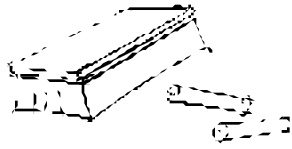


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A WEEKLY NEW SLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Golden Compass Movie Coming Out
Saturday. Still Way Off-Course**

Saturday, December 7th, the much-publicized Nicole Kidman fantasy film from avowed atheist Philip Pullman's book by the same title is due for release. As stated in Chuck Colson's Breakpoint commentary of November 26th, *It's Not a Hoax*, "...the part about Pullman hating the idea of God is completely accurate. He uses his stories to twist and distort familiar biblical accounts of creation, fall, and redemption, making heroes of those who rebel against religion, and having one of his 'good' characters even say, 'The Christian religion is a very powerful and convincing mistake.' It's sort of a *Da Vinci Code* theme for kids."

In order to have first-hand information about the content and direction of this anti-Biblical movie/book, you might want to stop by your local library to pick up the book to skim. You can also visit Colson's website at BreakPoint.com where you will find a number of articles, blog posts, and commentaries that point out Pullman's spiritual and literary flaws.

Do not be misled – *The Golden Compass* will put you way off course.

Worship Team Continues



Due to personal family issues, Mrs. Estrada is no longer able to lead our zero period Worship Team. Until a replacement is found, Mrs. Closner, DCS drama instructor, has stepped in. Worship Team will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings, 7:45 – 8:25.

Last Chance To Purchase Quality Apples And Pears At A Bargain

If you haven't yet placed your order for apples and/or pears for the holidays, you still have time. Each box weighs 23 pounds for only \$14. That is only 61¢ per pound! Orders must be turned in to DCS no later than Thursday, December 6th. If you have friends and relatives who would like to place an order, extra order forms are available in the school office or in the Discovery Department.



Apple varieties include the following: Granny Smith, Fuji, Braeburn, Gala, Red

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Student Council Selling DCS T-Shirts

DCHS Student Council is selling new -design DCS long and short sleeve T-shirts. Take a look at samples in the school office. This would be a great Christmas present for your family members. Support your school and student council! Long-sleeve shirts are \$17.50, short-sleeved are \$12.50.



Don't Forget To Get Your Christmas Tree December 16th

Just a reminder that Sunday, December 16th, the Knapp family will be offering

beautiful 6'-8' Noble Fir Christmas trees for only \$20 each. All monies will be donated to DCS. To find Knapp Farms, head east on Hwy 26, going through Sandy. At the last stop light in Sandy (Ten Eyck Road), continue one mile to mile post 26. Turn right in the second driveway past mile post 26. Go past the house (#41698) straight down the gravel road 1,200 feet to the loading area. And thanks!

Halel Singers To Perform Thursday



The Halel Singers of DCHS will present their annual Fall/Christmas Concert this Thursday, December 6th, at 7 PM, in the auditorium. Festive songs of the season celebrating Christmas and Christ's birth will be performed. Invite family and friends to attend this free inspirational program.

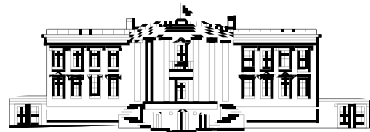
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Delicious, Yellow Delicious, and Newtown Pippin. Pear varieties include Comice, Green Anjou, Red Anjou, and Bosc. Again, each box is only \$14 - 61¢ per pound. Compare that to any area fruit retailers. You will quickly see this is a terrific bargain.

Once again, the DCS Discovery Department would like to thank Walter Wells and Sons of Hood River for supplying us with quality fruit and Boeve Equipment Company in Clackamas for donating a forklift to unload the fruit. We also want to thank each of you for placing an order. Your support of this vital program is deeply appreciated. Monies from this fundraiser will help make it possible for our educational therapists to continue their professional growth at the National Institute for Learning Development Winter Conference.

This & That

DCHS Grad Headed To DC



Tina Schmid, 2005 DCHS grad, was selected as an intern for the White House in the Department of Defense. Congratulations Tina! Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and a righteous influence as she serves our country in this position.

Books – A Gift Bound To Please

Want a wonderful way to extend the memories of Christmas? Check out the DCS Library's Gift Book Fair. There you will find over 400 new books for sale. Each was chosen with wholesome and rewarding reading in mind. There is a selection for nearly any age and interest. Save some Christmas shopping for that special gift book purchased right here at our library. All profits will gift the library too. Sale dates are December 5th, 6th, and 7th, from 8:30AM – 4 PM, and Saturday, December 8th, from 9:00 AM until noon. On Saturday, our own **Doug Dauntless** will be available for a book signing of his newly published work, *Reviving the True Meaning of Christmas*. Be sure to bring a friend!



Basketball Reminders

As we enter another basketball season, we want to remind everyone of the guidelines related to after-school practices and games. Arrangements must be made for siblings of team members to be off-campus after school; they are *not* to remain on campus while their brother or sister practices. Teams awaiting their practice times



must be in either room 106-7 or 108-9 by 3:15 PM, for a study hall. This is to be a focused, quiet time so that homework can be started. Finally, we want to remind players and parents of our extra curricular eligibility guidelines – all current classes must be at or above 70% (C- and above) by Monday mornings (or the first day of classes). Grades are posted and checked each Monday. There is a progressive consequence for those who allow their grades to drop below 70% including loss of practice and game participation. Please check out the detailed requirements on page 37 of the DCS Parent-Student Handbook.

Eligibility grades are also currently monitored for those who desire to participate in our Spring drama productions.

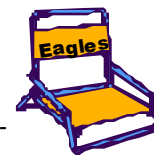
Winter Banquet Coming Soon



The DCHS Winter Banquet is coming soon – December 18th, 6:30-9:30 PM, at Edgefield Manor in Troutdale. Dress is semi-formal to formal. Cost is \$34 per student. For details on dress expectations, please see **Mrs. Tillstrom** or a DCS Student Council member.

Take The "Hard" Out Of Watching DCS Basketball

After a hard day, it is nice to be able to sit back and enjoy DCS basketball games in the comfort of your own super-comfortable Bleacher Seat. These are high quality portable bleacher seats that put the "soft" back in bleacher seating. Constructed of durable maroon canvas on the seat and backs with the DCS logo in gold, you will agree, it is money well spent. There are only twelve left. Get yours for only \$35. Seats may be purchased at any DCS home game.



Come Cheer On The Best!



Matthew Best, DCHS grad, will be in town playing basketball over the Christmas Break. Come cheer Matt and his team on at the Clark College Winter Tournament. Matt will be playing for Wenatchee Valley College December 27th – 29th, at Clark College. From I-5, take exit 1-C (Mill Plain Blvd.) and head east. Make a left turn at the traffic light on Fort Vancouver Way and head north. After you cross the intersection of Fort Vancouver Way and East McLoughlin Blvd., make the first right turn into the parking lot to get to the gym. Time is to be announced. Check with the Wenatchee Valley College or Clark Community College websites as the date gets closer. Come on out to cheer on Matt and his team. Hope to see you there!

The forgotten tree of Christmas.

