

DOCTORS NOTE

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SCHOOL NEWS

Parents, do you need service hours?

The PTSA will hold its biggest fundraiser of the year on March 5, at 6:30 pm. The Festival di Primavera/Silent Auction will be enjoyed by many of our DCS families.

We are requesting donations of auction items and assistance at this event. Please bring these items to the office no later than March 3rd.

Unity Day is Saturday, March 6, from 3 to 7 pm at the Miami Shores Recreation field. Parents are needed to assist in the

DCS booth, handing out candy and applying sticker tattoos.

If you can help with either event, please contact Jane Parkinson at president@dcsptsa.org.

Brush up on your golf swing or tennis game

It will soon be time for the 4th Annual DCS Golf and Tennis Tournament. Put Friday, April 16, on your calendar and plan to participate in an exciting day of golf and tennis.

CALLING ALL SENIOR PARENTS!

If your student is attending college next year, you **MUST** fill out the FAFSA before March 1, 2010. You can only do this online and the deadline is quickly approaching. Visit <http://fafsa.ed.gov/> to complete the application. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Deanna Chairge.

Counselor's Corner

Please be courteous and make an appointment with teachers, faculty, and staff *in advance*. We

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An "A" School

Students of the Week

Science— *Mariah White*

Language Arts— *Kenley Almira*

Foreign Languages— *Rebecca Sell*

Math— *Kiona Riley*

Social Studies— *Stephanie Smith*

Physical Education— *Manuela Arbelaez*

IMPORTANT DATES

Interim Progress Reports go home, Friday, February 26

Teacher Planning Day, **Monday, March 1; no students in school**

Concert Band Adjudications, Friday, March 5; Robert Morgan Education Center, from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Festival di Primavera/Silent Auction, Friday, March 5, at 6:30 pm



Unity Day, Saturday, March 6, from 3 to 7 pm; Miami Shores Recreation

Reading FCAT, Tuesday, March 9, grades 6 through 10 and 11/12 retakes

Math FCAT, Wednesday, March 10, grades 6 through 10 and 11/12 retakes

Pi Day, Friday, March 12

Board Strategic Planning Workshop, Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14; time TBA

Personnel Committee Meeting, Monday, March 15, at noon in the DCS conference room

Science FCAT, Tuesday, March 16, grades 8 and 11

Board Meeting, Thursday, March 18, at 5:30 pm in the DCS Media Center

Drama performances: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Friday, March 19, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm; **Romeo and Juliet**, Friday, March 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

For more information and up-to-date changes, check the School Calendar at <http://www.doctorscharterschool.org>

Click on E-Resource Center



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would like to accommodate you if you drop in, but many times it creates a disruption of our time with students.

Academic Probation letters have been sent home to parents. Please work with your children to motivate them to work to their highest potential to increase their semester GPA to exceed 2.0. For an appointment with a guidance counselor, please call Deanna Chairge at (305) 762-5178, or Harriet Levy at (305) 762-5189.

Hawks Band Excels



Our middle and high school band members participated in the FBA Solo Evaluations

on January 30 and February 19 and 20. Ten students received an "Excellent" rating: JeanSamuel Adrien, Roojerry Dangervil, Tyler Knutt, Victoria Menendez, Jasmine Rose, Sachin Balgobin, Corine Jules, Francesca Larrain, Patrick Padilla, and William Scasserra.

The following students received a "Superior" rating: Marylouise Asprer, Michaelle Charlotin, Reginald Exalan, Cameron Floyd, Laura Gagliardi, Karla Gomez, Ryan Harke, Jam's Jean-Louis, Michelle Julmisse, Thamael Laureore, Josiah McLaughlin, Sierra McLaughlin, Terrell Rattigan-Grey, Maximillian Teixeira, and Kiersten Zibelli.

These are terrific results, and we are very proud of these students who challenged themselves and performed so well in their first year of competition.

The Lost Hours

A recent poll by the National Sleep Foundation found that more than 60% of U.S. children feel tired at some point during the school day and that one in four feel tired most of the time.

Sleep makes you smarter. "Any amount of sleep deprivation will diminish mental performance," says Mark Mahowald, a professor

of neurology at the University of Minnesota Medical School... A study following Ivy League-bound students found that an overwhelming majority stuck to a fairly strict sleep schedule throughout their high school years. "Your brain is able to function at its optimum potential when not having to compensate for lack of sleep," says Mahowald.

Researchers in a 2003 study by the University of Tel Aviv... discovered that adding just one hour of sleep to the test children's schedule improved their attention span and memory by almost two grade levels.

Teenagers should aim for eight to nine hours per night.

From www.greatschools.org.

FCAT Testing Dates

Tuesday, March 9—Reading, grades 6 through 10 and 11/12 retakes

Wednesday, March 10—Math, grades 6 through 10 and 11/12 retakes

Tuesday, March 16—Science, grades 8 and 11

Please do not schedule any trips or appointments that would result in your child being absent on testing days.

SAT (Register at www.collegeboard.com)		ACT (Register at www.act.org)	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	*Extra fee for late registration for SAT and ACT	



DCS TEST SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Electives	Math	Science	Math	Foreign Languages
Physical Education	Language Arts Social Studies	Social Studies Foreign Languages	Language Arts Electives Physical Education	Science