

Dear DC Family,

July promises to be a busy month at DC. DC Summer Programs kicked off last week and our offices officially opened to visitors yesterday. We continue to work toward board approval and finalization of our proposed school reopening plan for the 2020-21 school year and multiple capital improvement projects are underway on both campuses.

Campus Guidelines

During the month of July, Upper and Lower Campus Offices will be open Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 3:30pm.

As a reminder, please adhere to the following guidelines when visiting either campus:

- All visitors must wear a face covering while on campus. Likewise, face coverings are required for all faculty and staff unless they are working alone in their classroom or office space. Individuals outside and able to physically distance by 6 feet or more may remove their face covering
- All visitors should either wash their hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer frequently on campus.
- It is necessary for us to enact a more restrictive visitation policy at the Lower Campus for the benefit and health and safety of all staff and campers participating in DC Summer Programs. Visitors to the Lower Campus should only enter through the front door of the mansion building and report directly to the Lower School Office.

Proposed School Reopening Plan

More details on our proposed school re-opening plan will be communicated in the coming days. We will be issuing invitations for divisional town hall meetings as well. If you were unable to attend last week's webinar, you can [watch a recording of this event here](#).

Capital Projects Update

God has blessed us with two beautiful campuses. An important part of stewarding this blessing is maintaining and improving our campuses to better serve our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Several capital projects are taking place this summer to enhance and upgrade our facilities.

- Upgrades to our keyless access system are complete on both campuses. The upgrades include a new operating system, new hardware, and additional access points.
- Work is underway on the two winning projects from our Innovative Design Challenge. These projects are especially exciting because they were conceptualized by students and parents as a means to improve student learning and/or community on our campuses. Both Innovative Design Projects will have lasting impact as they have modeled innovation to the community.
 - On the Lower Campus, the King's Table is being outfitted with a new recycling station and commercial dishwasher to reduce waste and better steward our environment. The physical space is being upgraded with mural art, new flooring, and updated bathrooms.
 - On the Upper Campus, a new Coffee Shop originally slated for the Upper Campus Library will be housed in Room 0102 in Lowrie Hall. (See more details below.)
- The turf field project on the Upper Campus continues to be on schedule with no complications to date. The concrete curbing for the field will be installed within the next week followed by the turf system. We anticipate an early August completion date, with the turf field ready for fall preseason athletic activity. Assistant Director of Athletics Mike Pinelli is doing a great job overseeing this project. We will pursue replacement of the split rail fence along Malin Road once the field project is complete. We anticipate this taking place in late August.
- We broke ground on a new inground pool at the Lower Campus on July 2. Though the COVID pandemic resulted in a slower permit process, we are excited to have this project underway and are hopeful DC Summer Programs will be able to enjoy use of the pool before the end of the camp season. Thanks to Mike Tabakin for his work as project manager for the pool project.

On the Upper Campus, multiple changes are taking place for improved student, parent, and guest experiences. A thoughtful and fresh redistribution of several areas on campus support components of our new strategic plan and commitment to ongoing innovation.

The following changes are being made in Lowrie Hall:

- A new reception area will be located in the Great Hall. This area will provide additional security and serve as an important first point of contact for campus visitors.

- The Admissions Office will move from the second floor to the former Head of School Office Suite. A new reception area for admissions visitors is part of this relocation plan.
- Rooms 0100, 0101, and 0102 are being reconfigured to house our College and Career Office, a new school store, and a new student lounge/coffee shop respectively.
 - Funding for the school store has been provided by a donor, and funding for the coffee shop is covered by monies allocated through the Innovative Design Challenge. The addition of these two areas will be connected to our SAIL curriculum as students will have the opportunity to learn business and marketing skills through these microbusinesses.
- The Head of School Office will relocate to the second floor of Lowrie Hall adjacent to the Advancement Office.
- A new Student Services Suite will encompass Room 0202 and the existing Guidance Office Suite.
- The third floor of Lowrie Hall will house staff and faculty offices.

The following changes are taking place in the Upper School:

- The International Student Office will now be part of the Upper School Office Suite.
- Classes previously held in 0102 in Lowrie Hall will now be taught in a new classroom located in the lower level of the Upper Campus Library.

Finally, we are exploring the possibility of upgrades to the Upper Campus Cafe.

In addition to renovations in The King's Table, several projects are underway at the Lower Campus:

- Planning for the Early Childhood Center (ECC) is progressing. Classrooms are being readied and the ECC playground will be upgraded with fencing and additional play structure. All renovations associated with the ECC are made possible by a donor gift to launch this new program.
- The Lower Campus Nurse's Office will be relocated to a more adequate space to best meet health requirements resulting from the pandemic.
- A new Lower School Admissions Suite will be housed in the east wing of the mansion. This space will include two admissions offices and student testing space.

These exciting facility changes represent the strategic thinking taking place at Delaware County Christian School. DC is well positioned to flourish in the years ahead, and these changes will further move DC forward as we prepare students for a life of impact through an innovative and exemplary education rooted in Christ.

In closing, please continue to pray for all of our efforts as we reopen our campuses and plan for the fall. Our theme verse for the coming school year continues to be a daily reassurance as we move through these important days of preparation.

*"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."
Jeremiah 33:3*

In His Service,

Dan Steinfield
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