

Damascus Christian School

CHALKMARKS

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



The Auction Is Coming! The Auction Is Coming! You're Going To Love It!

Tomorrow we leave the icy memories of January and begin to focus on love as we enter the month of February. Let me share with you some ideas young children have concerning love and marriage.

- "If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." -- *Glenn, age 7*
- "Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife." - *Tom, age 5*
- "It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." -- *Kenny, age 7*
- "I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough." -- *Regina, age 10*

We chuckle at this view from the innocents concerning love. Some of their

"wisdom" would be good for us to ponder from time to time. Not to use the word love lightly, I'd like to share with you something that I know that you and those you love will love to be involved with. Yes, I'm speaking of the DCS Auction 2007. Tickets for this lovely time have already gone on sale. These tickets sell for the lovely low price of only \$17.50. This lovely deal includes a delicious meal, a bidding number, and a wonderful evening of relaxation with family and friends. Who could possibly want more than this, and at such a lovely low price. These tickets are going to sell quickly, so please call the DCS office to make your reservation now. In fact, why not reserve a whole table, so that you will have room for those whom you love dearly to come to this once in a lifetime event. Tickets to the DCS Auction 2007 would also make a wonderful Valentine's Day gift for the loveliest person in your life!!! Also, those on the auction committee will love you forever if, when you call to purchase your tickets, that you also say, "I'd love to help with this year's

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Second Quarter Scholars

At the end of our second grading period, the following fourth through high school students qualified for HIGHEST HONORS (all A's) & HONORS (all A's & B's). 4th Grade Highest Honors - Kaleb E., Lexi G., Rachel G., Grace K., Matthew L., Kenna M., Ana W. & Madi W. HONORS - Jonah C., Josh F., Megan G., Melanie G., Jessie H., Nick L., Theo M., Gabe P., Rachel R. & Nate S. 5th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Lydia M. & Val W. HONORS - Aly B., Keira B., Darik F., Christopher G., Kayla K., Stefani M., Carrie O., Zac V. & Svea W. 6th Grade HONORS - Aimee B., Kaylie B., Lindi B., Taylur DeW., Jordyn F., Christian G., Luke J., Faith K., Zack

M., Sam N. & Jacob S. 7th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Ryan G., Kristan H., Hannah J. & Joshua R. HONORS - Amy B., Chelsea J., David S. & Allison Y. 8th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Kaley S., Kelsey Y. & Matthew Y. HONORS - Isaiah A., Shandel N., Jessica S. & Trevor U. 9th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Victoria S. & Anna S. HONORS - Jeff B. & Kaitlyn D. 10th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Emily E., Jonathan H., Rebecca H., Anne H., Michelle H., Andrew J., Sean L., Jon N., Daniel R., Seth R., Kristina R., Bethany T. & Colleen T. HONORS - Brittany A., William B., Allise F., Brent L., Wil L., James M., Jessica R., Emily S., Zach W. & Lexi Y. 11th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Eric L., Joel M., Brenna S., Alyssa W. & Laramie W. HONORS - Mathew B., Michelle E., Nathan F., Maggie G., Emily McE., Anwen M., Danika M., Kimberly S., Haylee T., Kevin U., Candice W. & Alex W. 12th Grade HIGHEST HONORS - Trista B., Sarah H. & Emily H. HONORS - Lindsey C., Andrea C., Jeff H., Buddy I., Seth L., Sarah M., Anna S., Andrew T., Alissa T. and Brittani Y.

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auction." Do NOT delay! Call the DCS office today! You will be glad you did, and the DCS students will love you for it! Also, remember, it is never too late to get involved in helping with the auction. You do not want to miss out, so, call today, you will be glad you did.

Are You Tired Of The Cold And Ready For Spring?

The 9th and 10th Grade classes are gearing up to help you fill those beautiful flower beds and gardens you are planning to produce! The two classes will be selling a variety of bedding plants, baskets for sun and shade, kitchen herbs and vegetables! These are high quality plants and flowers grown locally in greenhouses and ready to be planted as soon as they arrive. You can check out the company we use at www.newleafgreenhouse.com for wonderful pictures and descriptions of plants.

This fundraiser is for their Washington, D.C. trip, and will run February 2nd through February 23rd. Delivery is set for May 1st. Mother's Day is just after delivery, so why not plan ahead and order from one of the 9th or 10th graders? Thank you for helping getting these students one step closer to Washington, DC!

Questions? Call **Jennifer Easterbrooks** (9th grade Mom) or **Tina Marantette** (10th grade Mom). Thanks!

6th Grade Sharp Shooter

Congratulations to **Aimee B.**, DCS 6th grader, who recently won the girls 12-13 age group in the Gresham Elks Free Throw contest January 13th.

New DCS Family



Please add **Brett and Jennifer Byerly** to your DCS Family Directory. We welcomed their two daughters **Kelly** (9th grade) and **Erin** (11th grade) to the DCHS roster. Keep your eyes open for these new additions and greet them!

Couples' Retreat Coming!

DCC invites all parents of DCS students to a Marriage Retreat "Together By Design" at Black Lake Bible Camp near Olympia, WA Feb 9-11. Pastor **Steve Hardy** will be facilitating lessons based on the book "Love and Respect". Join us for a time to energize and renew your marriage relationship. For more info or to sign up contact **John and Shawna Carter** by Feb 4th.



DCS Cheer News!

Congratulations to the DCS Cheerleaders who placed 3rd at the Oregon City Cheer Invitational last Saturday. This was the first time the squad performed their entire competition routine and they represented us well! They will compete again this Saturday at the Tualatin High School Cheer Invitational. We would love to have DCS fans in attendance!

Mark your calendars for the OSAA State Cheerleading Competition on Saturday, February 10th at the Portland Memorial Coliseum. We will perform right at 9:00 am.

Remember that the Cheer Clinic performance is this Friday at the Varsity games. Both elementary & junior high participants will perform—the girls (5:30) & boys (7:00) games.



FlashAlert Reminder

Damascus Christian School uses an Internet-based system for delivering changes in schedule, such as snow closures, to the news media. This year, message delivery is being extended directly to the public through a system called FlashAlert. You are now able to self-register and manage up to five home or office email and/or cell phone text message addresses and receive emergency information just minutes after we post it, at no cost to you.

To register, go to FlashAlert.net and in the left frame, select "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations." Enter your primary email address twice. On the next screen, under "Add an Organization," choose the Portland region, then Private Schools, then Damascus Christian School. Click on "Subscribe."

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Due to missing most of the week of Jan. 15th, we will be adding two make-up days:

Monday, February 19th, Presidents' Day & Friday, April 6th, Good Friday. That way, we do not have to extend our school year in to the summer.