

# CHALKMARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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## *GRANDPARENTS' DAY THIS FRIDAY!*

Anticipation is running high at Damascus Christian as we prepare for our annual *Grandparents' Day* celebration. Festivities will begin promptly at 10:15 AM, in the auditorium with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting our elementary students' daily activities. The students' portion of the program will begin at 10:30. *Scrip* gift cards will be given out to Grandparents who meet certain qualifications (come see what those are!).

The purpose of our Grandparents' Day celebration is to honor our children's grandparents for their commitment to the very important role of being Gram and Gramps. The influence grandparents exert in the life of their grandchildren is immeasurable. We appreciate their investment in the hearts and lives of their grandkids!

Following the presentations in the auditorium, grandparents and students will be excused to participate in the classroom Open House where they can view what our students study, where they study, and an opportunity to meet their grandchildren's teacher.

The entire school will be dismissing early – elementary before noon; seventh through twelfth graders at noon. We are encouraging Gram and Gramp to take their grandchildren to lunch!

If a child's grandparents are not able to come, we *strongly* encourage you to "adopt" a grandparent for the day – a trusted neighbor or friend or another relative who will be able to stand in the gap for the morning. We feel that each child, kindergarten through sixth grades, needs to have a grandparent representative here.

Congratulations to Lydia Marvin for her button design for this year's event. Well done! Pray with us that our Grandparents' Day will be an encouragement to all who attend.

### *ELEMENTARY TALENT SHOW THURSDAY NIGHT!*

After weeks of preparation and practice, our first-ever Elementary Talent Show is ready to hit the stage! Talk about talent!! You'll have to see it to believe it!! This Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, in the auditorium, you will see a bevy of gifted and talented first through sixth graders, *your* kids, do their thing! Talk about talent!! Seeing is believing!! Be sure you are here – Thursday, 7 PM! Invite some friends!

### *MCTEACHERS' NIGHT LET US SERVE YOU!!*

It's time for us to serve you – *dinner!!*  
Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30 PM, the DCS staff will be greeting, flipping burgers, pouring drinks, bussing tables, and frying fries at the Damascus McDonalds. Come enjoy an evening out with your family and friends. This is a great way to support our community and give you a break from kitchen duties. Bring your family and meet your friends at McDonalds. It's a lot of fun so put us to work!!

*Park And Pray* now meets on Monday mornings, 8:30-9:30 in the Prayer Room (between kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade rooms). Please join us to lift up the needs of the school before the Lord. No appointment needed. Just show up! Thanks!!

### *Afternoon Pick-Up Line Reminders*

Just some friendly reminders about our afternoon pick-up line – in order to safely facilitate the pick-up of students after school and minimize back-ups in the street, it is vitally important that *all* parents or drivers follow the guidelines. Please – do not leave your car in line in order to chat with a fellow driver or run into the building “for a second.” This penalizes those who desire to expedite pick-up and clear the drive. Please – keep pulling up near the car in front of you as drivers vacate their spot.

If we work together on this, our walk and relationship with one another and the Lord will remain intact, and consideration for our neighbors will be maintained. Thanks for working with us on this issue.

### *Looking For A Way To Boost Others?*

Are you creative? Do you enjoy spending time with other people? Do your kids or other kids you know participate in sports at DCS? The the DCS Boosters want you! We are looking for a few good women to get together and make encouragement packages for our sports' participants. From as simple as a homemade card, to a bag of goodies and a word of encouragement, please consider this program as an outlet for your creative energy. Please call DCS if you are interested or would like more information. Thanks!!

### *ELEMENTARY CHARACTER AWARD WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER*

Each month, the elementary teachers select students whom they feel have demonstrated certain character qualities worthy of recognition. These three awards are the:

**David Award** - showing a heart after God,

**Solomon Award** – showing wisdom in their choices, and the

**Paul Award** – consistently demonstrating a fruit of the Spirit.

For September, the following students earned these awards by their consistent lifestyle – **David Award** – Keren C. (K), Ally H. (1<sup>st</sup>), Christine H. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Joshua F. (3<sup>rd</sup>), Valerie W. (4<sup>th</sup>), Jordyn F. (5<sup>th</sup>), and Alex F. (6<sup>th</sup>). **Solomon Award** – Hayley E. (1<sup>st</sup>), Madylane N. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Nicholas L. (3<sup>rd</sup>), Matthew D. (4<sup>th</sup>), Zachary M. (5<sup>th</sup>), Jacob T. (6<sup>th</sup>). **Paul Award** – Jackson H. (K), Danny W. (1<sup>st</sup>), Emily B. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ana W. (3<sup>rd</sup>), Angel N. (4<sup>th</sup>), Kimberlynn T. (5<sup>th</sup>), and Kristan H. (6<sup>th</sup>).

**Congratulations!**

### *Lend Us Your Arm – Blood Drive Is Coming*

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2 to 7 PM, Damascus Community Church and DCS will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Mobile. YOU ARE NEEDED! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give something (precious blood) back to others in need.

### *Sip Your Coffee And Watch Our Boys Disappear!*

Help make our high school boys' basketball team disappear (to Europe this summer for ministry outreach)! How? Simply show up at the Aloha Coffee Company (down the mall from Bi-Mart), Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3-7 PM, and order your favorite drink. A percentage of each drink – coffee specialty drinks or Italian Sodas – will go to the team to help them raise money for their summer ministry outreach. This will give you a chance to meet the coaches and players who will be available to sign autographs...

Set aside some time for an enjoyable way to help make our boys' disappear.

### *Prepare For Christmas – See A Sophomore Or Junior*

Now is the time to order your Christmas wreaths, swags, centerpieces and poinsettias. It just so happens that our sophomores and juniors are ready to take your orders beginning today, October 19<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. All profits from this sale will go toward this spring's Washington, D.C. trip.

For further information, please contact DCS. Thanks!