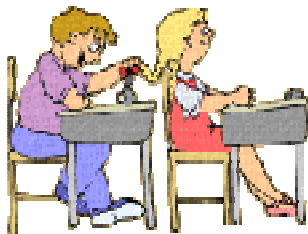




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# DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



### Parent Night This Friday!

#### Back-To-School

We are now in our first full week of school. Monday, our kindergarteners and seniors joined us. You can sense the excitement and anticipation.

To help ensure that we are all heading in the same direction, we will be hosting our annual Back-To-School Parent Night this Friday, 7 PM, starting in the auditorium. This is a **must-attend evening for parents only**; we request that at least one parent from each family be present. We will introduce our staff, quickly review important policies and procedures, hear from various parent volunteers encouraging you to get involved, and then dismiss parents with children in kindergarten through eighth grades to their respective

classrooms where they will meet with the teachers. Mr. Hayes will be meeting with parents of our ninth and tenth graders, to go over vital information regarding the Washington, D.C. trip. That will take place in room 108-109. Parents with students in eleventh and twelfth grades will remain in the auditorium for a brief but vital time with Jan Dauntless, DCS Academic Advisor, going over information crucial to the junior-senior year. We anticipate the evening going no longer than 8:45 PM.

We will have our 2007-2008 DCS Family Directories ready to distribute; one per family. In addition, there will be information available on the various volunteer opportunities at Damascus Christian School. Be sure to check those out!

#### Friday Feast Needs More Helpers

If you would like to get involved in a ministry that satisfies basic appetites, then Friday Feasts is for you! This volunteer service helps process orders and distribute food on Fridays to

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#### DCS Mission - To Assist Christian Parents

*Damascus Christian School's mission is to assist Christian parents in the Biblical training of their children spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically, to help prepare them to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom.*

That statement gives the reason why DCS exists - to assist Christian parents in the training and nurturing of their children in the context of an academic setting. As we are all aware, research confirms that home - Dad and Mom - are the most influential factors in a child's life. On a recent nationwide survey, the overwhelming response showed that parents

were the key ingredient to happiness. Not toys, extravagant vacations, designer label clothes, cars, electronic gadgets or hefty allowances. It was time spent with Dad and Mom. Talking, leading by example, doing things together, answering questions, helping young people work through various issues and difficulties.

George Barnai in his book *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions* says, "...if you want to shape a person's life - whether you are most concerned about his or her moral, spiritual, physical, intellectual,

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emotional or economic development - it is during these crucial eight years (5-12 years old) that lifelong habits, values, beliefs and attitudes are formed." It is during these critical eight years that parents have the opportunity and responsibility to train, teach and model Biblical behavior and attitudes. Barna concludes that by the age of 13, their core beliefs and values are set and "The chances of seeing the worldviews of young people change to be more reflective of Biblical trust are slim." (*Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*, George Barna, Regal, 2003, p. 37)

Of course, we do not stop giving instruction and example to our children if they have reached thirteen or beyond. The process continues. Damascus Christian School is here to assist you in that important endeavor. We want to extend your influence in Biblical living throughout the school day. Whether it is through a phonics lesson, band, a calculus class, PE or athletic team, our goal is to reinforce Biblical values and principles that you are teaching and living at home.

As Ecclesiastes 4:12b says, *A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.* Home, local Bible teaching church, and a solid, Bible-centered Christian school, all saying the same thing, all living according to Biblical values, all seeking to shape and shepherd the thinking and actions of a young person to reflect those of Jesus Christ. That is *our* mission.



### ***DCHS Junior Champion Chef!***

**Michelle H.**, eleventh grade daughter of **Dr. Steve** and DCHS teacher **Terri H.**, took some of the top 4-H cooking honors at this year's Oregon State Fair, with a reserve champion ribbon for her Cinnamon Swirl Bread and champion honors for her recipe collection. Congratulations Michelle!

### ***Free Immunizations And Sports Physicals***

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 AM to 2 PM, Providence Clackamas Medical Center (9290 SE Sunnybrook Road in Clackamas, will be providing **free** immunizations to children kindergarten age through twelfth grade and free sports physicals for students in seventh through twelfth grades. For immunizations, the parent or guardian must bring the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Sports physicals are required in Oregon for students to participate in interscholastic sports activities in

grades 7-12. The sports physical must be completed before the first day of practice and is valid for two years. A loose t-shirt and shorts are to be worn by those students getting the physical.

A parent or guardian must be present and sign an authorization form for children under age 15. If you have any questions, please contact Providence Family Medicine at (503) 513-8373.

### ***Entertainment Book Now On!***



The freshman class will be selling these coupon/discount books for \$20 through October 1<sup>st</sup>. The proceeds will help fund the ninth graders trip to Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2009. Get yours right away.

If you have any questions, please contact EBook Chairman **Cathy Stover** at school: (503) 658-4100.

### ***Fall Women's Bible Studies***

Get to know your Bible better and how it applies to your life while developing friendships with other women. There are a number of classes, mornings and evenings, beginning this fall at Damascus Community Church. There are three Tuesday morning classes - *Precepts, Kings and Prophets*, 8:40, in the Friendship Center with **Marilee Watt**; *Believing God*, a 24 week Beth Moore study with **Karen Lampinen** at 8:45 AM, in room 225; *Traveling Light*, a Max Lucado study of Psalm 23 with **Carol Crowley**, 8:45 AM, in the prayer room. Fridays, 9 AM, will be *Daniel*, a 24 week Beth Moore study at **Karen Lampinen's** home.

There are also three evening studies - *Read Through the Bible*, with **Delaira Runestrard** in the DCS/DCC library on Sundays, 5:45; *Facing Your Giants*, a Max Lucado study, will be meeting on Mondays at 6:30 PM, in the Friendship Center with **Linda Reeves**.

Finally, the *Daniel* 24 week study will be offered on Mondays at 7 PM, at the home of **Leslie Rist**.

There is a cost to each study for materials. For further information, please contact **Linda Reeves**.

For more information on classes please call the church at (503) 658-3179. Thanks.

### ***More on Friday Feast...***

the 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes at DCS. This wonderful program gives Mom a break from preparing lunch and provides a treat for our students. For further information, please contact *Friday Feast* Coordinator **Meredith Wilson**. Bon Appetite and thanks!