

CHALKMARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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Christmas Spirit Of Giving Alive And Well At DCS

One of the DCS goals of helping students become faithful followers of Jesus Christ is challenging them to do what Jesus did – minister to others in need. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to reinforce that principle and our students rose to the opportunity. Here is an overview of how our students ministered in Jesus name.

Kindergarten – Our youngest students purchased thirty towels to present to Shepherd’s Door (a women’s shelter run by the Portland Rescue Mission). On the day Holly Hummel, the PRM representative came, they rolled the towels, tied them with ribbon and placed them in baskets along with a card we made. Holly spoke to the class about the ministry there. At the time, seventeen kids were living at the shelter – the same number as our kindergarten class. **First Grade** – Our first graders collected food for the Boring Fire Department to distribute to those in need in their District. One large box and four large grocery bags full of food were donated. **Second Grade** – Mrs. Jackson’s class collected money which was sent to the Chinese orphans at Shepherd’s Field. A small tile will be made to commemorate our gift and placed in a protective wall at the orphanage. Our second graders pray for children at the orphanage each day. **Third Grade** – Mrs. Hardy’s third graders brought in small gift items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They had enough items to fill six boxes. **Fourth Grade** – Our fourth graders teamed up with the second graders and went to Cascadia Village, where they sang Christmas carols to the residents and passed out ornaments. In addition, both grades brought socks for the “sock tree for the homeless.” **Fifth Grade** – Numbers of the fifth grade students did small jobs to earn money which was pooled together for a total of \$318.45. From this, they purchased underwear, socks, blanket, deodorant, and razors, which they gave to the Portland Rescue Mission.



End Of Quarter Early Dismissal

Just a reminder that Friday, January 20th, is the end of our first semester grading period. There will be early dismissal that day –

Kindergarten, 11:30; **4th-6th grades – 11:50;**
1st-3rd Grades – 11:40; **7th-12th grades – noon.**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, January 25th.

Re-Enrollment Reminder

Friday, January 27th, Re-enrollment packets will be mailed home. This process helps us project what kind of room we will have available in specific grades for new student applicants. There is a February 10th deadline to return your re-enrollment information. After that date, consideration will be given to new student applications. Be sure to complete those forms and return them to us by the designated deadline to ensure room for your children next year.

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Christmas Spirit Of Giving continued...

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Chesney's class collected enough dry goods to fill numbers of boxes for needy families in our community. These were given through the Boring Fire Department. Seventh Grade - This junior high class gathered items to fill three shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse project. In addition, they have an on-going commitment of sending monthly offerings to Hope 2, an orphanage in Mongolia. They have sent approximately \$80 so far this year. Ninth Grade - Both freshmen sections were involved in a voluntary outreach to Alterra (Mr. Hayley's Mother's memory-care facility in Troutdale) where they sang Christmas carols and visited with the residents for about thirty-minutes. Approximately twenty students and three DCS Moms were involved in this outreach before Christmas. Tenth Grade - Our tenth graders adopted a family who were cousins of a DCS family. They have six children, the mother works two jobs, and the Father suffers from bi-polar dysfunction and is unable to work. There would have been no presents had this class not undertaken this project. Eleventh Grade - The DCHS junior class put together care packages such as blankets and other items and gave them to the Shepherd's Door, a ministry of the Portland Rescue Mission. Twelfth Grade - Our seniors purchased gifts, wrapped and delivered them to a family in need.

These tangible expressions of love were greatly appreciated by the recipients, but probably as much so, by those who had the privilege of giving them. We appreciate the opportunity to serve others in need and thus obey the command of Jesus.




Spirit Week Is Alive And Well!



Unbridled enthusiasm, over-the-top creativity, anticipation and excitement all describe this year's Spirit Week activities. Monday found our high schoolers busy in the gym designing and constructing wall-size posters, one per class, depicting the theme of their lip sync song. If you have never seen previous year's offerings, stop by the gym and check these out!



 Unannounced games and class competitions, zany dress-up days, a taco salad/burrito buffet lunch on Tuesday, selection of this year's Honor Court by each high school class all culminate on Friday with an all-school pep assembly and Homecoming basketball games with Jewell and the public presentation of this year's Court.

We are so appreciative of the wonderful students God has given us. We love their zest for life, their support of one another and their teachers, and their desire to become faithful followers of Jesus. All of these elements contribute to a fun, wholesome time we call Spirit Week.



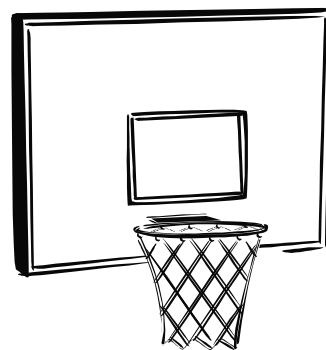
*Come Out To
Cheer On Our
Eagles Friday:*

JV Girls - 2:30;

JV Gold Boys- 4;

Var. Girls - 5:30;

Var. Boys - 7 PM



Asbestos Information

As required under the Federal Guidelines for Asbestos Management, Damascus Christian School has a management plan kept on file in the school office. The purpose of this plan is to document any asbestos-containing materials which may be present in our school and keep such materials under surveillance. This document is available for public viewing.