



Dear Day One Families,

October was full of fun and wonderful events. Between the visit with the Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Pastor Appreciation, and our first parent socials!

With the cooler weather quickly approaching, make sure to bring your child with a jacket or sweater. Children continue to play outside on the playgrounds even when it is cooler. Please remember to label all belongings, including bottles, sippy cups, jackets and any other personal belongings.

Harvest Festival

Day One had a great time yesterday at our Harvest Festival! The children enjoyed varying games and activities throughout the festival reminding us that "We Be-leaf in God" and all the joys that Fall brings us each year.

Thanksgiving Week

Day One Christian Academy will be closed November 25 and 26. November 22-24 there will be no preschool. Care is available for full time students only. Full time is considered 6 or more hours on any scheduled day. Please indicate on the sign-up lists posted in the classrooms if your child will be needing care during the week of Thanksgiving.

I hope you join us for worship at Gloria Dei on Sunday, November 21 for Give Thanks Sunday! Day One's November Community Service Project will be assisting the church's food drive to replenish Lighthouse Christian Ministries food pantry. Bagged food can start being dropped off in the front lobby beginning Monday, November 15th. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn thankfulness and how to help others this season.

Immunizations

Day One's annual Immunization Audit for the Harris County Health Department will be submitted on Tuesday, November 30. Please provide an updated vaccination record for your child if you have not already done so by Monday, November 15. Thank you for your assistance as we keep all the children's records current.

Parent Chapel

November's Parent Chapel is scheduled for the 17! Parent Chapel is an opportunity for you to come and worship with your child at our weekly Chapel lesson. The children sing songs, participate in an interactive Bible story lesson, and praise God for all the blessings and opportunities He provides. Parent Chapel is extra special because there is time for fellowship with other families after Chapel in Kids room while you have the opportunity to eat lunch with your child.

Start Your Christmas Shopping Now!

Are you ready for the SCRIP Gift Card Sale? Not sure what SCRIP is? Here is some valuable information on the program and you may contact Kelly Money at kmoney@dayonechristianacademy.org with any questions.

What is a SCRIP program? "SCRIP" means substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP card you are purchasing gift cards that are used just like cash. The SCRIP card is issued by national and local retailers where you already shop. These merchants want to support non-profit organizations and in return ask you to support them by shopping with scrip cards at their stores. Every purchase will earn revenue for our school.

How can you help? Order SCRIP card(s) using the form in your child's daily folder on November 10 and our school will earn a percentage from each card ordered.

How to order the SCRIP cards: Forms will be available through your child's daily folder



and additional forms will be provided in the Lobby Area. (1) Review the list of available SCRIP cards. (2) Complete the order form. (3) Submit your order form with payment to the office. The order will be submitted Wednesday, December 1. (4) Your order will process in approximately 1 week. You will be notified when the cards are in and you may pick them up in the office.

Advent Blocks

Gloria Dei and Day One have partnered with Advent Blocks to provide a meaningful resource for everyone—yes, everyone! The classes will have a set in their classrooms, and our goal is for our families to work through the story of Scripture together at home in anticipation of Christmas. Advent Blocks, with its family guide, *The King Is Coming*, is a tangible, 25-day resource that helps kids—and parents—anticipate Jesus, not just presents. *He Is Here*, is a 25-day Advent guide to help you prepare your heart for Christmas. While it's made to be used on its own, it follows the stories in *The King Is Coming*, so everyone's participating in Advent together.

Why Advent blocks? They are tangible, your children will love to touch and play with the blocks. Children will want to play and engage which will be a continuous reminder to read and move the block. They are easy, the process takes about 5 minutes a day and everything you need comes in the set. They are beautiful, will easily find a place in the home like other Christmas decorations.

How to Order: (1) Visit adventblocks.com/churchprogram (the only place to get Gloria Dei's 30% discount) (2) Order the resources you need by November 14 (3) Use our coupon code GDLC-30% (4) Pick up your order at Gloria Dei in November.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, the children will be learning and discussing what it means to be thankful. This is a great opportunity to remind ourselves of all the blessings God has provided and all that we have to be thankful for. To get in the spirit of thankfulness, I would love to share a few things I am thankful for:

For the teachers, whose love and dedication to Day One shines each day. For the children's laughter and chatter in the building. For the support and generosity of all the families at Day One. For the supportive and encouraging individuals in my life every day. For the little blessings from God that remind us of all the things we love. For the children and teachers that fill the building with love and grace that turns this building into a second home. For all these things and more, I give thanks to God!

I would love for you to share with us what you are thankful for!

In His Service and yours,

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