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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Fine Arts Fair Thursday

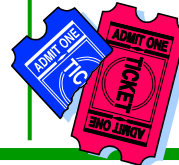
This Thursday, April 5th, 7-9 PM, DCS will be sponsoring a *Fine Arts Fair* to showcase various class efforts and projects. There will be student work from their history classes displaying art through the ages. In addition, the **woodworking class** will be showing off their efforts along with our **quilting class**, **art classes**, **theater history class**, **junior high music**, **creative writing class** and *Halel*, our **girls' ensemble**.

Come join us for an evening of encouragement, fun, and amazement at what our students are doing. **Thursday, 7-9 PM**, in the foyer and upstairs hall.

The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe Coming Soon!!

There is just over two weeks before this year's spring drama production takes to the stage at 7:30 PM, April 19th-21st and April 26th-28th. DCS is well-known for its outstanding drama presentations. Because of that, seating goes quickly. There are still seats available on each evening, but several performances are filling up.

Tickets are on sale before and after school in the foyer. Adults are \$7, students and senior citizens are \$4. There will be a special deal for spring production alumni (technical crew and performers) on Friday, April 27th. Students who have participated in a DCS production may purchase tickets for the \$4 student rate.



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Band Plans To Expand

Following a brainstorming/scheduling meeting last month, plans are underway to expand our band program under the direction of **Pastor Rich Stafford**. We want to include band at the high school level in next year's schedule which would include extra performance opportunities such as solos and combos. Students enrolled in our *Heartlink* program serving home schoolers would



be eligible for this class. Start thinking about having your current junior high student continue their band class into high school. Further information will be coming as plans are solidified.



Science Fair Winner

We inadvertently left off **Aly B.** from the list of Science Fair winners. She placed second in the Experimental category for 5th grade with her entry of *Which Treat Flavors Do Dogs and Cats Prefer?* Our apologies and congratulations!



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You will not want to miss this year's presentation of *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe*. Get your tickets now!



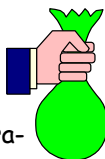
Just a note of appreciation to all parents and students who donated to the DCS Class Auction projects. We appreciate all contributions more than you know! These class projects set a record on bidding - 5th grade eighteen-piece dinner ware set sold for \$9,000!! The first grade class mirror went for \$5,000!

We would love to throw each class a pizza party for all their efforts, but students have elected to have the sophomore class receive the honors this year. Thank you sophomores and all students and parents for your part in making this the best auction ever. You truly reflected God's love and generosity with your service!!

-Class Auction Project Committee

Auction Results Coming

Our bookkeeper is still gathering data and paying vendor bills from last month's auction. As soon as we have the final figure we will be passing that along to you. Thank you for your gracious and generous spirit in helping make this the best auction ever!



Halel District II Solo and Ensemble Results

On February 24th, the *Halel Singers* of Damascus Christian School participated in the District II Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Reynolds High School. Our girls were highly praised and congratulated for their inspirational and beautiful singing.

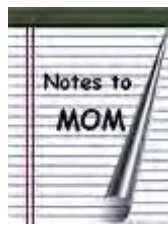


The following DCS students participated at the solo portion of the festival - **Lois C.**, **Naomi C.**, **Emily McE.** and **Sarah S. Alex W.**, playing saxophone, placed First Alternate to State Solo and Ensemble. **Lois C.** came in first place in viola which automatically qualified her to go to the State Solo Competition.

Congratulations to all the DCS students for a highly successful day! Congratulations too, to **Mrs. Kay Joham**, *Halel* director!

Pre-Arranged Absence Reminder

As we come down the final quarter of school, we want to remind parents and students of the DCS policy regarding non-illness absences of two or more consecutive days for 7th-12th grade students. The reason for this policy is to alert teachers when students will be missing so they can better plan their lessons to take into account the upcoming absence.



1. Parent or student picks up the *7th-12th Grade Pre-Arranged Notification of Extended Absence* form from the school office (just inside office on wall container).
2. Parent or student fills out form and parent signs.
3. Student obtains appropriate teacher signatures and comments.
4. Student takes form to school office for office staff signature at least three school days in advance of anticipated absence. Example - if you are going to be absent Monday, you must have form turned in on Wednesday of previous week. If you anticipate being absent Thursday, you must have the form signed and turned in on Monday of that same week.
5. Student takes original form home for parents' records.

Please review the full policy on page 11 of your Parent-Student Handbook. Failure to follow the above guidelines may result in an unexcused absence which means missed work must be made up and turned in within one day for each day missed to ensure student interaction with the information although no credit will be given for the work and teachers will be under no obligation to re-teach the missed material.

Thanks for working with us on this. Following this policy allows our teachers to be more effective in their class planning and gives you the freedom to enjoy your time away from school.



Achievement Testing for 1st - 11th grade the week of April 23^d.