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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Spirit Week/Homecoming Wild, Wacky, and Wonderful!

The annual DCS Spirit Week and Homecoming activities are now history, but the fun and excitement continue to reverberate through the halls. The purpose of Spirit Week is to help generate enthusiasm and school spirit. Each day is marked by a different dress-up theme – Pajama Day, Twin Day, Clash Day, Favorite Holiday, and School Spirit Day (school colors). Along with the zany outfits, there are games, skits, and other contests where each secondary class is able to earn points.

One of the highlights of the week happens on Monday, where the high school classes spend the day designing and constructing their theme “poster”, a huge wall display in the gym. Each class chooses a verse and song which is to be reflected with their wall hanging. This year’s creations were outstanding.

Each high school student votes on their class representative for *Honor Court*. The criteria is based upon four points: Consistent Christian testimony, Respect, Encouragement, and School Spirit. Those selected are introduced to the full student body at the Friday pep assembly. This year’s court consisted of: Freshman Representatives – **Hannah H., Jacob D. and Matt Y.**; Sophomore Representatives – **Kelly B. and Tanner M.**; Junior Representatives – **Ashley B. and Wil L.**, and Senior Representatives – **Danika M. and Alex W.**

Congratulations to these students and their parents.

When all the points from the various activities were added together, our freshman class took top honors, followed by the seniors, sophomores and juniors. Friday evening was our Homecoming game with Heritage. Our varsity girls won handily while our boys came in second. Between games, the Honor Court was introduced to an attentive and supportive crowd. All-in-all, it was a great week of fun, craziness, and enthusiastic school spirit. *Go Eagles!*

Auction News



Plans and preparations continue for this year’s DCS auction, *Escape to the Islands*, Saturday, March 15th. Services and goods are coming in – lots of “Boy Toys” this year! The Silent Auction begins at 4 PM, followed by a delicious catered dinner from the Ohana Restaurant at 6, with the live auction starting at 7 PM. Tickets will go on sale this month - \$17.50 per person. Why not reserve a table for eight and invite your friends for this special evening. Proceeds will go toward our student financial assistance fund, playground equipment expansion, and future educational enhancements.

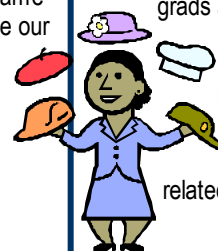
We are on the home stretch of getting the ceiling-mounted projectors and document cameras in each of our classrooms. It has been a long and arduous task, but we see light at the end of the lens... What a blessing this will be for teachers and students. Thanks for your generosity in helping make this happen.

Again, save the date – Saturday, March 15th, beginning at 4 PM, and *Escape to the Islands!*



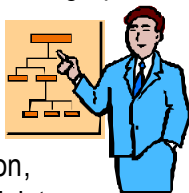
What Are Our Grads Doing?

Last week we shared some factoids about our students – how they do academically and what universities and further training they have pursued. This week, we would like to give you an idea of the various occupations and careers in which our grads are involved. This is a partial list, but one which will give you a sense of the diverse interests and paths our alumni have followed. Accounting, financial broker, financial counseling, administrative assistant, agriculture-related, Armed Forces (Air Force, Army,



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Marines, Navy), automotive-related (body work, management, mechanics, sales), aviation-related (jet fighter pilot in-training, flight attendant), business owners (body shop/mechanics, cabinet shop, computer-related, IT, etc.), catering, coaching/athletic trainer, computer and information systems, contractors/construction, counseling, customer service rep, data entry/technical writer, education (teachers, special ed., educational therapists, librarian), engineering (civil/electrical/micro electronics, structural), financial services/insurance, fire fighters/EMT, floral designer, foster parents, forensic science, graphic design, heavy equipment operator, house cleaning, human resource specialist, HVAC, lawyer, manufacturing, marketing/sales, medical (Dr., nursing, pharmacist, EMT, research, dental hygiene, transcription, physical therapy, care facilities-related), ministry-related (missionaries, pastor, pastor's wife, youth work), mothers/fathers, nanny, personal care industry (hair stylist, cosmetology), police (city, county, state), politics, (campaign strategist, White House intern, Defense Dept.), project management, student (AA, BA, MA, doctoral programs), telecommunications industry, theater – acting/music, truck driving, and TV/movie/videography production.



Whew! This list is not all-inclusive but it does give an idea of where our grads are and what they are doing. Our prayer is that they will be faithful followers of Jesus Christ in their sphere of influence.

This & That

Community Spaghetti Feed

Saturday, January 19th, from 4:30-7:30 PM, at the Powell Valley Covenant Church a number of our students and faculty will be involved in providing a delicious spaghetti dinner to help raise monies to benefit the Worldwide Heart-to-Heart Children's Village in Honduras. Spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad is the menu with desserts available for purchase. The cost - \$5 for adults and \$3 for children twelve and under and senior citizens. For further information, please call (503) 658-4100 ext. 211. Thanks!

Heart to Heart
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Prayer Requested

Two members of the DCS staff are currently dealing with health-related issues – band teacher **Rich Stafford** went in Monday for a kidney transplant. He is expected to have home recovery for approximately two months. Please pray for him for a successful transplant and full recovery.

Tim Oakley, DCS principal, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It was caught at an early stage; they are seeking a second opinion and ask for prayer for wisdom and clear direction.



Box Top Contest

Dyan Murphy, DCS *Scrip* and box top coordinator, has come up with a little contest to help stimulate folks to turn in those General Mills box tops. Students are to bring their box tops to their teacher who will collect them until the deadline, Friday, January 25th. The class with the highest percentage of participation will be treated to a TCBY party. Cut out those box tops and help your child's class enjoy a special treat!



Cheer Clinics Coming

Saturday, January 26th, the DCS gym will be a cheerful place with two cheer clinics going on! From 8:30 AM – 1 PM, 6th-8th grade girls will learn cheer and jump technique, basic stunting skills, and a full halftime routine. The cost is only \$22, which includes cheer instruction, a clinic shirt and lunch.

From 9 AM until noon, elementary (K-5) and pre-school boys and girls will be learning the basics of cheering, age-appropriate cheers and a music routine. For \$20 for the first child and \$16 for each additional sibling, they will have a morning of fun, excitement, and instruction. The fee includes instruction, a clinic shirt, poms and a nutritious snack.

All participants have the option to perform during halftime at the DCS varsity boys' home basketball game on Monday, January 28th, at 7 PM. If you have questions, please contact our DCS cheer coach **Angela Davis**.



Go Eagles!