

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 5-12 are assigned into eight distinct houses. Each house has its own unique characteristics: name, colors, scripture, symbols. Each house is led by several student leaders and a faculty house dean. 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.

Benefits

- Builds community with 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 goal of the house system at Denton Calvary Academy is to develop servant leaders and a school culture that encourages spiritual, social, and emotional growth through discipleship and relationships based on wisdom, love, and fortitude, keeping 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. Assignments will then be made randomly and evenly across all eight houses. Admin will continue to pray for the Lord's guidance in the placement of students.

What are the house names?

Abishai, Adino, Benaiah, Eleazar, Hezro, Hiddai, Shammah, and Zalmon (*all names are from David's warriors*)

Will my student be in the same house throughout MS and HS?

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 intended to be generational as well, so families can remain in the same house.