

Dawn Treader Christian School

Narnia News

September–October Highlights | 2025

***“Rooted in
Faith,
Growing in
Excellence”***



This fall, our students and staff have shown what it means to be rooted in faith and growing in excellence—embracing each day with purpose, compassion, and a commitment to learning.

From classroom achievements to creative assemblies, from coding projects to spelling contests, Dawn Treader Christian School continues to nurture hearts and minds for God’s glory.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear DTCS Families and Friends,

The fall season has brought with it a renewed sense of excitement, energy, and purpose at Dawn Treader Christian School. As we entered the new academic year, the months of September and October have been a season of growth, reflection, and community connection. From classroom learning to chapel worship, our students and staff have demonstrated what it means to lead with faith, serve with joy, and pursue excellence in all they do.

This year’s focus on “Building a Cycle of Success”—spiritually, academically, and socially—has guided every decision we make as a school family. Our teachers began the year with dynamic lesson planning and professional collaboration, creating classrooms that inspire curiosity and confidence. Students quickly settled into routines, embracing hands-on learning experiences in reading, math, science, and Bible study.

We also launched several new initiatives designed to strengthen our academic and enrichment programs, including expanded after-school opportunities, targeted academic supports, and faith-based community engagement. Whether through worship, service, or scholarship, we have seen God’s faithfulness in every corner of our school.

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our parents, staff, and community partners who continue to invest in the mission of DTCS—to Inspire, Equip, Achieve, and Impact through Christ-centered education.

Each day at DTCS reaffirms our mission to nurture students’ hearts and minds through faith, excellence, and love. Thank you for your continued prayers, partnership, and support in this journey of growth and grace.



With blessings and gratitude,
Tamara Aguirre
School Principal



A STRONG START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Our students returned eager to learn, and teachers began the year with renewed energy and vision. During Back-to-School Night, families had the opportunity to meet our wonderful faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about grade-level expectations.

The feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive, and we are thankful for the continued partnership that makes DTCS such a nurturing and faith-filled environment.

STUDENT LEARNING & ASSESSMENTS

September and October focused on setting strong academic foundations. Students in Grades K–8 completed i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments in Reading and Math, which provide valuable data to guide instruction and monitor growth throughout the year.

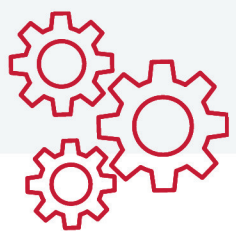
We are proud of the effort our students demonstrated and the intentional teaching strategies our faculty continues to implement.

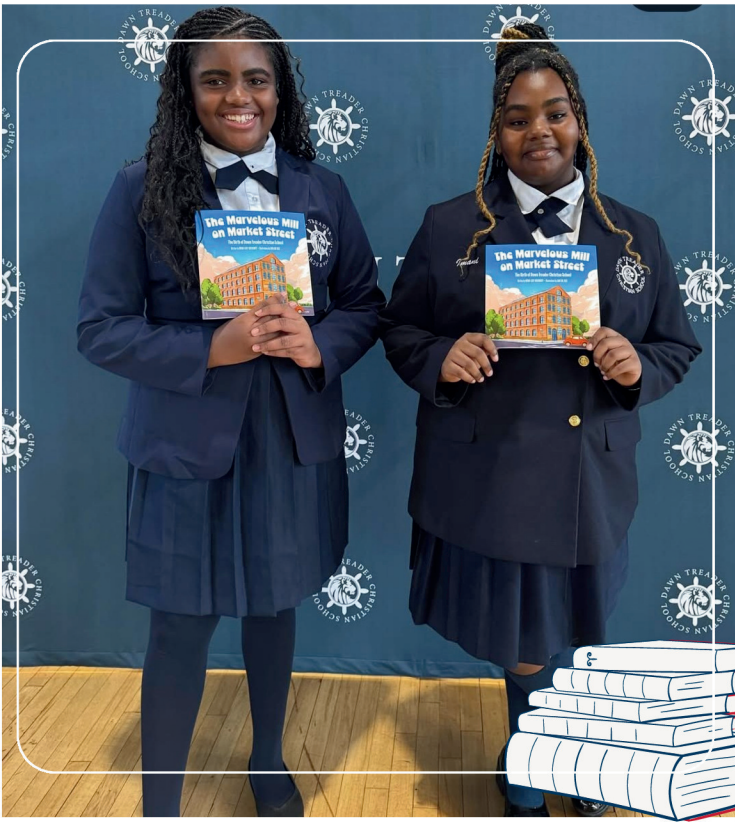


STEAM & ENRICHMENT GROWTH

Our STEAM initiative continues to flourish as students explore robotics, coding, and hands-on science experiments that promote creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking.

These activities allow students to apply what they learn in meaningful, real-world ways while building confidence as young innovators and problem solvers.

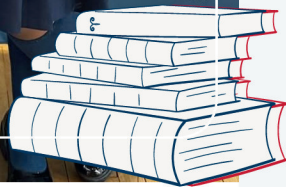




MARVELOUS MILL ASSEMBLY & SCHOOL SPIRIT

Our Marvelous Mill on Market Street Assembly on October 10th was a joyful celebration of creativity and faith! Students showcased artistic talent, musical expression, and teamwork in an event that highlighted the importance of community connection.

Thank you to our teachers, families, and volunteers for making this event such a success!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & STAFF COLLABORATION

Faculty members continue to grow through weekly staff meetings and targeted professional development in instructional leadership, data analysis, and classroom engagement.

These sessions strengthen collaboration and ensure that our instructional practices remain rigorous, reflective, and Christ-centered.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Oct 30th–31st** Hispanic Heritage Presentations
- **Nov 6th-** End of 1st Marking Period / 12:30 Early Dismissal – Teacher PD
- **Nov 7th-** No School – Teacher Conference
- **Nov 14th-** Report Card Distribution / \$4 Fundraiser Dress Down
- **Nov 20th–21st-** Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please check ClassDojo and school emails weekly for updates and reminders.



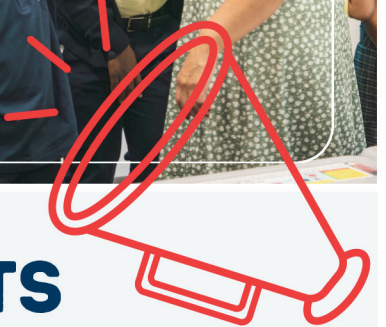
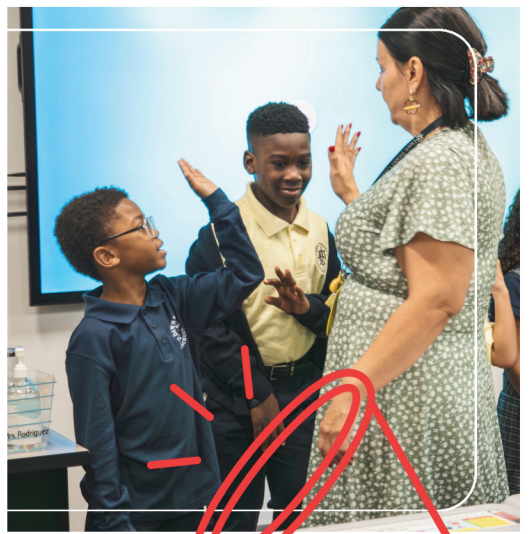
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Akil Robinson:

Completed the One Hour of Coding challenge, demonstrating strong problem-solving and digital literacy skills!

NNJCSA Spelling Contest:

Students in Grades 2–8 proudly represented DTCS in the NNJCSA Spelling Contest on October 21st, showcasing impressive vocabulary skills, confidence, and school spirit. Congratulations to all participants and winners!



CLASSROOM SHOUTOUTS

Ms. Salinas's Kindergarten:

London Rudolph — Recognized for her excellent listening, leadership skills, and kindness toward classmates.

Ms. Grier's 1st Grade:

Students received recognition for outstanding effort in passing both their Spelling and Math Tests this week. Way to go, first graders!

Mrs. Rodriguez's 2nd Grade:

The entire class earned recognition for successfully passing their Language Arts Test and demonstrating great participation in class. Keep up the amazing work!