

December 2022 Newsletter

December is a busy month here at DCA! Since we have many new faces since 2019, we will try to give as much detail as possible in these Newsletters, via messages and flyers, through social media and through the calendar located in Procare about all upcoming activities so that you know what to expect. Winter is such a fun time here at school but we know it can be stressful to remember everything as well. Please know that many of these activities are completely optional and parents should not feel obligated to attend or participate. We want to make the season fun for the kids without stressing the parents too much.

TUITION FEES-2023

Dunwoody Christian Academy has been serving families by providing childcare for 17 years now. We are grateful for the opportunity you've granted us to care for your children and are always striving to operate professionally while maintaining our facility at the highest level. As a licensed Bright From the Start provider, we're focused on making sure the attention, care and instruction your child receives is the best possible. In January there will be an increase in tuition. The new rates will enable us to continue to provide exceptional care for your children and invest in the overall quality of the programs we offer while also keeping up with current inflation rates. The current national inflation rate is between 7.7% to 8.2%. While we want to make sure we are able to keep up with inflation rates with what we must spend to successfully run Dunwoody Christian Academy, we also understand the hardship of an increase of 7+%. Our current rate will be increasing by 5% and we will re-assess our rates and the current inflation rate over the summer of 2023. Thank you for your trust and support. We certainly value our relationship and consider it an honor to have your children in our care. Below are the updated tuition rates for 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss it with us.

Class Name	Current Rate	New Rate as of 2023
Infants # 1	\$1624	\$1705
Infants # 2	\$1624	\$1705
Toddlers	\$1624	\$1705
Explorers	\$1608	\$1688
Pre-K Prep 1	\$1544	\$1622
Pre-K Prep 2	\$1544	\$1622
Pre-K	\$1359	\$1427
Kindergarten	\$1359	\$1427
After School	\$483	\$483

PARENT REMINDERS:

If you are dropping your child off to school after 9:30am, please let your child's teacher or the front office know. Dropping off after 9:30am without knowledge really disrupts the flow of the day. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

During the winter months, please make sure your child **wears/brings a coat to school**. Our students must have coats to go outside and our classes are required to go outside unless it is raining.

If your child is diagnosed with a **contagious illness**, please let the front desk know as we need to communicate those to the classrooms.

Outside food and beverage is not allowed at the school without a written doctors note (exceptions: young infants, students who do not drink cows milk may have their own milk (labeled in the kitchen)). Treats for birthday parties should be store bought and peanut free. Students should NOT come to school eating outside breakfast.

DCA Kindergarten Students: **Please remember to sign up for Holiday Camps with DCA Kindergarten is closed.** Although camp is free to you, we must know who is attending so that we can successfully staff, plan for and pay for field trips and order meals.

Tuition is due in a timely manner. We do not charge late payment fees until the middle of the month, however; tuition is due by the 3rd unless you have a payment arrangement on file (i.e. paying weekly, bi-weekly, on certain days of the month etc.). Families who are a month or more behind in tuition risk disenrollment.

December Staff Birthdays:

Ra'Dyance (floater)- December 3rd
Ms. Teigan (Pre-K)- December 6th
Ms. Johnson (admin)- December 13th
Ms. Andrea (Pre-K Prep 2)-December 14th
Ms. Shatari (floater)- December 24th

January Birthdays:

Ms. Sandy (Pre-K)- January 1st
Ms. Carallena (Toddlers)- January 1st



Dunwoody Christian Academy is partnering with Chapel Hill Church to help children in need at Doraville Elementary School.

There will be a Christmas Tree in the DCA lobby with ornaments on it. The ornaments will contain a child's age, gender and items needed/wanted. Please take an ornament from the tree and shop for your student. Gifts are due back to DCA by December 1st UNWRAPPED.



Leave your child at school or pick them up and drop them back off whenever you are ready to head out for the evening. We will offer a variety of activities, plus dinner will be provided to each child

COST:

\$40.00 for 1 child
\$60.00 for two children
\$80.00 for 3 children

Please sign up via email by December 12th for staffing purposes. Payment in cash is due by Wednesday, December 14th as we pay the teachers directly.

Once you have paid, there will be no refunds provided.

STAFF Christmas Bonus Collection

The Parent committee would like to request your help in raising money to surprise the staff with a holiday bonus. Our goal is to raise \$3700. If we're able to meet this goal we can award each staff member with a \$100 gift card to present on December 9th (the night of their Staff Christmas Dinner). We understand some may not have discretionary money to contribute to this campaign, that is totally fine. This is completely voluntary and anything we raise is better than nothing! If each child is able to donate \$30 to the campaign, we would meet our goal. Again, this is not mandatory and I realize some of you might not be in a position to contribute while others may be able to contribute more.

What: Christmas campaign to raise \$3700 (\$30/child) for staff holiday bonuses

When: now - December 5, 2022

How: Paypal - dcaparentcommittee2020@gmail.com

Please give to our Staff Christmas Collection by December 5th!
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We are excited for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale! Our bake sale will take place the week of December 5th and the proceeds will go towards our Parent Committee's efforts to show appreciation for the Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (Winter and Spring). We would like to keep the bake sale stocked all week so we are asking that if you would like to bring an item(s) to the bake sale that you sign up below for a specific day to bring your item.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72FA1FA7-bake>

Bake sale items will NOT be priced, purchases are donation only and can be made in cash, via venmo, paypal or cash app.

Please stop all week to shop! :)

Follow and review us on our Instagram and Facebook pages!

instagram handle:

[dunwoody_christian_academy](https://www.instagram.com/dunwoody_christian_academy) (this is a new instagram handle so if you were following our old one, we will not be posting there any more)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/dunwoodyca>

Events and reminders will be posted on these pages as well to help keep you up-to-date.

Holiday Theme Week

DECEMBER 12TH-16TH

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Long Winters Nap</i> Wear your Favorite Holiday Pajamas
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Holiday Chaos</i> Over accessorize with Holiday Gear
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Winter Wonderland</i> Dress in all White
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Channel your Flannel</i> Wear your favorite flannel
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Festive Friday</i> Rock your Ugly Christmas Sweater or Favorite Holiday Attire

Holiday Theme Week:

Monday-Wear your favorite Holiday pajamas
 Tuesday- Over accessorize with Holiday gear
 Wednesday- Dress in All White
 Thursday-Wear your favorite flannel
 Friday- Rock your ugly Christmas sweater or favorite Holiday attire



Want to gift your child's teacher with something beyond on our Staff Collection?

We will have a small Teacher Appreciation Week the week of December 12th for parents who want to participate. There is no pressure to do so but some of our parents would rather give little gifts than give money. If that's you, this is for you!

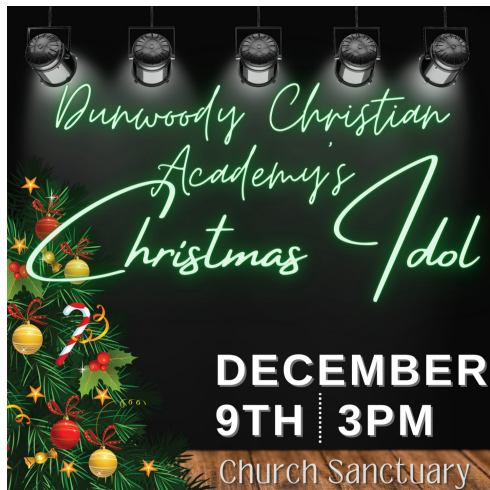
Message Monday- Write all of your teachers a special note

Tasteful Tuesday Treat- Bring all of your teachers their favorite treat

Wishful Wednesday- Bring all of your teachers an item off of their favorite's list

Thankful Thirsty Thursday- Bring all of your teachers their favorite drink

Friday- DCA to provide a dessert bar



We are so excited for our Annual Christmas Program on December 9th at 3:00pm.

Please be on the lookout for items needed for your individual student, if any.

Every class, including Afterschool will perform in this years Christmas Program.

We will have dress rehearsals the week of the program so please make sure your child is in attendance at school as much as possible that week.

All friends and family are welcome to attend the Christmas program! Doors will open at 1:00pm (Church Sanctuary) Please keep in mind that DCA Closes early on December 9th at 5:30pm.

Upcoming Activities:

December:

1st- Last Day for Angel Tree Fundraiser (Gifts due)
 5th-9th- DCA Bake Sale Fundraiser
 6-7th- Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal (All Programs)
 9th- Christmas Production-3:00pm (All Programs)
 9th- DCA Closes at 5:30 (All Programs)
 9th- Staff Christmas Dinner

Upcoming Activities (January-February)

January:

2nd- DCA Closed in Observance of New Years Day

3rd- DCA Closed for Teacher Work Day (DCA Preschool and Kindergarten--Day Camp for Elementary students is OPEN)

16th- DCA Closed for MLK Day (all programs)

February:

12th-16th- Holiday Theme Week/ Winter Teacher Appreciation Week
12th-16th- Staff Secret Santa
16th- Parent's Night Out-6:30-10:30pm
19th-22nd- DCA Kindergarten Closed- Holiday Camp Available by Sign Up Only
23rd-26th- DCA Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (All Programs)
27th-29th-DCA Kindergarten Closed- Holiday Camp Available by Sign Up Only
30th- DCA Closed (All Programs)

4th- Valentine's Prom (all programs invited)
10th- DCA Preschool Valentine's Parties
17th- DCA Kindergarten Closed- Day Camp optional
20th- DCA Closed for President's Day (all programs)



