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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS
 FAMILY AND FRIENDS



When It's Crunch-Time, Character Counts - The 1-A Tournament

Silent Auction
 4 PM
Catered Dinner
 6 PM
Live Auction
 7 PM

When you watch four to six basketball games a day for four days, you get to see the good, the bad, and the ugly. So it was with this year's 1-A State Basketball Championship Tournament at Baker City. No one is exempt from being on public display. In the heat of battle, players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans alike demonstrate what they are made of. To the credit of the Damascus Christian School community, the character test was passed with flying colors.

At the State level, the competition is keen. Most teams are fairly evenly matched. Often, games are won or lost in the last few seconds and by only a point. That is when true character surfaces. Such was the case with our boys' team. The match-up with Mohawk had been the talk of the tournament. The Mohawk

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Damascus Christian School's 7th Annual Auction



CLASSIN' UP DCS
Equipping For Excellence

***** Auction *****

An Evening To Remember!

This Saturday ~ March 10th

A Few Tickets are Left. Get Yours Now!

\$17.50 per person

Tickets at the School Office

- ◆ Some of the bid items include ~~
- ◆ Maui Condo for 5 nights, up to 6 people
 - ◆ Hors d'oeuvres for 25
 - ◆ 10' X 12' Lawn Building
 - ◆ fishing adventure for 2
- ◆ 2 nights at a fabulous Fort Stevens Commander's quarters
- ◆ great seats for Trailblazers vs. Wizards game
- ◆ Get-a-ways to Skamania Lodge, Resort at the Mountain Sunriver and more.
 - ◆ Hundreds of silent auction items!

**Parent-Teacher
 Conferences**
 March 22nd & 23rd
 Notices Sent This
 Week



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Indians had been favored to win all the marbles last year only to be thwarted by the Damascus *Eagles* in a mid-tournament play-off round. This year, the two teams met again for the championship title of Oregon 1-A basketball. From tip-off to the final buzzer in the double overtime, both teams played their hearts out. Nothing was held back, no quarter was given. At the last bell, Mohawk had prevailed by a score of 65-64.

To have your sights set on repeating last year's State title and then to see it disappear on the power of a mid-court shot was devastating. Then, to play through two overtimes and still come up short by a point was a heart breaker. Disappointed? You bet. Dreams dashed? Without a doubt. Open display of anger and frustration? Never. Immediately following the game, the trophies and special recognitions were given out. As the Damascus Christian School team was awarded their second place medals and trophy, they received them with grace and a gracious spirit. Following the presentations, DCS invited the victorious Mohawk team, coaches and parents to a late-dinner reception. By the end of the evening, both teams had mixed together and were enjoying one another's company. What a fitting ending to a terrific game.

Where does quality character come from? It begins in the home with the diligent, patient training of loving, committed parents and extended family. It is continued through schools that believe that character counts. It is reinforced through coaches who demonstrate positive character through practices and the season. Character development is a team-effort. Our hats are off to our boys, their coaches, parents and family. In this disappointing loss, you demonstrated that Christ truly is being formed in you. Our hats are off to you and those who have instilled in you what it means to win graciously and lose graciously. You did both, to the glory of God.



Congratulations too, to **Matt B.** and **Ben W.** who were selected to the Tournament All-Star First Team and to **Joe R.** who was elected to the Tournament All-Star Second Team. Well done!!

Lady Eagles, Cheerleaders, and State

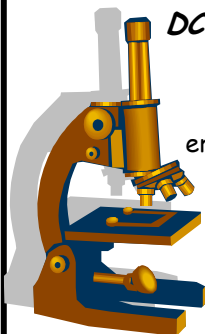
In the pre-season coffee room polls, the Damascus Christian School *Lady Eagles* were predicted to win some games and lose some games and be eliminated from any post-season play. Oops! Not only did they win every league game, they also beat the eventual State Champ St. Paul girls and held them to their lowest score of the season in a non-conference match-up. On to

State! While they lost their first-round game to the eventual second place Joseph team, they went on to win over Perrydale and Triad to claim State Tournament fourth place trophy.

How could a team with no real outstanding player accomplish so much? Several things. First, excellent coaching by **Dave** and **Rachel W.**, assisted by **Nathan O.** and **Lou E.** Secondly, a wonderful work-ethic. Every player giving 100% all the time. Thirdly and perhaps most importantly - character. Gracious, supportive, and unselfish play capitalizing on one another's strengths and weaknesses. Truly, a display of working together as a team. Our congratulations to our *Lady Eagles* and their fourth place finish at this year's State Tournament. Well done!

How about those **DCS cheerleaders**? Talk about a classy bunch! Character is stamped upon each. Fifteen girls bound together as a unit whose job it was to support and encourage our teams and lead the fans in the same. Without a doubt, this squad accomplished their goals of serving the Lord through their cheerleading and enthusiasm. Not only were they the largest team at the State Tournament in Baker City, they were selected as the Best Half-Time Performance team *and* the Champion Cheer Team at State! We are blessed with such a group of young ladies, along with their coach **Angela D.** Thanks for giving us your enthusiastic best!

DCS Science Fair This Week



Thursday, our first through sixth graders will be setting up displays in the gym for this year's Science Fair efforts. Entries include experimental (seat belt strength, affect of light on plants, etc.) and non-experimental (collections and displays, etc.) projects. The first place winners in both categories move on to the regional Association of Christian Schools Science Fair, which DCS will host, May 3rd. Parents and friends are encouraged to take advantage of the Science Fair Parents' Night Thursday, March 15th, beginning at 6:30 PM, rather than during the day, which would distract students.

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DCS / DCC Blood Drive update

Thank you to all who donated. And thank you to **Kristiana R.**, **Anne H.**, **Wil L.** and **Danika M.** for helping out with the donors ~~ on a day when you could have been at home sleeping.

