

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Chalkmarks

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Home of the Eagles



CARPE AETERNITAS ~ Seize Eternity

ANNIE SIMPLY AMAZING!

Annie is over. But certainly not forgotten. Kudos for the cast, director, and all the behind-the-scenes helpers (parents and students) and crew. Amazing job! Numbers of folks reported this to be the best ever play presented by Damascus Christian School. The casting was spot-on. Each person played their part(s) perfectly. Expressions, timing, voice projection and enunciation - all well done. Even some of the "insignificant" roles took on special significance as the actors spiced them up with their antics and improvisations. Did we mention the dogs who played their parts with enthusiasm and verve!

Our hats are off to Mrs. Closner and her able assistants for the outstanding job they did in getting this show launched. It takes a ton of talented people to put on a show of this magnitude. Besides Mrs. C., there was **Kay Joham** - Musical Director, **Krista Wierson** - Assistant Director, **Stephanie Johnston** and **Kay Joham** - accompanists, **Mrs. Closner** and **Amy Young** - Art Director - **Brenda Schmidt**, Painting crew - **Allison** and **Meegan C.**, **Krista Wierson**, **Brenda Schmidt**, **Hannah J.**, **Linda Dennis**, **Kelly B.**, **Michael D.**, **Danny R.**, Art I and II classes, **Howard Joham**, **James M.**, **Doug Goebel**, **Dave** and **Wil L.**, Costumes - **Lisa McEnany**, **Krista Wierson**, **Deanna Edgren**, **Judy Hayes** and **Joy Goebel**, Props - **Jennifer Easterbrooks**, **Tammy Lamb**, **Regena Knapp**, Make-up/Hair - **Candice Wierson**, **Anna** and **Regina Southwick**, Set Construction - **Scott Closner** and **Jim Wierson**, Set Crew - **Troy Brummel**, **Peter B.**, **Logan Torgerson**, **Dave Lampinen**, **Dave Jeske**, **Mike Hieronymus**, **Michael D.**, **Danny R.**, **Doug Goegel**, **Andy Estrada**, **Pat Murphy**, **Pat Mattecheck**, **Jim Blubaugh**, **Tom Springer**, **Doug Dauntless**, **Steve Best**, **Mitch Teixeira** and crew (whew!), Lighting Director - **Lara Klingeman**, Lighting Crew - **Andy Estrada**, **Mitchell J.** and **Jacob T.**, Sound Director - **Harvey** and **Kevin Goodall**, Sound Crew - **Amy B.**, Backstage Crew - **Donny O.** and cast, Radio Show Broadcasts - **James M.**, **Chris** and **Donny O.**, Financial/Budget - **Doug Goebel** and **Darla Priday**, Marketing - **Gloria Goebel**, Tickets - **Carol Buller**, **Gloria Goebel**, **Pam Mattecheck**, **Dawn Jeske** and **Jan Dauntless**, House Manager - **Mandy Russau**, Concessions - **Lori Jackson**, **Paula Wierson**, **Gloria Goebel** and cast parents, Concession Stand Design and Construction - **Mitch** and **LeAnn Teixeira**, **Sean** and **Lori Jackson**, **Jim Wierson**, Cast Meals - **Paula Wierson** and **Lisa McEnany**, Meals for the Closner family - **Paula Wierson**, **Regena Knapp**, **Carol Buller**, **Diane Osborn**,

Gloria Goebel and **Pam Mattecheck**, Production Photo Albums - **Linda Dennis**, Production Cookies - **Linda**



Best, Webmaster and all-around good helper - **Ed Darnell**, **Damascus Middle School** - loaned costumes, **Caitlin Smith** for the use of **Varekai**, AKA **Sandy**, **Kim Stephens** and the **DCS athletic department** for being flexible while the gym was tied up, and **Scott Closner** - for his over-the-top support and help. As you can see - it takes a ton of people to pull off a production such as *Annie*. Thank you all!

As was announced at the beginning of each show, the motivation for putting on *Annie* was our contact and concern of Mrs. Closner with the precious orphans at the Worldwide Heart-to-Heart Children's Village in Honduras. Part of the goal of putting on *Annie* was to bring a greater awareness of the tremendous needs of orphans who have no home, no family, no love, no hope - unless those more fortunate step in as their advocates and protectors. Thanks to all who gave so generously with gifts and cash to help make the Honduran orphans lives a little lighter and livable. Gifts may continue to be given on behalf of the Heart-to-Heart orphan ministry.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7th, at 7:15 AM, students and staff will gather for prayer at the flagpole (weather permitting) or in the auditorium if raining. This is an opportunity to collectively pray for our nation and community leaders. There will be a continental breakfast afterwards, \$1.

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Special, unusual Secondary Chapel Friday

You, O Lord . . .



This Friday, May 8th, our sixth graders through high school will be seeing a live, ultrasound demonstration and hearing about the sanctity of life. Of course, the pregnant woman will be behind a screen; all the students will see is the live picture of the baby in the womb. This is presented courtesy of the Sandy Pregnancy Resource Center.

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DCHS Grad Receives Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award

We are pleased to announce that Amy Thompson, daughter of Gary and DCS first grade teacher Carol Thompson, was awarded the prestigious *Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award* from Corban College in Salem. Amy earned the highest GPA of all Corban senior athletes with a 3.91. Congratulations!!

MONTH OF MAY MEANS – MAYHEM!

Not really mayhem – just lots of motion in a variety of directions! Field trips, track meets, special chapels, end-of-year student reports and projects, seniors’ race to finish strong culminating in our annual commencement celebration. Be sure to check our website, the school calendar, and teachers’ communications notes for dates and updates on these and other events.



DCS SPONSORS BAND FESTIVAL

Friday, May 8th, our jazz band and advanced band students will be hosting the DCS Invitational Band Festival at Warner-Pacific University. Others participating in this gathering include North Clackamas Christian, Portland Christian, Horizon Christian (Hood River), West Hills Middle School and Corbett Middle School. Students and band director **Chuck Bolton** will leave at 7:20 AM, returning to campus around 1 PM.



The H1N1 (Swine Flu) update



Swine Flu - is it much ado about nothing, super-media hype, or reality? Probably a touch of all three. Of course, we want to be wise and prudent when it comes to something potentially harmful without frantically running around contributing to mass hysteria. We are monitoring our local situation for any signs of a flu outbreak and we are keeping up with all the latest information regarding H1N1.

Common sense is the key – frequent hand-washing, covering coughs, disposing of contaminated tissues, etc. Anyone experiencing difficulty in breathing (above and beyond regular spring allergic/asthma symptoms) after the start of illness and fever is gone should stay home for 7 days. If you are well but exposed to those with probable or confirmed Swine Flu you should avoid close contact with others as much as possible.

If we discover *confirmed* cases of H1N1 (Swine Flu) at DCS, we will strongly consider dismissal of students. If we close school for this, we will also cancel all other school-related gatherings.

Some other practical points to consider – if you have a person in your home who is confirmed with Swine Flu, that person should be kept away from others in the home as much as possible. Again, frequent hand washing is essential. The ill person should not have visitors other than caregivers. Throw away tissues and other disposable items used by the sick person. Wash your hands after touching used tissues and similar waste. Keep surfaces (especially bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, and toys for children) clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick do not need to be cleaned separately, but these items should not be shared without first thoroughly washing them. Again, those handling such items need to carefully wash their hands.

Washington, DC, Chaperone Training Meeting, May 12th, 7 PM



DISTRICT TRACK MEET BEGINS FRIDAY

Our DCHS track team will be heading to the Portland Christian track to compete in this year’s District meet. The program will begin at 11 AM, followed by a full day of competition on Saturday. **Go Eagles!**

