

DACS DISPATCH: February 2025

LOVE is in the Air!

Jesus loved people. He loved thieves, prostitutes, tax collectors, diseased people, poor people, children and His followers. He loved people who were devoted to Him and those who were different from Him. He even loved difficult and dangerous people. And His love is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago. Because we are loved by Him, we are called to love like Him. The extent to which we love one another validates and communicates our faith (John 13:34-35).

The New Testament contains 54 "one another" passages that teach us how to love. Parents can show their children how to love like Jesus by living out the following "one another" passages.

Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13). The ultimate example of forgiveness was displayed when Jesus hung on the Cross and cried out for those who were crucifying Him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). We should forgive others even when they don't deserve it or ask for it. That demonstrates a love that keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Accept one another (Romans 15:7). To truly love someone, you must avoid trying to change the person for your own purposes. Accepting love is patient and kind, even when someone does not meet your expectations (1 Corinthians 13:4).

Honor one another (Romans 12:10). Honor means to esteem someone as highly valuable. It leads us to treat others as though they are personally autographed by God. When we value others above ourselves, we are emulating the attitude of Christ (Philippians 2:3-5).

But what if the person you are trying to love does not receive it? Loving others isn't always easy, but a Christ like love means forgiving, accepting and honoring even those who are different and difficult. Our ability to love others comes from God (1 John 4:7). We can only give love when our hearts are full of God's love. That is the formula. Any other attempt at loving one another simply does not work.

Do your kids know what true, biblical love looks like? Let's help our kids understand and embrace God's command to "love one another." — Ted Cunningham



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Calendar

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

3-7 WRAP Test 3-14 MAP Testing 14 8th grade Vale-grams 17 President's Day/No School 18 Digital Day/PT Conferences/No School 25 Round-UP/Open House 28 Lift Every Voice: Black History program and Food Fest

Did you know?

Groundhog's Day is a tradition in the United States February 2 of every year. It derives from the Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early. Have you seen the signs of Jesus' 2nd coming? The delay isn't a hiccup in his plan; it's a part of his plan, which makes him kind, not cruel. Jesus will indeed return to judge the living and the dead, but as long as the glorious day is delayed, there's still time for people to repent and trust in Jesus.



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How Can I Help My Child During Testing?

1. Prioritize attendance and homework

Set aside dedicated homework time each night to make sure that your child is completing their assignments consistently throughout the year. It's also a good idea to periodically reflect on your family routine, and make sure you and your student are keeping a schedule that gets them to class on time every day. If your student is absent for a day, or has to miss a class period, check in with them to make sure they can make up what they missed.

2. Communicate with teachers

Regular communication with your child's instructor can help you gain insight into his or her progress. Your child's teacher is also a great resource for test-preparation practice or strategies you can use with your child at home. Plus, they can keep you up to date on group study sessions or other opportunities for additional review that your child may benefit from.

3. Talk to your child about test taking

Have open, ongoing conversations with your child to explain the benefits of testing, focusing on how it helps them, their teacher, their school, and other educators understand their strengths and weaknesses and figure out the most effective ways to teach. You can also use this opportunity to ask your students how they feel about testing, and offer reassurance or perspective if they have any anxiety around exams.

4. Offer positive reinforcement

A little encouragement can go a long way in helping students walk into testing days feeling confident—which, in turn, can have a huge effect on their performance. Praise your child for the work that he or she does to prepare for testing, and share in his or her excitement when he or she has success with a new concept or skill.

5. Support healthy habits

Sleep and nutrition can have a huge impact on your child's ability to focus and retain information. Well-rounded meals and a regular sleep schedule will help your child succeed in the classroom on a day-to-day basis. On testing days, it's especially important to make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, starts the day with a filling breakfast, and goes to school with a water bottle to help stay hydrated.

6. Give your child a study space

A comfortable, dedicated space for homework and studying can work wonders for your child's productivity. Make sure that your child's space is quiet, well lit, and stocked with the right materials, like a writing surface, pens, pencils, highlighters, scratch paper, a calculator, and any other tools that he or she might need.

7. Keep testing in perspective

No single test is *that* important. Avoid putting too much emphasis on your child's test scores—doing so can make your child feel pressure that will ultimately only affect his or her performance negatively.

8. Debrief after the test

After testing day has come and gone, talk with your child about his or her results and how he or she felt about the test. By discussing his or her answers, thought processes, and feelings, you can gain further insight into what he or she is struggling with and excelling at and then help him or her better prepare next time. Talking about testing can also help your child process the experience and overcome any anxiety that he or she might have had. *Adapted from EdMomentum.com*





Did You Know?

Amanda Gorman is a poet who read one of her own poems at Joe Biden's inauguration as president of the United States on January 20, 2021. At 22 years old she is the youngest poet to have had this honor. Gorman was born in 1998 in Los Angeles, CA. She started writing poetry at a young age to cope with a speech impediment. Gorman had difficulty saying certain sounds in the English language, such as the sound for the letter r. Poetry gave her the opportunity to share how she felt and to practice saying words that are difficult for her. When Gorman wrote her poem, she looked to people who spoke about a country divided for inspiration. She read speeches by Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr. She also found inspiration from Maya Angelou and Robert Frost since they also read at inaugurations in the past. Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb," is about hope, unity, and justice. She received praise from many people who heard her recite the poem.

UNIFORMS

Students are required to be in the appropriate uniform daily. Light blue or dark blue DACS polos with navy or khaki pants, black or white socks with black/white shoes. PE days require the red DACS PE shirt with DACS blue joggers or shorts. DACS Jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts are also acceptable during the winter months. Students who are not wearing the appropriate uniform will receive a warning, 2nd offense will result in a write up in Jupiter. Uniforms can be purchased at <u>www.frenchtoast.com</u>. Use the school code: QS61SNV

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Round Up **February 23, 2025 1-3pm**

DACS Open House Pre-K - 8th Grade

Tour the school Meet the teachers Review the curriculum Prizes & Discounts

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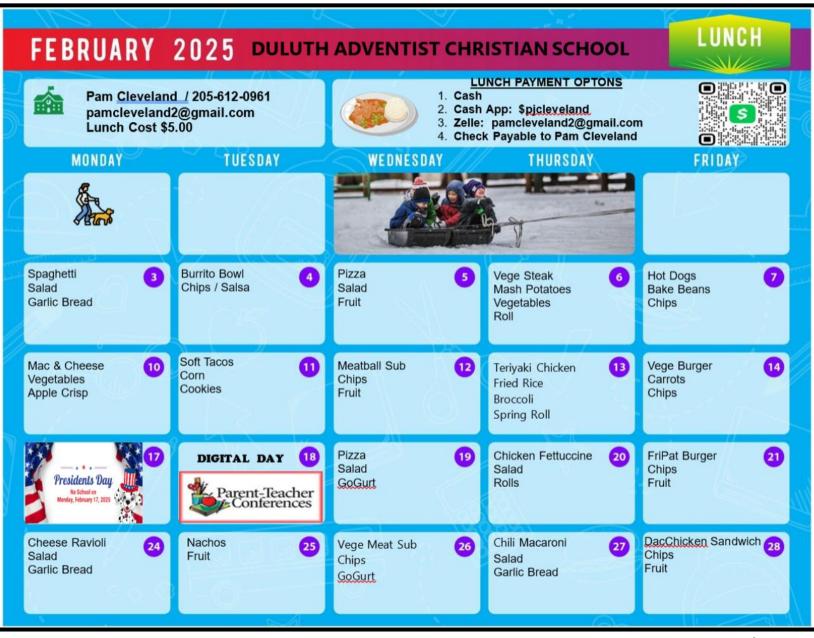
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Announcement from 8th Grade: Don't forget to order a Vale-gram for your kids!

DACS kids, don't forget to order your Vale-grams for your friends, your siblings, and your teachers!

Substitute TEACHERS NEEDED Earn \$70-\$100 a day! Duluth Adventist Christian School

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