

DOCTORS NOTE

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SCHOOL NEWS

Baseline Benchmark Assessment

Students are taking a new test this year. Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, plus 11th and 12th grade students in intensive reading and math classes, will take the reading and math BBA. This test will be administered on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Students in grades 8 and 11 will take the science test on Thursday, Sept. 10. 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. This test will be used by teachers to determine what skills need remediation and what skills have already been mastered.

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.

PSAT Registration coming up; note deadline

It is mandatory that all
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An "A" School

WELCOME

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Student Activities Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, at 8:00 am in the DCS con-

ference room

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 5:30 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

Interim Progress Reports go home, Friday, September 25

Teacher Planning Day, Monday, September 28; no students in school

PSAT, Wednesday, October 14;

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

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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 9th and 11th grade students to register; juniors have the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. 9th and 11th grade students must pay \$13.00 no later than September 18. Ninth and eleventh graders should see Ms. Chairge to register and pay.

Schedule Changes

No schedule change forms will be accepted. Also, no new registrations for virtual school during the school day will be approved.

Welcome to new faculty at DCS



We would like to introduce Ms. Aida Pineiro, the new pre-calculus and calculus teacher at DCS.

Ms. Pineiro was born and raised in Miami and attended the University of Florida. She has a degree in Mathematics and a minor in Secondary Education. Previously Ms. Pineiro taught at Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale.

Ms. Pineiro strives to be the "one teacher that has students believe they are capable of anything." In the future she hopes to establish an AP calculus course here at DCS. Come visit her in room 1217. She can be reached via email at pineiroa@

doctorscharterschool.org.

PICK AND AND DROP-OFF

It is mandatory that all parents dropping off and picking up stu-

dents 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.

Does your child need help with homework?

Dial-A-Teacher is a free service provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to all students. It is available Monday through Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Students should call (305) 995-1600. It is not available on evenings before holidays or on teacher planning days.

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

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