

# CHALKMARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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## Second Quarter Scholars Recognized

At the conclusion of each grading period, we honor those fourth through twelfth graders who have qualified for Honor Roll status. *Highest Honors* are given to those students who have all A's. *Honors* go to those who have earned A's and B's.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Keira B., Darik F., Christopher G., Kayla., Jacob L., Lydia M., Carrie O., Val W. and Parker W. **Honors** – Alyssa B., Matt D., Caleb G., Angel N., Elizabeth S., Zac V., and Svea W.. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Lindi B. **Honors** – Ben B., Anne E., Jordyn F., Kelsi G., Christian G., Luke J. and Faith K. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Ryan G. and Christa J. **Honors** – Amy B., Caleb C., Alex F., Hannah J., Chelsea J., Caleb R., Joshua R., Jake S. and Adam V. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors** – Isaiah A., Luke D., Michael G., Justin J., Katie S., Tervor U., Jeff W., Kelsey Y. and Matt Y. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Clarissa K. and Anna Rose S. **Honors** – Jeff B., Kaitlyn D., Alex J. and Tanner M. **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Jonathan H., Anne H., Michelle H., Andrew J., Sean L., Jon N., Daniel R., Seth R., Kristina R., Bethany T. and Colleen T. **Honors** – Brittany A., William B., Naomi C., Andrew E., Rebecca H., James M., Jessica R., Emily S., Zach W. and Lexi Y. **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Joel M., Kimberly S., Kevin U. and Laramie W. **Honors** – Matthew D., Michelle E., Nathan F., Maggie G., Eric L., Emily M., Danika M., Rebekah S., Brenna S., Candice W. and Alex W. **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Trista B., Lois C., Lindsey C., Keaton C., Andrea C., Sarah H., Jeff H., Emily H., Buddy I., Sarah M., Anna S. and Alissa T. **Honors** – Matthew B., Ryan C., Kayla D., Kaitlyn J., Seth L., Andrew T., Ben W. and B. Young. **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors** – Katie B., Stephen D., Clara G., Toby H., Erin H., Marc M., Amanda M., Mychal M., Bonnie M., Jenni N., Jonathan N., Naomi P., Kaitlyn R., Kristiania W., and Amy Y. **Honors** – Crystal A., Kenny B., Reilly J. and Caleb R.

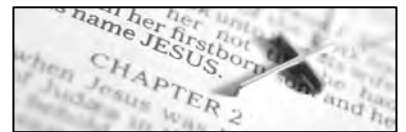
Congratulations!!

## Mrs. Rutherford Recuperating

Barb Rutherford, one of our educational therapists in our Discovery Department, slipped and broke her ankle during our cold weather. She is at home recovering. Latest report has her in good spirits, with the bone healing; they are anticipating complete recovery. Please pray for Barb and husband Mark that the healing process would move ahead unhindered. If you would like to drop her a note of encouragement, the address is 23873 SE Hwy. 224, Boring, OR 97009.

## DCHS Choir To Sing Sunday

This Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Damascus Christian High School choir, *Halel*, under the direction of Mrs. Kay Joham, will be ministering at both DCC morning services, 8:30 and 11 AM. Come to encourage and to worship.



## Auction Action

In our Auction Action articles we have been giving tidbits about Eagles, our DCS mascot. Today I just want to encourage you to have an “Eagle Eye” when it comes to items offered for the DCS Auction this year. Eagles have very strong vision, which focuses up to 2 miles and is five to six times sharper than the human’s vision. An eagle will circle for hours looking for prey. Then in a flash will dive up to 100 miles per hour in what is called a “header” to reach the goal. His life depends on it. A fish swimming in a river or a rabbit scurrying around an open field are no match for the awesome bird of prey with vision. Thus the expression “he has an eagle eye”.

Today we would give you the opportunity to use your “eagle eyes” when planning for this year’s quickly approaching auction coming **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. **February 17<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to come see the CLASS PROJECTS which will be offered at this year’s auction. They will be on display in the Friendship Center. Here is just a sampling of goodies the different elementary classes have put together for your buying pleasure.

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- Kindergarten:** A ceramic cross;
- First Grade:** A ceramic salad bowl set;
- Second Grade:** A tiled mirror;
- Third Grade:** Handprint heart pictures;
- Fourth Grade:** An embroidered sheet set;
- Fifth Grade:** Another tiled mirror;
- Sixth Grade:** A holiday theme basket.

One more thing to keep an “eagle eye” out for would be for someone who would be willing and able to sponsor a table or group of tables for the auction. If your “eagle eye” sees someone who might want to invest in the DCS Auction call Dorian Forrar. He can be reached by calling the DCS School office. Any donation is most appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

### DCHS Cheerleaders Compete At State Saturday

After finishing in first place two weeks ago, and second place last week, our high school cheer team will compete this Saturday at the Oregon State Cheerleading Championship Tournament, Portland Coliseum, 9 AM. Come out to cheer on our cheerleaders! *Go Eagles!*

### Mr. Rasmussen’s Recovery

One month ago, former DCS sixth grade teacher Darrell Rasmussen suffered a stroke which put him in the hospital. During the recovery stages, he experienced a variety of life-threatening situations including internal bleeding, blood clots, erratic heart beats, high and low blood pressure, and pneumonia. We are pleased to say that the Lord sustained him through those times and he is now at a local rehabilitation center undergoing physical and occupational therapy.

He delights in receiving cards and letters from former students, colleagues, and friends. If you would like to write to him, you may send it to 10745 SE Center St., Portland, OR 97266. Both Mr. Rasmussen and his wife Susie have expressed great appreciation for your care, concern, and prayers during this very difficult time. Please continue to pray for renewed strength, coordination, and balance. Thank you!

### Speech Meet Standouts

This past Thursday the air was charged with electricity at DCS. What was the cause of this electricity? The Elementary Speech Meet was finally here!!! Boys and girls alike had prepared, practiced, and polished so they could present their selections with both poise and pizzazz. Many had family and friends who came to see them shine.

The guidelines for the ACSI Speech meet are that the each selection must be memorized perfectly and that the “tone” of each selection is to be communicated through facial expression and tonal inflections only. Students are not to use costuming or gestures to enhance their selections.

As usual, the DCS students rose to do their best in order to bring glory to the Lord. Some students were only a few tenths difference in first and second places. In the eyes of those who saw them all the students were winners and are to be congratulated. There were some who stood out in a special way to the judges. Those students will be going to the Regional Speech Meet in Sweet Home, Oregon on Friday, February 24th. They are:

- FIRST GRADE: Bible: Silas Marvin Poetry: Moses Wakefield.
  - SECOND GRADE: Bible: Hannah Forrar Poetry: Hunter Straub Fable and Folklore: Nathan Woodruff
  - THIRD GRADE: Bible: Theodore Mandrones Poetry: Alexis Goebel Fable and Folklore: Ana Wakefield
  - FOURTH GRADE: Bible: Parker Wilson Poetry: Lydia Marvin Fable and Folklore: Kayla Kirkpatrick
  - FIFTH GRADE: Bible: Christopher Roach Poetry: Jordyn Foster Patriotic Oration: Luke Jackson
  - SIXTH GRADE: Bible: Ryan Gunderson Poetry: Josh Reznick Dramatic Bible Prose: Hannah Jeske Original Speech: Donny Osborn Patriotic Oration: Christa Jeschke
- Congratulations to ALL students who participated in the Elementary Speech Meet. You did a fantastic job!!! We are very proud of your accomplishment.

### Going To State? School Closing?

At this point, both girls and boys basketball teams are undefeated in league play. Our *Lady Eagles* are ranked #1 in 1-A state standings; our boys are ranked #2. There appears to be a very good possibility that one or both teams will qualify for the 1-A State Basketball Tournament held in Baker City, March 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. When we have sent a team to State in past years our practice has been to close school down due to the large numbers of families who travel to Baker City for the games. We anticipate following that same pattern this year.

In the case that neither team qualifies for State, we would not close school. However, we do have a scheduled school closure for Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, for a previously arranged ACSI Regional Elementary Speech Meet. That meet will *not* take place at DCS. Therefore, we would like to suggest closing school on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, rather than Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. That would give students and parents a three-day weekend and give the DCS staff an opportunity to take a half-day retreat on Monday to evaluate how we are doing thus far in light of the school mission statement. *If* we go to State, the March 6/7 dates would be eliminated.

**Summary** - team(s) qualify for State, school closes Wednesday through Friday, March 1-3; school would resume Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> with no closure on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If no team qualifies for State, school as usual March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a day off Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>; classes resume Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

We apologize for this “late” notice but we had to wait to see how our teams fared in league play. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at (503) 658-4100.