

God's Blessing to you!

I pray each of you are enjoying a safe and fun summer. The children have been enjoying the summer themes; I Spy and learning about Dinosaurs. Please refer to the August activity calendar for dates and activities regarding the August summer unit, Around the Neighborhood. The 2020-2021 program calendar was emailed in July and posted to the website. I have also attached it to this letter for your reference. Calendars, activities, and important dates and information can be found in this letter, or the Day One Website, <u>dayonechristianacademy.org</u>.

Day One Christian Academy will be **closed** for Teacher In-Service August 12-14. Meet the Teacher will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for the first day of the new school year on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Classroom placements for the 2020-2021 school year have been finalized and teachers will be emailing the families in their class next week. The teachers will be welcoming the students to their classroom and an invitation to sign up for Meet the Teacher.



### Meet the Teacher, August 14th

Meet the Teacher is going to look different this year. Day One has planned the event to meet COVID health and safety regulations and still have the opportunity for you and your child to meet their new teachers. To reduce the amount of people in the building at any given time, each class will have a sign up with a 15-minute timeframe for you and your child to come into the building, meet the teacher and see their new classroom. There is a limit of one adult per child and adults must wear a mask at all times. The classroom teachers will also host a virtual "Meet the Teacher" for families unable to meet in person. We are asking for families to adhere to the timeframe they have signed up for to ensure proper disinfecting in between visiting families.

## **COVID Policies and Procedures**

Attached are the COVID Public Health Emergency Policies and Procedures that have been added to the Parent Handbook. These policies are put in place to assist with the health and safety of the children, families and staff. Day One implemented these policies over the summer, following guidance from the CDC, Governor Abbott, Texas Child Care Licensing, and the Texas Health and Human Services.

## **Highlands New Drop Off Location**

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Highlands Latin Cottage School will have their drop off between playground #1 and #2 between 8:15-8:30pm. On these days, there will be signs posted for the Day One lane to drive around their line to the Day One drop off area.

## **Tuition Agreements and Parent Handbook**

Mrs. Money has the 2020-2021 Tuition Agreements and Parent Handbooks ready to sign and pick up beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may email Mrs. Money to schedule a time to meet with her, or she will be available in the front lobby during Meet the Teacher.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities Updates**

The extra-curricular classes will be in the children's classrooms for the beginning of the year to reduce travelling in the hallways and large group settings. We are excited to welcome two new members to the extra-curricular team!

# Matthew Kortze is joining the Day One team as the new music teacher and Gloria Dei's Director of Contemporary Worship! Matt will be attending Meet the Teacher in the morning and would love to introduce himself to you.

We are looking forward to Mrs. Shani Vindas starting Spanish with the children this year! Mrs. Shani has been a part of the Day One team for two years and we are looking forward to all the talents she has to offer our program.



Everyone at Day One is very excited for the start of the new school year on August 17th and see all the children returning. We are looking forward to a great year and seeing you all soon! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <u>sbenson@dayonechristianacademy.org</u>. Together, we can train up a child in the way he should go, so when he is old, he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

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