

CHALKMARKS

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SOPHOMORE AND JUNIORS HEADING TO THE DC AREA

Saturday, June 3, seventy-nine tenth and eleventh graders and chaperones will board two United jets, either at 6 or 8 AM, and head to Washington, D.C., for eight packed days of sight-seeing, instruction, inspiration, and fun! Mrs. Urbanowski, DCS high school history department head has been leading these tours for years; they just keep getting better and better.

Their itinerary looks like this: **Saturday, June 3rd** – arrive in DC, and the tour begins – FDR Memorial – waterfalls, statues, and carved quotes interpret President Roosevelt’s four terms. Jefferson Memorial – students will stand beside the 19 foot high statue of our third President and look out across the Tidal Basin. Iwo Jima Memorial – the famous Marine Corps flag-raising depicted in a 78 foot high bronze sculpture. **Sunday, June 4th** – Arlington National Cemetery – Tomb of the Unknowns and Kennedy family graves are on its hallowed hills. Emily H, Emily M, Sarah S and Brittani Y have been chosen to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb. Alexandria, VA – our group will wander the cobblestone streets and shops of this quaint Colonial seaport city, then on to Mt. Vernon, George Washington’s mansion and tomb on the banks of the scenic Potomac River. Next, the Vietnam Memorial with over 58,000 names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for others. The day will conclude by visiting the Korean Memorial, a stirring outdoor memorial to the veterans of this “forgotten war” of 1950-1953. **Monday, June 5th** – The day begins with a visit to the US Capitol – they will stand under the huge dome, watch Congress in session, and visit the crypt. Next, the US Supreme Court – this marble building houses the highest court in the land. Their next stop – the Library of Congress, one of the world’s largest libraries, designed to be used only by the US Congress. Next on the agenda – the Smithsonian’s – Air and Space Museum where our folks will see the original Wright brothers Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis, and numbers of space capsules. At the Natural History Museum our history explorers will gaze at the Hope Diamond, feed tarantulas, and explore world cultures. At the American History Museum they can explore “America’s Attic” – home of the Star Spangled Banner. On to the National Archives where they will view the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Bill of Rights. Finally, they conclude their day at the Lincoln Memorial. Whew! **Tuesday, June 6** – Our travelers begin their day at Gettysburg National Military Park where they will experience one of the most famous battle sites of the Civil War. The day concludes at Toby’s Dinner Theater. **Wednesday, June 7** – Today it is the White House where they will view the home of every American President except George Washington. Next, the Holocaust Museum, dedicated to millions of victims of Nazi atrocities of World War II. That evening, the Twilight Tattoo, a historic pageant that blend the precision a discipline of the 3rd US Infantry with the Army Band. **Thursday, June 8** – Our intrepid travelers take on the National Gallery of Art where they will examine an original Van Gogh or Rembrandt from inches away. Then on to Jamestown Settlement where they will wander through a Powhatan Indian village, James Fort and board three ships. Their day concludes at Colonial Williamsburg where they enjoy the Lanthorn Tour, an evening walk with candle lanterns and costumed guides. **Friday, June 9** – A break in the routine as our group enjoys the Busch Entertainment Corporation trek across the plains of Africa, escape from a fiery volcano, and experience unforgettable adventure rides. **Saturday, June 10** – Last day – Colonial Williamsburg where they will debate law, make buckets or curl wigs as they study colonial life. Their final stop – Merchants Square where they will spend some free time in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. Then it’s off to the airport and the long flight home.

Please pray for Mrs. Urbanowski and the seventy-eight traveling with her for this outstanding educational and spiritual experience. Pray for safety, alertness, patience, and a strong Christian testimony as our group seeks to better understand the sovereign grace that helped establish our nation.



Scrip Winners -

The Foster family for \$25 Starbucks and the Trautman’s for the \$40 Olive Garden gift cards. It pays to buy Scrip at DCS!!! Got yours?

Remember The Summer Camps -

* DCS Drama Camp *

DCS Students entering 2nd-9th grades, June 26th-30th. Community Drama Camp – entering 2nd-9th grades, July 3-7. More info at school office.

* DCC Basketball Camp *

Open to the community, anyone entering 3rd - 9th grade, June 19-22, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. More information at school office.

The DCS Family GROWS!!

Congratulations to DCS Spanish teacher Mr. McClellan and wife Ruth on the birth of their son Benjamin Andrew, May 12th, at 11:40 AM. Benjamin weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. at 20 inches. All are doing well!



Leaving a Lasting Impression

Some things just stick in your mind and when they flash forward, you feel good all over again. A rare commercial produces such images for me. Picture an empty, aged basketball gym. The veteran coach pauses to survey his familiar world and then exits carrying a box of memorabilia. His waiting wife smiles and asks if a gal can take a retiring coach to dinner. They are barely seated when a small waitress approaches and asks if the coach could lend her a hand. He follows her to a nearby wall where she hands him a framed picture and wonders aloud if it would be okay to hang it up here. He turns the frame and sees himself pictured in his familiar role with an endearing inscription, "Forever Grateful to our Coach." Captured in that moment are the joys, the tears and the effort it took to produce memories worthy of another's gratitude. The sweetness of the moment is enhanced by the assurance that others will notice the picture in the years to come and share, again, in the good memories.

When Applebee's in Gresham was approached with the idea that they could bring their own national commercial to life right here, they were thrilled. Instead of honoring a coach, the offer was to honor an entire team. This team had endured the rigors of long hard work to cultivate confidence in one another. It was a team that won victories on and off the court. When character, respect and sportsmanship were scored, coaches and players across the state acknowledged their exemplary performance. It was a team that fought hard enough, long enough and smart enough to win a State Championship.

Now, you are invited to visit Applebee's on Burnside, in Gresham, to see the photo of the DCS Boys Basketball Team proudly announcing their State Championship victory. I encourage you to stop there; ask which wall is home to the team photo; sit and enjoy a meal or dessert and reflect on what it takes to become a true Champion. You will be in the company of a team of them.

DCHS Girls 1st At District Meet, Boys Second. 9 Heading to State Meet

Last Saturday, our Eagles' track team took care of business at the Casco 1-A District Meet with our girls finishing in first place and our boys coming in second, missing first place by four points. Due to space constraints, only the top finishers will be published here; check with Kim Stephens for a complete list of meet results.

For the boys, Sean L took first in the 100 M dash, 200 M dash, 300 M intermediate hurdles, and the 110 M high hurdles. Jordi B finished second in the 800 M run and third in the 1500 M run. Seth L placed first in high jump, long jump, and triple jump. Ryan C and Jeff H finished second and third, respectively in high jump.

On the girls side, Emily H placed first in the 100 M, 200 M, 100 high hurdles, and long jump. Rebecca H and Kim S finished second and third respectively in the 100 high hurdles; Rebecca finished third in the 100 M and first in the 300 low hurdles. Senior Amanda M took second in the pole vault and triple jump. Our girls 4X100 relay crossed the finish line in first place.

Those who qualified for the Oregon State Track Championship Meet at Western Oregon University this Saturday are Seth L in high jump, long jump and triple jump. Jeff is going in the triple jump. Ryan C will see action in the high jump. Sean L in the 100 M, 200 M, 100 HH, 300 HH. Jordi B completes the boys' field in the 800 and 1500 M runs. For the girls, Emily H will be competing in the 100 M, 200 M 100 HH, and long jump. Rebecca H will be entered in the 100 HH, 300 HH, 4X100 relay along with Brittany A, Amanda M, and Alissa T. Amanda will also compete in the triple jump and pole vault. Congratulations!!!

The State meet will be held at the Western Oregon U. track in Monmouth. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Field events begin at 10 AM with the running events beginning at 11. Directions are available outside the school office.

Spring Sports Dairy Farmers GPA
For the spring sports season, our Lady Eagles were fourth of all 1-A schools in Oregon with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.78. Our boys placed sixth in state with a 3.49 GPA. Congratulations!!

Free 7-12 Grade Sports Physicals

A sports physical is required to participate in interscholastic sports activities in grades 7-12. The sports physical must be completed before the first day of practice and is valid for two years. Saturday, May 20th, 9 AM to 2 PM, free sports physicals will be given at the Providence Milwaukie Healing Place, 10330 SE 32nd Ave., Milwaukie. Students are to wear a loose t-shirt and shorts. A parent or guardian must be present and sign an authorization form.

If you have questions, please call (503) 513-8373.

Spring Band Concert May 23rd – A Final Good-Bye To Mr. Bondy

It is that time again for the DCS Spring Band Concert, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7 PM, in the auditorium. The concert will include performances from the DCS 4th grade recorder class, 5th grade band, and 7th and 8th grade music class. The students will enjoy a guest band performance by the Whiskey Hill Junior High Jazz Band. All DCS band recorder and band students will get to play along with the jazz band.

Students should arrive at 6:30 PM. Dress is formal concert attire (or as close as you can get) – black slacks or skirts, black socks (no white athletic socks), black dress shoes (or as close as you can get), and a white collared dress shirt or blouse.

This will be DCS band director Clark Bondy's last concert at DCS. He has given notice that he will not be returning next year. We will miss his expertise, his wonderful sense of humor, his delight in helping students progress with the instrument of their choice, and his great patience. We wish him well as he moves on to another season in life.