

BAKER CITY!!!!

Both Boys' and Girls' Teams Qualify for State Championship Tournament in Baker City, March 1st-4th!!

Through sheer effort, determination, composure, grit, and grace, our varsity basketball teams will be heading to Baker City for this year's 1-A State Basketball Tournament. God has blessed Damascus Christian School with a bevy of talented, hard-working, dedicated players, coached by skilled, seasoned veteran coaches. The combination has enabled both the boys and girls teams to achieve something few schools do – sending both teams to the championship games- also a first for DCS. *If both teams take their respective titles, it will be the first time in Oregon 1-A history that a single school has accomplished that in basketball.*

Our *Lady Eagles* take the floor for their first game with Crane, Wednesday at 1:30 PM. The boys will play Days Creek, Thursday at 6:30 PM. School will be closed Wednesday through Friday, March 1st – 3rd, to enable as many families as possible to attend these exciting games. Room reservations need to be booked before heading to Baker City. You can check out lodging by going to Baker City, OR on your web browser.

Congratulations to Coach Wakefield, his staff and the girls' team for their strong season. Likewise, our hats are off to Coach Mai, his coaching staff and the boys' team for their #1 league finish and their berth at State. *Go Eagles!!*

Pastries With The Principal

Tuesday, March 14th, 7 PM, and Wednesday, March 15th, 8:30 AM, are the two sessions scheduled for our *Pastries With The Principal* gatherings. These are opportunities for DCS parents to share ideas, concerns, suggestions, or ask questions of our principal, Tim Oakley. It is an informal gathering designed to facilitate communications and elicit input. Obviously, issues related to individuals are to be dealt with directly with the person(s) involved, as per Matthew 18.

If you have questions pertaining to policies, procedures, or programs, jot them down and bring them with you, either Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. We'll meet in the Friendship Center; refreshments will be provided.

Athletic Teams Score High

We call those who turn out for sports at DCS, Scholar-Athletes. That is exactly what they are. Students and scholars first, athletes second. Their academic achievements prove that. Our boys' basketball team had the highest grade point average (GPA) in the State with a 3.81. The next highest was South Wasco County with 3.59. Our girls' basketball players earned at 3.84 GPA, which placed them just behind The Triad School with 3.87. Our cheerleaders held up their end by placing first in State GPA honors with a 3.72 average. Congratulations as both outstanding scholars *and* athletes!

Track Season Is Off And Running

As our basketball season winds down, track takes off! Coach Kelly Holding is excited about prospects for this year's team. She is anticipating thirty-four students turning out for the running and field events.

How The West Was Dun or Left High And Dry in Low Humidity Chasm

This year's spring drama production, *How The West Was Dun*, will feature a Western melodrama dinner theatre and sing-along, April 27th-29th. Drama teacher, Lisa Closner, promises another wonderful production, complete with audience participation (you might want to begin practicing your hissing, boos, cheers, and of course, ahhhs). The setting will be a dinner theatre, complete with a full Western meal,



AUCTION ACTION

~Touch a Heart with Art~



Today I thought I would just “wow” you with some Bald Eagle Fun Facts.



For instance: DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- A bald eagle can reach a speed of up to 200 miles per hour when diving through the air to grab a meal.
- Benjamin Franklin thought the bald eagle was a poor choice for a national symbol because it sometimes steals food from other birds. He recommended the wild turkey.
- When a bald eagle loses a feather on one wing, it will lose a matching one on the other. This way it doesn't lose its balance!
- The largest known eagle nest was found in Florida. It was 9 feet across, 20 feet deep, and weighed over two tons.

Those are fun facts about the Bald Eagle. Now, I'd like to give you some facts about the Damascus Christian Eagles. For instance: DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- The DCS Auction is rapidly coming up? YES IT IS!!! MARCH 11 will be here right before you know it, so get your tickets NOW! Here are some items being auctioned off:
- A water ski party for 10
- A Horsd'oeuvre Party for 25 guests
- A 90 day Family Health Membership at Cascade Athletic Club
- Eagle Crest Golf Getaway
- A Sun River Vacation
- A vast array of silent auction items are available!!
- Attending the DCS Auction 2006 is actually a ministry!

Remember that this event is helping our DCS Eagle Fine Arts Department acquire needed equipment and supplies.

When you participate in this auction, you will truly be touching a DCS Eagle  Heart for Art , in fact you will touch and encourage the hearts of MANY DCS Eagles, students and teachers alike. SO, call the school office and get your tickets now. This is a ministry opportunity like no other and that is a FACT!!

Excellent!! Superior!!!

Those are only two words used to describe the quality of elementary students from DCS who participated in the ACSI Regional Speech Meet in Sweet Home this past Friday. All participants in this event from Damascus Christian School were rated with those two wonderful words, “Excellent” and “Superior”!!

Friday morning participating students came to DCS dressed in their “wedding best” in anticipation of this most exciting event. Faithful moms had their gas tanks full in order to drive students to Sweet Home and chaperone them during their lunch until time to gather for speech meet instructions.

As the meet began, DCS students waited, mentally rehearsed their lines, and prayed. Each student from DCS was a strong encourager to those from other schools who were giving their selections. Then, when their number was called, each one went bravely up to the front of the room, in a classroom full of total strangers, and gave their selections with confidence which only comes from the Lord.

Here are some of the results from that godly confidence:

FIRST PLACE:

Silas M.....Bible Memorization/Proverbs 3:1-6, Moses W.....Poetry/ “Boats”,

Ana W.....Fable/Folklore/ "Belling the Cat", Alexis G.....Poetry/ "Be Kind"
Kayla K.....Fable and Folklore/ "The Milkmaid", Jordyn F.....Poetry/ "Brighten The Corner Where You Are",
Josh R.....Poetry / "Problem Child", Donny O.....Original Speech / "A Time For Everything", and Christa
J.....Patriotic Oration / "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl"

SECOND PLACE:

Hannah F.....Bible Memorization/Joshua 24:14-16, Hunter S.....Poetry / "The Jolly Woodchuck", Theodore
M.....Bible Memorization/1 Corinthians 13, Parker W.....Bible Memorization/Ephesians 6:11-18, Lydia
M.....Poetry/ "The Wind"

Christopher R.....Bible Memorization/Psalm 15, Ryan G.....Bible
Memorization/Ephesians 5:15-21, and Hannah J.....Dramatic Bible Prose/ "If He Had Not Come"

TWO of these students received the prestigious "Certificate of Merit". This award is one the judges do not have to give. They give this award only to the student who has done such a good job that first place just does not seem to be enough. This is the student who held the judges enraptured with their presentation. The two DCS students who were awarded this certificate are Moses W. and Christa J.

CONGRATULATIONS to all Damascus Christian Students who participated in this event. You represented both the Lord and DCS well. THANK YOU to each and every parent/volunteer who worked so hard to make this event a reality for our students at DCS. Without you, events like this would not be possible.

We will continue the Voice of Democracy winner's essays next week.