



2017-18 SCHOOL
THEME VERSE

*“Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.”*
Psalm 20:7-8

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Looking ahead this week, it is going to be a big week for DeMotte Christian Grade School and DMCS, Inc. We have already started our part two of ISTEPs this morning and hope to be finished toward the beginning of next week. We continue to conduct our ISTEPs online and not on paper. The transition has been smoother than I had expected. I believe one reason is that the students in grades K-8 are completing other tests online throughout the year. I am proud to share that because of donations, fundraisers, and funds provided by the Partners In Education (PIE) committee, we are able to have the technology foundation and resources needed to effortlessly help our student’s education. I have confidence that the online format will continue to go well, but I will join many in being glad when they are completed. With that being said, there is great value in assessing our students and our school so that we can continue to strive toward improvement educationally.

Another big happening at DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. is that we will be hosting an accreditation team from Christian Schools International for each of our schools. Starting in the evening tomorrow, the CSI team will meet with the DMCS Steering Committee and review the accreditation process we went through. During the day on Wednesday, the team will validate our school’s self-study. On Thursday morning, they intend to meet with members of the DMCS Steering Committee, lead teachers, and administrators to review the school’s improvement plan, and make suggestions for improvement. After completing their study, the CSI Accreditation Visiting Committee will hopefully be recommending that DMCS be awarded full accredited status. We want to especially thank the school’s staff, the DMCS Accreditation Steering Committee, as well as other society members for their additional work and time during this year in working through this valuable accreditation process.

Finally, this week we plan to have students partaking in a track meet, Math triathlon at Trinity Christian College, a Spring Fling (PK3) program, rehearsals for our Jr. High Musical, classroom service opportunities, and much more. It is that time of year when things can often get busy. It is through the busy times that we need reminders that God is in control of it all and we continue to give our all in service and in glorifying Him.

Mr. Brinks

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL	DMC Service Month		
16-May 04	ISTEP+ Part 2 (grades 3-8)	4	P.I.E. Walk-A-Thon
16	SCRIP Due By 8:00am	4	Junior High Fun Night – 5:00-8:00pm
16	Partners In Education – 7:00pm	7	SCRIP Due by 8:00am
17-19	Christian Schools International Accreditation Site Visit	7	Accelerated Reader Store
19	Math Triathlon at Trinity Christian College	8	2 nd Grade to Field Museum
20	PS4 Spring Fling – 6:30pm	10	Reality Store (8 th Grade Students)
21	P.I.E. Rummage Sale at CCHS	10	Ascension Day
23	SCRIP Due By 8:00am	11	2 nd and 3 rd Graders to Rensselaer Airport
23	Yearbook Orders Due	11	Friday Night Frenzy (4 th and 5 th graders)
23	Kindergarten Service Project – Town of DeMotte	14	SCRIP Due by 8:00am
24	Young Authors to Trinity Christian College	15	7 th Grade to Indianapolis/Speedway
26	“Suds For A Cause” Pick Up @ DMC	15	3 rd Grade to Lafayette – Pen Pals
27	NO KV BUSES	15	Assembly – CCHS Advance Choir – 12:30pm
27	6 th to Museum of Science and Industry	15	8 th Grade Banquet – 6:30pm
27	Q4 STARS Due (JH)	16	8 th Grade to Great America
27-28	DMC Musical, “The Lion King, Jr.” – 7:00pm	17	PS-3 Last Day of School
30	SCRIP Due by 8am	18	Awards Assembly
MAY		18	PS-4 Last Day of School
1	DMCS Board Meeting – 7:00pm	18	Kindergarten Program – 6:30pm
2	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	21	SCRIP Due by 8:00am
3	DMC Spring Band/Choir Concert – 7:00pm	21	Junior High to Inman’s Bowling & Recreation Center
3	National Day of Prayer	21	P.I.E. Meeting – 7:00pm
		22	Kindergarten Round Up – 7:50am



NEWS TO KNOW!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! You are loved 😊

April 16: Sammy M
Connor R
April 17: Zack F
April 18: David MK
April 19: Isabella C
April 22: Oliver W

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don't forget to pick up your birthday ribbon from the office!

WALK-A-THON 2018: LIVE LIKE JESUS DID

Your child received your family Walk-A-Thon fundraiser packet on Friday! The goal is to raise \$20,000 to be used for our facility updates. This year's theme is *Live Like Jesus Did*. 1 John 2:6 says, "Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did." Each student is asked to collect donations towards fresh paint, more color, interior signs to help guide guests and new families, exciting artwork and updates to our front entrances and school offices. Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, May 4! Thank you for your ongoing efforts!!



DMCS ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING UPDATE

Thank you to those who attended the DMC Annual Society Meeting. Here is a brief update of what transpired at the meeting:

- The 2018-18 Advisory Budget was approved.
- Appointment of Dan B and Elton VT to the Foundation Board was approved.
- Elected to the DMCS Board are:
 - Liz B
 - Tawnya R
 - Jim Z

"THE LION KING, JR."

We have been gearing up for the performance of "The Lion King, Jr." on April 27 and 28, at 7:00pm! Bring your entire family and enjoy this well-known story of the young lion prince born in Africa.

4TH QUARTER LUNCH DUE

The price for 4th quarter lunch is \$92 and is due. Your timely payment is appreciated!

HOT LUNCH HELPER REMINDERS

If you are not able to serve on the day you are scheduled, please trade with another parent or call Mrs. Tazelaar at 987-3721.

This Week	Next Week
Mon Apr 16 Trisha D	Mon Apr 23 Lanaye D
Tues Apr 17 Candace DY	Tues Apr 24 Kate D
Wed Apr 18 Deb C	Wed Apr 25 Britanny DB
Thur Apr 19 Patty E	Thur Apr 26 Marilyn DB
Fri Apr 20 Tina D	Fri Apr 27 Paid Replacement

EXTRA-CURRICULAR and MORE NEWS

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 17:	T&F vs. KV/Kouts @ Kouts – 4:30pm
Monday, April 23:	T&F vs. Morgan Township/Oregon Davis @ Oregon Davis – 4:45pm
Wednesday, April 25:	T&F Chicagoland League Relays @ Trinity Chr. College – 12:00noon
Monday, April 30:	T&F vs. Hebron/KV @ Hebron – 4:30pm
Saturday, May 5:	T&F Bi-County Meet @ Rensselaer – 9:00am
Wednesday, May 9:	T&F Chicagoland League Championship @ Trinity Christian College – 12:00noon



SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH CRAFT DAY FUNDRAISER

The CCHS volleyball team and Mrs. M Vander Molen will have a Craft Day! Girls now in 1st-5th grades are invited to attend. More information and a registration form will be available as the date gets closer! Super excited for all to come!! Any questions, email Mrs. Vander Molen at mvandermolen@dmcs-in.org.

DMC SEEKING VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER COACHES

DeMotte Christian Grade School is currently looking for middle school volleyball and soccer coaches. The specific role is yet to be determined and can be discussed. Please contact James Blom at jblom@dmcsemail.org.

CCHS TRACK & FIELD HELP-A-THON FUNDRAISER

The Covenant Christian High School track team will hold their first “Help-A-Thon” fundraiser on **Saturday, May 5**. Students will go out into the community and work for those in need, after getting pledges (flat or hourly) for tasks accomplished. They are looking for people to help, be it flood victims, elderly people getting ready for spring, disabled needing assistance, etc. Need help or know someone who does, or want to sponsor one of our athletes? Contact Coach Jay Starkey (jaystarkey9@icloud.com or (219)-512-8393 phone/text). Thank you!

DMC SUMMER CAMP DATES (4-DAY CAMPS)

Boys entering 7th-9th grade in 2018-19: BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP June 18-21 @ CCHS: 9:00am-4:00pm
Girls entering 7th-9th grade in 2018-19: GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP June 25-28 @ CCHS/DMC: 9:00am-4:00pm
Boys/Girls entering 4th-6th grade in 2018-19: BASKETBALL CAMP July 9-12 @ DMC: 9-Noon OR 1pm-4pm
QUESTIONS? CONTACT MR. WEAVER AT dweaver@dmcsemail.org.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Orders are being taken for FULL-COLOR 2017-2018 **yearbooks!** Visit www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter this code: 24679Z or return envelope with cash, check or money order payable to DMCS. Orders due by April 23, 2018.

SAVE THE DATES!

- ✓ Mr. Oudman (DMCS Superintendent) WILL retire at the end of this school year. A congratulatory Open House is scheduled for Friday, June 8, from 5:30-8:00pm, at Covenant Christian High School.
- ✓ DMCS 27th Annual Foundation Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 11, with a 1:00pm shotgun start.
- ✓ DMCS Family Fun Night at Deep River Water Park is scheduled for Thursday, August 2!

SCRIP ~ THIS WAY TO LOWER YOUR TUITION!

Your cash back toward your family tuition can really add up! For order forms and information, go to www.dmchr.org, click on “Parents”, then “SCRIP”, then select “Forms and Information” on the left side bar. Questions? Call Shelley, SCRIP Coordinator, at 219-987-3721.

SCRIP dates (by 8:00am): April 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21



Partners In Education (P.I.E.) ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUMMAGE SALE

Covenant Christian High School invites everyone to its Spring Rummage Sale on **April 21**, from 9am – 1pm in the school gym. Come shop for some great bargains for \$7 per bag from 9am – 12pm and just \$2 per bag from 12-1 pm. If you have any gently used items you wish to donate to the sale, they can be brought in through the back door at school on **Thursday, April 19** from 2pm – 5pm, OR bring them in through the front door of school on **Friday, April 20**, from 8am – 2pm. If you would like to volunteer to help set up on **Friday**, please call the CCHS main office at 219-987-7651. Thank you!

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS!! Earn STARS by helping carry bags during the sale, and helping with clean-up between 1pm and 3pm. If interested, please notify Mrs. Tillema or Mrs. Zeilenga.



SUDS FOR A CAUSE

Pick up your products on April 26 at DeMotte Christian Grade School between 2:45-4:00pm.

WEDDING/GRADUATION BOXED CARDS AVAILABLE

Purchase your wedding and graduation cards at DMC! Boxed card prices range from between \$5 and \$6, making each quality card only .42-.50 cents each!

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES COUPON BOOK DISCOUNTED TO ONLY \$15!

The Northwest Indiana Golden Opportunities books are NOW available for A REDUCED PRICE OF ONLY \$15 in the DMC main office!! DMCS makes a \$5 profit from each book sold!!

DON'T FORGET DMCS' ON-GOING PROJECTS!

- ❖ **Box Tops for Education:** We receive 10 cents for every 'Box Tops for Education' label collected!
- ❖ **Original Printer Cartridge Recycle Program:** Bring these items in to the front foyer of school and deposit in the collection box!
- ❖ **"Our Family" Tysen's Labels:** Clip the UPC symbol from any Tysen's "Our Family" product and DMC receives .05 each!
- ❖ **Don't forget our ongoing SCRIP programs! For more information, contact the office at 987-3721.**
- ❖ Join **Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program** and 5% of your purchase will be credited to DMCS for FREE SUPPLIES. DMC's 5% Back to Schools Program ID Number is **70035754**.
- ❖ **Aunt Millie's School Spirit Labels:** Place cut proof-of-purchase symbols (UPCs) in the box in the DMC foyer. DMCS will receive .05 per label.
- ❖ **Amazon:** DMCS will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases at Amazon when you sign up for the Amazon smile program. To register DMCS as your charity of choice, go to www.smile.amazon.com and select DeMotte Christian School. For more information and link to the Amazon website, go to www.dmchr.org/Affinity.cfm





REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIANA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Youth Leadership Camp is a program provided by Indiana Sheriffs for boys and girls who are currently in the 7th or 8th grade and are interested in learning more about a possible career in law enforcement. The camp provides a very meaningful experience and relationship with other campers from throughout the state and sheriff's officers who serve as counselors and instructors. The northern session will be held June 26-29 at Pine Creek Camp in Pine Village, Indiana. The application is attached.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK – MAY 6

Kouts High School is hosting an OUT OF THE DARKNESS walk at Kouts High School to prevent suicide. The Family Career and Community Leaders of America Club that one of our DMCS is a member of chose this for their community service project. The registration is free but donations are encouraged at www.afsp.org/KoutsSchool. Registration begins at 12:00noon and the walk takes place from approximately 1:00 pm -2:30.

LADIES SPA NIGHT OUT

Teen Mother Choices of Crown Point are having their 3rd annual Ladies Spa Night Out on Saturday **May 5th** at Crown Point Christian School from 5-9:30. Each ticket INCLUDES 2 spa services (mani, pedi, massage, or facial) and a choice of 1 of 7 fun classes to take. There will also be food trucks, live music, eyebrow waxing, nail art and SO MUCH MORE! More info on the work of Teen Mother Choices or the Spa Night check out the event page on facebook at Ladies Spa Night Out or contact Janell Rottier at Janell@teenmotherchoices.org or call 708-774-9204

2018 REALITY STORE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Our 8th grade students will be participating in the 2018 Reality Store. The goals of this program include helping 8th grade students learn basic skills in financial planning, goal-setting, decision making and career planning. It also clarifies the need for young teens to examine their attitude toward their futures and their career expectations. If you are interested in helping our teens to start planning realistically for the future, please volunteer to be a part of the Reality Store. They are looking for volunteers to advise stations at the store for three shifts:

1st shift: 7:15am-10:15am

2nd shift: 10:00am-1:30pm

Or choose to help all day!

Please contact Diva Rish, Chamber Executive Director, at 987-5800 or email info@demottechamber.org to help out.

CAMP INVENTION

Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332. Local Camp Invention: Price \$225 (before discount)/For children entering grades K-6/Highland Christian School/3040 Ridge Road, Highland, IN 46322/June 18-22, 2018 from 9:00am-3:30pm. **If any of our DMC families are attending, please contact the office at 219-987-3721. There may be the possibility of forming car pools to this event.**

CONNECT: CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Online registration is required. Go to CONNECTChristianCamp.org.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP ROGER

For information, pricing, and availability, please visit their website, CampRoger.org.

PRAISE CHORALE

The "Community of Praise Chorale" will present their Easter Cantata program, "How Great Thou Art" on Saturday, April 21, (7pm) at Immanuel United Reformed Church in DeMotte. Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise. A freewill offering will be taken.

