

DOCTORS NOTE

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SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Open House

Meet your child's teachers at Open House on Wednesday, September 2, at 5:00 pm.

Student pick-up after-school

Students should be

picked up after school at 3:15 pm. All students MUST be off campus by 5:00 pm unless they are involved in a school-sponsored activity.

PTSA needs you! And there will be pizza...

Start the school year off with a bang by attending the first PTSA meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 pm (following Open House) in the cafetorium. Meet your new PTSA board and other parents and see how you can get involved this year. Elections for the School Advi-

sory Committee (SAC) will also be held. Pizza and soda will be served at the PTSA meeting free of charge.

Hawks Booster Club Meeting

Immediately following the PTSA meeting on Sept. 2, the Hawks Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the year.

Please join us for the SAC Meeting

The School Advisory Committee, which is comprised of parents, faculty, staff, students, *Continued on page 2*



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An "A" School

WELCOME

Monday, September 7, is Labor Day; School is closed

IMPORTANT DATES

Open House, Wednesday, September 2, at 5:00 pm

PTSA Meeting, Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 pm in the cafetorium

Hawks Booster Club Meeting, Wednesday, September 2, immediately following PTSA meeting

SAC Meeting, Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 pm in the Media Center

Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 7;

school is closed

Baseline Benchmark Assessment, Reading and Math, Wednesday, September 9, grades 6 – 10, selected 11 & 12 graders

Baseline Benchmark Assessment, Science, Thursday, September 10, grades 8 & 11

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 am in the DCS conference room

Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 16, at noon in the DCS conference room

Board Meeting, Thursday, September 17, at 5:00 pm in the Media Center

School Pictures, Friday, September 18

FAIR testing, Wednesday, September 23, Intensive Reading students

FAIR testing, Thursday, September 24, Intensive Reading students

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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newsletter@doctorscharterschool.org with your email information.



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and community members, will meet on Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 pm in the Media Center. All parents are invited to attend SAC meetings.

Once again an "A"

We are proud to announce that DCS earned an "A" for the 2008-2009 school year. Congratulations to the students, parents, and faculty that worked together to achieve this wonderful accomplishment.

Fees Deadline is September 25

The activity fee of \$100.00 per student may be paid in two installments. The first \$50.00 is due no later than September 25, and the balance is due by February 26. The entire fee may be paid at once in September. Payments may be made by check or money order, payable to Doctors Charter School, or by credit card. Please give payments to Ms. Coffee in the office before noon.

Uniform Reminder

Only uniforms purchased at Continental Uniform will be permitted this year; Dickies shorts and slacks are not allowable per our dress code. Beginning Monday, August 31, we will begin issuing demerits and detentions for students not in complete compliance.

Please see the Website for Policy Clarifications

The Code of Conduct and Student Parent Handbook are posted on the Academics page of our Website; also please view the Clarifications to Student Handbook for ad-

ditional information; the link is below the Student Parent Handbook link on the right side.

No PE Uniform for Health Classes

No PE uniform is required for the Health/Life Management classes and for First Aid. Since these are semester classes, it is possible a student may need a PE uniform for one semester and not another. Only those 2 classes are exempt from the PE uniform requirement.

PSAT Registration coming up; note deadline

It is mandatory that all 10th grade students take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14. We will administer the PSAT at DCS that morning at no charge to 10th grade students. We are also allowing 11th grade students to register since juniors have the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. 11th grade students must pay \$13.00 and pay no later than September 18. Juniors should see Ms. Chairge to register and pay.

Felicidades!

Kudos to Ms. Borg and her AP stu-

SAT (Register at www.collegeboard.com)		ACT (Register at www.act.org)	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009	September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009	October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009	December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009	February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
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



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dents of last year. Every single one scored a "5", the highest score possible, on their AP Spanish exams. We appreciate the hard work of Ms. Borg and her students! You make us proud.

Schedule Changes

All schedule change forms must have been submitted to the guidance office by Friday, August 28. There will be no exceptions.



Welcome to new faculty at DCS

We are excited to welcome several new faculty members to DCS this year. We will feature one in each issue of the Doctors Note until you have been introduced to them all.

Today we are introducing Ms. Deanna Chairge, our new full-time guidance counselor. Ms. Chairge will also serve as the CAP Advisor at DCS.

Ms. Chairge was born and raised in Forty-Fort, PA, in the Scranton, Wilkes-Barre area. She received her Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Master of Science in School Counseling from The University of Scranton. She also worked at the Center for Health, Education, and Wellness at the university as a peer educator coordinator. Ms. Chairge completed an internship in counseling at Piper High in Broward County.

Ms. Chairge has a passion for learning new things, meeting new people, nature, animals, music, art, and travel. She looks forward to getting to know all

the fantastic students at DCS and assisting them in acquiring skills, knowledge and attitudes for life-long success. **She plans on working together with all DCS students to achieve and attain the goals they've established, and to help students begin their planning process.** Her door is always open.

Ms. Chairge can be reached at (305) 762-5178 or via email at chairged@

doctorscharterschool.org.

PICK AND AND DROP-OFF

It is mandatory that all parents dropping off and picking up students use the circle on the north side of the school. Under NO circumstances should parents use the front parking lot. We are concerned about the safety of our students and we appreciate your assistance.

Do you have previously worn uniforms no longer in use?

The PTSA is collecting clean, gently used school uniforms to be sold at the first PTSA meeting on Wednesday night. The pants and shorts must be from Continental. Please leave your uniforms in the designated box in the office.