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Home of the Eagles

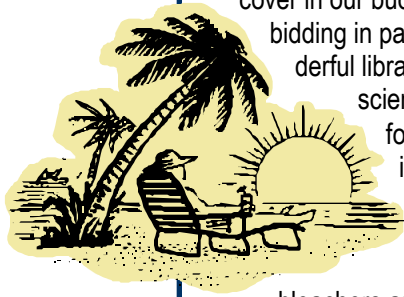


Damascus Christian School

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

## Auction update

It's getting closer! THE school event of the year – the 2008 Annual Auction. The purpose of the auction is to help provide for resources that we are not able to cover in our budget. Because of the generous bidding in past auctions, we now enjoy a wonderful library building and books, updated science and computer equipment, our



fourth and fifth grade modular building, a growing student financial assistance fund, 24' X 32' stage platform and stairs, a new piano for our music department, new three-tier choir risers, new music for band and choirs, art shelving and display system, ceiling mounted projectors and document cameras in each classroom and library, motorized bleachers and backboards, new classroom wall maps, and classroom computers. What a list! None of these would have been possible apart from our annual auction.

This year's auction is looking to be an outstanding event. New donations came in right up to the deadline. Mini-motorcycles (cool!), trips and vacation get-a ways, lots of stuff for home and auto, a great variety of services (plumbing, auto, spa-personal care, chiropractic, home inspections, tree pruning, etc., etc., etc.), destination locations and events, A Day With John Canzano, Oregonian sports columnist (lots of stuff planned for this one!), and the list goes on – *thirty-eight pages of wonderful auction items!!*

CARPE AETERNITAS  
SEIZE ETERNITY

Did we mention tickets to Portland Beavers Baseball and/or Portland Timbers soccer game? Enjoy golfing? Do we have some special offers for you! Do you like to work in your yard? Countless yard and garden goodies!



Enjoy the symphony? We've got tickets! Looking forward to attending the DCS Spring Drama Production of *Cinderella*? We've got front row tickets! How about an autographed 2000-2001 Trailblazer basketball? We've got it and it can be yours! Did someone say Eagle Crest Resort – 2 night stay and 18 holes of golf for four? Get ready to hold up your bid number! Into fly fishing? We've got a great set-up for you! Into pets? We've got a darling puppy up for bid! And pet vaccines and parasite exam! Don't forget the outstanding class baskets! We've got some winners again this year! Remember Mel Renfro? We have an autographed, framed picture of him up for bid! Ever been to Orcas Island? Here's your chance to enjoy the beautiful San Juan islands at the Outlook Inn. Remember – *Escape to the Islands!*

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DO NOT, we repeat, DO NOT miss this year's auction. You must have a ticket to attend and participate. Tickets are on sale at the school office for only \$17.50 each – this includes bidding rights to the silent and live auctions *plus* a delicious catered dinner and entertainment! There are still good seats and tables left. Reserve a table or two and invite non-DCS friends to attend. This will give them a great introduction to Damascus Christian and the wonderful people who are involved. See you at the auction!



## ***Aimee continues to improve!***

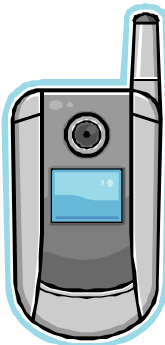
Thank you for your on-going prayers for **Aimee, Mat, Jim and Kelli Blubaugh**. Aimee has been moved to Emmanuel Hospital and is gearing up for intensive physical therapy. Thus far, she has responded amazingly well and progress is noted each day. Please continue to pray for this dear school family.



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### ***Cell phone policy revision***

By now, you have received a letter outlining our revised cell phone policy and the rationale for such a revision. In short, increased student cell phone use during school hours is proving to be a hindrance and distraction. Thus, the expanded policy.



Our initial cell phone statement in our 2007-2008 Parent-Student Handbook reads, "Cell phones are to be turned off during school hours, including between classes, and kept in lockers/backpacks (8:30AM-3:00 PM)." We have now added, "For the first and second offenses, detentions will be issued, the phone will be kept in the office the remainder of the school day and the student will call their parent to report the incident, an action which will be verified by an office staff member. The student may pick up the phone at the end of the school day. For the third violation, a detention will be issued, the phone will be kept in the school office the remainder of the school day and the students will use the school phone to report the incident to a parent, again, verified by office personnel. In addition, a conference will be set up with the parents, student, teacher(s), and administrator to determine the next course of action. This policy also applies to early dismissal for at-home games. In other words, if a game begins during school

hours, cell phones are to remain off in the student's locker or backpack. The school retains the right to access pictures or text on a student's phone. If unsuitable material is found on the phone, appropriate disciplinary measures will result."

As mentioned in the letter, most schools impose stiff monetary fines and possible suspension for student cell phone violations. We have chosen to take a more gracious path with the above policy. If a student needs to get in touch with a parent or a parent needs to speak to his/her child during the school day, the office phone is to be used. Please do not jeopardize your child's cell phone privilege by calling him/her directly or by asking him/her to call you on their cell phone during school hours. Thanks!

### ***Thanks to our immunization coordinator!***

Thank you, **Gloria Goebel**, for the wonderful job you do as our volunteer Immunization Coordinator! By law, student immunization records must be up-to-date or the child faces suspension until such records are current. Gloria has worked tirelessly to make sure that did not happen. Through her oversight, all student immunization records are in compliance. Thank you, Gloria! You have been a real shot in the arm!



***Reminder*** - if students are going to Baker City for the State 1-A Basketball Championship games, they must have completed a pre-excused absence form and have it signed by their teachers. Make-up for missed work is one day for each day missed. Also, students are expected to represent DCS and the Lord in appropriate ways.

### ***Coming to DCC***

***DCS Fine Arts Fair - Friday, April 25th! Don't miss it!***



***DCS Auction - Saturday, March 15th Escape to the Islands!***

