

DCS Auction

March 10th

Tickets Are On Sale

Now!!



REMINDER

MAKE-UP DAYS FOR SNOW DAYS - February 19th - Presidents' Day and April 6th - Good Friday.

By using these days, we will not have to go into the summer break.

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Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



8th Graders Seeing Stars



The eighth grade class attended an astronomy presentation at the Mt. Hood Community College Planetarium Sky Theater on Wednesday, February 7. It was a great time to look at the stars and talk about important issues in astronomy. The presenter was a skilled speaker and kept our attention well. As he told us about star distances and how long it takes for light to reach us, he said that as we look at the stars we are looking into the past. A few of the students realized that this wasn't the conclusion that we have come to as believers in the literal history given in the Bible, and were bold enough to ask some good questions. One student made an especially good point in his question as he asked how one can be sure about what the scientific method might lead us to believe, since it has been formulated by people. The presenter was a

little taken aback, realizing that the point of his query was to question naturalism. Yet our presenter patiently answered all the questions and reiterate his position making a dividing line between "science" and "theology." The Lord helped the students see the importance of stopping the questions at the right time. The presenter was very gracious to us and called the eighth graders the "most sophisticated" class he has ever had. (He has been teaching in many capacities over the last 30 years.) He thanked us for the stimulating conversation as we left. Praise the Lord for prompting the students with good questions and for helping us to be a good testimony for Him.



Another On Honor Roll

Please add Adam V. to the Honors (all A's and B's) list for the second grading period. Congratulations Adam!



Manners Matter At DCS

Each month, the elementary teachers chose two students from their class who have demonstrated good manners during the previous month. For January, the following students were able to go to Mr. Oakley's office and chose a gift from the eagle's nest: 1st Grade - Shannon C. and Samantha W.; 2nd grade - Gabe C. and Micah S.; 3rd grade - Grace M. and Allie S.; 4th grade - Kaleb E. and Melanie G.; 5th grade - Lydia M. and Val W.; 6th grade - Zach M. and Christopher R. Manners Matter at DCS!



Are We Going To State In Basketball?



Good question! We are not sure at this point. This week we enter the District Play-Offs. Thursday, February 15th, our boys will play the winner between City Christian and Life Christian, 4:15 PM, at Multnomah Bible College. Our girls will play the winner of the NCCS/Columbia game. That game will tip off at 6 PM at the MBC gym. Should both DCS teams win, they will then play the next round Saturday, February 17th, at MBC. The girls would play at 6:30 PM, the boys at 8:15, at MBC. Should either lose on Thursday, the girls would play Saturday at 11:30 AM; the boys at 1:15, again, at MBC. A win there for either team would mean that team goes to State as the #3 seed. A loss there for either team means the end of a great season.



Go Eagles!!!





March 10th Auction - Love To See You There!!

This is the time of year when we find ways to show those whom we love just how much we care.

I know that each of you could honestly say: I DCS. Why not show DCS just how much you care by buying your tickets to the March 10th auction and perhaps by making a donation? Listed below are only a few of the many auction items that you will have the opportunity to bid on:

- Maui Condo - 5 nights, up to 6 people. Donor: Clark Davis Construction
- A 2006 Beaver's National Champion Hat. Donor: OSU, University
- Sah-Hah-Lee- 4 rounds of golf. Donor: Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course
- \$100 value toward vehicle repair. Donor: Maynard's Auto Service
- Coupon for consultation, exam, and x-rays. Donor: Sunrise Chiropractic
- One month family membership. Donor: Cascade Athletic Club
- Trailblazers vs. Wizards Tickets for Mar. 20. Donor: West Hills Development
- Hors d'oeuvre party for 25. Donor: Simple Elegance Catering
- Fishing Adventure for 2. An 8 hour trip. Donor: Kerry & Velvet Cooley

TICKETS are now on sale for \$17.50. Why not reserve a whole table for your family and friends? You do not want to miss the Saturday, March 10th DCS Auction!! What a great way to treat your special love and show your love for Damascus Christian School!!!



Caution Urged

It has been reported that a number of students have been seen crossing Highway 212 after school (waiting for practice/games, etc.) to go to *Coffee GetAway* or *Subway*. With the increase in traffic on this busy road, we urge caution or better yet, do not attempt to cross the highway unless in a car.



Financial Aid Information



You may be wondering about the status of the Damascus Christian School Financial Aid program. It has been our desire to institute a financial aid fund to allow more students to attend DCS who might otherwise not be able to. An initial pilot project was instituted for DCS teachers several years ago to help the financial aid committee "practice" in the determination of recipients and distribution of funds. They developed a policy and have been using it for those DCS teachers who have applied for financial assistance for their children's schooling.

As the policy now stands, we have chosen to go with a third party - FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment - to assess applications and rate applicants according to financial need. No financial aid is designed to meet 100% of a family's tuition costs. This is to encourage partnership with DCS and ownership of a child's education. The Scholarship Committee will administer funds according to FACTS' ratings of family need and based upon the predetermined funds available but the monetary award amounts will be determined by the Financial Aid Committee. At this point, no more than 25% of total funds will be available for distribution as financial aid annually. The reason is to allow us to build up a financial aid endowment fund from which we will eventually allow the principle to remain while drawing off only the interest.



Currently, we have \$43,047.35 in the Financial Aid Fund. We are hoping to significantly increase this amount through a portion of auction proceeds in order to enable more students with need to attend DCS.



News From Your Librarian

All of our DCS kids are winners! However, I'd like to announce the top winners of a recent "Word Challenge" held in the library. **Valerie W.** and **Zac V.** from the 5th grade were the big winners. They received a free book (filled with lots of great words!) and a large box of Junior Mints as reward for their efforts. Congratulations!

