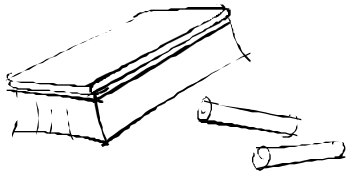


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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Aimee continues to progress

Aimee, seventh grade daughter of **Jim and Kelli Blubaugh**, continues to make progress, slowly but surely, at Dornbecker ICU where she remains in critical but stable condition. Over the weekend, her breathing tube was removed and she was able to continue to breath on her own, a very good sign. Because of the extensive injuries from the February 6th auto accident, she remains heavily sedated. Aimee and her brother **Mat** were on their way to school when a driver failed to stop and T-boned their car on 282nd and Stone Road. Her brother Mat was able to return to school last week.

Please continue to pray for the Blubaugh family – for Aimee and her recovery, for the wonderful medical team attending to her and the family, for Mat as he transitions back into the routine of school, and for Jim and Kelli – for rest and an on-going sense of God’s presence with them. For the latest information, please go to www.caringbridge.org. When you get to the site, type in “Aimee10” in the “Enter Website Name” section.

Auction update - Get your tickets now!

You may wonder why we push early ticket sales for the auction. Two simple reasons – 1) so that we can be well-prepared to serve you on auction night (Saturday, March 15th), and 2) so that we do not overload our volunteer data entry folks at the last minute. Plus, you are able to have a great selection of tables by buying your tickets early. So gather your friends (especially those outside DCS – we would love for others to see how special DCS is!!) and fill up a table or two. This is *the* school social event of the year!



What kind of offerings do we have for the silent and live auctions? It just keeps getting better and better! Lots of wonderful donations are coming in – a hand-made log twin bed – perfect for that young guy in your family, terrific and creative class projects, a beautiful Oceanside beach getaway that overlooks the Pacific, another at Cannon Beach with a perfect view out the front windows of Haystack Rock, a couple of “pocket rockets” – small motor cycles, a beautiful original watercolor by world-famous Northwest artist Eric Wiegardt, a top-of-the-line 5’ X 8’ utility trailer by Iron Eagle, hand-made quilts, and *tons* of silent auction items that will make great additions to your home.

Tickets are \$17.50 per person which includes bidding privileges at the silent auction (4 PM), a delicious catered dinner (6 PM), and the live auction (7 PM). Again, get your auction reservations by stopping by the school office to purchase tickets and reserve your table(s). It is time to *Escape to the Islands!*

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Lady Eagles seeking state berth

This year's Lady Eagles continued through the District and State play-offs seeking to secure a berth in this year's State 1-A Basketball Championship games held at Baker City, Feb. 27th through March 1st. Unfortunately, it was not to be. After putting up a valiant fight, our girls got beat by Nixyaawii, a 1-A school from Pendleton. The loss meant the end of an exciting season. Our Lady Eagles placed second in the Valley 10 League losing to Southwest Christian last week. We are proud of our team and their coaches for the wonderful season they had. Because we are not going to State, school will continue as usual.

Several of our girls were selected by the Valley 10 League coaches for All-Star honors. **Katie M.** was selected for the Valley 10 First Team All-Stars *and* League Player of the Year! **Laramie W.** was also selected for the Valley 10 First Team. **Maggie G.** was chosen for the Valley 10 Second Team All-Stars, while **Rebecca H.** was placed on the Honorable Mention All-Stars list. Congratulations to these fine players! **Dave Wakefield** was selected as the Coach of the Year for the Valley 10 League. Congratulations, Dave, and *Go Eagles!*



BibleBee Scholars

Witnessed by a crowd of two hundred onlookers, Oregon's 5th Annual "BibleBee Competition for Young Scholars" commenced on February 9th, 2008. Hosted by West Hills Christian School, ten Christian schools from across the state were represented at this event which included DCS' own **Christian G.** (7th grade) and **David S.** (8th grade). These students prepared for weeks for this event competing in a written and verbal exam reviewing the Book of Daniel and the Life of Joseph. The competition was fierce and Christian G. finished in 2nd place in the Junior High Division. Congratulations!

The BibleBee Competition is similar to a Spelling Bee; the

difference being BibleBee examines one's knowledge of God's Word. Each year, a new book of the Bible is selected to challenge the participants. Next year's BibleBee Competition will be reviewing the book of Genesis. For further information, please visit their website at www.biblebee.com.



Pornography Alive And Thriving In Oregon

Pornography is the scourge of any society. Unfortunately, Oregon is a Mecca for pornography and ranks first in the number of sex businesses per capita and in the number of people who participate in these businesses.

Some pornography factoids – pornography is available, accessible, affordable and awful and can come into your home unbidden, 24 hours a day. This \$56 billion industry plans to grow by \$1 billion per year. Two conventions are held each year to strategize ways to entice and addict more and more people to pornography. The target age now is children 0-4 years of age, therefore, many toy names are pornographic websites! Between the ages of 12-14, it is believed that 80% have viewed hardcore pornography. There are about 200 new sex-related web sites added each day. Cell phone carriers are beginning to allow pornography to its customers. The younger and brighter the child, the more quickly addiction takes hold. The average age for children being exposed is 8 years of age! As little as three viewing times can cause an addiction (there are many variables). Pornography affects the brain like cocaine – it is addictive, but not something that can yet be detoxified from the mind or body. "Science allows us to understand that the underlying nature of an addiction to pornography is chemically nearly identical to a heroin addiction." (Jeffrey Satinover, psychiatrist). White collar corporate America is promoting pornography because of its lucrativeness (General Motors, AT&T, MCI, Comcast, Time Warner, most hotel chains. There is pornography for sale in every major hotel in Portland.). *Prepared by American Mothers, Inc.®* For further information, go to www.oregonmothers.org.

FYI: Monday, March 10th from 2:00 - 7:00 P.M. an American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our school / church. Sign up with Pam in the school office.