

CHALK MARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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CONCLUDING VFW HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY

By Amy Young.

We shared with our readers the two VFW winning DCHS essays by Erin Huggins and Amy Young. This is the conclusion to Amy's piece on How Do I Demonstrate My Freedom?. By way of recap, Amy stated that the most essential freedoms in her life are religion, speech, and association. In the area of religion, Amy shared, "The most important reality in my life is my relationship with Jesus Christ." She went on to say, her next most important freedom is the ability to speak freely. She concludes her essay with the following:

"Lastly, it is my freedom of association that entitles me to choose my own friends or meet with whom-ever I desire. Not even the government has the right to inhibit my independence to befriend someone of a different ethnicity, gender, religion, political persuasion, or any other factor that some may consider unacceptable. I am able to decide which people I want to hang around and who will ultimately influence and help shape my life. By associating with others not quite like myself, I am able to display my freedoms of religion and speech; expressing what I believe and why.

Ultimately, I enjoy my freedoms of religion, speech, and association because of the choices our country has made to preserve and protect certain inalienable individual rights. Freedom of religion allows me to publicly praise and love the Lord, my Creator. Freedom of speech enables me to express my opinions openly and without fear of reprisal. Freedom of association allows me to befriend and spend my time with anyone or everybody. I opt to express these freedoms because I have made the choice to live out loud."

Good job, Amy!

DCHS TRACKSTERS DOING WELL

This year's high school track team is doing well in their early outings. At their first meet March 18th, at Sherman County, our boys and girls teams finished third overall. Top finishers included Sean L., 1st in the 100 meter dash; Sean also finished third in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles. Jordi B. came in first in the 800 meter run. Our boys 4X400 meter relay team made up of William B., Jordi B., Sean L. and Mychal M. came in fourth. Seth L. had a great day finishing first in the high jump and triple jump, and third in the long jump.

On the girls side, Rebecca H. took first in the 100 meter dash and fourth in the 300 meter hurdles. Emily H. took first in the 100 meter hurdles. Amanda M. finished second in the triple jump and was part of the fourth place finish 4X400 meter relay team also comprised of Brittany A., Rebecca H. and Kimberly S.

In the teams' second meet at Catlin Gable, our boys again finished third and the girls ran away with second place. Sean L. swept the sprints with wins in the 100 and 200 meter races. He also took fourth in both hurdle races. Jeff H. took first in the high jump.



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Friday Feast Coordinator Still Needed For Next Year

We are still looking for a replacement Friday Feast Coordinator to take Cary Franklin's place. Cary has done a wonderful job but with the graduation of her youngest child, she will be moving to other ministry opportunities. Thus, the need for a new coordinator. Could that person be you? Cary is more than willing to give on-the-job training this spring. For further information, please contact DCS at (503) 658-4100 and leave a message for Cary. Thanks!

THIRD QUARTER SCHOLARS

Each grading period, DCS students earn the right to be included on Honor Roll through their diligence and hard work. We congratulate those who qualified, fourth grade through high school, either for Highest Honors (all A's) or Honors (all A's and B's).

4th Grade Highest Honors - Keira B., Lydia M. and Val W. Honors - Alyssa B., Darik F., Caleb G., Christopher G., Kayla K., Jacob L., Angel N., Carrie O., Brandon V., Zachary V. and Svea W. 5th Grade Honors - Lindi B., Anne E., Jordyn F., Christian G., Luke J., Faith K., Zack M. and Samantha N. 6th Grade Highest Honors - Kristan H. and Hannah J. Honors - Ashton D., Ryan G., Chelsea J., Caleb R., Joshua R. and Jake S. 7th Grade Highest Honors - Justin J. Honors - Isaiah A., Olivia B., Luke D., Michael G., Shandel N., Katie S., Trevor U. and Matthew Y. 8th Grade Highest Honors - Jeff B., Kaitlyn D., Tanner M. and Anna S. Honors - Alex J. 9th Grade Highest Honors - Jonathan H., Rebecca H., Anne H., Michelle H., Andrew J., Sean L., Jon N., Daniel R., Seth R., Kristina R., Bethany T. and Colleen T. Honors - Naomi C., Michael D., Andrew E., Emily E., James M., Emily S., Daniel S. and Zach W. 10th Grade Highest Honors - Joel M. and Kimberly S. Honors - Nathan F., Maggie G., Eric L., Anwen M., Brenna S., Kevin U., Candice W., Laramie W. and Alex W. 11th Grade Highest Honors - Trista B., Lindsey C., Andrea C., Sarah H., Emily H., Kaitlyn J., Andrew T. and Alissa T. Honors - Matthew B., Lois C., Ryan C., Kayla D., Seth L., Sarah M., Jamie S., Anna S. and Brittani Y. 12th Grade Highest Honors - Katie B., Clara G., Toby H., Erin H., Amanda M., Jenni N., Naomi P., Kaitlyn R. and Kristiania W. Honors - Kenny B., Reilly J., Marc M., Mychal M., Bonnie M. and Caleb R.

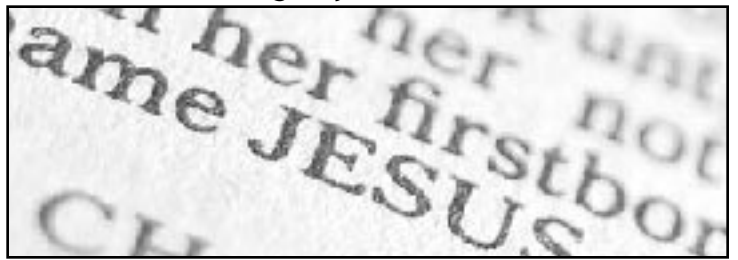
Again, congratulations to these students!

Last Quarter Of The Year Thoughts...

As of this week, we are in the last nine-week grading period for the year. That means we have forty-three school days left, Lord willing. Just some thoughts as we enter this final quarter -walk each day by faith and in a manner worthy of the Lord (Col. 1: 9-12). Ponder often the preeminence of Christ (Col. 1:15-23). Purpose to take the initiative in modeling, teaching, and training your children in spiritual things (Col. 1:28-29). Don't be taken in by theories and proposals that undermine the deity of Christ (Col. 2:6-9). Rejoice moment-by-moment in the reality of your forgiven debt of sin (Col. 2:10-15). Remind yourself and your children to set your minds on the things above, not on the things that are on earth (Col. 3:1-11). Remind yourself and your children to put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other (Col.

3:12-17). Treat one another in a Christ-like manner (Col. 3:18-25). Encourage your children to continue to do their best in all things and to finish the school year on a strong note; lead by example (Col. 3:23-24). Be strong and consistent in your prayer life (Col. 4:1-9). Encourage one another (Col 4:10-18).

As we seek to practice these qualities, we will have a strong finish to this school year. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of assisting you in the Biblical training of your children.



Next Week - A wrap-up of junior high basketball!

Don't forget to get your tickets for this year's Drama Spring Production:
"How The West Was Dun!" - April 27th-29th