



October has been full of wonderful events!! Vision and Hearing Screenings, LSA Meet and Greet, Pastor Appreciation, Nassau Bay Volunteer Fire Department visit, Parent Chapel and Joy the Comfort Dog visit to name just a few. Thank you so much those that participated in these activities. The children are blessed to interact with the church at large and the community.



Come and join us as we celebrate all of God's Blessings during the Day One Harvest Festival "**Gathering With Love For Jesus**" on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. We are fortunate to have the Lutheran South Academy (LSA) Student Ambassadors volunteer to assist with the games and activities so that parents may spend their time with their child. If your child does not regularly attend on Tuesdays, they are welcome to attend with a parent.



Day One Christian Academy is scheduled to have the children's **Immunization records** audited **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. This will not be an electronic audit but an on-site visit by the City of Houston Health Department. Please provide the office with your child's most recent immunization changes. Any child that is not current will be unable to attend in the program until the Health Department has received the completed records. Thank you for your continued assistance as we keep all children's records current.



Day One students are encouraged to participate in a service project this season. **A Book Drive** will be held supporting HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake (formerly CL Regional) and the DOCA Library. The NICU needs a minimum of 150 books and DOCA is in need of updating the library. The Book Drive will begin the start of November and continue through mid-December. Because these books will go to the NICU, we ask that they are new or very gently used. to reduce germ potential.



Calling all volunteers....sign up to assist with filing, shredding, copying, organizing, reshelving books... really anything the DOCA office could use some help with. This is different from classroom volunteers and grounds clean up. See the attached link and leave the date and time you can serve, between 7am and 5pm, in the comment section. Once a date is set, a calendar invite and reminder will be sent to you and DOCA administration.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549ADAB2AAAF1-monthly>



As the weather changes, viral related illnesses tend to increase and become more prevalent. We will take all necessary precautions to **reduce the spread of illness**, but we need your continued assistance in doing so. The best thing you can do is to frequently (and thoroughly) wash your hands and your children's hands with soap and water. It is important that you keep children at home if they have any complaints or symptoms of not feeling well. Make sure you keep them home for one additional day after the symptoms have passed (without medications). Finally, it is important that you let us know if your child is sick and what the diagnosis is so we may take the proper action and communicate with the other families in our program.

### **Some November dates to mark on your calendar:**

Thanksgiving is a special time to gather with those we love and care for, and it is a special time to thank God for all He has blessed us with. Our students are planning various activities where they will gather and give thanks. Please remember to check your child's classroom for sign-up opportunities.

- Nov. 1** The LifeTouch Portraits have been delivered to Day One for the families that opted for this delivery method. Portraits packages may be picked up from your child's classroom.
- Nov. 5** Day One Harvest Festival from 9-12. All students are invited to attend.
- Nov. 11** SCRIP Gift card Sale\*\*\* begins.
- Nov. 13** On-Site Health Department student immunization records audit.
- Nov. 20** Join your child at Parent Chapel for a special Bible Lesson at 11:00, then stay and have lunch immediately afterwards.
- Nov. 25-27** No Preschool. Care is available for students that follow the full-time calendar. All other students are charged the drop-in rate of \$10 per hour. Please indicate on the sign-up lists (at the classroom) if your child will be needing care during the week of Thanksgiving.
- Nov. 28-29** Day One Christian Academy will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays. Take this time to reflect on your many blessings. Among the greatest of them are your beautiful children.

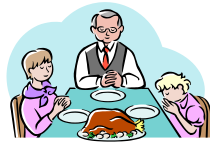
### **\*\*\*START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW!!!**

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@gdlc.org](mailto:kmoney@gdlc.org) with any further questions.

**What is a SCRIP program?** "SCRIP" means substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP card you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates 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 cubbie on November 11<sup>th</sup> and our school will earn a percentage from each card ordered.

**How to order the SCRIP cards:** Forms will be available through the children's cubbies and additional forms may be found in the Reception 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 Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. (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.



*As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to share some of the things I am thankful for: For parents who help in the classrooms; for laughing children in our hallways; for parents who go on field trips; for dedicated teachers; for a congregation committed to our early childhood ministry at Day One Christian Academy; for those that work all day and still have time to work on stuff for the children at the end of the day; for "walking feet"; for voices singing and rejoicing in the chapel and in the hallways; and, for the parents, children and teachers that fill the corridors, and our hearts, with the love and grace of God each and every day. For all these things I give thanks to God!*

***GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER!!***

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