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Damascus Christian School

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Auction Update!

This is your invitation to the Damascus Christian School 8th Annual Auction, Saturday, March 15th. The silent auction begins at 4 PM, with a delicious catered dinner at 6 in the gym, followed by the always-exciting live auction at 7 PM. This year's theme is *Escape to the Islands*. Islands – hmmmm – all kinds of possibilities there... Our auction benefits the school by providing funds that enhance various aspects of DCS. Over the years, the auction has provided two modular buildings – one which houses fourth and fifth grades and the other for the library, upgrading of the science and computer labs, upgrading our athletic program with new bleachers and motorized backboards, enhancing of our fine arts program with staging, lights and sound equipment, and providing new classroom computers, ceiling projectors and document cameras (which the teachers are now using and finding wonderful uses for).

Are you wishing it were Spring Already?



or an article) please call **Dorian Forrar** at (503) 658-4100. If you would like to serve on any of a dozen or so committees, please contact Holly Heaton (503) 658-4100. Opportunities to serve include set-up, decorations, data entry, clean-up, silent auction overseers, and many others.

The DCS Auction is just plain fun! Plus, it

benefits our students in so many ways. Next week, we will be listing some of the items that will be up for bid. Save the date – Saturday, March 15th, and *Escape to the Islands!*

When Bad Weather Hits

As we face winter storms, we have a system in place to inform parents that school will be closed or there will be a delayed opening. Of course, the best of plans can and sometimes do go awry. Such was the case Tuesday of last week when we faced icy road conditions.

When there are adverse weather conditions that require closure or delay, we get that statement to FlashNews.net, a company who in turn relays that information to all local TV and radio stations. The stations then post that news on their websites. They are also supposed to run it as a school closure/delay "crawler" at the bottom of your TV screen. For some reason,



some got it posted but other stations did not. Our school delay notice was seen on

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channels 2 and 6 but not on 8 or 12. Not sure of the inconsistency.

In order to keep our parents better informed, we have a free service available that will send directly to your email address any information that we have passed along to FlashNews for public broadcast. If you want to know whether DCS is opening late or will be closed (or any other information that affects school and families), go to www.FlashAlert.net. You will see "View news from participating organizations". Click on that, then click "Portland" on the map. Next, click on "Private & Charter Schools – Portland area", then click on "Damascus Christian". They will ask you to subscribe by giving your email address, then click "Subscribe".

Again, this is a free service to our school families to help keep them informed about school happenings. When we contact FlashNews with a school closure, delay, or other information, you will receive that same message directly to the email address under which you subscribed. That way, you are not dependent on watching TV or listening for radio announcements. We also post school closure/delay information on our website.

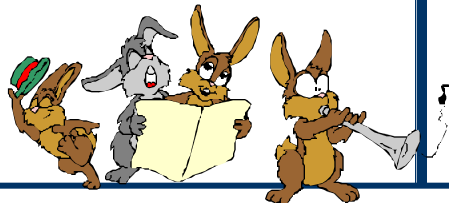
We hope that by offering a variety of means to access school information, you can avoid dropping students off at school when it will be closed or delayed in opening.

This & That

Pep Band Playing

Pep band is returning to DCS! The band is gearing up to play at our Friday, January 25th, home game with City Christian. And you can be a part of it!

A rehearsal has been scheduled for Thursday, January 24th, from 7 – 8:30 PM, in the auditorium. Tune up that old tuba, trumpet or trombone, find your fiddle, French horn or flute, dust off the drums or dulcimer, shine



up your saxophone, and clean up that clarinet and join the pep band! Right now, we have between 10 and 12 parents and DCS faculty ready to toot, strum, blow, beat, and squeak – making a joyful noise at the basketball game. Add in our eager band students and it will be a grand time. In the words of that famous pep band leader Mr. Chuck Bolton, "The bigger the group, the louder we will be and the more fun we will have!" So come make the group bigger, louder and more fun!! Join the pep band. For more information, give **Mr. Bolton** a call at (503) 761-0688.
Go Eagles!

The Proper Care and Feeding of Teenagers

Barlow High School is offering a free Thursday night seminar series for parents from 7-8:30 PM, in the Barlow library. Topics include *Parenting Strong-Willed Teens*, *The Birds and the Bees...*, *The Cars and the Keys*, and *The Reality and Risks of Teenage Substance Abuse*. These will be presented by **Jim Velez**, January 24th, 31st, and February 7th.



Re-Enrollment Packet Coming



Friday, January 25th, re-enrollment packets will be mailed to our current school families. The purpose of re-enrollment is two-fold – it guarantees a place for your children for the 2008-2009 school year and it helps us know what spots we have for new applicants. The re-enrollment fee is applied to next year's tuition. There may be a slight increase in tuition for next year. Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. The deadline for returning the form is Friday, February 8th.

Cheer Clinic This Saturday!

Attention all DCS fans! It's not too late to register for the annual Eagle Cheer Clinic this Saturday, January 26, hosted by the DCS Cheerleaders. Preschool & Elementary boys and girls will learn how to be a cheerleader (3-5 yrs & K-5th grade, 9 am-noon, \$20 first child, \$16 additional sibling). Jr. High girls will learn cheer, jump & stunt technique and a halftime routine (6-8th grade, 8:30 am-1 pm, \$22). All participants receive a t-shirt and have the opportunity to perform during halftime of the January 28 boys varsity basketball game. Registration forms are available in the DCS office. Contact Coach **Angela Davis** or register at the clinic on Saturday. Go Eagles!