

# **Denton Calvary Academy HOUSE System**

## ***History-***

Originally developed in British boarding schools as far back as the 1800's, the "house system" was established as a means to support and encourage students in their academic and social lives while apart from their families. The students actually lived in houses with the faculty and students with whom they were grouped, hence the name.

## ***Program Overview-***

Denton Calvary students and faculty in grades 6-12 are assigned into four distinct Houses. Each House has it's own unique characteristics: name, colors, Scripture and symbols. Each House is led by several student leaders and a House Dean which is a faculty member. The Houses compete for points in a wide variety of categories throughout the school year. We have short term goals and long term goals for the House program at DCA. Faculty and staff will also be assigned to one of the 4 Houses.

## ***Benefits-***

Builds community within the school

Engages students in campus life

Strengthens relationships across grades and interests

Creates discipleship opportunities

Provides consistent and varied social experiences

Establishes traditions

Provides service opportunities

Assimilates new students

Enhances school spirit

Provides positive competition

Cultivates camaraderie

Increases sense of identity belonging

### ***The Purpose and Scripture Reference***

The purpose of the House System at Denton Calvary Academy aims to develop servant leaders and a school culture that encourages spiritual, social and emotional growth through discipleship and relationships that are based on wisdom, love and fortitude and keeps Christ at the heart of all we do.

*1 Corinthians 12:25-27 - "so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it."*

*Joshua 24:15- "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."*

### ***Questions? Answers!***

How will my student be assigned to a House?

-All middle and high school students enrolled at DCA will be assigned to a House. The student's names will be grouped according to grade, gender and extra-curricular participation, then assignments will be made randomly and evenly across all four Houses. Assignments will be made randomly with no preference given for any situation. Admin will continue to pray for the Lord's guidance in the placement of students. Parents are encouraged to pray for their individual children's placement as well as the assignment process.

What are the House names?

The Houses are named after the "Mighty Men" of David-  
Abishai, Adino, Benaiah, and Eleazar

Will my student be in the same House all four years?

Yes.

Will my children be in the same House?

Yes. The House System is familial, meaning all the members of an immediate family will be in the same House. Younger siblings will know which House they will be assigned to once their siblings are assigned. The system is generational as well, so your children's children will be in the same House if they attend Denton Calvary.