

CHALKMARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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Damascus Sweeps Casco League – Early Dismissal Friday

“Damascus Christian has become the dominant force in the Class 1-A Casco League this basketball season with its boys and girls team each marching to league titles with 14-0 records.” So stated Gresham Outlook’s Saturday sports’ page report as the DCS Eagles closed out their regular season by defeating NCCS in both varsity games. This means we move directly to the District Play-Offs on Friday without having to play a tie-breaker or Sub-District games. Our boys play a yet-to-be-determined play-off team this Friday, February 17th, 3:15 PM, at Canby High School. Because of this early game, we will be dismissing school early – 1st-3rd grades – 1:40: 4th-6th grades – 1:50, and 7th-12th grades at 2 PM. Our *Lady Eagles* play their District game at 8:15 PM, also at Canby.

If our boys win on Friday, they would play at 5:30 on Saturday at Canby to see if we go to State as the #1 seed. If they lose on Friday, they play on Saturday at 2 PM, at Canby. If our girls win Friday, they will play at 7:15 PM on Saturday; a loss Friday means they would play at 3:45 PM, Saturday. If our teams win on Friday and win or lose on Saturday, we will go to State! The first State game will be Saturday, February 25th. Baker City games will begin on Wednesday, March 1st, and continue through Saturday, March 4th. If one or both teams go to Baker City, school will be closed March 1st through March 3rd, in order to encourage as many families as possible to attend the tournament.

Come on down to Canby High School to cheer our Eagles on! Admission will be \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. *Go Eagles!!*

Cheerleaders Place 3rd in State

Congratulations to the DCS Varsity Cheer Squad who placed 3rd in the State Cheerleading Championships this Saturday at the Memorial Coliseum. This weekend’s state performance has capped off a fantastic competitive cheerleading season for the Eagles, also placing in the top three at all three local competitions they attended. Your DCS Cheerleaders are looking forward to leading our school community as we support the varsity basketball teams and their own pursuit of success in state competition.

Scrip Winner Feasts On Hamburgers

Susan B. was our latest winner for our regular *Scrip* drawings. She and her family will be enjoying delicious hamburgers at Red Robin, thanks to her purchasing *Scrip* and getting her name in the drawing for the \$40 gift card!

Be sure to plan ahead and stock up on *Scrip* for Spring Break! Orders are taken each Tuesday morning. If your order form is misplaced, simply go to www.damascuschristianschool.org, click on “Documents”, and print off a new one.

Remember the Box Top Contest deadline is Friday, February 24th. The winning class will be treated to a TCBY party!!

Elementary Music Notes

Mandy Russau, DCS Elementary Music Director, has been doing some wonderful things with our students. Currently, the fourth through sixth grade students are composing their own operas. That’s right. As part of their course study on Rossini and operas (*The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell Overtures*), students had the opportunity of “composing” their own one-act opera! Mrs. Russau divided the students into small groups where they were to decide on the type of opera they wanted to write – dramatic or comic, create their characters, create a “crisis”, figure out a resolution, and then put it to music – either a familiar tune or one they made up. Their finale was to share their creations with the class.

We are thrilled with the quality of teachers (and students!) the Lord has given DCS, ones who stretch and are challenged to do things they would normally not try. Writing their own opera is just one example of this “above and beyond” educational philosophy.

Congratulations to squad members: Crystal A., Keira B., Trista B., Kayla D., Erin H., Michelle H., Reilly J., Sarah M., Kristina R., Rebekah S., Anna S., Brenna S., Sarah S., Bethany T., and Lexi Y.



AUCTION ACTION ~Touch a Heart with Art~



I have been talking about Eagles during this series of auction articles. You have received many; hopefully interesting Eagle facts, in order for us all to better understand the godly characteristics of the DCS mascot. For today's article I have no new stunning revelations about Eagles, except for the simple fact that they mate for life. So, today, I'll give a small story about an Eagle family. See if this "Eagle family" is in any way like your family.

Once upon a time there was a small, but loving, family of Eagles. There was Mama Eagle, Daddy Eagle, Susie Eagle, Johnny Eagle, and, of course, Baby Eagle. One evening after dinner the household was settling into a quiet, routine evening. Baby Eagle was sleeping soundly while Johnny and Susie Eagle, having finished all of their homework, were playing a game of Parcheesi. Mama Eagle was cleaning up the dinner dishes while Daddy Eagle read the paper. Soon Mama Eagle came into the living room to join the rest of the family. They began to discuss what new and interesting thing would be happening at Johnny and Susie Eagle's school. Both Johnny and Susie went to Damascus Christian School. They began to talk about the DCS Auction. Susie and Johnny were sharing about their class projects which would be sold at this year's auction. The more they talked the more their excitement over the auction began to grow. Susie Eagle told the family that this year's auction proceeds would go to the Fine Arts Department to purchase a portable stage and a piano. This was SO exciting to the Eagle family as they all knew what wonderful productions DCS has produced in the past. In fact, Susie and Johnny could hardly wait until they were old enough to be in some of the plays!!! Daddy Eagle picked up *Chalkmarks* to see when the class baskets would be available for pre-auction viewing. He began to look at the list of items the 7th – 12th graders had made for the auction. Here is some of what he found:

7th Grade: A massage/spa getaway (Mommy Eagle was very excited about this one)

8th Grade: A kid's adventure basket (Daddy Eagle was really interested in that one)

9th Grade: A Timberline Lodge package (Johnny immediately could picture himself snowboarding)

10th Grade: A movie basket

11th Grade: A bath and beauty basket (Susie immediately began to feel more beautiful)

12th Grade: Scrip Tree (The whole family was excited about this one.)

Both Daddy and Mommy Eagle decided that they did NOT want to miss the pre-auction viewing of these wonderful class projects. Daddy Eagle decided that he would take the day off work so that the whole family could go to the *Friendship Center on February 17th* to view these baskets from 9:00 a.m – 12:00 noon.

They also began to make a list of friends they could invite to the DCS Auction!! They knew they would have to act quickly to purchase their tickets and tickets for their friends so that they would not get left out!!!

So, are you like this wonderful Eagle family? Have you made a list of friends to invite to the DCS Auction? Have you purchased your tickets? Have you thought of someone who might like to be a sponsor for this year's auction? You must act now!!!! You do NOT want to be left holding the "empty" bag because you did not act quickly enough!!! Run, don't walk, to the nearest phone to call the DCS office and purchase YOUR tickets now.

ALSO: make sure you write down February 17th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to come view just a few of the wonderful items which will be auctioned off; and oh, be sure to bring a friend.

Halel Outstanding Sunday

Halel, the DCS high school choir under the direction of Mrs. Kay Joham, provided the morning worship music last Sunday at Damascus Community Church. Choir members include Kenneth B., Emily B., Lois C., Nathan F., Erin H., Kaitlyn J., Sarah M., Amanda M., Emily M., Misti M., Bonnie M., Chris O., Caleb R., Ellen S., Kimmy S., Sarah S., Andrew T., Alissa T., Alex W. and Amy Y. Well done!!

Honor Roll Addition

Please add Hannah J. to 6th grade Highest Honors. Congratulations!

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DCS Grad Gains Top Honors

Karen Hardy, daughter of DCC Pastor Steve and DCS third grade teacher Beth Hardy, and 2002 DCHS grad, earned top honors at Moody Bible College's *Jerry Jenkins' Writers' Award* competition.

REGISTER NOW FOR HUGE YOUTH EVENT !!!!

On Feb. 17-18th, Acquire the Fire, a multimedia Christian youth event, will be in Portland at the Memorial Coliseum. This event is an endless stream of ground breaking speakers, pyrotechnics, dramas and bands, KJ 52 & Pillar, designed to grab teens' full attention.

For those registering through Tamara Arndt, discounted tickets are available at a savings of \$16 off normal price. For further information contact DCS. 503.658.4100