

# DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

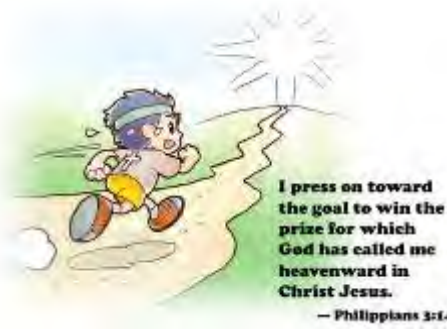
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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



### Off To A Good Start For A Strong Finish



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SEIZE ETERNITY

In a race, a good start often means the difference between winning and losing. Also, there is a difference between a sprint and a distance event. Strategy is key to success.

School can be compared to a race, a distance run. Pacing is key to a successful completion. Thus far, it appears that our students are off to a good start. Routines are being established. Adjustment to a schedule is falling into place. Getting back to the discipline of homework is happening. All-in-all, it appears to be a good start to what we pray will be a positive year with a strong finish in June.

Parents play a key role in ensuring their chil-

dren finish the course well. Reasonable schedules (be careful not to overload with too many extra curricular activities – horse riding lessons, music, dance, gymnastics, sports, etc.), plenty of rest, a good, well-balanced diet, family times and one-on-one time. Again, parents are the most influential persons in a child's life; be sure that your time with your children is just that – time with you and your son or daughter, uncluttered by other activities.

In our society, it is easy to get caught up in activities to the detriment of establishing our family base. We are so busy running here and there, to this event and that activity, that we sacrifice those special times of just being Dad, Mom, and children. As parents, we need to periodically evaluate how our time is being spent. Are we in control of activities and events or do they dictate our schedule, to the detriment of our family core? There are dozens of wonderful things we can get involved with right here at Damascus Christian School.

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### Used Book Sale With A Purpose

The Chicago marathon is coming up and three of our brave parents are running in it! **Pastor Steve Hardy, Doug Goebel and Julia Carpenter** will be taxing their strength and stamina as they challenge themselves to see how they can do. But they are doing it for more than just the "fun" of it. They are also raising funds through World Vision to help in the relief of the tremendous problems caused by the AIDS epidemic in Africa.



There is a box in the library and the foyer for donations. The actual sale will be October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 4 PM, in the library. Children will have the opportunity to shop; parents are invited to shop at any time that day. Thank you in advance for your donations and participation.

### Got Scrip?



As was shared at our Back-To-School Parent Meeting, our *Scrip* program is up and running. *Scrip* is a wonderful way to accomplish several things at once. First, your regular purchase of *Scrip* allows you to use the gift cards just like cash at dozens and dozens of local stores and services. Groceries, automotive services, entertainment, restaurants, hardware, appliances, clothing, and more! Secondly, the retailers give back a portion of their profits to Damascus Christian School! Thirdly, *Scrip* is a wonderful gift idea – they can be mailed to young people at college and sent as a little thank-you or a chirk-up for some one special in your life. *Scrip* makes wonderful stocking stuffers at Christmas or a "just because I'm thinking of you" gift!

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Guard yourselves that you (or your children) do not get overextended by signing up for the good things and missing out on the best – reinforcing that family bond. There is a balance.

Please do not misunderstand – we love our parent volunteers. The effectiveness of our school would be greatly diminished without the many volunteers who serve here. But each family must evaluate their time and energy priorities in order to help guide the children to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Sometimes it is right to say no to an opportunity to serve on another assignment or project in the school or church.

Let us work together to see our young people reach the finish line next June with energy, enthusiasm, spirit and grace. That means establishing and maintaining a balanced life-style throughout the school year.

### Join The 2008 DCS Auction Prayer Team

In preparation for our upcoming DCS Auction, we are enlisting interested people to join the DCS Auction Prayer Team. For further information or to enroll, simply email **Mrs. Klingbile**, Auction Prayer Team Coordinator, at [javaga66@aol.com](mailto:javaga66@aol.com).



**Congratulations Jim and Kelli Blubaugh**  
**25 Years Of Marriage!**

**Retired DCS Bookkeeper - 50 Years Of**  
**Marriage And Still Counting!**

Our retired bookkeeper, **Darlene Abbott** and her husband, **Tom** are celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniversary. All are invited to a reception, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 PM, in the gym. Let us know if you can join us!

## THIS AND THAT

### Art Club Starting Next Week

**Brenda Schmidt**, our multi-talented high school art teacher, will be starting the very popular Elementary Art Club next Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4 PM. The emphasis will be on horses! This activity is limited to the first twenty to respond. Each session runs for 6



weeks and costs \$30. A snack is included! For more information, please call DCS @ 503.658.4100.

### Friday Feast Has Begun!



*Friday Feast* began last week with pizza! Here is a wonderful way to get involved at DCS and meet some wonderful co-workers. We still have openings for eight or more volunteers to help 2½ hours one Friday a month. This is an exciting time for the kids, especially when they see their moms bringing hot lunch to their classroom! If you are interested, please contact DCS @ 503.658.4100. Thanks!

### Entertainment Books Now On Sale!



The Entertainment Book sale has begun! The DCS Freshmen class will be selling these coupon/discount books for \$20 through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The proceeds will help fund their trip to Washington, DC, in the summer of 2009. Get yours right away! Thanks! For more information, please call DCS @ 503.658.4100.

### Scholarship Club To Meet

The first Wednesday of each month, high school students interested in finding out more about scholarships and financial aid for college, will be meeting in **Mr. Hayes** room, 103, during the lunch hour. For more information, please contact Mr. Hayes or DCHS Academic Advisor **Mrs. Dauntless**.



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Over the years, DCS has benefited with this "free money" to upgrade our science and computer labs and enabled teachers to have some money to buy those many extra things they usually provide out of their own pockets to enhance their teaching resources. *Scrip* funds have gone to our athletic department for the purchase of new equipment. *Scrip* money has allowed us to send various teachers to special educational conferences to extend their professional training and expertise. We have used *Scrip* to purchase white boards for many of our classrooms. As you can see, *Scrip* is a painless way to increase giving to DCS without additional out-of-pocket expense.

*Scrip* order forms are sent home each Monday and are to be returned Tuesday mornings to be included in that week's order. We also receive a portion back from Safeway by designating your Club Card to go towards DCS; you can do that at your local Safeway or call DCS @ 503.658.4100 for more information. Thanks!