



# DORCHESTER ACADEMY

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**All Dorchester Academy students will maximize their personal potential to become productive, responsible citizens through our academic, athletic, spiritual, and leadership opportunities.**

**Our mission is to provide a safe, Christian environment for educating and training students to become their best selves equipped with the knowledge, skills, and habits for leading a successful life as contributing members of a global community.**

Mar. 3, 2019

Dear Raider Parents,

Dr. Seuss's birthday was duly celebrated at DA this week! The children and their teachers had so much fun making things like green eggs and ham, dressing as characters such as Thing One and Thing Two, and reading those amazing classics that never grow old. And while we were having fun, March slipped through the door. 😊 There are exactly 6 more weeks before spring break and less than 10 weeks of school left in our school year. But who is counting?!?!?!?

Following are the issues I want to share, explain, and/or clarify this week:

1. The final tuition payment for 2018-2019 was due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes monthly contracts and quarterly contracts. Information concerning our 2019-2020 contract will be coming out in the next two weeks. Please be on the look-out. In order to receive the "Early Bird" discount, our current families will need to return completed contracts no later than Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Since we have a waiting list for some classes, not returning your contract by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> could result in your students losing a spot in a class that is already full. For families who opt to pay monthly, the first regular payment for 2019-2020 is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. For families opting to make a one-time full payment, a two-time 60/40 payment, or a quarterly payment, the first regular payment will be due on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (since June 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday). Our contracts this year will involve making a small non-refundable deposit as completed contracts are turned in. This is so that we can be sure that you truly plan to be a part of our family next year. This deposit will be subtracted from your first regular payment. For families who pay monthly, you will just make the first regular payment. For families who make the first regular payment in June, the deposit will be deducted from the June payment.
2. Dorchester Academy 2019 yearbooks are now on sale for \$75. Please reserve your copy today! Send a check made out to "Dorchester Academy" to school with your student. Please be sure it gets to Mrs. Julie McAlhany ([Julie.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:Julie.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org)).
3. Twenty-six of our Student Government members will attend the SCISA Student Association Conference next week, from March 3 – 5 in Myrtle Beach. They are leaving today and will return on Tuesday. At the conference, two of our students will run for state office. Colby Weeks will run for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and Melayna Weathers will run for Recording Secretary.

Our group will also compete in the annual Volleyball tournament as well as the debate. This year's topics are as follows:

- a. Be it resolved that all SCISA schools take a pro-active stance in supporting limits for all state and federal elected officials, including US Supreme Court Justices.
  - b. Be it resolved that all SCISA students shall pass the Unite.
  - c. Be it resolved that all SCISA schools shall establish (as a requirement for graduation) participation in an entrepreneurial project which delivers real products or services.
- The Student Government has been busy completing Adopt-A-Highway on Monday, hosting chapel on Wednesday, and preparing for this conference. 😊
4. Juniors Lydia Hofstetter and Savanna Varn were named to the SCISA North-South All Star Varsity Girls' Basketball Team and played in the big game yesterday at in Sumter at Wilson Hall. CONGRATULATIONS to thee girls!
  5. Several of our students will be competing in the SCISA Literary Meet on Wednesday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> at Charleston Southern University. We wish them the best and look forward to reporting on our winners next week.
  6. Information for Summer Camp 2019 is going out. If you are interested, please be on the look out for information coming home. Dorchester Academy families will be given first option to participate, but this will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will offer any remaining spots to the public. Please contact Mrs. Bailey McAlhany ([bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org](mailto:bailey.mcalhany@dorchesteracademy.org)) if you have questions.
  7. Please help us get our school day started off right by making sure that your students are here by 7:55. Our first class begins at 8:00. Tardy students hold us all up, whether they are seniors or kindergarten students. 😞

In sports news, Athletic Director Chris Myers reports that the spring sports season kicked off at Clarendon Hall Thursday night with a bang, despite wet conditions. Our jv baseball team came away with an 8-5 victory, while jv softball won by a fifteen run rule. The varsity teams continued what the jv teams started with varsity softball coming away with a 15-2 win and varsity baseball with a 26-0 win in 3 innings.

Our home games kicked off Friday night against Jefferson Davis with jv softball coming away with a 13-1 victory. JV baseball was scheduled to travel to Branchville, but that game was called because of bad field conditions. Our varsity softball team came away with a 12-0 victory with Payton Jackson recording her first career win as a Dorchester Academy Raider, allowing just one hit. Varsity baseball added to their win column with a 15-0 win over the visiting Raiders. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped get the fields ready despite the wet conditions over the last few days!

Because some of our spring sport athletes away participating in the SCISA Student Government Convention, the next games will be Thursday night at home when softball will host Branchville, JV and Varsity. JV will start at 5pm. Our baseball teams will host Patrick Henry with the JV game starting at 4pm. The baseball teams will then travel to Holly Hill on Friday for a 4pm start.

**Following are the details of athletic contests on our schedule for this week:**

**Thursday, Mar. 7: JV and varsity softball hosts Branchville (5:00)**

**JV and varsity baseball hosts Patrick Henry (4:00)**

**Friday, Mar. 8: JV varsity baseball travel to Holly Hill (4:00)**

Following are other important dates you may want to make note of:

- Mar. 3-5: SCISA Student Government Convention in Myrtle Beach
- Mar. 6: SCISA Literary Meet at Charleston Southern University
- Mar. 9: Booster Club BIG BUCKS Steak Dinner and Auction (begins at 5:30 p.m.)
- Mar. 13: Chapel Day
- Mar. 20: Third quarter report cards go home
- Mar. 27: Chapel Day
- Apr. 5: DA Prom (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- Apr. 10: Chapel Day
- Apr. 15 – 19: Spring Break (DA closed; After Care will be open based upon need)
- Ap. 24: Chapel Day
- May 3: Chapel Day
- May 10: Chapel Day
- May 17: K3 & K4 end-of-the year celebrations (8:15 a.m.)
- May 19: K5 graduation at 1:30 p.m. and Spring Athletic Awards Program at 3:00 p.m.
- May 22: Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m.)
- May 23: Graduation for the Class of 2019 (7:00 p.m.)
- May 27: Memorial Day Holiday
- May 28: Summer Camp begins

I am looking forward to another great week. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to.

Sincerely,

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