

Chalkmarks

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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Spirit Week and Homecoming Slated For January



A highlight of January is our annual Spirit Week and Homecoming games. This year's activities are slated for the week of January 9th-13th. The purpose of Spirit Week and Homecoming is to generate renewed school spirit and enthusiasm during the cold, dark winter time.

Each day is marked by different activities and different dress-up themes – Monday – Pajama Day; Tuesday – Sports (favorite sport or team); Wednesday – Dress All In One Color Day; Thursday – Cowboy Day; Friday – School Spirit Day (school colors). On Tuesday, there will be a special lunch and talent show. Wednesday will focus on class competition games in the gym. Thursday is slated for class lip syncs, and Friday will culminate the week's activities with an all-school pep assembly. During the week, high school students will vote on their class representatives for Honor Court, based on a consistent Christian testimony, school spirit, respect and encouragement. The Honor Court will be introduced at Friday's Pep Assembly and again at the Friday night basketball games.

Homecoming basketball games will be with Jewell. JV girls will play at 2:30, followed by JV boys at 4. Varsity girls will take to the court at 5:30, and the varsity boys play at 7 PM. Be sure to arrive early for a good seat and to cheer for the *Eagles*!

Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust

On Thursday; morning, December 1st, the former sixth grade class hamster, Ashes, passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was found by his caretaker, Ms. Louise Walker. Ashes will be missed by all who knew him. Any remembrance should be directed to the sixth grade party fund...

Back To School After Christmas Date Change

Please note that school will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, rather than Monday, January 2nd.

Manners Matter At DCS

Damascus Christian believes that good manners are worth cultivating and recognizing. At the elementary level, we do this through something we call *Manners Matter*. Each month, the teachers observe their students as they interact during the school day. Those who demonstrate particularly good manners are publicly recognized at chapel and get to take a trip to Mr. Oakley's office – to select a reward from the Eagle Nest gift basket.

For the month of November, the following students earned the *Manners Matter* award: 1st grade – Gabe C. and Silas M.; 2nd grade – Hanna B., Hunter S., and Mady N.; 3rd grade – Melanie G. and Madeline W.; 4th grade – Caleb G. and Angel N.; 5th grade – Samantha N. and Kimberlynn T.; and 6th grade – Joshua M., Caleb R. and Jake S. In addition, Zeb W. earned the award for October.

Congratulations!!!

Year-End Gift

Numbers of people look for opportunities to gift charitable organizations at the end of the calendar year. We would suggest that a great choice would be Damascus Christian School. Your tax-deductible gift allows us to provide those extra things for our students. If you choose to give a gift to Damascus Christian, simply make your check payable to DCS; you will receive a donation notice after the first of the year for tax purposes.

Whether you choose to pass along a year-end gift to DCS or not, we want to thank you for your loyal support and encouragement. May God's blessings be yours in abundance during this special Christmas season.

December Scrip Contest

This was the perfect time to order *Scrip*!!! Actually, we cannot think of a bad time to order *Scrip*!! But this week, there were a couple of extra incentives. First, *Scrip* makes wonderful stocking stuffer gifts. Second, if you ordered *Scrip* this week, your name was entered into a drawing for a \$30 gift card at Olive Garden!!! That's right. For the winner, no more Christmas dinner leftovers; it's Olive Garden and a wonderful meal, compliments of the DCS *Scrip* program!!

This was the last week to order before Christmas, so we hope you got your order in by Tuesday, December 13th! Merry Christmas from the DCS *Scrip* volunteers!!

DCS Auction Benefiting Our Fine Arts Program and Student Scholarship Fund

Saturday, March 11, 2006

4:00 PM – Silent Auction

6:00 PM – Catered Dinner

7:00 PM – Live Auction

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Shopping Sitters Fundraiser

Friday, Dec. 23rd

From 1 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Drop your child off (up to 12yrs. Old), and we will watch them so you can finish your last minute shopping or enjoy a relaxing meal with your spouse amid all the hustle and bustle!

Children will be attended in groups of Nursery 2-4 yrs., and Elementary ages. They will be supervised by the Spring Mexico Missions team members and their Parents. Adults will be present with each group at all times.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Church office. All donations will go to the Mexico Mission Spring '06 trip

Last Call For Christmas Trees

It is not too late to purchase your Christmas tree to help support our spring outreach to Mexico. Cultured Douglas Firs, six to eight feet high, are on sale for only \$20 each. Contact the school office for details. Thanks!

Got Books?

Thank you for your support at last Saturday's Book Fair! The library will be open until 12:15 PM, this Friday. Be sure to stock up on good reading material for Christmas vacation. The library will be closed weekdays during Christmas Break.

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