

DOCTORS NOTE

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready to continue our mission at DCS. As always, it is our goal to provide a top quality education to all students in a safe and enjoyable environment. With all of us working together, this will be accomplished again this school year. Please remember, my office is always open and I welcome each of you.

Sincerely,
Gary Meredith
Executive Director

High School Bash postponed until Sept. 10

Open House/PTSA Meeting

Follow your child's schedule and meet their teachers at the Open House scheduled for Thursday, September 2, at 6:00 pm. Join us for the 1st PTSA meeting of the year immediately afterward; free pizza will be served!

After School Supervision

All students remaining on campus after 3:45 who are not in a supervised

activity will be required to attend a supervised study hall in room 1120 until their ride arrives. Someone will have to come inside the school to pick them up. No cell phones, iPods, etc., will be allowed. This is a supervised study hall. Anyone remaining until 5:00 will be required to wait for their ride outside the fence.

If you do not want to attend the study hall, then you will be required to go to the fence at 3:45 and you must remain there

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An "A" School

WELCOME

Monday, September 6, is Labor Day; school is closed.
Thursday, September 9 is a teacher planning day; no school for students.

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

Click on E-Resource Center



If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you, contact

newsletter@doctorscharterschool.org with your email information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 31, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Baseline Benchmark Assessment, Reading and Math, Wednesday, September 1, grades 6-10, selected 11 & 12 graders

Baseline Benchmark Assessment, Science, Thursday, September 2, grades 8 & 11

Open House, Thursday, September 2, at 6:00 pm

PTSA Meeting, Thursday, September 2, immediately

following Open House (8:00 pm)

Principal's Honor Roll Breakfast, Friday, September 3, 7:30 am

School Pictures, Friday, September 3; uniforms are required



Honor Roll Ice Cream Party, Friday, September 3, at 2:30 pm in the cafeteria

Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 6; school is closed

Teacher Planning Day, Thursday, September 9; no students in school

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 15, at 7:30 am in the DCS conference room

FAIR testing, Wednesday, September 15 & 16, Intensive Reading students

Board Meeting, Thursday, September 16, at 5:30 pm in the Media Center



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until your ride arrives. Everyone must be in a supervised room and/or activity at 3:30 or outside waiting for your ride. Students are not allowed in the halls, courtyard, etc. after 3:30 unless you are with a teacher.

Emergency Contact Cards

Students were given emergency contact cards to take home. Cards must be completed by a parent/guardian. Parents need to verify the address and telephone numbers and make

corrections as necessary directly on the card.

Only the people that are listed as authorized for release of students at the bottom of the card will be allowed to pick up your child from school. Names on the emergency contact and authorized section may be the same and should be listed in both places. The parent/guardian must sign the card or it will not be accepted. Cards are due by September 1, 2010.

New Faces at DCS

In the next few issues of the Doctors Note we will feature new faculty members at DCS.

Jacqueline Perez is our new full-time music teacher. Ms. Perez studied at the Guillermo Tomas Conservatory of Music and Amadeo Roldan Conservatory of Music in Havana, Cuba. Ms. Perez arrived in Miami in 1998 was graduated from Barry University in 2003. She received her Masters Degree in Piano Performance at FIU.

Ms. Perez has been working as a music teacher in private and public

schools since 2004 and maintains a private piano studio in Miami.

We want your blood...

The Bloodmobile will be at DCS on Tuesday, August 31, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Anyone age 17 or over can donate; all students need parental approval, regardless of age.

Please send us your email information

We are collecting email addresses of parents in order to be able to distribute information more quickly. Please send your email address to coffeez@doctorscharterschool.org.

Baseline Benchmark Assessment

Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, plus 11 and 12 grade students in intensive reading and math classes will take the reading and math BBA on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Students in grades 8 and 11 will take the science test on Thursday, Sept. 2. Students testing on Wednesday may want to bring a snack, as lunch will be delayed. All students should bring a #2 pencil and students in grades 7—11 should bring a calculator.

SAT (Register at www.collegeboard.com)		ACT (Register at www.act.org)	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 9, 2010	September 10, 2010	September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010
November 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010
December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011
March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011	April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	*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

Doctors Charter School Calendar

2010-2011

~Revised 8-23-10~

August 3	M.S. Orientation
August 4	H.S. Orientation
August 19 & 20	Teacher Planning Days – No Students
August 23	First Day of School; Begin First Semester
September 1 & 2	Interim Assessments
September 2	Open House & PTSA Meeting
September 3	School Pictures
September 6	Labor Day; Holiday for Students & Employees
September 8	SAC Meeting
September 9	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
September 10	High School Bash
September 16	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
September 20-24	Spirit Week
September 24	Interim Progress Reports
September 29	College Night
October 7	Spanish Fiesta
October 8	School Picture Retakes
October 18-22	FCAT Retakes
October 21	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
October 26-28	Flag Football (Girls & Boys)
October 28	PTSA Meeting
October 29	End 1 st Grading Period
November 1	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
November 3	Begin 2 nd Grading Period
November 3 & 4	Interim Assessments
November 8-10	College Tour
November 10	8 th Grade Open House
November 11	Observance of Veterans' Day; Holiday
November 12	Evening in the Courtyard
November 16	Prospective Student Open House
November 18	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
November 20	DCS Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble
November 23	State Fair @ DCS
November 24	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving; Holiday
December 8	Winter Concert
December 9	SAC Meeting
December 10	Interim Progress Reports
December 16	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
December 20 – December 31	Winter Recess
January 10-14	Homecoming Spirit Week
January 12	Homecoming Basketball Game @ Barry University
January 13	PTSA Meeting
January 14	Homecoming Dance (H.S. Only)
January 14	1 st Semester Exams – 7 th Period
January 17	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday; Holiday
January 18	1 st Semester Exams – 5 th & 6 th Periods
January 19	1 st Semester Exams – 3 rd & 4 th Periods
January 20	1 st Semester Exams – 1 st & 2 nd Periods
January 20	End of First Semester and Grading Period
January 20	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
January 21	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
January 24	Begin Second Semester; Third Grading Period
January 25 – 26	Interim Assessments

January 28	8 th Grade Semi-Formal
February 4	New Student Application Deadline
February 4	World Culture Night
February 9	M.S. Talent Show
February 17	Black History Event
February 17	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
February 18	Teacher Planning Day – No Opt; No Students
February 21	All Presidents Day; Holiday
February 25	Interim Progress Reports
March 1-4	FCAT Writing
March 9	SAC Meeting
March 9	Drama Production
March 10	PTSA Meeting
March 11	Pi Day
March 14-18	Spring Recess
March 30 – April 6	FCAT Retakes
April 1	End Third Grading Period; Second Semester
April 4	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
April 5	Begin 4 th Grading Period
April 11-21	FCAT
April 13	New Student Open House
April 21	DCS Board of Authority Meeting
April 22	Teacher Planning Day – No Students
April 27	H.S. Talent Show
May 2-13	A.P. Exams
May 4	Spring Concert
May 6	Interim Progress Reports
May 10	8 th Grade Medallion Ceremony
May 11	SAC Meeting
May 12	PTSA Meeting
May 13	M.S. End of Year Field Trip
May 14	Prom
May 18	Caribbean Festival
May 19	Athletic Banquet
May 20	H.S. End of Year Field Trip
May 21	DCS Picnic
May 23	NJHS & NHS Induction Ceremony
May 30	Observance of Memorial Day; Holiday
May 31	Seniors' Final Exams – 1 st & 2 nd Periods
June 1	Seniors' Final Exams – 3 rd & 4 th Periods
June 2	Seniors' Final Exams – 5 th Period
June 3	Seniors' Final Exams – 6 th & 7 th Periods
June 6	Final Exams – 1 st & 2 nd Periods
June 7	Final Exams – 3 rd Period
June 7	Awards Day (during school)
June 7	Graduation
June 8	Final Exams – 4 th & 5 th Periods
June 9	Final Exams – 6 th & 7 th Periods
June 9	Last Day of School; End Fourth Grading Period
June 10	Teacher Planning Day; No Students
June 16	DCS Board of Authority Meeting