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Damascus Christian School

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Auction update

Two weeks and counting for this year's exciting DCS Auction! Final plans are being solidified. Tickets are selling well – only \$17.50 per person which includes bidding rights at the silent *and* live auction as well as a delicious catered dinner!

Did you see the mini-motorcycles on display last week? Three of these pocket rockets will be up for bid along with a couple of four-wheelers! Fun for the summer! Check this out – a pair of Maurice Lucas' tennis shoes from the 1976 championship season! Also, a pair of driving gloves from Michael Andretti's 2002 race season! Then there is the 2000-2001 autographed Trailblazer basketball.

We have literally tons of silent auction items from services – custom home cleaning, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University gift certificate, four-hours of plumbing service to wonderful get-away vacation spots – two nights lodging at Whispering Woods, two nights lodging at Cape Mears, two nights stay at a wonderful beach house north of Newport, a great beach house just above Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach, and a condo on D Lake in Lincoln City; baskets – there is an unbelievable selection of baskets crammed full of fun stuff, spa stuff, food stuff, beach stuff, family stuff, etc., etc., etc. Wait until you see the professional grade weed trimmer or adjustable hedge trimmer by John Deere! These were generously given by Stark Street Lawn and Garden.

These are heavy-duty, built-for-work items. Great Mother's Day gifts... (just a joke!).

Did we mention that Bake Sale area? The absolute best English Toffee in the world made by our own Linda Salmon! Home made cakes, pies, jams and jellies. Yum! And the balloons – pay your money and pop a balloon – guaranteed that you will get at least the amount you paid in service items or food. You cannot lose!



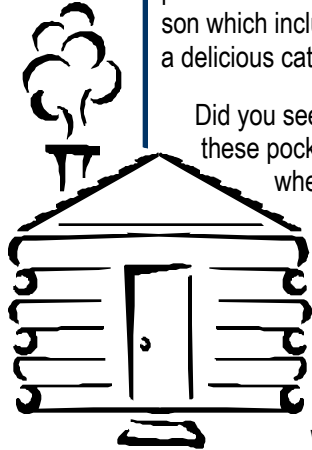
Remember the theme – *Escape to the Islands*? How does Orcas Island sound to you? The Outlook Inn in the beautiful San Juan Islands is calling your name. It could be yours. Closer to home – a day on Government Island – water skiing, wake boarding, a gourmet picnic – a great day of fun with the **Mattechecks**.

Like to learn how to create your own coffee blend and roast it plus have two nights stay on Mt. Hood? We've got it and it can be yours! What about six night stay somewhere in the world? We've got a great opportunity for you to enjoy a wonderful vacation of your choosing.

Dan Ewert will return as our auctioneer. He's great fun, loves the Lord and Christian schooling, and promises to keep things moving at the live auction. Do not delay – get your tickets today!

For a partial list of items available at this year's auction, please see the following webpages:

<http://www.damascuschristianschool.org/dcs/auction/>



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Aimee update

Aimee Blubaugh continues to make amazing progress. Following the February 6th auto accident in which she and her brother Mat were T-boned by a driver who failed to stop at the stop light, Aimee has progressed from critical condition in OHSU ICU to physical therapy at Emmanuel. Each day, incremental advances are seen. As of this writing, she is in 5½ hours of physical therapy each day. She is regaining her speech and is now reading simple words from flash cards and she is responding to verbal instructions.

For the latest on Aimee, please go to:
www.caringbridge.org/visit/aimee10.

If you are interested in helping the Blubaugh family pay expenses related to the care of Aimee, US Bank has established **The Aimee Blubaugh Fund**. Contributions can be made at any US Bank branch. This fund is registered with the IRS and contributions are tax deductible. For further information, please contact Sheryl Maydew: email – Maydew@comcast.net or phone (503) 666-6783. Thanks!



Auction bake sale

We would love to have you contribute to the Auction Bake Sale table!



Please bring your item(s) to the DCS gym on March 15, by 3:30 PM, or bring it during the school day Friday, March 14th, and put it in the kitchen in the Bake Sale designated area. If you have any questions, please contact **Lori Jackson** at (503) 658-4100, ext. 204. Thanks!

Lend your arm – blood drive coming

Monday, March 10th, from 2-7 PM, Damascus Community Church and Damascus Christian School is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive. Here is a great way to serve the community. There are still 5-6 spots available; call the school office (503) 658-4100 to reserve your time. Thanks!

New bible study - Sermon on the Mount

Faith that does not compromise receives promise of reward in the world to come and a fruitful life free from anxiety in this world. Move from Jesus' initial "Blesseds" on those who suffer to a deeper understanding of the security of true righteousness. **March 11 at 8:40 a.m.** in room 225, we will begin a 10 lesson



Precept Bible Study of the Sermon on the Mount. Cost of workbook is \$15.00. Nursery and pre-school childcare is available. If you need more information, please contact Marlee Watt (503-775-5621).

Daylight savings time – spring ahead this Sunday



Just a reminder that this coming Sunday marks the time to make sure you have set your clocks ahead one hour. It is early this year, so do not forget to set them ahead before you turn in for the evening on Saturday.

Easter



Do you realize that this is the earliest Easter since 1913? Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (March 20th). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that the Hebrews used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! Only the most elderly of our population (95 years old or above) have ever seen it this early. And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! The next Easter this early will be in the year 2228. The last time it was this early was 1913. The next time it will be a day earlier than this year will be 2285 (that's 227 year from now!). The last time it was on March 22nd was 1818 (any one remember that one?). So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year.

The most important aspect of this is celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen indeed!

Junior high basketball teams season over

Our 7/8 girls and boys basketball teams made it to the district play-offs only to lose to Faith Bible in the first round, thus finishing their season. Both our teams did well through the season and are to be congratulated! We are looking forward to our strong program continuing next year. *Go Eagles!*



March Calendar Reminders

- ◆ Thursday, **March 20th** – Last day of the third quarter – noon dismissal
- ◆ Friday, **March 21st** – Good Friday, no school
- ◆ Sunday, **March 23rd** – Easter – He is risen!
- ◆ Monday-Friday, **March 24th-28th**- Spring Break