

Boys' Team Prevails – State Champs!!!

Boys Show Top Sportsmanship!

Girls' Team Takes 7th In State!

Cheerleaders Take Home Top Trophy!

They did it!! Our boys' played consistent, character-centered ball all season to earn a berth to the State Championship Basketball Tournament in Baker City, March 1-4, and came home with the State 1-A Boys' Basketball Championship trophy! This is our boys' first trip to the tourney since 1991 where we finished 6th.

In our quarterfinals game with Days Creek, the DCS team led the entire game, finishing off the Wolves 67-48, and advancing to the semifinals round against #1 Mohawk. Expecting a tough game, the DCS Eagles took over the game in the second quarter, leading by 10. Damascus continued to exert pressure on the Indians, holding a 39-27 lead entering the fourth quarter. When the final buzzer sounded, Damascus Christian had won, defeating Mohawk 58-39, and moved into the State Class 1-A title game on Saturday with South Wasco County.

By tip-off time, the Baker City High School gym was packed to a capacity crowd of 2,300 spectators. Excitement ran high as both teams entered the game with the desire and expectation of taking home the 1st place trophy. At half time, DCS held a comfortable 10 point lead, only to see that melt away in the third quarter. For the rest of the game, the lead went back and forth. The game was decided with only a few seconds left on the clock when Matt B. scored twice, followed by two free throws by Ben W. The Redsides were unable to convert on their last chance and the score remained DCS 40, South Wasco 37. Truly, a championship game!

Following the game, trophy and honors awards were given out. Stephen D. and Ben W. were placed on the All-Tournament Second Team, while Matt B. was awarded a spot on the All-Tournament First Team. It gets even better – the DCS boys' team also garnered the coveted Sportsmanship Trophy! As many fans from different schools reported, "This team is a class-act!" Congratulations!!

This is the first time in the 31-year history of Damascus Christian that a team has won a State Basketball title. Congratulations to Coach Mai, Coach Tom, Coach Dad, and Coach Troy for leading our boys to an outstanding, championship season!

Girls' Struggle At Tournament

After racking up a perfect season, the DCS *Lady Eagles* entered the State 1-A Championship Tournament with high hopes. Starting off strong, DCS went cold and lost a heart-breaker to Crane, 34-39. The following day, the *Eagles* took the floor against a tough McKenzie team, losing 27-42.

Our hats are off to Coach Dave Wakefield, his staff, and the *Lady Eagles*. To help put things in perspective, our girls did what at least 74 other Oregon 1-A girls' team didn't do – make it to the State Finals. Finishing 8th at State is a wonderful accomplishment and one we are sincerely proud of. Way to go, girls!!

DCS Cheerleaders Bring Home Top Trophy

"*D! C! S! Fight, fight, fight!*" These and other cheers, chants, and routines were part and parcel of the repertoire of this year's *Eagle* cheerleaders. Under the able direction of Mrs. Angie Davis, our girls did an outstanding job all season, leading the DCS fans in generating excitement and support for our basketball teams.

Their goals at the State Tournament were to perform during several half times, clean the gym after our games, and represent Christ well. Check off a "Well done!" in each category. Their spirit and enthusiasm were very apparent to all. During a particularly tense time in the final championship game, our cheer team quietly gathered in a circle to pray for our boys. Numbers of people noticed and remarked about it. After each of our games, the DCS cheerleaders could be seen with their rubber gloves and garbage bags, picking up trash and cleaning underneath the bleachers. This was a task they took upon themselves. Again, people noticed and appreciated the servants' heart of our girls.

As awards were given out after the championship game, the crowd went wild as "Damascus Christian High School Cheerleaders" were announced as the tournament's top cheer team.

A special note of thanks goes to the many who made the trip to Baker City to support and cheer our teams on. Thanks too, to those who acted as drivers and chaperones. This exciting chapter in the Damascus Christian School history book could not have been written without your gracious assistance!



AUCTION ACTION
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Today, in our last Auction Action article, I would like to share just a few facts about the talons of the American Bald Eagle.

Bald Eagle talons are extra-large and grooved underneath, and the foot pads are rough, almost needle-like, for increased grasping ability, vital when the prey is large and slippery. Each **Eagle talon** is powerful, sharp and long, and can exert approximately 1,000 pounds of pressure per square inch in each foot. The eagle talon is used for either holding on to its perch or when it swoops down to pick up fish. The bald eagle can generally carry approx 5 pounds in its talons.

When I think of the power those eagle talons have to grab onto things, it immediately makes me think of our Damascus Christian School Eagles who just “grabbed on” to the State Championship Basketball title. It was a desire they had, so they, being the eagles they are, swooped down and grabbed on to the victory!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

This Saturday, March 11th, there are opportunities for you, the families and friends of all DCS Eagles, to “grab onto” some incredible bargains!!!

Here are samples of what you want to dig YOUR talons into this coming Saturday night:

- The silent auction. There are many wonderful items for your viewing and bidding pleasure. Come early so that you might “grab” that perfect item.

Then, after you have placed your silent bids, you “grab” the opportunity to sit with the friends you have invited and other DCS eagle friends and enjoy a magnificent meal catered by: Dave Clark from A Simple Elegance.

- Next, with full tummies, you will want to quickly “grab” your auction number because the auction is about to begin and you don’t want to be left out of this important time. You do not want to miss the opportunity to “grab” that item you have longed to bid on. You want to experience the “eagle victory” as you “win” the item you have had your eagle eye on all evening.
- Lastly, you will have the opportunity to “grab” nuggets of fellowship with new and long time friends as you discuss all of the wonderful things this evening has held for you. You would discuss the auction items, the food, and the entertainment by the DCS chorale group.

So, if perchance you have NOT yet purchased your auction tickets for this wonderful evening, be sure to call the school office to make that purchase. If you don’t “grab on” to this opportunity, you will miss an evening all will be talking about for a long time. This is the last call for you to “grab on” and help our Fine Arts Department purchase some much needed equipment. Your attendance will



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help the DCS Eagles and you will truly

Thanks For The Box Tops!

The box tops competition is over and we have the winners - 3rd and 9th grades! Over 4,800 box tops were turned in which will be worth around \$500 for DCS! This money will be designated for playground improvement. Thanks for *your* help!

Freshmen Ready To Help

Spring is just around the corner and the freshman class is here to help! This energetic class of 37 students will be having a plant fund raiser to help in the cost of their Washington, D.C. trip. This sale runs now through March 17th, so do not delay in getting your order in from one of the ninth graders.

There is a wonderful variety of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, geraniums, planters and hanging baskets. Delivery date is set for April 21st (just in time to get Mother’s Day gifts ahead of time!). Any questions, call DCS @ 503-658-4100. Thanks!

Sorry...

Due to the extensive report on the State games, we will have to postpone the VFW essay winners’ writings until next week. Thanks for your patience!