

JULY UPDATE

I pray you and your families are enjoying the summer. I look forward to visiting with students upon their return in August to hear about what they've been up to and what God is doing in their lives.

Happy Summer!

We've been busy in the Secondary Office. Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Frey are assisting me as I sort through student handbooks, policies, and prepare details for a successful school year. I am excited about where Des Moines Christian School is going and have had fun brainstorming ideas for "What *could* it be". I enjoy hearing ideas and collaborating with others, so if you have an idea or desire for DMC, please share it with me. I'm all ears!



As I evaluate items for Secondary, you may notice the revisions on the DMCS website. Please be patient in checking for details for now. I hope to have appropriate links & information updated by the beginning of August.

Thank you for your continued prayers for DMCS!

[Jahna Duda](#), Secondary Principal



Secondary Staffing Updates

We are still seeking applicants for a few Secondary positions. If you know someone interested in the following, please direct them to the DMCS [website](#) for more information.

- Secondary Guidance Counselor
- Secondary Resource Teacher
- Secondary Spanish Teacher
- 9th & 10th Grade Bible Teacher
- Secondary Yearbook Sponsor

We are working on a new model for guidance moving forward and have some ideas for the 2014-2015

school year in the event we are unable to fill this position. I look forward to sharing those with you in August. In the meantime, [Mrs. Osborn](#) has been assisting with student schedules, transcripts, etc. Please note, she returns to the office on August 1 should you have any questions about course

Secondary Office Hours for July

The Secondary Office will be closed each Friday in July. Please call us at (515) 252-2490 for specific hours on Monday-Thursday. It is best to call ahead of time before stopping by in the event that Mrs. Frey and I have taken a vacation day.

Spiritual Emphasis

The Bible Department is busy planning the Spiritual Emphasis Retreat for Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22. The purpose of the retreat is to kick off the year with a deep dive into biblical worldview training, strengthen our sense of community in the Secondary, and provide an opportunity for new students to build a foundation of friends – all of these contribute to a successful school year academically, socially, and spiritually. More details will follow in the next newsletter regarding time, location, and speakers.

Chapel Wear

Secondary Chapel is scheduled on Thursdays from approximately 11:00 am to Noon. Students and staff are reminded that chapel attire is *required*, which includes khaki pants and an approved DMCS chapel shirt. More information on the dress code can be found [here](#). Chapel wear orders can be placed [here](#).

Invitation Extended to DMC Students

Former DMC alumni, Chase McCool, and his wife, Lauren, have extended an invitation for DMC students to participate in a Des Moines Debate Institute on August 4-9 from 5:00-9:00 pm. For more information or to register, please contact [Lauren McCool](#) at (910) 330-3304.