

CHALKMARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family and Friends
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How The West Was Dun – Drama Spring Production Dinner Theatre

Hee haw and a hiss, boo, bah!!! This year's high school drama Western melodrama production, *How The West Was Dun*, promises to be a delightful time for the audience to participate in by hissing, booing, and bawling the villain and giving the hero a hearty hee haw! You will meet characters such as slick and wealthy Richard Coldheart, the beautiful Polly Wanda Cracker, Sheriff Wayne John, and others including Prunella, Snyderley Dastardley, Kid Kid, Calamity Jan, the Schizophrenic Kid (you'll have to watch whether he's wearing his black hat or white), and Blacker Bart (he's meaner than Black Bart!). Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 27th through the 29th, the gym set-up will take you back to the frontier days complete with a full Western meal of "rabbit" stew, biscuits, green salad, Mom's apple pie and ice cream. This dinner theatre presentation will give you a hearty meal, a hearty laugh, and security, knowing that good triumphs over evil and all is well on the Western front.

In addition, you will get to enjoy OLIO, a hilarious variety show that traditionally accompanies the melodrama, performed during breaks and intermission by several DCHS drama alumni. Tickets for the meal and evening performance are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens sixty and older. For the Saturday 2 PM dessert matinee, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are now on sale before and after school in the foyer and at other times in the school office. The Friday and Saturday evening performances are almost sold out; there are still good seats available for Thursday evening and the Saturday afternoon 2:00 PM dessert matinee. Also, cool *How The West Was Dun* adult-size T-shirts are on sale for \$12 each. Wear yours with pride!

Summer Drama Camps Scheduled

DCS and community students are able to enjoy a wonderful experience through our summer drama camps presented by the DCHS drama program under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Closner. June 26-30 is the date for our 6th Annual DCS Summer Drama Camp for students entering 3rd through 9th grades. The emphasis will be on basic acting skills, improvisation and performance. Campers will also learn how to apply basic stage make-up and learn to work with props and costumes. Each session runs from 9 AM until 2 PM. The cost is \$100 which includes theatrical make-up and a t-shirt (those who have a make-up kit from a previous DCS camp will pay \$85). July 3rd-7th, Lisa will be offering the 1st Annual DCS Community Summer Drama Camp, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, for students entering 3rd through 9th grades. The cost will be the same as above. Registration forms for both camps are available in the school office.

Props, Props, We Need Props!

Below is a list of items we are seeking for our upcoming spring production, "How the West Was Dun". Time period is the late 1800s. If you have any of the items below and are willing to either loan or donate them, please **contact Molly Tucker at 503-557-4908**.

Items Needed:

Small oval med-dark wood table and 4 wood chairs

Small flat top desk with chair

Hand crank adding machine or old fashioned cash register

Telegraph machine

5-6 ladies' hankies, older looking, colorful flowers or lace

Men's solid handkerchiefs, triangle or square cotton blend: 2 white, 2 red, 3-4 black, brown or tan

Cowboy hats:

Nice quality: 2 white, 1 tan, 1 light colored

Well worn: 3-4 black

Somewhat Worn: matching or close to matching white and black hats

3 large over the shoulder leather bags

Various cowboy boots: black, white, tan, brown

3 older looking quilts

1 white stick horse

2 black, brown or dark stick horses

2-3 feather pens or natural colored feathers

coffee pot (old, not modern)

plain glass lemonade pitcher

2 carpet bags—dark colors, not pastels; could be leather looking

trumpet with case

plastic pickle

Thank you for your help!

The Da Vinci Code – Historically/Biblically Accurate?

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown has caused quite a stir. Presented as a factually historic novel, there are numerous blatant errors, both historically and biblically. Even so, many readers take it at face value as accurate and truthful. In order to assist and equip our families to answer questions that may be raised, we have ordered *The Da Vinci Code: A Quest for Answers*, by Josh McDowell to help steer you through this novel and soon to-be-released movie. We think it will give you confidence to address various issues raised by this book, even if you have not read it. Each family will receive one copy of Josh's book.

Auction Chair Changing Seats

Dorian Forrar, DCS spring auction chairman for the past several years, will be moving to a different responsibility for next year's auction. His desire to move from chairing this event to procurement will be a good move for him and the auction. That means we will need someone(s) to chair or co-chair this major school fund raiser. Dorian is asking for a two-year commitment with plenty of pre-training to give the new lead confidence to charge ahead.

Dorian reports that the job will entail around two hours of time per week and the chair must be able to work with others. The beautiful thing about chairing the auction is that of delegation – there are numbers of committees already established and functioning; the chair simply oversees to make sure everything is happening as needed.

Interested? Curious? Like more information? Please contact Dorian at (503) 658-4100, ext. 111. He will be more than happy to give you the details. Thanks!

After-School Clubs And Activities

We are still looking for qualified, enthusiastic volunteers to head up various after-school clubs and activities. These programs would be on a fee structure with the instructor receiving a portion for their time and expertise. Right now we have an elementary art class going each Tuesday after school, taught by DCS high school art teacher Brenda Schmidt. We have made contact with Multnomah Bible College to see if there are students there interested in heading up some classes. Suggested enrichment classes are chess, guitar, swimming, skiing, golf, jewelry-making, voice, etc. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office at (503) 658-4100. Thanks!



Congratulations Trevor!

Congratulations to Trevor U. for being a Top Finalist in the K8 Music Magazine Cover Contest for the May/June issue! There were 14,445 students who entered from all around the world. Well done, Trevor!!

SPORTS FORUM

w/ Kim Stephens
April 17 @ 7:00 p.m.
in the Lower Fireside.

**This will be a time to
share ideas about
our sports program.**

**Visit our website at
www.damascuschristianschool.org
or email us at
DCS@damascuscc.org**

The Awards Continue...

We have received word that Mike Mai has been selected as the 1-A Coach of the Year for all 1-A schools in Oregon. This honor was bestowed by the 1-A Oregon Basketball Coaches Association.

In addition, three DCHS Eagle players received state-wide all-star recognition. Matt B. was selected to the Oregon 1-A All-State First Team, Stephen D. was placed on the All-State Second Team, and Ryan C. received All-State Honorable Mention.

Congratulations!!