

# CHALKMARKS

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## DCHS Tracksters Sweep State!!

*Eagle Girls and Boys Win State Track Titles Led by Holding and Lewis*

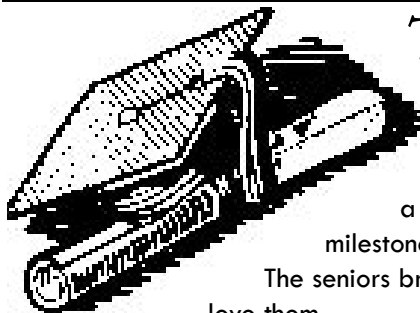
Emily H. and Sean L. proved to be the winning combination that enabled our DCHS Eagles to win both the girls and boys State 1-A Track Championship meet at Western Oregon University last Saturday. Emily finished first in three of her four events, coming in second in the long jump by only six inches. Her victories came in the 100 M, 200 M, and 100 hurdles, setting a new meet record in the hurdles finals with a time of 15.21 seconds. She currently holds the 1-A record at 15.04. Other Lady Eagles who placed at the meet included Rebecca H. coming in second in the 100 hurdles and seventh in the 300 hurdles. Amanda M. placed sixth in the pole vault and triple jump. Our final points came as our girls (Brittany A., Rebecca H., Amanda M., Alissa T.) crossed the finish line second in the 4X100 relay. Well done!!

Our boys did a great job outdistancing second place South Wasco County with Sean L. leading the



charge. Sean finished first in the 100 M, 200 M, 110 hurdles, and second in the 300 hurdles. Seth L. added points by winning the long jump and triple jump, and finishing fourth in the high jump. Others who garnered points for DCHS were Jordi B., third in the 800 and fifth in the 1500. Jeff Hester completed the points race by finishing third in the triple jump.

Our congratulations to Coach Kelly Holding and her assistants for the outstanding job they did in preparing and training our track team to a double State victory! Their strategy and emphasis – do your personal best. Obviously, it was great advice. Everyone is invited to our end-of-the-season track awards dessert, Tuesday, May 30th, at 7 PM, in the auditorium and the downstairs classrooms.



## Twenty Seniors To Graduate This Friday

We wish to congratulate our twenty seniors who will receive their diplomas this Friday, May 26th, 7 PM, at the Valley View Evangelical Church on Sunnyside Road. Commencement celebrations for Damascus Christian High School seniors are always a bittersweet experience. We are thrilled to see them have accomplished a major milestone in their growth, education, and experience, but we hate to see them leave our school.

The seniors bring leadership by example and encouragement by practice to the other students. We love them.

This year's class includes Crystal A., Kenny B., Emily B., Katie B., Stephen D., Clara G., Toby H., Erin H., Reilly J., Marc M., Amanda M., Mychal M., Bonnie M., Jenni N., Naomi P., Caleb R., Kaitlyn R., Kristiania W. and Amy Y. Congratulations and God-speed class of 2006.

*"Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us."*

I Thessalonians 2:8 NASB.

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## Mrs. Abbott To Retire At End of School Year

After twenty years of adding, subtracting, and making sure all the numbers are correct, Mrs. Darlene Abbott, our very-capable and faithful bookkeeper, is handing over her ledger of accounts. We have appreciated her devotion and above-and-beyond sense of duty. Her attention to detail and good old German love for consistency have ensured accuracy and peace-of-mind, knowing our finances were in capable hands.

Her plans for the immediate future? Travel – six weeks with the ultimate destination of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, husband Tom's hometown. Their first stop will be Glasgow, Montana, Darlene's father's home after arriving from Germany. He lasted there three years, "...nearly starving and freezing to death before moving to Southern California," according to Darlene. While on the eastern side, they will visit Niagra Falls, where they spent their honeymoon forty-nine years ago this September.

After returning to reality, Mrs. Abbott plans to get busy with scrapbooking, arranging her many pictures which have been stacking up. She also plans to be available when needed at DCS and hang out with her husband.

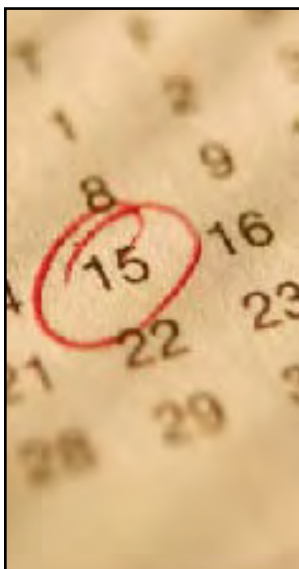
We thank Darlene Abbott for her faithful, generous, and accurate service to Damascus Christian School for the past twenty years. Well done, thou good and faithful servant!!

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## Lots of Year-End Activities

It always seems that the end of the school year sneaks up and catches everyone by surprise. "Can you believe that this school year is almost over!!! Where did the time go?!!" That holds true for parents and teachers; students rarely feel the school year goes too quickly...

Here is a list of happenings as we close our thirty-first year:



**Friday, May 26th** – 7-11 Awards Chapel, 9:15 AM, Auditorium

**Friday, May 26th** – Senior Commencement Celebration, 7 PM, Valley View Evangelical Church, Sunnyside Road

**Monday, May 29th** – Memorial Day, No School

**Tuesday, May 30th** – last Scrip order

**Tuesday, May 30th** – High School Track Awards Dessert, 7 PM

**Wednesday, May 31st** – Elementary Awards Chapel, 8:35 AM

**Thursday, June 1st** – Kindergarten Promotion, 10 AM

**Thursday, June 1st** – Last half day for 8th grade – noon dismissal

**Thursday, June 1st** – 8th grade promotion, 7 PM, auditorium

**Friday, June 2nd** – Secondary Praise Chapel, 8:35 AM, auditorium

**Friday, June 2nd** – Elementary Praise Chapel, 9:20 AM, auditorium

**Friday, June 2nd** – last day of school! Noon dismissal

**Saturday, June 3rd** – sophomores and juniors leave for Washington, D.C., trip – return Saturday, June 10th

**Wednesday, June 14th** – report cards mailed home

Check with the office for a schedule of summer camps, including Basketball camp and Drama champ.

## A Dose of Encouragement

“A cheerful heart is good medicine.”—Proverbs 17:22

If your feet are dragging, come to the library for some encouragement. The senior students have each marked their favorite verse in a “Senior Bible.” Visit the library for a shot of encouragement as you see how God’s Word has impacted the hearts of our kids.

Also, “The Sound of Music” DVD is now on location and ready to check-out! How’s that for an encouraging word? The DVD for “How the West was Dun” will also be available in the near future. What a fun family night that could be!

The library will be open this summer on Wednesdays from 9:00-12:00, as well as 11:00-12:30 Sunday mornings. We will be having some special story times with a variety of guest storytellers. More information will soon be sent home about this.

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## Garage Sale Coming

Some of the DCS families are having a garage sale to raise money for different ministry trips their kids will be involved in this summer. Joe Russau is working at a Bible camp. Jeff Hester, Ryan Closner, Ben Whitrock, Seth Lindquist, and Katie Dennis are also on their way to Europe on various missions’ trips. If you have any items you would like to donate to their cause, please contact Mike Mai at DCS. Also, please remember to pray for these and other DCS students who are involved in ministry trips this summer.