their students both inside and outside of the classroom. What an honor to have a DC faculty member recognized by The University of Chicago for excellence as an educator who makes a positive impact every day.

## DC WELCOMES A RECORD NUMBER OF NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE START OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!



Matthew Jones (Music/Band), Matthew DeFranza (Director, Center for Innovation), Brendan Michael (English). Not photographed: Robert Herrick (Athletics), Corrine Kuptas (Upper School Science), Courtney Gifford (Middle School Guidance Counselor)



Jonathan Mindrebo (Director of Finance), Jake Godino '08 (Director of Operations), Amanda Avenick (Upper School Receptionist), Catherine Gin (Communications Manager). Not photographed: Shelby Jerry (International Program Coordinator)



Back Row L-R: Susan Metzger (Aide), Laurie Darnall (Kindergarten), Stephanie Vincent (Aide), Hannah O'Leary (Kindergarten), Natalie Holmes '07 (PK4), Diana Awad (PK3). Front Row L-R: Janice Reigel (PK2), Amy Smith (Aide), Anne Martinez (PK3), Karla Pankratz (Fine Arts), Allison Christman (PK2)



Stephanie Latchford (Administrative Assistant), Karla Pankratz (Art), Emily Peterson '02 (Aide), Deborah McGrath (Aide), Janice Lee (First Grade), Alexandra Tipton (Second Grade), Frederick Yahn (Third Grade). Not photographed: Brett Kikendall (Physical Education)

**FOCUS ON** 

# THEARTS





#### **UPPER SCHOOL FINE ARTS**

The Upper School fine arts program covers a wide range of artistic media, including: ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, graphic design, computer graphics, metalsmithing, sculpture, and fibers. A unique aspect of DC's art program is intentional mixing of grade levels to encourage mentoring, collaboration, and creativity in student projects.

The graphic design program has grown this year as students have worked collaboratively on projects with the Innovative Design Team, particularly designing a series of logos for the new Loft and Innovative Design Center. The art department has also grown their ceramics offerings with two new pottery wheels.







#### **LOWER SCHOOL FINE ARTS**

Lower School students discovered the convergence of fine arts and STEM curriculum this fall with a study of Bees, Color and Light, and Around the World where student art projects are integrated with their Social Studies curriculum. This confluence of subjects is perfectly suited to the new HIVE space on the Lower Campus.

Students learned how to mix and paint their own color wheels in the Color and Light unit. Second and fourth grade students explored the theme by going outside to create sun prints. Paper is coated with light-sensitive chemicals which reacts to light waves and particles when exposed to sunlight. The students then tacked leaves on the treated paper which resulted in a white silhouette with the negative space turning prussian blue (ferric ferrocyanide). How fun to see the process of using science to create art!





#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ART - THE WONDER OF IT ALL

Learning to admire the Maker's love of design in the created world and embody it in the practice of art making was a focus for Middle School art students this fall. Students in sixth grade created pencil drawings of still life pears, apples, pumpkins and pomegranates. Being able to see, touch, smell, and even taste their still life enhanced their experience and appreciation of their subject. Inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and David Hockney, seventh graders spent several weeks seeing texture in landscapes, then translating those landscapes into pencil drawings and watercolor paintings. Students also interpreted the beauty of God's created world with chalk pastel skyscapes.





## UPPER SCHOOL DC PLAYERS PRESENTS RADIUM GIRLS

"In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court." Featuring students and teachers from DC's Upper School, this poignant, heartbreaking, and powerful story opened with smashing success on DC's stage for two nights, November 19-20, completing the 2021 Theatre Season.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

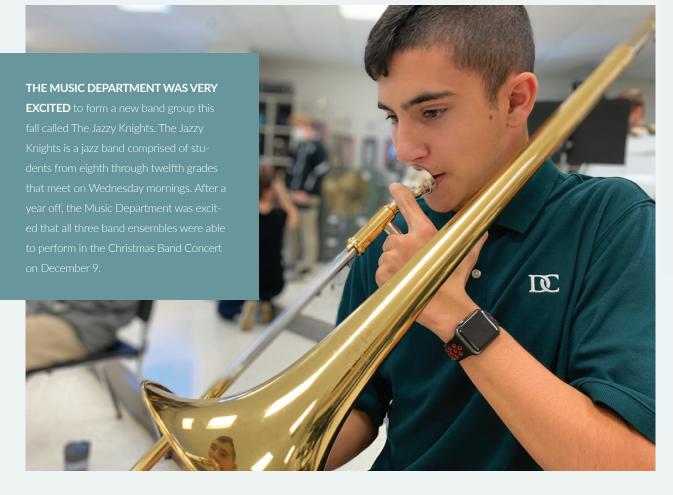
Middle School students embarked on a tour of Willy Wonka's famous Chocolate Factory this fall. The two casts included thirty-six students from sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Students worked hard all semester creating characters, memorizing lines, and bringing to life the wonder of these classic Roald Dahl personalities. Thanks go out to the Art Department, The Armory, The Grounds, students, and parents who created an experience full of fun and whimsy - including an exciting week of golden ticket wins! With record attendance at all four performances in early November, the show was a smashing success!



# BAND

DC Upper School and Middle School bands have been working to improve rhythmic understanding and execution through subdividing complex rhythms in time signatures from 2/2 through 12/8. Students worked on clapping and speaking the rhythms, playing them on a Concert Bb, and breaking them down to the 16th note with great results. Additionally, band practices were used to focus on ensemble blending; being conscious of the main melody and the functionality of supporting harmonies/accompaniments. Students were taught an exercise called 'concert Bb relay' where one section of the band will begin to play a Concert Bb, then the other sections have to 'sneak into' the sound until the whole band is playing. Students practiced closing their eyes as they played so that they could focus on their aural (ear training) skills and intonation, further contributing to a well balanced blend.





# ECC MUSIC

From the first day of music class in the ECC, students are taught that music is an amazing gift from God and their voices are a special musical instrument. Students explore utilizing their own voices and bodies to sing, dance, and play instruments in praise to the Lord. Throughout the year, students are introduced to different musical elements including steady beat, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, and timbre. Music is a powerful learning and communication tool for these young children and will help them connect, interact, and communicate with God and those around them, even as their language skills are still developing.

DC's ECC music program focuses on the building blocks of body coordination that challenge fine and gross motor skills as students play instruments to a steady beat, move their bodies like the animals on Noah's ark, twirl and spin with scarves to different tempos like falling autumn leaves, sway, march, sing, and dance in worship like King David. Music class time is full of fun and laughter.



# LS MUSIC

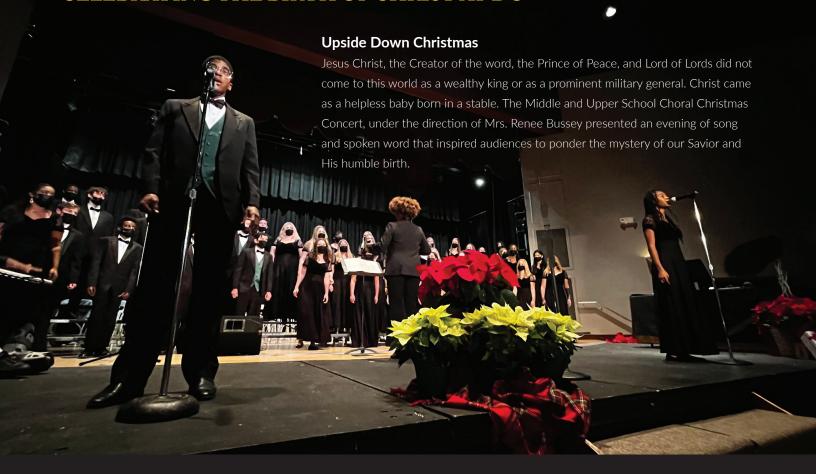
DC's Lower School chapel and music programs have adopted the theme of Wisdom from Above - building upon the School's 2021-22 theme verse: James 3:17. As students in all of DC's divisions explore throughout this year what it means to act wisely, the Lower School students are learning in chapel about wise ways to look at life through the eyes of King Solomon and his Proverbs.







## CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AT DC





#### A Christmas Tapestry

The Middle and Upper School Bands, as well as the newly formed Jazzy Knights, presented "A Christmas Tapestry" under the direction of Mr. Matthew Jones.

The evening began with a flute ensemble rendition of "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" and was capped off with a joyous performance of "Three Jazzy Kings" by the Concert Band.





#### Jesus Light of the World

Lower School students performed
"Jesus, the Light of the World," a
Christmas story told from the point
of view of the Three Wise Men and their
cleaning lady: Bonnie. The musical was
beautifully written, composed, and directed by
Lower School music teacher Ms. Diane Clark
and reminds viewers that God is sovereign
over the night skies, and the lives of each of
His children.



#### **ECC Christmas**

ECC students, including our new two year old students, welcomed parents and friends to join them in a morning of heart-warming musical performances led by Mrs. Claire Vesper. Even though the students are young, their sweet singing prepared the hearts of all those in attendance to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



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

Students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered for DC's All School Christmas Chapel on December 21. First and second graders recounted the birth of Christ by reciting Luke 2, and Pastor Doug Hayes '86 reflected on the theme "Generosity Beyond the Bounds of Reciprocity."

# ATHLETICS

#### **VARSITY FIELD**

## HOCKEY

#### **HEAD COACH: KIERAN WILLEY '16**

Season Record: 5-6

Despite low numbers, this year's Knights Field Hockey team proved itself to be feisty and resilient, working hard and competing in every game throughout the season. In her first season as head coach, Kieran Willey effectively trained and encouraged the girls, helping to build a firm foundation, excitement, and camaraderie within the program that was tangible from the team's first practices to the last game of the season.

DC had key victories against Bristol and Plumstead during the season and competed well against District 1AA second seed Jenkintown. The team barely missed the playoffs, finishing 0.3 power points away from leapfrogging Sacred Heart for a berth in the district tournament.



#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Sahdahya Addy: All BAL - First Team
Caitlyn Goneau: All BAL - Second Team
Evezi Omuye,: All BAL - Second Team
Shannon Elliott: All BAL - Honorable Mention
Isabel Lewis: All BAL - Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Matty: All BAL - Honorable Mention







#### **VARSITY**

## FOOTBALL

#### **HEAD COACH: LLOYD HILL**

Season Record: 1-5 • Playoff Record: 0-1

After starting out the season slowly and enduring a number of key injuries, the Knights improved dramatically in the final three weeks of the season. The high-point of the season was a 32-20 win over Valley Forge on October 23, 2021 at the DC Turf Field on the Upper Campus.

Overall, it was a great season where strong foundations were formed. The team was led by a group of seniors, who used their strength to help shape the team through mentoring, modeling, and motivation. It was also a season of adversity which allowed them to become a stronger unit.

#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Jason Shaw: All KSFL - Offense Tommy Goneau: All KSFL - Defense Phillip King: All KSFL - Defense Will Shaeffer: All KSFL - Defense

### **VARSITY**



#### **HEAD COACH: ERIC ANNINO**

Season Record: 2-6

#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Luke Yan: All BAL - First Team Caleb Jameson: All BAL - Honorable

Mention



The Knights Golf Team added several new, young and talented golfers this year, expanding its numbers from last season. The team competed well, scoring better as the season progressed. Sophomore, Luke Yan shot an 89 in the BAL tournament and placed fourth out of 16 golfers, earning him a medal. His score was just shy of the district qualifying score of 85.

## **VARSITY BOYS**

SOCCER

**HEAD COACH: ROB ATKINS** 

Season Record: 11-6-1 • Playoff Record: 1-1

#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Max Cardone: All BAL - First Team, League MVP (President's Division)

Titus Ahlborn: All BAL - First Team
Cortez Cardone: All BAL - First Team
Jake Matthews: All BAL - First Team
Cody Dill: All BAL - Second Team
Micah Dill: All BAL - Second Team
Griffin Schmitt: All BAL - Second Team
Nick Vavala: All BAL - Second Team

Rob Atkins: BAL Coach of the Year (President's Divison)

Max Cardone: PA Soccer Coaches Association - All State Team

The Knights followed up their district championship run of 2020 with a strong regular season record of 11-6-1 and great positioning for the playoffs. Led by seniors Max Cardone and Micah Dill, the Knights went into their first round game against Dock Mennonite Academy confidently, having lost to them in the regular season 1-0. The Knights prevailed this time 3-0, earning an opportunity to play top seeded Faith Christian in the second round. Despite a valiant effort, the Knights fell to Faith 4-0, ending their season earlier than hoped. The highlight of the year was an improbable 1-0 home victory against Faith Christian, giving the Knights their first regular season victory against that squad program in the Coach Atkins era.



## **VARSITY GIRLS**

#### **HEAD COACH: LIZ SHACKLETON '12**

Season Record (Team): 9-1 Playoff Record (Team): 1-1

DC Girls Tennis continued its annual dominance over league competition, winning its second straight BAL title and earning a berth in the District finals for the third straight season. Paired again in doubles, Senior Brette Foutch and junior Sarah Stahl were a formidable duo that is extremely



their third straight District 1AA title and sailed through the first round of the PIAA state tournament defeating the doubles team from Montour 6-1, 6-1. In the quarterfinals, they fought through a tough second set, bringing the set to a tie-breaker, where they fell to the doubles team from Riverside.

#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Brette Foutch: All BAL - First Team (Doubles), League MVP Sarah Stahl: All BAL - First Team (Doubles)

Ashley Van Dixhoorn: All BAL - Second Team (Doubles) Stephanie You: All BAL - Honorable Mention Liz Shacketon: BAL Coach of the Year

#### VARSITY

## COUNTRY

#### **HEAD COACH: GEORGE MCFARLAND**

Season Record: Girls Cross Country Won BAL Team Title Playoff Record: 3 runners earned PIAA State Tournament Berths



This year's Cross Country team was a perfect blend of youth and experience, which helped build a dominant team. The Girls Team easily won the BAL Championship for the first time in school history, and was undefeated in BAL meets throughout the season. Coach George McFarland was also recognized as BAL Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year. Seniors Ella Hines, Liza Lee, and Bethany Jacox all qualified for the PIAA State Tournament in Hershey, PA on November 5, where each Senior ran excellent races - beating their previous personal records on that course by over a minute.

#### **AWARD WINNERS**

Ella Hines: All BAL - First Team, District 1A Champion Elizabeth Lee: All BAL - First Team Gabrielle Watson: All BAL - First Team Chloe Bryant: All BAL - Second Team Mary Schaefer: All BAL - Second Team



#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

#### **HEAD COACH: NICOLE O'LEARY**

Despite having seven of nine team members brand new to the sport, the DC Middle School Cross Country team consistently had runners in the top five at each meet, and each runner improved their 2 mile time throughout the season. DC hosted three home meets, and ran two away meets at Lancaster Christian and Coventry Christian. This season was focused on encouraging teammates and getting strength from God. The future is bright as the team continues to gain experience and build its confidence moving forward.

#### DC AWARDS:

Everyday Excellence - Jason Zhang Most Improved - Matthew Thompson Top Performers - Addison Atkins and Adrian Gin





# MIDDLE SCHOOL FLAG FOOTBALL

#### **HEAD COACH: KENNY ORANGE**

The DC Middle School flag football team began with three goals this season: always support one another as brothers, get better every day we take the field, and play each play in the name of Jesus Christ. Not only did the team exceed expectations, they played two awesome contests this season - allowing our players to demonstrate their hard work and determination in achieving our team goals. Despite challenges, injuries, loss of loved ones, and the emotionality that comes with life as an adolescent, the team banned together and wrapped their arms around each other throughout the season.

#### DC AWARDS:

Everyday Excellence - Bradford Berwick Most Improved - Marquez Brown Top Performer - Karter Shaheed-Freeman

# MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

**HEAD COACH: MADISON HALLSTROM '15** 

The DC Middle School Field Hockey program had fifteen young athletes this year, the largest group of players in many years. The team played five games this year with a final record of 4-0-1. Alexa Cardone, the Offensive Player of the Year, was DC's high scorer with 6 goals with multiple assists. Kaylee Kroll and Carrington Taylor each had 3 goals. Newcomer Leah Darnall was the Defensive Player of the Season and Carrington Taylor was the Most Improved Player. The team hopes to continue to grow in size and skill next year through clinics in the Spring and Summer.

#### DC AWARDS:

Most Improved: Carrington Taylor Everyday Excellence: Maryn D'Antonio Top Performers: Leah Darnall- Defense, Alexa Cardone- Offense





# MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

#### HEAD COACHES: ANGELA KEELAN & CRAIG MONTGOMERY '95

The Middle School Boys Soccer team's focus this season was working to improve each player and instill good sportsmanship to prepare them for the DC Upper School team. Even though the team lost 3 games, the boys played well in each game, showing great teamwork with passing combination plays up and down the field. This year, there were thirty-two athletes on the squad forming 2 teams. The co-captains this year were Jonas Ma and Jude Sacks. A verse that anchored the boys throughout the season was Proverbs 27:17 "Iron Sharpens iron" both in friendship and accountability for the team.

#### A TEAM DC AWARDS:

Most Improved Player Award: Jay Gricco Top Performer Award: Jude Sacks Everyday Excellence Award: Jonas Ma

#### **B TEAM DC AWARDS:**

Top Performer: Josiah Johnakin Most Improved: Chris Leveille Everyday Excellence: Anthony Fanelli-Salazar



## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

HEAD COACHES: DAN BLESSING, KIRSTEN RASMUSSEN '14

The Middle School Girls Soccer team was young but feisty. Our squad of ten 6th graders, ten 7th graders, and three 8th graders went up against fierce competition this year playing against larger and more seasoned programs. But the team rose to the challenge and produced several capable goal-scorers, strategic playmakers, and strong defenders. The 2021 season record was a little disappointing, however the future is extremely bright for DC Girls Soccer as there is no shortage of talent.

#### DC AWARDS:

Everyday Excellence - Erin McCartney Most Improved - Lily Peters Top Performer - Anna Latchford



This article has been taken from a testimony given by senior,
Caitlyn Goneau during the
Senior Recognition for Fall Athletes Event in November.
Caitie has been playing field hockey, basketball, and softball at DC for seven years.



## FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

My name is Caitie Goneau and I have had the privilege of playing field hockey at DC for the past seven years. While field hockey is extremely thrilling in and of itself, I would have to say that my most favorite part of the game happens when I'm not on the field. My favorite memories are not of the big wins or the great plays, but of the fits of laughter that make my stomach hurt during practice and bonding while crying over the most unimportant things in a way that only girls do. Now this is not to say that I don't enjoy winning very much, but I think if you ask any one of these athletes in this room, they would agree that victory without comraderie is unfulfilling.

Paul says in his letter to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Throughout my athletic career I have always strived to fight the good fight. But as I mentioned earlier, this is not exclusive to the time spent on the field but also occurs in every aspect of a team. To me, fighting the good fight means picking your teammates up after a tough loss or staying humble when you're crushing a game. It means talking to your teammates in the hallways, checking in on them and loving them even when they frustrate you.

I have experienced many different types of leaders and by the beginning of my senior year, I knew exactly how I wanted to lead my teammates. I wanted to be a support to my team and I didn't want our season to be defined by wins and losses. I wanted to be a senior that made sure my teammates still loved the game even after a tough season. I wanted to win, but only if we had all fought the good fight together. And looking around, I can confidently say that I am so proud to be part of a senior class that fights the good fight. I have watched games and witnessed the growth of friendship and I believe the DC seniors have competed in a way that would please our Father in heaven. We have played through a pandemic and strived for excellence on the field, in the classroom and we have led our teams through thick and thin. This is what it means to fight the good fight.

Our years of competition at DC have come to an end and here we are, looking forward to college. Some of us will play another season, but some of us will not and so the question really is: what now? Thankfully, Paul thought ahead and he has an answer. We keep the faith. We keep the faith that God will protect us through this pandemic, we keep the faith that He will provide the future education that we desire, and we keep the faith that He will help us continue to fight the good fight. Trusting in the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Keeping the faith means trusting that this pandemic will end, it means trusting that our paths will be made straight and believing that God's plan is entirely for our good, even when we don't understand it.

I am proud of each and every one of you and I hope you continue to have faith that God will uphold you in the midst of every fight that comes your way. Thank you.



### DC INVITATIONAL TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT

The 56th Annual DC Invitational Tournament brought together basketball teams from DC, TCA, Atlantic Christian School, and Eden Christian Academy. Both the DC girls and boys teams played with excellence and skill. Congratulations to the varsity boys team for taking the tournament title.





#### WELCOMING OUR FIRST PK2 CLASS

This September, DC expanded the ECC program and welcomed in the very first class of two year old students. The two year old classroom is an adventure every day where you find kids laughing, singing, and buzzing around the room as they learn. Every day consists of music & movement, art, snack, Bible, centers, crafts, story time, recess, nature walks, and color hunts, with the goal of building important fundamental character traits through social interaction, imaginative play, and exploration of the world God created.

"These precious students are little sponges with smiles on their faces each day ready to soak up all they can learn. Each student knows he or she is loved and in a safe place where their faith and academics can grow and flourish. It is a pleasure to partner with the parents in training these little ones up in the ways of the Lord."

-Allison Christman, PK2 Teacher







#### **DEDICATING OUR SCHOOL 2021**

After holding last year's Dedication Service online, a record number of DC families and students were excited to return to campus for the annual back to school Picnic and Dedication Service.



The Upper Campus courtyard was lined with tables and chairs where our families enjoyed a meal of Chick-Fil-A and Mission BBQ. Following the meal, the DC community joined together on the turf field for a time of worship and prayer for the 2021-22 school year.









#### EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT

To kickstart the 2021-22 school year, eighth grade students attended a retreat at Camp Men-O-Lan in Quakertown, PA. The overnight retreat included activities that focused on building camaraderie and friendships, competitive games of tetherball with Mr. Fenley, and times of reflection, prayer, and study led by Middle School faculty members Mr. Skaer and Mr. Young.

#### FRESHMAN LAUNCH

This year, we also saw the return of DC's annual Freshman Launch after having to cancel last year. On September 8-10, ninth grade students and several of our staff members including Assistant Head of the Lower School, Kevin McIntyre, and recently retired fifth grade teacher Scott Bateman braved heavy rains camping in Caledonia State Park.

"We had a blast! There were fun activities such as canoeing and orienteering. We also had great food cooked by Mr. Bateman. We had devotions every morning and a lesson before we went to bed, so I really felt like I grew closer to God on the trip. It poured the first night that we were there and many tents got flooded. Even if it was a little wet, it was a great time to bond with my class and have fun. It was a trip we will never forget.

-Sam (Class of 2025)

#### 10th -12th GRADE RETREAT

Alumni will remember with fond memories DC's Upper School retreats at Harvey Cedars that kicked off each school year. After having not held one in over a decade, Head of Upper School Mark Dixon, having personally benefited from those trips as a DC student himself, decided to revive the tradition. Tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students began this school year by spending three days at Harvey Cedars to reconnect with one another, refocus on the school year ahead, and to hear from Director of Diversity, Ray Garcia.



#### DEDICATION OF THE ORCHARD

Rainy weather could not prevent the DC first grade students from excitedly exploring their brand new classrooms in The Orchard, the newest building on the Lower Campus. The dedication ceremony on Tuesday, October 5, gathered first grade students and their parents for a time of prayer, song, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

#### COLLEGE BUS TOUR

Members of the DC junior and senior classes had the opportunity to take a tour of colleges with their classmates as they prepared for their next stage in their academic careers. Schools visited this year included: Franklin & Marshall College, Messiah University, West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, Grove City College, and Penn State University.

"It was helpful to be able to go and see the different sized schools and get a feel for which I preferred. My favorite part of the trip was being able to have a tour and learn more details about the school while seeing it in person."

-Corrine, Junior





#### DR. ALVEDA KING

Dr. Alveda King was a guest speaker at the Upper School Chapel in September. Dr. King is the daughter of the slain civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King, and the niece of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. An outspoken advocate for the sanctity of human life "from womb to tomb," she has worked tirelessly toward glorifying God on this earth for over half a century. Most recently, Dr. King launched *Speak for Life*, a pro-life organization which specifically works with students to build a foundational worldview of the sanctity of life and human dignity. During chapel, Dr. King shared passionately about her faith in Jesus Christ, the legacy of her family, and the personal life experiences that shaped her ministry and activism. She shared in particular how Psalms 23, 91, and 103 have guided her through many trials. Her final call was for boldness to share unity as she led the school in singing "This Little Light of Mine."

#### MULTICULTURAL ALLIANCE

The Multicultural Alliance Club (MCA) seeks to celebrate the diversity of God's people. In addition to weekly meetings, Mr. Rob Irias and Mrs. Noelle Collins organized a trip with MCA students in October to explore the rich culture of the city of Philadelphia. Students visited The Magic Gardens in Philadelphia to appreciate the beautiful art of the city and to learn about the Mexican art on display. They also shared a family-style meal at the James Beard Award winning Mexican restaurant, South Philly Barbacoa where students got to meet and talk to the chef-owner and discuss their personal family food traditions.





## FIELD TRIP TO STONE HARBOR

Fifth grade students had the chance to experience their study of shoreline ecosystems first hand, when they traveled to the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ in late September. Their science curriculum came to life as they touched horseshoe crabs, observed shorebirds, collected shells, and walked the beaches to experience the wetland ecology of the New Jersey shoreline.

#### ANNUAL DC 5K AND 1 MILE WALK/ RUN

Thank you to the participants, supporters, and volunteers who braved the cold temperatures and participated in the 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. This year's race raised \$21,000 to support DC's Middle and Upper School athletics, club sports, our Lower School feeder program, and a dedicated strength and conditioning program for all athletes.





#### DISCOVERY AQUARIUM

As an extension of the science curriculum, second grade students visited the Adventure Aquarium in Camden NJ to extend their learning about aquatic animals. Students experienced penguin feeding, watched hippopotami, walked through a shark tunnel, pet stingrays, and experienced first hand over 15,000 aquatic animals.

#### **HOMECOMING 2021**

150 HOMECOMING 200+ S'mores roasted pom-poms over firepits shaken FUN FACTS **35** performers in the touchdowns scored **Talent Show** during Powderpuff \$1200 120 **DC** pumpkins faculty members raised for sold by the Lower plunged into the The Armory School PVO dunk tank

"Being one of the coaches of the Senior Powderpuff team was pure ecstasy. My fellow coaches, the athletes, and I were jumping up and down with excitement as we took one final play to end the game. The beginning of the game had certainly worried me as our offense struggled to move the ball downfield and our defense quickly surrendered two touchdowns. But with a few adjustments, a spark of life was given to our team and a quick touchdown and safety led to a 22-0 scoring run that gave us a solid lead. It was amazing to enjoy the culmination of our two weeks of practice, especially after losing the previous year to the Class of 2021. What an exciting way to celebrate our senior year!"

-Ben (Class of 2022)

"Homecoming at DC is a weekend that I look forward to each year. Attending all the events and festivities that are held has certainly been a highlight of my Fall semester. From the spirit days leading up to the weekend to the food trucks and Powderpuff game on Friday all the way until the football game on Saturday afternoon, the weekend is filled with all kinds of fun ways to honor the alumni while also bringing the students and faculty together. The students buzzed with excitement about the events of the weekend, and the school came together to support each sport team as they competed. Overall, the weekend was an extraordinary way to take a break from academics and truly enjoy one of the fundamental values that DC stands for: community."

-Cherith (Class of 2022)















**Jenny Kinch Khabursky '99** and her husband Evgeni welcomed daughter Celia Elise Khabursky on June 12, 2020. Jenny currently lives in West Chester, PA.





Naomi Hepkins Poyser '02 and her husband Stephen welcomed Caleb Sinclair in April of 2021. Caleb was 8 pounds, 13 ounces and 21.5 inches long. He joined big brothers Levi (8) and Jordan (6). Naomi currently serves on the DC Board of Trustees, and Stephen is the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach.





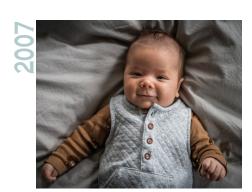
Martha Wright Harris '02, and her husband Colin are happy to announce the birth of their son Jet Raymond Harris. Martha is currently a homemaker in Media, PA. Jet joins sisters Gemma (9) and Ruby (6).



Shannon Angelos Schreiber '02 and her husband Mark welcomed their 4th child, Tucker Joseph on October 12, 2021. Tuck joins Behr (11), Hudson (8) and Elizabeth (5). Shannon currently works for DC as the Alumni Manager.



Rachel Hepkins Thompson '04, and her husband Brad welcomed their daughter Hope Hazel Tshepo Thompson on August 5, 2021. She was 6 pounds and 8 ounces and her brothers Jeremiah (7), Joseph (6) and Benjamin (4) love giving her hugs and kisses. They are thankful to the Lord for all the goodness He has shown them.



Ben Leaman '07 and Abbey Ellsworth Leaman '07 welcomed Wells Price Leaman, born on October 9th, 2021. Wells joins siblings Olivia (4) and Theo (2).



Catherine Barbee Power '07, and her husband Connor (Upper Campus Physical Education Faculty) are excited to announce the arrival of their baby boy Oliver born on June 30. He can't wait to join the pack of DC boys born this past year and get to hang out with his older brother James (7).



Lauren Coppola Cavanagh '08 and her husband Matt are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Sydney, born on November 16. Lauren is currently working for DC in the Development Office. Sydney joins big brother, Bryant (4).



Sean Ellsworth '09 and his wife Marissa welcomed their third child, Emma Rae Ellsworth on September 22. Emma joins older siblings, Owen (4) and Annie (3). The Ellsworths currently reside in Ypsilanti, MI while Sean pursues his MBA at the University of Michigan.



Abby Semple Drass '15, graduated Suma Cum Laude from West Chester University with a degree in Graphic Arts in May 2021. Following graduation, Abby took a job with Young America's Foundation. She had the opportunity to meet Vice President Mike Pence when he came to their office to record his new podcast, American Freedom.



Rose Favino Van Grinsven '15 married Jansen Van Grinsven on September 5, 2021. DC Alumni in the wedding were: Caleb Favino'13, Joel Favino '14, Jacob Favino '17, Ingrid Stahl '15, as well as current students Ben Favino (Class of 2022) and Maya Collins (Class of 2023). Many other DC alumni, faculty, staff and alumni parents also attended the wedding.



Ana Yee '17, is currently finishing her senior year at Harvard University and will graduate in May with a degree in the History of Science and a minor in Comparative Religion. Upon graduation, Ana plans to pursue a Master of Social Work and eventually become a global mental health worker in the missions field. During her time at Harvard, Ana has been involved in the Christian journal, The Harvard Icthus. In Ana's most recent article, 'Crossing Chasms, Building Bridges' (October 27, 2021) she writes: "Therefore, being loved by others can be a significant part of being filled with the love of God. Likewise, extending love to others is an essential part of helping them experience love of God. The members of the Body of Christ are to be constantly pouring out and receiving love — amongst one another in unity (Ephesians 4). From that position of unity, the Body can then incarnate God's love to a broken world."

2017



Davis O'Leary '17 married Hannah Moses on August 14, 2021. Davis is currently in his second year at Temple Law School and is working at a firm, while Hannah is teaching Kindergarten at Delaware County Christian School. They currently live in King of Prussia, PA. In attendance at their wedding were: Parker O'Leary '12, Katherine Nichols '15, Molly Nichols '22, Daniel Nichols '17, Kouadio Toukou '17. Molly Harnish '17. Leah Pulliam '17. Dawson Garner '17, Josh Ellsworth '15, Emma Ellsworth Rowe '16, Ben Rowe '16, Brown Vincent '00, Stephanie Vincent (DC Faculty), Minda Garner (DC Staff), and Betty Ellsworth '83.

#### Cheyenne March '17 and Nathaniel Carroll '17

tied the knot on December 11, 2021. The wedding party and guests included, Cody Moorhatch '17, Rhonda Rinicella '17, Jamie FitzGerald '18, Rachel Smith '17, Maddie Coury '17, Taylor Mingle '17, Emily Carroll '18, Rich Carroll '90, Craig Carroll '90, Katie Carroll '04, Sarah Kuc Smith '01, Joe Carroll '66, Marge Hanuum Carroll '66, Jennifer Johnson Moor-

hatch '88, and Steve Moorhatch '87 as well as current students Ryan Carroll (Class of 2024) and Leo Xu (Class of 2023). Current faculty in attendance include Molly O'Leary, Kristen Levis '92, and Arlene Warmhold.



#### **ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES**

#### In Memorium



#### THE REV. HERBERT EDWARD ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson went home to be with his Savior on December 6, 2021 at the age of 92. Herb was a former English teacher and Chair of our Language Arts Department at DC in the late 1980s. He was involved in other areas of school life including directing musicals for the theater department, and being involved with the Yearbook and Journalism clubs during his tenure at DC.



#### **DELBERT S. WILLIAMS, "SONNY"**

Mr. Williams, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 with his loving family by his side. Sonny was a lifelong friend of Roy Lowrie and later became a DC grandparent, and a great-grandfather of six current students. Isaac '24 and Abigail Jackson '26 and Caroline '24, Juliette '27, David '30, and Luke Jackson '34.



#### **CLASS OF 1972 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION**

On September 25, 2021, the Class of 1972 gathered together on the Upper Campus with Class Faculty Advisor Dave Boorse. The Class spoke with Head of School, Dan Steinfield and toured Lowrie Hall. They shared laughs and told stories of helping to lay the DC track, and memories in the Upper Gym. The group, including spouses, concluded their tour with a luncheon in the courtyard. As the class gathered to celebrate, they honored the memory of classmate Nancy Kraftson Harriz by making a class gift to the DC Endowment Campaign.

Pictured on the Lowrie Hall Staircase are members of the Class of 1972 and friends. Back Row, L–R: Ruth Newton Kornfield, Kim Larson, Ruth Anne Hastie, Linda Boettcher, David Stott, Russ Nixon, Doug Arters, David McDonald, Charlie Reitsma, Lea Courtney, Owen Gibson, Gary Taylor, Anne Newton Difabio, Jeff Gladden, Gail Speers Prettyman, Bruce Park, Allan Hofmann, Clair "Buck" Stephens, Cheryl Mason DiBartolo, Class Advisor David Boorse, Eric Zetterburg, and Tim Smith.



#### WITH YOU

We'd love to have you share your current email address, contact phone number, and instagram handle. Email the alumni office at alumni@dccs.org.





## THE CLASS OF 1970 celebrated their (delayed) 50th Reunion with a weekend of gatherings, including dinners hosted by Glen and Connie Kraftson McDowell and Curt and Darla Eldredge. Marge Dill hosted a tour of the Upper Campus.

Attendees included, Back row (L-R): Marge Calderwood Dill, Jim Harrell, Curt Eldredge, Bruce Anderson Front row (L-R): Susan Martindale Lewis, Connie Kraftson McDowell, Kay VanEss Gagliardi

#### THE CLASS OF 1986

Kim Rowe recently hosted the 35th Reunion for the Class of '86. The following alumni attended and are pictured: (L-R) Jeff Clark, John Robinson, Kim Poulterer Rowe, David Wambold, Cliff Davis, Donna Keenan Mitchell, Dana Clark, Tom Taylor, Nancy Dravisky Swords, Jean Merola Pickett, Paul Becker, and Debbie Madsen Benasutti



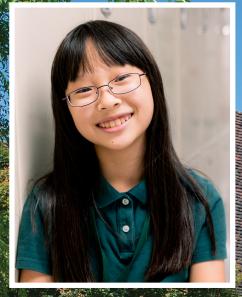
Our Alumni Soccer game returned during our 2021 Homecoming festivities for their first official game on DC's new turf field. With packed stands and a large turnout, the game was great fun for all.

#### **ALUMNI SOCCER GAME**

Pictured from Left to Right: Back Row: John Levis-Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach, Rob Atkins-Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach, Craig Montgomery '95, Jamie Fitzgerald '17, Dawson Garner '17, Cody Moorhatch '17, Ryan Norton '15, Jacob Hobaugh '18, Nate Shakelton-Boys JV Soccer Head Coach and Varsity Assistant, Jamie Calderwood '03. Brown Vincent '00. James Trotter' 01, his daughter, Dave Rivell '00. Middle Row: Ben Tyson '17, Peter Keelan-Alumni Parent and former Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, Rob Irias-Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach, Brittany See Andraka '12, Liz Turner Shackelton '13 Front Row: Angela Keelan-Boys Middle School Soccer Coach and Alumni Parent. Kirsten Rasmussen '14, Ashley Karpiak Jochum '14, Rich Carroll '90 and current school parent.



















#### 2021-2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

# The Extraordinary Goodney of God

Dear Members of the DC Community,

The Lord has richly blessed Delaware County Christian School. I am pleased to share DC at a Glance for 2020-2021. Throughout the coming pages, you will see how working in community has brought DC to where it is today and where God is leading us tomorrow.

DC has always been a community that has been drawn together in faith and commitment to supporting one another. This past year the DC community intentionally leaned into God's provisions for our school and drew closer in spiritual connection as we continued to navigate the challenges we faced as a global community. This intentionality of working in community has led us to a new academic schedule, strategic planning for the future needs of our growing community through program development and tuition assistance, and a more substantial commitment to Faculty and Staff compensation and support.

As we continue to serve our mission of preparing young people who will serve God and impact the world for Christ, let us be reminded that this can only be done when we work alongside one another to lift up our young people in prayer and with gifts of time, talent and resources. We thank those of you who have been called to use your gifts to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

Blessings,
Allison B Stinger
Director of Development



#### FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEFS

## Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Tesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

God's Word doesn't pull punches when it comes to the call to practice gratitude. We are encouraged, exhorted, and even commanded to be thankful throughout scripture. Of course, this call to thankfulness is at times easier than others. Life is full of moments of incredible joy as well as terrible sadness. Through it all, we have an unshakable foundation for a deep and unyielding gratitude. And so, we heed the call in I Thessalonians to give thanks in ALL circumstances. As we consider all that God is doing at DC, it's not hard to be thankful. God is prospering DC and its mission, and our hearts overflow with gratitude for His generosity and kindness to our school.

First and foremost, we thank God for the faculty and staff of DC. The success of DC has always traced back to the commitment of these exceptional men and women who continually demonstrate Christ's own definition of greatness as found in Matthew 20:26. They give themselves to serve the students entrusted to them. They pursue excellence and model the gospel of grace. They invest in the next generation who will impact the world for Christ in large and small ways. For them, we are truly grateful.

Secondly, we thank God for unity in Him. DC is not just a school; we are a community of believers. When the culture and even Christian communities are increasingly fractured, we don't take it for granted that God has sustained us in a common mission, even when we don't agree on everything. We have experienced a joyful unity, and this is pleasing to our Lord who prayed earnestly in Gethsemane that we would be one (John 17:20-21).

We thank God for financial provision. In the midst of economic uncertainty, God has been very generous to DC through families and friends who are willing to invest in its mission through the completion of the Endowment Campaign, the funding of a new Student Union and baseball fields, and the ongoing support of the Annual Fund for DC. It is through these acts of generosity that DC is able to provide an outstanding education for our students.

We thank God for increasing enrollment. A record number of alumni have enrolled their children into DC this year. To date, DC's enrollment is over 730, including 220 new students of which 19 are in our new two year old class. Envisioning how Christ will work in the hearts of each of these students makes us especially thankful.

Last but not least, we thank God for Jesus, the fountainhead of God's grace to us. He is indeed an inexpressible gift (2 Corinthians 9:15). Through His death, we have forgiveness of all our sins (Colossians 1:14) and through His resurrection we have the promise of eternal life (John 17:3).

Thanking God with you and for you.

The DC Board of Trustees



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educate students who will
serve God and
impact the world
through biblical thought
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If you would like to make a donation or pledge towards The Annual Fund for DC, please go to dccs.org/give or use your mobile phone camera to follow this QR code.



Delaware County Christian School commits to being good stewards of the generosity shared from members of our greater DC community. DC is blessed to present a strong statement of operations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

INCOME: \$12,348,072 **EXPENSES: \$12,373,996** 



79% TUITION & FEES
13% UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS
5% OTHER INCOME
3% ENDOWMENT INCOME



66% SALARIES & BENEFITS
13% FINANCIAL AID
9% MAITENANCE & CAPITAL
7% ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
5% EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## Thank you for your participation

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$14,319,950
RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS \$12,711,767
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS \$1,608,183



60% ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
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7% EITC CONTRIBUTIONS
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5% OTHER RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS



## THE SCHOOL

A DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, PK2 TO 12TH GRADES, SERVING THE **GREATER SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA** 

**EXTENSIVE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING: ARTS, ATHLETICS, ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT** 

**GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY: DC STUDENTS REPRESENT OVER 36 SCHOOL DISTRICTS** 

**RACIAL DIVERSITY: 38%** 

**150 LOCAL CHURCHES REPRESENTED BY SCHOOL FAMILIES** 

**ACCREDITED BY:** 

**MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES** & SCHOOLS & ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN **SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL** 



## **FACULTY**

**141 FACULTY AND STAFF** 7:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO 49% HAVE TAUGHT AT DC FOR 10 YEARS+ **65% HOLD ADVANCED DEGREES** 

### **ACADEMICS**

98% OF OUR GRADUATES GO ON TO COLLEGES NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

**17 AP COURSES A YEAR** 

85% OF DC STUDENTS COMPLETING AP COURSES SCORED A THREE OR HIGHER ON THE 2021 AP EXAMS

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 20+ HOURS OF SERVICE PER YEAR



**MEMBERSHIPS:** 

THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (PIAA) & THE BICENTENNIAL ATHLETIC LEAGUE (BAL)

28 TEAMS IN 13 SPORTS, GRADES 6-12

4 LEAGUE TITLES, 2 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS 4 TRIPS TO THE STATE PLAYOFFS

**8 FIELDS AND FACILITIES** 

**57% OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12** 

#### **ARTS**

**AWARD-WINNING BAND & CHOIR** 

FALL PLAY AND WINTER MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS EACH YEAR

196 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

24 DC STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
IN THE 2021 ACSI ART SHOW WITH 10 RECOGNIZED
WITH EXCELLENT OR SUPERIOR RANKINGS AND
1 RECEIVING BEST OF SHOW





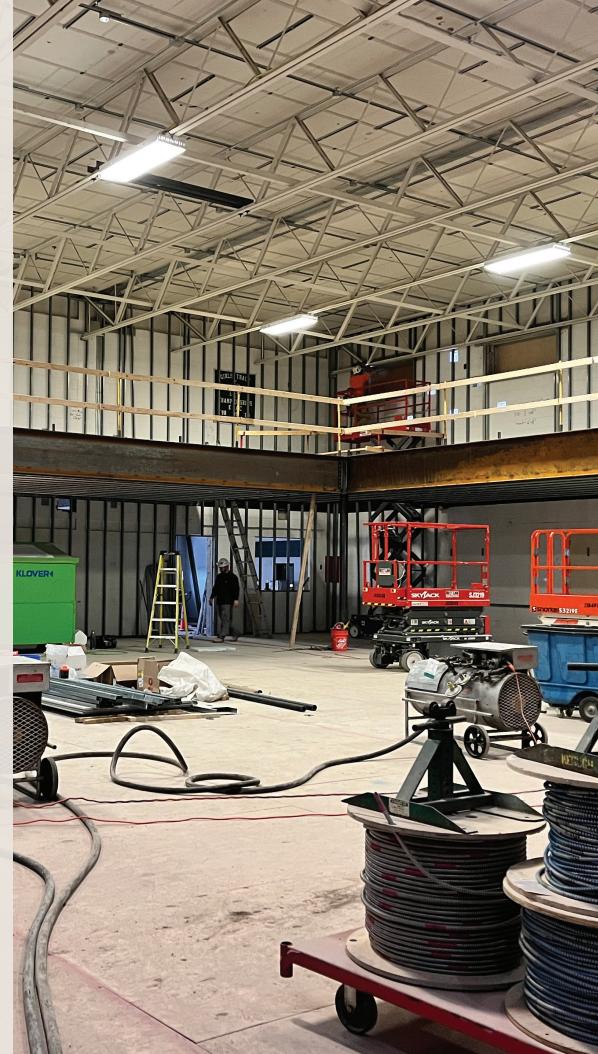


## The Student Union:

#### BUILDING A FACILITY THAT NURTURES AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY

The new DC Student Union is on target to be completed at the Upper Campus later this Spring. Construction began in September with the demolition of the old Upper Gym and its back wall. This was followed by the installation of custom beams that hold up the upper mezzanine level, and breaking through the west-facing wall of the building where large windows and glass doors will be installed to provide ample natural lighting and expansive views overlooking DC's athletic fields.

The mezzanine level that wraps around the main dining area has now been installed and the staircase and final railings are expected to be put in place by the end of February. The new kitchen area has been framed out and DC students should be able to taste the first meals coming out of that kitchen before the end of the school year. This new facility will surely bless future generations of DC students and provide a space for events, community building, dynamic learning, and creative collaborations.



## YOUR **GIVING** MATTERS.

HERE ARE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF DC, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS & FACULTY:

- Matching Gifts for current or retired employees are offered by many corporations.
- Planned Gifts allow you to maximize your giving and/or minimize the impact of your estate.
- Cash Gifts and Pledges may be made as a single gift or a pledge. Online giving is available.
- Gifts in Kind possibilities are limitless. Such gifts should be discussed with a member of the Development Office and the Head of School prior to any donation.
- Appreciated Assets (appreciated stock)



OR CALL TO REQUEST A PERSONAL TOUR 610-353-6522 x 2285

#### TURNING PA TAX DOLLARS INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know in a few short minutes you could redirect your Pennsylvania tax dollars to provide financial assistance to DC students?

See below a breakdown of how contributions made through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) or Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) benefit DC.

#### SAMPLE TAX CALCULATION

(LLC, PARTNERSHIP, S-CORP OR INDIVIDUAL BASED ON A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT)

**CASH GIFT TO CHARITY - \$3500** 

PA TAX-CREDIT REDUCTION (90% OF CONTRIBUTION) - \$3150

NET-FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTION (37% OF TAX RATE) - \$130





"Donating through the EITC program has been so easy for our family. It was an easy decision to participate and equally easy to enroll. It is very satisfying to have our tax dollars support DC through EITC as we are so passionate about DC; an institution that has blessed our children with a great education through the work of amazing teachers who carry out the mission of DC every single day. As we think ahead to our son Trevor's graduation this year, we are fondly reminded of what a wonderful journey that we have had at DC since 2008 when our older son Brendan enrolled in first grade. It will be our joy to continue to participate in the EITC program even after his graduation."

-Brian and Trisha Tuttle, with sons Trevor, Class of 2022, and Brendan '20.

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