

# Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



## The Nativity Story – A Must-See Film For The Family

Are you trying to capture the “real” meaning of Christmas in your heart as well as your family’s? Why not make plans to see the newly released movie, *The Nativity Story*? From those who have seen it, they are convinced it will be the highlight of your Christmas!

It is accurately portrayed with beautiful scenery. The reality of the pregnancy in the lives of Joseph and Mary makes this familiar story even more significant. Let’s show Hollywood that we do appreciate a movie that is well done!

## Halel Choir To Sing Friday

This Friday, *Halel* high school ensemble will do their Christmas presentation at 11:10 AM, in the auditorium. If you missed their concert last week, you will not want to miss this. *Halel* did a wonderful job as they sang for this month’s civic and community leaders’ meeting, *Good Morning, Damascus*, held in the DCS library last Friday morning.



## EARLY OUT

Early Dismissal This Friday ~  
Kindergarten at 11:30, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:40, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at 11:50 and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at noon. School Resumes Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



From your Damascus Christian School staff!

## Great Time For Some Reading!

If you’re like many people, you are looking forward to some quiet, reflective moments during Christmas vacation. You may even have enough time for a good book! The library will remain open this Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, until 1 PM, for your convenience. The library will then be closed until our return to school on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will, however, be open for the regular Sunday hours from 10:45 AM until 12:30 PM.



## DCS Student Writers Sweep VFW Voice Of Democracy Contest

Congratulations to three Damascus Christian School high school students who entered and won the first three places for this year’s Veterans’ of Foreign Wars annual patriotic writing contest *Voice of Democracy*. **Emily S.** walked off with not only first place at the local level but went on to capture first at the district level as well. Her presentation is now headed to State competition!

Second place went to **Jonathan H.** with **Michelle H.** taking third place. According to **Nick Roth**,

local representative for the VFW, this is the first time a single school has swept the field by winning all three top places.

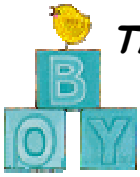
The Commander of the Sandy VFW Post #4273, **Bert Key**, presented each of the winners with checks at last week’s secondary chapel. He mentioned, “All of the students did a great job on their speeches and it was tough for the judges to narrow it to just three. We are proud of them for showing the courage it takes to enter a contest like this.”

## Congratulations to Emily, Jonathan & Michelle!



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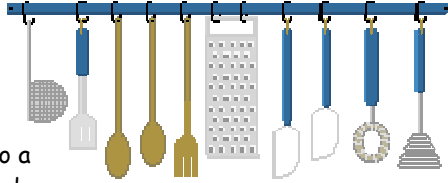


## The DCS Family Continues To Grow!

Congratulations are in order to **Cary** and **Angela B. (Brandon - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** on the birth of **Mason Douglas**, born December 7th, at 4:32 PM. Mason weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19½" long. According to Brandon, everyone is doing fine!

### Cookbooks For Sale

This summer DCC collected over 500 recipes from our congregation and had them made into a DCC cookbook called



"Sharing Our Best". These nice hardbound books feature a treasured collection of recipes and are sure to make wonderful Christmas gifts. Cookbooks are on sale in the DCC office and cost \$13 apiece. Pick one up for yourself and every person on your Christmas list!



### AUCTION ACTION # 6

I thought that during this season I would take the words of an old song sung during this time and change them a bit so that they would apply to our DCS Auction. Please sing this little ditty to the tune of "Jingle Bells". Feel free to sing it out loud,

get your family and friends to join you, sing it with your children as you bring them to school, or when you are out doing that last minute Christmas shopping.

Jingle bells, Auction bells  
Jingling all the way  
O' what fun to get involved  
On DC Auction Day .. hey!  
Jingle bells, Auction bells  
Jingling all the way  
O' what fun to get involved  
On DC Auction day ..hey!  
A day or two ago  
I thought I'd call my friend  
To see if he'd like to help  
A donation he might send.  
He said he's glad I called  
A donation he'd give with glee  
In fact if I would like him to

He'd donate two or three.  
(chorus)

The next day I thought some more  
About other things I could do  
To help to make our auction  
Be the best we could do.  
My child's teacher I did call  
To help with their class basket  
She was so very glad I called  
Needed help but couldn't ask it.  
(chorus)

The next action I did take  
Was to make sure I was on the list  
Of those who will help in any way  
By the committee I was kissed  
They were so very glad  
That I would help in any way  
They plugged me in with jobs to do  
Now they are all so happy and gay.  
(chorus)

My final verse is this  
We all should do our part  
To help with this year's auction  
And bless each student's heart.  
So call the school today  
No longer do delay  
To say I'll help with any part  
So all may yell HOORAY!!!  
(chorus)

*What is keeping you from calling the DCS office right away so that you can do YOUR part to help make this year's auction, "Classin' Up DCS - Equipping for Excellence", the best auction ever?*

*If you don't get involved right away, this little ditty will run around in your head until you do!! The only way to make it stop is to get involved in the DCS Auction 2007.*

**We NEED YOU!**

