



# HOME BULLETIN

April 9, 2018



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

A portion of our school mission states that our school places focus on “service to God and others”. Although the emphasis of serving should be included throughout the school year, it is in the month of April that DeMotte Christian Grade School (DMC) focuses on specific ways that we can serve the community and others. For those who are not aware, Covenant Christian High School students and teachers will be setting aside normal academia to focus an entire week toward serving others later this month. Although the students and teachers at DMC are not planning on traveling far places, like many of the high schoolers are, there are many planned opportunities to serve. In the past, some of the ways our students served were planting flowers with the residence of Oak Grove, baking cookies for our police, firefighters, and the town board, helping a church with Bible school decorations and preparations, and partnering with Phil’s Friends in putting together kits for those battling cancer. It almost feels uncomfortable listing some of the ways we serve because it is not for our glory that we are doing this. A significant aspect of living the Christ-like life is serving others as an expression of our love for God. It is my hope that our students continue to learn and recognize this as we are not serving to make us feel better about ourselves. It will be a privilege to witness this month of serving unfold.

Also, a reminder that tomorrow, April 10, is our annual society meeting. I am looking forward to the opportunity that our school society has to gather to discuss important aspects of our school. It will be held at DeMotte Christian Grade School at 7:00PM. I really hope that all society members of DMCS can attend the occasion so they may have a voice in the proposed 2018-2019 budget and vote on school board members for the next three years. The meeting is also a time to receive updates from the various committees that we have as a corporation. As we make important decisions, we continue to look to God’s Word to give us purpose, confidence, hope, and assurance for the present and future.

*Mr. Brinks*

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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



## NEWS TO KNOW!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! You are loved 😊

April 9: Addison K  
April 11: Azure L  
April 12: Jonathan C  
April 14: Kali K  
Nate R  
April 15: Cole P  
April 16: Sammy M  
Connor R



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

### DMCS ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc. (Covenant and DeMotte Christian) strongly encourage you to attend the Annual Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00pm **at DeMotte Christian Grade School**. For more information, call 219-987-3721.

- Society members will vote on the proposed advisory budget and new Board members. The bylaws require that a member “be 18 years of age or older and have individually contributed a minimum of \$50 to the school corporation in the 13 months prior to the publication of the agenda.”
- If submitting an absentee ballot for Board members, a member must complete the election ballot and the member affirmation statement, place in a sealed envelope, sign the outside, and turn in to one of the school offices.
- Society booklets may be found on the DMCS ([www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org)). Hard copies will also be available in the DMC and CCHS main offices.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER LUNCH DUE

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

### TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Finance Committee is announcing the beginning of online applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. DeMotte Christian Schools uses the services of FAST to distribute tuition assistance based on need. This link is available on DMC's homepage at [www.dmchr.org](http://www.dmchr.org) and click on “Parents” and then “FAST: Financial Aid for School Tuition”. The process is completely confidential. There is a cost of \$45 to apply, payable by credit card. There are a number of financial records that you will need to begin your application. **Applications for tuition assistance must be completed and all documentation must be received by FAST by April 15, 2018, for full consideration.**

### 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 9 Leah dj / Emily DK	Mon Apr 16 Trisha D
Tues Apr 10 Jessica B/Julie dj	Tues Apr 17 Candace DY
Wed Apr 11 Kim D	Wed Apr 18 Deb C
Thur Apr 12 Paid Replacement	Thur Apr 19 Patty E
Fri Apr 13 Stacy D	Fri Apr 20 Tina D

## 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



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jaystarkey9@icloud.com) or (219)-512-8393 phone/text). Thank you!

### OKLAHOMA!

Covenant Christian High school will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! on **April 13 & 14** at 7:30 PM. The musical is set in turn of the century Oklahoma territory, on the verge of becoming a state. The story revolves around the romance between Laurey and Curly. It includes rousing musical numbers, conflict, farmers, cowboys, and of course, a happy ending. Admission is by free will donation.

### DMC SUMMER CAMP DATES (4-DAY CAMPS)

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

### YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Orders are being taken for FULL-COLOR 2017-2018 **yearbooks!** Visit [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://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 DATE!

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.

### 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](http://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 9, 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

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

DMC carries a large selection of boxed Christian greeting cards in the front hallway? Assortments include: Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday, Encouragement, Thinking of You, Praying for You, Sympathy, Get Well, Thank You, Blank, New Baby, and All Occasion! 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!!

### P.I.E. BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Present: Liz B, Trisha B, Patti DB, Darletta F, Valerie K, Stacey T, Bonnie Z

Absent: Sharon B, Kim D, Janell R

Opening Prayer: Trisha B

Minutes of January 29: reviewed and approved

Correspondence: Thank you note from student thanking our committee for what we do

Liaison Reports: Spring Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 21, 2018, committee met

Touch of Dutch: Looking for volunteers for both the booth and float. Trisha will follow up with PR Committee in regards to the float.

A. CCHS Kitchen – nothing to report

B. Corporate Sponsorship/Grants – no new opportunities to report.

C. DMC Teacher Service

- a. Discussed teacher appreciation gifts and will decide at next meeting.
- b. Discussed gift ideas for Sherri Tazelaar

D. CCHS Teacher Service

Financial Report – \$69,531.16

Purchase Request – Approved the following purchase requests:

1. Table Top Planer for Covenant's Shop Class
2. Junior High Field Trip (6<sup>th</sup> grade) to Science and Industry Museum (bus, drive and gas).
3. \$55,000 to be given to General Fund Gift.

New Business –

- a. Discussed new PIE policies for Field Trips.
  - i. One field trip per year per class. PIE will fund bus, bus driver and gas. PIE committee will also determine per event any additional amount that will be given.
  - ii. Letters will be sent out soon for new PIE member candidates for a 3-year term.

Next Meeting – March 26, 2018

Closing Prayer – Valerie K



## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. Tickets go sale Monday [March 12th](#) at 9AM. 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](mailto:Janell@teenmotherchoices.org) or call 708-774-9204

### 2018 REALITY STORE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the 2018 Reality Store. The goals of this program include helping 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

1<sup>st</sup> shift: 7:15am-10:15am

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@demottechamber.org) to help out.

### CAMP INVENTION

Register at [campinvention.org](http://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.

### CONNECT: CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Online registration is required. Go to [CONNECTChristianCamp.org](http://CONNECTChristianCamp.org).

### SUMMER CAMPS AT CAMP ROGER

For information, pricing, and availability, please visit their website, [CampRoger.org](http://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.

### 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](http://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](http://www.dmchr.org/Affinity.cfm)
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