

Who is School Circle?

You are!

All parents are members of School Circle during the time their child(ren) are enrolled at DCS.

School Circle supports DCS in building community and fundraising for activities and resources outside of what tuition covers.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Moms in Prayer
Donuts with Dudes
Grandfriends Day
Spring Luncheon
Roller Skating Parties
Father/Daughter &
Mother/Son Events
Chicago Bus Trip

FUNDRAISERS

Harvest Sale Auction
Golf Outing
Walk 'n Jog
Free Fundraisers:
Boxtops, Terracycle
Cash for Class

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Room Parents
Care Parents
Harvest Sale Auction
Playground Duty
Terracycle
Library Help
Christmas Shopper
School Circle Board

School Circle raises over \$105,000 each year to help keep the cost of expenses down. School Circle supports:

Coffee for Teachers
Exploratory Classes
Fellowship Events
School Play
School Theme T-Shirts

Kindergarten Program
Outdoor Education Camp
Teacher Dinners for Conferences
Friday Morning Prayer Groups
Teacher Requests for Classrooms

8th Grade Retreat
Robotics Club
Library Books
Chapel Expenses
8th Grade Graduation

DCS Events and Volunteer Opportunities

We Need Your Help!

Dutton Christian School depends on parent volunteers to help support and raise money to keep our tuition costs from rising. How can you help?

School Circle is constantly searching for volunteers to help with events.

Some events need chairpersons, some simply need helpers the day of the event. Expressing interest does not commit you to helping! However, our volunteer numbers have been declining over the years. In order to keep these events from being eliminated and in order to keep tuition as low as possible, more volunteers are needed.

Many hands make light work!

Room Parent

Room Parents play a vital role at DCS. Room Parents work closely with the teachers to help take care of the needs in the classroom, such as finding volunteers for classroom activities, field trips and special events. Room Parents are also responsible for organizing gifts for the teachers and support staff on their birthdays.

Care Parent

Care Parents are the heart of the school. The Care Parent Program is designed to build a sense of community for existing families and to welcome and ease the transition of new families into our school. One parent per class (PreK, Early 5's, & Kindergarten) or per grade (1-8) will act as the Care Parent. A monthly letter from our School Circle Vice Secretary will be sent to you - all you have to do is copy and paste it to your class! We try to make things as easy as possible.

Harvest Sale Auction

This is our school's biggest fundraiser! It brings in a significant amount of money. This Harvest Sale takes place in the beginning of October and takes a team of people to make it successful. Spreading the responsibilities across a whole team means the tasks become less time consuming and a lot more fun! The more people we have doing smaller jobs, the easier it is. This is a great place for men to volunteer as well. Tasks are as easy as making a few phone calls or emails.

Christmas Shopper

Christmas Shopper is scheduled for the beginning of December at the north campus. This event's purpose is for kindergarten through 5th grade students to purchase Christmas gifts for the special people in their lives. All the kids absolutely love this special opportunity! It takes a team to execute this event. There are numerous things you can sign up for, as we need all kinds of help! Examples are shopping for gifts throughout the year, setting up and tearing down the event, wrapping presents the day of and helping kids shop.

Grand Friends' Day

This event takes place at both campuses in April. The kids look forward to this day all year. It is a special day where grandparents, or grand friends of any kind, come and spend a portion of the day with the children. There is a lunch provided for the grand friends, and they spend time in the children's classrooms. Since we serve lunch, we need many volunteers the day before (preparing the food) and the day of the event (serving and cleaning up).

Teacher Luncheon

This event takes place on Friday of the first full week of May. With the help of Sign-Up Genius, this event takes very little time to plan and set up. Details include hiring a caterer, getting teacher coverage through Sign-Up Genius, and setting up the gym.

Doughnuts with Dudes

This event is in March for all students and a special guy (dad, uncle, grandpa, or special friend) in their lives. The kids get to show off their room and eat a doughnut! The main tasks include getting volunteers and supplies for the event.

Lads & Ladies Event

This event occurs in the odd years (opposite of the Sweetheart Dance), usually during the spring semester. It is an evening dedicated to the boys in Early 5's through 8th grade and their favorite lady (mother, aunt, grandma, or special friend).

Events in the past have included a Whitecaps baseball game or a Griffins hockey game. Volunteers are needed to help choose a venue and arrange the purchase and distribution of tickets.

Sweetheart Dance

This event is every other year in February. The dance is intended for girls to bring their father or another male role model (uncle, grandpa, or special friend). There are many volunteer opportunities to help make this a special night for our daughters such as planning committee, decorating, setting up, helping at the event and clean up.

New Life Thrift Store

The New Life Thrift store donates money to all South Christian feeder schools to keep our tuition costs down. The store asks that a parent from each family work four hours per child enrolled at DCS during our designated months. It's fun to volunteer with a friend!

Lice Checks

Looking for parents who have experienced lice in their home or are interested in being trained on how to identify lice. A couple times a year we do full school lice checks to try to prevent the spread of lice.

Walk n Jog

This event takes place at the end of May, usually the Friday before Memorial Day, and the kids love it! It's a fun day of exercise, community building and fundraising. It's a great way to wrap up the year and raise a little money for something special. In the past, we were able to contribute to new playground equipment with the funds raised. It takes many hands the day of the event to make this a success. We need help with setup and tear down, facilitating events, and working the food and beverage station.

Golf Outing

This is another important fundraiser for the school. We are always looking for new sponsors, whether it's a golf sponsorship or a non-golf sponsorship. If you talk to someone who is interested, please send him or her our way! The outing is typically at Thornapple Pointe. We need around 10-15 volunteers to help the day of with jobs such as working at the registration table, helping with raffle tickets sales, driving the beverage cart, etc.

North Campus Playground Duty

Are you able to donate 30 minutes a month to watch kids play during lunch recess?
Your child would love to see you!

South Campus Playground Duty

Are you able to donate 30 minutes a month to watch kids play during lunch recess?
Your child would love to see you!

Baker

During events at school like PreK Open Houses, we provide baked goods for attendees to enjoy. Would you be interested in baking some delicious treats?

DCS Bus Trip

This event takes place in the beginning of November. Details include collecting money from riders and setting up transportation.

**“Each one should use whatever gift
he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”**

1 Peter 4:10