

# Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



## Auction Action

In last week's Auction Action article, we learned about how New Year's resolutions began. This week I thought that it would be fun to learn about some of the things people ate on New Year's Day, thinking it would bring them good luck in the coming year. Isn't it wonderful that we, as believers in Christ, don't have to depend on "luck" but know that all things that come into our lives are from the loving hand of our Father in Heaven. But here are some of the things the ancients believed:

Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle

of the night after the ringing in of a new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man.

Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune. (I love this tradition, don't you?)

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures. The hog, and thus its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is con-

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## No School Friday Due To Memorial Service

Marge Hayley, mother of DCS teacher Steve Hayley and long-time member at Damascus Community Church, has passed into the presence of the Lord. Her service has been scheduled for this Friday, January 19th, at 11 AM, at DCC. Because of that, we will not have school Friday.

Our prayers are with Steve and the Hayley family and loved ones.

**NO** Because there is no school this Friday, there will be no Scrip or Friday Feast.



Check out the basketball schedules and plan to attend a game. Go Eagles!

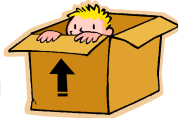
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sumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

I don't know what all of you ate on New Year's Day, but I do know that it didn't make any difference as to how your year is going to go. God is the sovereign giver of our blessings. If you want to be a blessing and receive a blessing in this new year, it won't be because of what you ate on New Year's Day. BUT, it just might be from helping with the DCC Auction 2007. Below are a few suggestions as to how you might be involved so that you can both be a blessing and, and hopefully, receive a blessing yourself:

1. Help with your child's class project
2. Be a sponsor; there is still time to do this: (contact **Dorian Forrar**)
3. Donate small items into the drop boxes which are available January 18 & January 26<sup>th</sup>. from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. in the foyer. These items will be used to make up baskets to be sold at the auction. The items need to be new. Each week has a different "focus" item(s). This week January 18<sup>th</sup>, the focus is lotions and candles. January 26<sup>th</sup> the focus will be any variety of small items you wish to put into the drop box.



It is **NOT** too late to bless others by your work and/or giving to the DCS Auction 2007. Please take advantage of the convenient drop boxes, or call the school office to see where **YOU** can help. **YOU** are needed and **YOU** do make a difference!

### ***Re-Enrollment Packet Will Be Sent Home January 26<sup>th</sup>***

Each year at this time, we sent home re-enrollment packets for parents to complete and return to the school. This information allows us to know what space and grades we may have openings for the following school year. Because of early enrollments, we are urging DCS parents to complete the forms and return them to the school office by the due date of February 9<sup>th</sup>. Following that date, we will begin to process new applications. If you are not planning on having your child attend DCS the 2007-2008 year, we would

ask you to notify the school so that we can make definite plans for that spot.

Thanks!



### ***Spirit Week/Honor Court Active and Enjoyable***

Another Spirit Week and Homecoming has come and gone, but the fun memories linger. Each day was greeted by a different dress-up theme, the wall hangings in the gym were outstanding, and the Honor Court representative of the Lord and DCS.

Selected from the freshman class were **Anna S.** and **Austin C.** The sophomores chose **Jessica R.** and **Michael D.** Juniors voted for **Rebekah S.** and **Nathan F.**, while the seniors picked **Sarah H.** and **Jeff H.**

These folks were honored between the varsity girls and boys games Friday. Congratulations!



**Damascus Christian School's  
6th Annual Auction**



**CLASSIN' UP DCS**  
*Equipping For Excellence*

**\*\*\* Auction \*\*\***

**Save The Date:**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2007**

Silent Auction:	4:00-6:00 pm
Catered Dinner:	6:00-7:00 pm
Live Auction:	7:00-9:00 pm

For tickets and more information call:  
(503) 658-4100

- Promote your business while supporting Christian education in your community....
- **Auction item donations being accepted through February 20, 2007.**
- Contact Dorian Forrar (503) 658-4100