

DESERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
ADMISSIONS INFORMATION NIGHT
KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE
JANUARY 10, 2011

AGENDA

Opening Activities – Ron Smith, K - 8 Principal

- Welcome & Prayer
- Faculty & Staff Introductions
- School & Admissions Information
- Questions and Answers
- Campus Open House

Elementary School Campus ~ 7777 E. Speedway Blvd. ~ Tucson, AZ 85710
520-885-4800

Elementary School Visits - anytime Monday-Friday 7:30-3:30 p.m.
Please call Carol McKee at 885-4800 to arrange for a visit.

Middle School Campus ~ 7525 E. Speedway Blvd. ~ Tucson, AZ 85710
520-795-7161

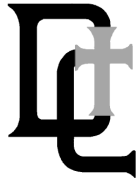
Middle School Visits – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (November – April)
Please call Janna Van Egmond at 795-7161 to arrange for visit.
January 4 or 18; February 1 or 15; March 1 or 15, 2010. April visits will
be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays due to testing and Easter Break.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDOUTS

- Elementary School Profile/Admissions Policy
- Admissions Calendar
- General Fees
- Answers To Frequently Asked Questions
- Dress Code

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDOUTS

- Middle School Profile/Admissions Policy
- Admissions Calendar
- General Fees
- Curriculum Map & Books
- Teacher Information
- Class Trip Information 2010-2011
- Answers To Frequently Asked Questions
- Dress Code



Desert Christian Middle School
"Discipling young people to make a difference in their world"



Administration

Headmaster - Mr. John O'Hair
Principal - Mr. Ron Smith

Faculty Support

Athletic Director – Mr. Aaron Jansen
Office Manager – Mrs. Janna Van Egmond
School Secretary – Mrs. Vonnie Johnsen
Registrar – Mrs. Tenaya Roberts

Middle School Offerings

Academic Curriculum

- Bible
 Old Testament Survey, New Testament, Christian Ethics
- Language Arts
 Reading Workshop, Writing Workshop
- Mathematics
 Saxon Math 7/6, Math 8/7, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I
- Science
 Earth, Life and Physical Sciences
- History
 European and American History
- Foreign Language
 Spanish
- Physical Education
- Computer
- Discipleship Program
 Student Council, Yearbook, Art, Drama, Mission Trips, Community Service Opportunities

Co-curricular Program

- Competing in the Tucson Independent Athletic League (TIAL)

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Volleyball	Basketball
Basketball	Co-ed Soccer
Softball	Co-ed Flag Football
Co-ed Soccer	Co-ed Tennis
Co-ed Flag Football	
Co-ed Tennis	

Affiliations

- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Christian Schools International (CSI)
- Tucson Independent Athletic League (TIAL)

Accreditation

- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

Serves

A diverse group of evangelical families regardless of race, color, ethnic, or national origin

- 80 students in grades 6 to 8
- Approximately 22 churches represented grades 6-8

Served By

A Professional Staff and Faculty

- 8 full and part-time teachers
- Student to teacher ratio of approximately 14 to 1
- 3 full and part-time support personnel
- Hundreds of parent and community volunteers

Admissions

Initial Application and Re-enrollment Criteria

- Family commitment to Christian education
- Family commitment to a local evangelical church
- Student character
- Student commitment to academic success
- Student developmental and social maturity
- Student desire to grow spiritually
- Student desire to be a DCMS student

General Application Process

- Complete **Online Application via link at desertchristian.org**
- Forward supplementary documents to DCMS as indicated on **Online Application**
- Interview with School Principal

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 7525 E. Speedway Blvd.
 Tucson, AZ. 85710

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DESERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

2011-2012 NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE CALENDAR

- ❖ January 10, 2011 Admissions Information Night
 Grades K - 12 Online Application Opens

- ❖ February 1, 2011 Student & Family Interviews Begin

- ❖ March 4, 2011 Initial Application Pool Closes

- ❖ March 12, 2011 Kindergarten Round-Up

- ❖ March 25, 2011 Initial Application Interviews Deadline

- ❖ April 4, 2011 2011-2012 Letters of Acceptance (Initial Mailing)

- ❖ April 8, 2011 Deadline for IBE General Fund Scholarship Applications

DESERT CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2011 – 2012 General Fees

- **Application/Enrollment** \$50.00
- **Registration** ½ of first month's tuition (non-refundable)
~ due upon acceptance
- **Tuition** \$7140.00
- **Athletic Team Fee** 6th through 8th grade students who wish to participate in athletics and be part of a team with the middle school will be assessed a \$95.00* player's fee.
- **Physical Education Uniform Fee** All 6th through 8th grade students will be required to have a physical education uniform. The uniform must be worn in all P.E. classes unless told otherwise and will be available from the P.E. teacher at a cost of \$20.00*. Please mark the uniform with your child's name by using a permanent laundry marker.
- **Lost and Damaged Books** Students are required to pay for any textbooks that are lost or damaged. In some cases, purchase of individual copies of texts may be required.
- **School Pictures** Class and individual pictures are generally taken in September. Families are given an opportunity to purchase pictures through the studio. Purchase of the pictures is optional.
- **6th Grade "Academic Camp"** The estimated cost per student of this five-day trip is \$240.00*. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$60.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.
- **7th Grade "Marine Biology Camp"** The estimated cost per student for this five-day trip is \$300.00*. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$75.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.
- **8th Grade "Graduation Trip"** The estimated cost per student for this five-day trip is \$260.00*. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$65.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.

**The Athletic Team, P.E. Uniform and Class Trip fees are billed on the monthly statement.*

DESERT CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ACADEMICS

The curriculum at DCMS is designed to equip students for a life of continued education and service to God, utilizing all of their gifts and talents. Furthermore, the curriculum is designed for the child to study and learn the core subjects (Bible, history, reading, writing, math, and science). In addition to the core subjects, the DCMS curriculum includes Spanish, computer, physical education and Discipleship (elective).

Curriculum Map 2010 - 2011

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>SIXTH GRADE</u>	<u>SEVENTH GRADE</u>	<u>EIGHTH GRADE</u>
Bible	<i>Old Testament Survey</i>	<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Christian Ethics</i>
Language Arts	<i>Reading Workshop Writing Workshop</i>	<i>Reading Workshop Writing Workshop</i>	<i>Reading Workshop Writing Workshop</i>
Math	<i>Saxon Math 7/6 Saxon Math 8/7</i>	<i>Saxon Math 8/7 Saxon Algebra ½</i>	<i>Saxon Algebra ½ Saxon Algebra 1</i>
Science	<i>Earth Science</i>	<i>Life Science</i>	<i>Physical Science</i>
History	<i>European History</i>	<i>American History I</i>	<i>American History II</i>
P.E.	<i>Girls/Boys P.E.</i>	<i>Girls/Boys P.E.</i>	<i>Girls/Boys P.E.</i>
Computer	<i>Computer I</i>	<i>Computer II</i>	<i>Computer III</i>
Spanish	<i>Spanish I</i>	<i>Spanish II</i>	<i>Spanish III</i>

Discipleship Program - each teacher disciples a group of students during the elective class offered 4 class periods per week.

Handbells Middle school students may participate in the High School *Intermediate/Advanced Band or Handbell Program*

Curriculum Books At Desert Christian Middle School for 2010-2011

Bible

- 6th - *Holy Bible & Route 66* (Positive Action Publishing)
- 7th - *Holy Bible & God-Man Book* (Positive Action Publishing)
- 8th - *Holy Bible, Exploring Apologetics & Exploring Faith & Discipleship* (Christian Schools International)

History

- 6th - *Story of the Old World* (De Bie - Evenhouse)
- 7th - *The American Republic* (Bob Jones University Press)
World Geography (Silver Burdett Gin)
- 8th - *The American Republic* (Bob Jones University Press)
World Geography (Silver Burdett Gin)

Math

- 6th - *Math 7/6* (SAXON) or *Math 8/7* - General Math (SAXON)
- 7th - *Math 8/7* - General Math (SAXON) or *Algebra ½* (SAXON)
- 8th - *Algebra ½* (SAXON) or *Algebra I* (SAXON)

Reading Workshop

- 6th - Outside reading requirement - 2 books per quarter
The Giver, Greek Myths, Magician's Nephew, The Hobbit, Where The Red Fern Grows, The Bronze Bow, Westing Game
- 7th - Outside reading requirement - 2 books per quarter
Adventures for Readers I (Harcourt Brace Janovich)
Midsummer Night's Dream, Johnny Tremain, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Twelfth Night, Hamlet, The Death of Ivan Ilych, Tales from Shakespeare, assorted short stories, poems and periodicals
- 8th - *Adventures for Readers II* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich)
Literature and Life (Scott, Foresman)
To Kill A Mockingbird, Macbeth, Antigone, Hiding Place, Night, assorted short stories, personal narratives and poems

Science

- 6th - *Earth Science* (Christian Schools International)
- 7th - *Life Science* (Christian Schools International)
- 8th - *Physical Science* (Christian Schools International)

Spanish

- 6th - *Exploring Spanish* (EMC/Paradigm Publishing)
- 7th - *Exploring Spanish* (EMC/Paradigm Publishing)
- 8th - *Spanish Is Fun* (Amsco School Publications, Inc.)

Writing Workshop**

- 7th - *English Composition and Grammar I* (Warriner's)
- 8th - *English Composition and Grammar II* (Warriner's)
Vocabulary, Spelling and Poetry III

***Easy Grammar* (HBJ, Wanda C. Phillips) is used at the 7th and 8th grade levels.

DESERT CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF
2010-2011
Revised 11-30-10

Ron Smith earned Associate Degrees in 1985 from Pima Community College in Early Childhood and from the Community College of the Air Force in Electronics. He continued his education, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Arizona in 1987 with a major in Mathematics and Science and a Masters of Arts in Education from Northern Arizona University in 1994 with a major in Educational Administration. Ron served six and a half years in the military with the Arizona Air National Guard. He has seventeen years of teaching experience in the Flowing Wells School District in levels K-8. This is his fifth year at DCS and his second as the Middle School Principal. In 2002 Ron founded the Christian Teaching Academy. He has been married to Tina for 22 years. They have three children; Mariah (DCHS - 12th grade), Brittany (DCHS - 11th grade) and Stephanie (DCMS - 7th grade). Ron attends Calvary Chapel Church.

Fred Boice returned to Tucson in 2004 after a 24-year adventure in Los Angeles. He attended Rincon High School and received his Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College in Los Angeles. He taught at Lutheran elementary schools for 20 years, primarily in the 6th grade. Fred received his Arizona teaching credential for K-8 in 2009. He has a super wife, Kathie, and three children. His calling back to Tucson is "all about being closer to his family" and he is grateful to the Lord to be back. Fred and his family attend The Vineyard Christian Community Church.

Kathie Boice has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Spanish from Whitworth College and a minor in Religion. She taught in public elementary schools for 6 years and 3 years in private education before coming to Tucson in 2004. Computers have been a life passion and her current desire is to equip students to be capable and responsible in our technology-driven society. She has been married for 21 years to the wonderful Fred Boice with 3 awesome kids.

Aaron Jansen has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dordt College, located in Sioux Center, Iowa. He majored in history and minored in theology. His passion is to show kids that the whole world belongs to God and therefore we must glorify him wherever we are and with whatever we do. A verse that has touched his life is Psalm 37:4, which speaks about God's faithfulness. It says, "Delight yourselves in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." One of those desires was his beautiful wife Mikala. They have been married seven years and attend Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church. Another blessing was the birth of his daughter, Amara, in May 2009. Aaron was blessed to graduate from Desert Christian High School in 1998 and now has the privilege of working with some of his former teachers.

Amy Oekerman moved to Tucson from Texas in 1994. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at Texas Tech University. She completed a Master's of Art degree in Educational Counseling at The University of Texas. Amy has taught at the elementary and middle school level for 17 years, including time at Cornerstone Christian Academy and Calvary Chapel Christian School. Amy is married to Pat and has one daughter, Rachel, who attends DCHS. They attend services at Calvary Chapel, Tucson.

Jessica Parsons has a passion for education and the proclamation of the Gospel. She graduated from the University of Arizona in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Education and a minor in Spanish. After teaching Freshman and Sophomore English at Flowing Wells High School, she went on to become the Director of the Kids' Ministry at Calvary Tucson. She is thrilled to teach Science and equip young people in defending their faith. An avid reader, Jessica hopes to pen her own mystery novel one day. Her passion for travel and missions to Ireland and UK is evident in the fact that she met her husband, Adam, while studying abroad in York, England. They welcomed their first daughter, Emma Grace, in December, 2008. The Parson's attend Calvary Chapel.

Amy Phillips holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hillsdale College in Michigan. She majored in English and believes that words and language are a gift from God and should be enjoyed and used for His glory! Having graduated from DCHS and completed five years of teaching at the middle school, Amy is excited for another year of serving students. Amy is married to Ray Phillips, a teacher at Desert Christian High School. Amy enjoys playing basketball and violin and attends Christ Community Church.

Lisa Radtke is a practicing Landscape Architect who has two Master's Degrees and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Lisa taught four years in Saugus, California and three years in the Catalina Foothills School District prior to graduate school. Lisa is passionate about creativity and learning as life-long processes. Lisa hopes to build into the lives of her students a confidence in God's faithfulness and to hear His voice as they walk through events in their day. Lisa attends Congregation Beth Sar Shalom.

Jean Rhoades has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota-Mankato. She also completed a Religious Studies Colloquy at Concordia University-Irvine. Mrs. Rhoades taught middle school students for 16 years at Fountain of Life School before teaching at DCMS. She has been married 23 years to Joe Rhoades and they have two children. Mrs. Rhoades considers it a blessing and privilege to share her Christian faith as she teaches middle school students. She is a member of New Spirit Lutheran Church.

Year-End Class Trip Overview

6th Grade "Academic Camp"

This five-day long science and environmental education camp for sixth grade will be highlighted by motivating, interactive, hands-on academic activities during the day and spiritual emphasis activities in the evening. This camp will be at Triangle Y Ranch Camp in Oracle, AZ (approximately 90 minutes from school).

The estimated cost per student of this five-day trip is \$240.00. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$60.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.

7th Grade "Marine Biology Camp"

This year the 7th grade will be returning to Emerald Bay Cove on Catalina Island. This trip offers hands-on marine and field biology research, snorkeling, kayaking, and nature hikes. Mountain & Sea Adventures offers a Christian based program which includes morning devotions and evening chapels.

The estimated cost per student for this four-day trip is \$300.00*. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$75.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.

8th Grade "Promotion Trip"

This trip provides an opportunity for the "knitting together of hearts" as students move from their middle school years into their high school years. Students will travel to Camp Surf in San Diego, CA as their base for this five-day trip. They will have a day of fun at Knott's Berry Farm, San Diego Zoo, IMAX theatre as well as time at the beach and leadership activities. Students will end their trip with an evening of worship, prayer and "blessing".

The estimated cost per student for this four-day trip is \$260.00. Students are encouraged to save and contribute toward this amount during the school year. Four payments of \$65.00 will be added to your statement in October, November, December and February.

***Due to a change in the program from last year, the actual cost of this trip will be more than \$300.00. Desert Christian Schools will cover the additional costs for this year.**

Desert Christian Middle School

Answers To Frequently Asked Questions

ADMISSIONS PROCESS – families who complete the process by the initial deadline will be considered first for acceptance.

RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR DCS STUDENTS – families are expected to meet the same criteria as new applicants, however, the process is different.

ADMISSIONS LETTERS - regarding admission to DCMS will be mailed the beginning of April for students in the first pool. Parents of students who are accepted will be required to return the tuition contract and ½ of the first month's tuition which is non-refundable. All items must be received in the middle school office by the deadline indicated in the letter to complete the application and acceptance process.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS - if financial assistance is a concern, parents may fill out an Institute for Better Education (IBE) form at www.ibescholarships.org and a Confidential Financial Analysis (CFA) form at www.online-cfa.com. In addition to the forms mentioned, IBE will require a copy of your 2009 Federal 1040. If this is your first year at a private school you may be eligible for scholarship funds under the newly enacted Corporate Tax Credit. Please let us know because paperwork requirements are slightly different. All forms are available in the school office. Decisions on scholarship amounts (based on need) are usually made in April/May and 50% assistance is generally the maximum that is awarded.

CAMPUS VISITATION – parents (with or without their child) may call the Admissions Coordinator to arrange for a classroom visit. These will be scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from November through April.

SCHOOL HOURS - school begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. The campus opens at 7:45 a.m. and closes at 3:05 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - DCMS Study Hall is a service provided in the Conference Center to the parents of students at Desert Christian Middle School who are unable to pick-up their students after school at the designated pick-up time. Study Hall hours are from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. each afternoon. There is a charge for these services. DCMS does not provide care before the campus opens.

CLASS SIZES – Approximate maximum numbers are:
6th grade - 8th grades - will have 1 class each of approximately 22-24 students.

CLASS STRUCTURE – each class is a unit throughout the day except for boys' and girls' P. E., math (ability grouped), and the Discipleship classes (6th – 8th grade mixture).

HOMEWORK – 6th grade students can expect to spend 60 – 75 minutes per evening. 7th & 8th grade students can expect to spend 75 – 90 minutes per evening. Minimal homework is assigned for Wednesday evenings to allow families to participate in church related events.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – a draft copy will be included with acceptance/enrollment letters. The first day of school for the 2011 – 2012 school year is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 10, 2011.

PARENT PARTICIPATION - is very important at DCMS. You will be given an opportunity to indicate where you would like to volunteer in the Summer Information Packet.

LUNCH PROGRAM – students can place lunch orders on RenWeb. Some students order 1 -2 lunches per week. Many students bring their lunches each day. Funds from lunch sales support special school functions as determined by the Headmaster. Snacks and drinks are also available on a daily basis.

SPORTS - DCMS has after-school sports with three seasons. Sports are: Fall – Co-ed Flag Football, Co-ed Tennis and Girls' Volleyball; Winter – Co-ed Soccer and Girls' Softball; Spring – Girls' and Boys' Basketball.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – Spanish is offered twice a week for one semester of the school year.

COMPUTER – is offered twice a week for one semester of the school year. Teachers also utilize the computer lab during class time for specific assignments.

HANDBELLS – qualified students participate with the high school students before school on selected days.

2010-2011 DESERT CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE

You may choose from the following items for your child's uniform. You may mix and match from the items on the list. Please note that **all items need to adhere to this dress code**. Wearing clothing not listed, just because it isn't listed does **not** meet dress code!

If you have any questions about an item or the uniform requirements please contact the main office prior to purchase. We appreciate your support and partnering in following the dress code.

Pants, Capris, Shorts, Skirts, Jumpers, Skorts

Black, Brown, Khaki, Navy or Tan

Polo Shirts

Any Solid Color or Stripes

- **Polo shirts should be free of large printing, logos or emblems.**
- **All clothing must be modestly loose without being oversized and without plunging necklines (use your collar bone as a guideline). Modesty is the basic rule for all clothing.**
- **All shirts and blouses are to remain tucked in while on campus.**
3 – 4 inches of additional length is required to make sure the shirt will remain tucked in at all times.
- **Over blousing of shirts & blouses is not allowed – belts must be visible at all times.**
- **Leggings are NOT to be worn under dresses, skirts, skorts or shorts at any time.**

CHAPEL DAY DRESS CODE

No Polo Shirts or Sweatshirts are to be worn on Chapel Day.

BOYS

- ◆ Collared Dress Shirt – plaid, stripes or any solid color
- ◆ Uniform pants – in navy, khaki or black (with belt)
- ◆ Tie

GIRLS

- ◆ Skirt – any solid or print, knee-length (not more than 2" above mid-knee. no denim, no stretch fabrics). **Please note: skirts must meet uniform dress rules on non-Chapel days, prints and non-uniform style allowed ONLY on Chapel days.**
- ◆ Jumper – in navy, khaki, black or plaid
- ◆ Blouse/Dress Shirt – with collar in any color, plaid, stripes, floral (no stretch fabrics – must be tucked in)
- ◆ Belt if skirt has belt loops
- ◆ An over-shirt (not tucked in) is NOT allowed – Items for girls on Chapel day are a skirt and blouse (2 items) or a jumper with a blouse (2 items)
- ◆ Sweaters must meet the dress code and be full sweaters (crew neck, v-neck, cardigan), not shrugs, over-shirts, or fashion accent pieces.

CHAPEL DRESS PARTICULARS

- ◆ Wearing clothing not listed, just because it isn't listed does **not** meet dress code
- ◆ Neckline guide is for all clothing, thus a shirt/blouse must meet the dress code modesty standard (collarbone) on its own
- ◆ Camisoles/undershirts should **NEVER** be visible
- ◆ Adding a second layer does not meet the dress code and is not acceptable (two item combinations are a jumper with a blouse or the skirt/blouse combination)
- ◆ Dresses are NOT included as part of the Uniform Dress Code. **(NO dresses!)**

GIRLS AND BOYS

SHORTS	Cotton twill (<u>no stretch fabrics</u>). <u>Need to fit and remain over the hipbone at all times</u> (with belt), traditional "Dockers" style, no shorter than 2" above mid-knee (in kneeling position). Cargo (side) pockets are not allowed.
PANTS	Cotton twill (<u>no stretch fabrics</u>). <u>Need to fit and remain over the hipbone at all times</u> (with belt), traditional "Dockers" style. <i>Cargo (side pocket) pants are not included as dress code. "Skinny" pants are not allowed. <u>Pants must not fit tightly through the hip and thigh.</u></i>
POLO SHIRT	Knit traditional style with no less than 2 – but no more than 4 button placket (traditional button placket is required, no narrow or long plackets on polo shirts). Set in traditional sleeves (no cap or raglan sleeves). Polo Shirts may have a small logo that does not exceed the size of a quarter. Buttons must be buttoned, no visible camisole underneath. <u>Shirt must remain tucked in at all times, even when hands are raised over head.</u>
OXFORD SHIRT	<u>Solid color except on chapel days. Must remain tucked in at all times, even when hands are raised over head.</u>
SWEATER	Sweater or V-neck sweater vest (sleeveless) need <u>to be worn over dress code shirt</u> with collar visible at all times. Sweaters may be pullover style, button-up, or zipper front.
SWEATSHIRTS	Pullover, zipper or button front (with or without hood). Should not be oversized. All sweatshirts are to be <u>worn over dress code shirt</u> . Prints are allowed – without words, just a graphic design. Sweatshirts may have the logo of Educational Institutions – i.e. U of A, Dordt College, Wheaton, etc. Sweatshirts with a clear Christian theme or Christian message will be allowed. Abercrombie and Hollister Branded clothing will not be allowed. See Principal if you disagree.
SOCKS	Socks must be worn while on campus. Fish net stockings are not allowed.
BELT	Must be worn with all shorts, pants, capris. Belts must be worn with skirts that have belt loops.
CAPS	Caps are not to be worn during school hours except for athletic events. Students may wear 'beanies' during the cold weather weeks, however, they MUST be removed when entering a building; they are approved for outdoor wear only! Bandana-style headwear is not to be worn. Exceptions for headwear may be made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.
SHOES	All shoes must be attached at the back of the feet due to insurance regulations. (No flip-flops, clogs, slides or step-in tennis shoes, etc.) NO HEELYS (shoes that roll).
HAIR	Is to be neat and trimmed, out of the eyes and off the collar and ears for boys. Hair may be any natural color that is not disruptive to the school environment.
PIERCED EARS	Girls may have no more than two piercings of each earlobe. Piercing of other body parts is not permitted. Boys are not permitted to have piercings of any body part.
TATTOOS	No visible tattoos are permitted.

JUST FOR GIRLS

CAPRIS	Cotton twill (<u>no stretch fabrics</u>). Need to fit and remain over the hipbone at all times (with belt), traditional "Docker" style. Cargo (side pocket) capris are not included as dress code. <i>Pants and capris should not fit tight through the hip and thigh.</i> "Skinny" pants are not allowed.
SKIRT/SKORT	Except for Chapel Day skirts must be solid color (Black, Brown, Khaki, Navy or Tan) pleated or A-Line in cotton twill (<u>no stretch fabrics</u>). Need to fit and remain over the hipbone at all times , no shorter than 2" above mid-knee (in kneeling position). External (patch and "cargo") pockets are acceptable on skirts. Any slit in a skirt must not extend more than 2" above mid-knee (in kneeling position). A belt must be worn with any skirt that has belt loops.
JUMPER	Round neck or V-neck in cotton twill (no stretch fabrics). No shorter than 2" above mid-knee (in kneeling position).
BLOUSE	Round or pointed collar; button up front (no snaps). No visible camisole underneath. Tucked in at all times.
DRESS	Dresses are NOT included as part of the Uniform Dress Code. (NO dresses!)

DCMS DRESS DOWN RULES

Wear your favorite T-Shirt with traditional blue jeans, cargo pants or shorts.

Remember to follow DCMS dress code modesty policy in choosing your T-shirt and jeans!

- Shirt must fall over your pants waistband and not show skin when you raise your arms.
- Shirts must **not** be tight fitting or cut low at the neckline. (Use your collarbone as a guideline.)
- Shirts must have regulation length sleeves (i.e. no cap sleeves, no sleeveless shirts, **no spaghetti strap shirts over a T-shirt**, etc.)
- Shirts must be of opaque fabric (NOT sheer) so that undergarments or camisoles are not visible through the material.
- If there is a message on your shirt it must be appropriate for DCMS (i.e. school/University, Christian band or message, sports team, etc.)
- Pants must not have holes or fit extremely tight.
- You do not need to wear a belt for Dress Down Day! (You may accessorize with a belt if you want.)
- Warm-up pants and basketball shorts are allowed on Dress Down Day if there are any abuses of this privilege the Principal will revoke it.
- If your clothing is not appropriate you must change into clothing from the Gently Used Clothing Closet.