

DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SERVE FOR EDUCATION

Kick off – February 18, 2026

The focus of the Serve for Education gives students the opportunity to reach into the community. Students will do this by serving in the Mountville community and surrounding areas.

The entire school will be participating in our 16th annual **Serve for Education**. Serve for Education is project-based and will be completed by mid-May.

We wish to extend an invitation to family and friends to join us in helping to raise funds for the many needs of the school in areas such as enhancing our technology offerings and supporting our athletic programs. Each participant will raise funds by asking sponsors to contribute a tax-deductible donation based on the students serving in the community.

Specific instructions and guidelines are below. Please keep this very special event in prayer as we make a difference in our community.

MAILING LABEL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) **NEW THIS YEAR: Previously, each student received their own label sheet. This year, each family will receive a label sheet, which will be used for all the children in the family. One postcard will be sent to donors with the names of all the students in the family. (An extra label sheet is included for any donors who are specific to one child. For example, if only one child in the family takes piano lessons and would like to send one to their piano teacher, please write that specific student's name on the adjacent label on the extra sheet.)** The label sheet needs to be returned with the names of people who are potential sponsors. Each family only needs to turn in 20 labels; however, you may include more. These names will not be used for any other mailings from our school.

- 2) **PLEASE TYPE** directly on the label: the name, address, and zip code of each prospective sponsor. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure that all the information fits on one label and that the address is correct. Please be sure that addresses are complete and do not overlap another label or they will not be counted. If students are completing their own labels, we ask that parents make sure they are formatted correctly. Incorrectly formatted labels **WILL NOT** be counted or used. If applicable, we have included returned mailers from last year in your envelope for reference. You will want to be sure that you have updated these addresses if you desire to use the same people. We have also included a list of those that sponsored your children last year. You will want to keep this in mind when preparing your labels.

Example of proper formatting of label:

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith (Name on first line)
123 Main Street (Street or P.O. Box on second line)
Somewhere, PA 12345 (Town, state, and zip code on third line)

- 3) Potential sponsors may be family members, relatives, close friends, and neighbors. **Please refrain from adding faculty or staff members to your lists.** Church directories and Christmas card lists are great sources for these names. Special emphasis should be placed on out-of-state relatives and friends. **Please do not list individuals who live out of the country.** Also, the people you do business with are a great source of names, i.e., barber, dentist, doctor, piano teacher, etc. If sending to a business please include the contact name. We do not want to give the impression that we are simply soliciting businesses. These must be businesses that will be familiar with the student.
- 4) **The labels must be returned to the school no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.** We will then be sending postcards to the individuals on the list asking them to sponsor your child in this year's **Serve for Education**. Families may also choose to send a check (minimum of \$150 per student) in lieu of labels. ***Please understand that we cannot offer a "grace period," even if a student is absent on the day labels are due. It is strongly encouraged not to wait until the due date to turn labels in so that you are sure to receive credit.***

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR
Serve for Education A HUGE SUCCESS!**

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Prizes and Awards Categories

- (1) Students in grades PreK-5 will have an ice cream party to thank them for their participation in the Serve for Education.
- (2) Students in grades 6-12 will earn a **“FREE SNACK CARD”** for every five (5) names submitted by **Tuesday, March 3**. Each student has the opportunity to earn as many as four (4) cards. Students who do not turn in label sheets by the due date will lose one (1) **“Snack Card”** for each day late.
- (3) Students in grades 6-12 who bring in at least **20 labels** (per student) or contribute at least \$150 (per student) by **Tuesday, March 3**, will earn **10 days of Special Dress Days at the end of the school year, beginning Tuesday, May 14. All students will be expected to be in uniform for the Recognition Assembly on Wednesday, May 27.** Please note that students turning in labels (or \$150) **after the school day on Tuesday, March 3**, will no longer be eligible for the dress days. No Exceptions can be made for this so we kindly ask that special requests are not made.

All Upper School students will participate in this year's

Serve for Education Blessing Day on Friday, May 22!!!

Because each student will be participating in community service activities, **ALL UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS** will be blessed with a special day. On Friday, May 22, students in grades 9-12 will enjoy a day at Hershey Park and students in grades 6-8 will go to Leisure Lanes for a game of bowling and miniature golf and a pizza lunch.

